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Danger Ahead! Let Us Work to Avoid It

THE Scriptures say, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." This saying is without doubt true in other things than the coming of the Lord.

It is when we are not aroused to an impending event that we are often surprised and sometimes snared. There can be no doubt to the one who studies the Bible that there will be a time of persecution through which the people of God will pass. There is danger of some growing indifferent who have been taught these things, and who do not see them fulfilling; there is danger that they may put off the preparation for the evil day too long.

Now is our opportunity to inform people and acquaint them with the facts and the evils of legislation in religious matters. Coercion has no place in the gospel. It is love that prompts people to do good. How much better it will be to place literature, such as the *Liberty* magazine, in the hands of judges, lawyers, and editors, that will show them that religious legislation is wrong, and thus prevent that "time of trouble" as long as possible, and delay the passing of religious laws which are bound in time to bring God's remnant people into serious trouble.

It is far more practical to spend some of our money now in subscriptions to the *Liberty* magazine to be sent to such men that they may be informed now, than it will to spend money later in defense of people to get them out of the trouble.

Subscriptions to *Liberty* may be had for twenty-five cents each on Religious Liberty day, Sabbath, March 4. One dollar that day will pay for a year's subscription for yourself, and will send three subscriptions to as many more whom you choose; or we will be glad to assign them to leading men or libraries, if you so desire. Every conference is now sending many of these papers to our lawmakers, both in state and national legislatures.

An offering should be taken in all our churches on Sabbath, March 4, to help meet this expense. It is the only offering taken during the year for religious lib-

erty work; so it is hoped that every one will have some part in this annual gift. Isolated members should send their gifts to the conference office in the conference in which they live.

J. F. PIPER.

Minnesota Conference

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Religious Persecution

"MRS. RIMER, a crippled sister of the Konnarock church, had been served with a warrant by the sheriff charging her with breaking the Sabbath, because on a previous Sunday she did her washing. The sheriff required Mrs. Rimer to go with him immediately to a place known as Damascus, for trial before the justice of the peace. This entire transaction took place while the woman's husband was away at work, and the two children were at school. When they returned home, they were amazed to find the mother gone and no word as to her whereabouts. On making inquiry in the

Pay Your Tithes First

"God's requirements come first. We are not doing His will if we consecrate to Him what is left of our income after all our imaginary wants have been supplied. Before any part of our earnings is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims."—Vol. 4, p. 477.

God should be first in every thing in this matter of tithes paying. When we have remembered His cause first, we can confidently pray that His blessing shall be upon the portion left, that it may be sufficient to meet our needs.

Let us prove Him as He asks us to do.

J. F. PIPER.

neighborhood, the husband learned what had happened. He was told that not only was his wife arrested, but also another Adventist, Brother Rupard, had been taken to Damascus for trial for hauling wood to the church on Sunday.

"At the time of trial the deputy sheriff produced sixteen witnesses to testify against these people. . . ."

The above is but a small part of a very interesting portion of an incident related by Elder Longacre in the religious liberty program which is to be given in the churches on Sabbath, March 4. The incidents that follow in the article are fully as interesting as that cited above, and perhaps more interesting, and we would urge that you be present at the service next Sabbath so that you may learn the final details of this incident. Remember, we have but one religious liberty program a year, and at the close of the program an opportunity is given to contribute to the religious liberty work. The offering that is secured in Minnesota will be used by the conference to pay for *Liberty* subscriptions to the members of Congress, of the State Legislature, judges, prosecuting attorneys, mayors, sheriffs, chiefs of police, and others who hold responsible positions in municipal, state, and federal government. Last year the offering was not so large as we had hoped it would be, and we trust that there will be a liberal response this year.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Excuses

SOMEHOW when we offer an excuse in substitution for a duty that should have been performed it is received by men with a degree of question and criticism. Excuses are easy to secure; they are something like the paper mark Germany issued following the war—easy to get but not worth much. Yet we pass them out freely. The devil is an adept at suggesting them. He often is present when one should give to God His own, the tithe. He presents many substitutions or imaginary needs, thus persuading us to delay or to hold that which is our heavenly Father's. He sometimes convinces us that we have nothing on which to pay tithe, yet we secure money for food,

clothing, and gasoline. The devil's medium has no financial or other value in heaven; then why should we thus offer God an excuse for that which is His, the tithe?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

"Present Truth" and Souls

THE questions are often asked, "Does our literature really win souls?" "Is a *Present Truth* campaign worth while?" Last fall Brother Melendy and the writer joined with the church at Wells, in a ten-day effort. A family to whom a sister in Washington, D. C., had been sending papers and books containing the message for today, came to the meetings.

A few weeks after the close of these meetings Brother Engen baptized five members of that family.

Several weeks ago a letter was received from a lady that had been reading *Present Truth*, stating that she was interested in the paper and enjoyed reading it. The writer forwarded the letter to the church, paying for the paper, and the other night, at a Tuesday evening meeting in the church, it was the writer's privilege to meet this family. They are keeping the Sabbath and long to know and live all the truth. *Present Truth*, with prayer and personal contact, does win souls. Brother Engen is still visiting this family.

If you are interested in a soul-winning *Present Truth* campaign and wish suggestions and help, kindly write the undersigned. A number of the churches in this conference are laying plans for strong campaigns.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

Minnesota News Notes

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is an old adage. Let us apply this to the principles of religious liberty and give a liberal offering on March 4.

The *Signs* campaign is on in full swing now. Several new clubs are being received at the office, and we hope that a large number of *Signs* will be used throughout Minnesota this year.

Brother J. M. Jackson, our new field missionary secretary, is busy getting located and helping the colporteurs in the Twin Cities get started in the work. We are expecting some good reports coming in now in the near future from this department.

Elder Tucker is planning on starting an effort in North St. Paul in the very near future. At present the members are busy

putting out several hundred copies of *Present Truth* each week.

In Elder Dirksen's recent article in reference to the *Signs* club, there was an error that crept in. He stated that where a church ordered one-third their membership that the rate would be \$1.00 a year. This should have read two-thirds their membership. For example, a church having a membership of sixty could get a club of forty *Signs* at the rate of \$1.00 a year each.

The nearer we draw to the close of time, the more essential it is that we

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Wyoming Mission

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Missionary Activity

A SHORT period of depression at the Boulder Sanitarium seemed to be the Lord's method of launching a campaign that bids fair to have far reaching results.

Brother C. A. Skinner, who has been in charge of the men's bath rooms and the physical training for that institution, is spending several weeks in our field. Aside from benefiting Boulder Sanitarium, we find his contact with so many representative families as an agent for an enterprise that bears the imprint of Heaven in ministering to the physical needs of a people, is most helpful.

Inseparably associated with this work is the outstanding feature that it represents the health-reform movement, sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists. Thus a confidence is established in our doctrinal teachings.

The campaign to stimulate the sale of the *Watchman* magazine has reached the total of 750, or three times our allotment.

Our effort to use the *Signs of the Times* as a soul winning factor is meeting with a more general response than last year, as the isolated are sending in for clubs of from five to fifteen of this missionary organ.

In conversation with the treasurer of a large Baptist church recently on the subject of tithe paying, he stated that he paid \$30 a month tithe, but other members were far from being so faithful. He greatly prized "Bible Readings" that forms a part of his library. I told him of "Daniel and Revelation" in combination with *The Signs of the Times*. He at once went to his safe and paid me in full for the two.

The Casper church completed wrap-

ping over 2,000 papers and tracts into 350 bundles to be mailed to a portion of the 3,000 names of those we have listed as expressing an interest in our literature.

We are concentrating on the names near Worland, as it is planned to hold a tent effort there this summer. How thankful we should be that we have such an effective means of reaching the people as our truth-filled papers permit.

C. A. PURDOM.

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Wichita Activities

IN my recent visit at the Wichita church I was pleased to find the spiritual activities conducted under the leadership of the pastor, Elder F. S. Chollar.

There are two seminars organized among the men of the church. One is known as the young men's seminar and the other is comprised of the older men of the church. The young men's seminar class goes to Eldorado and gives this church definite ministerial help. The other class goes to Newton and holds a meeting in our church there every Wednesday night.

There is also organized what is known as the Ladies' Bible Workers' Band. All these bands have an outlet somewhere where they all meet once a week. They also visit the County Hospital and the Masonic Home. The church is distributing a club of 125 *Signs*. They also have what is known as a Correspondence Band. The duty of this group is to keep in touch with outside interests.

Another group of ladies is known as the Ladies' Finance Band, especially or-

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ganized in the interest of the church school. This group is making doughnuts twice a week. They sell the entire quantity to one man once a week, and the second cooking they sell from house to house. This group also makes fancy-work which is sold. I understand that they bring in about \$15 a week through their activities for the church school. Then they are organizing another group among the ladies to carry on special activities on the east side of the city. These will carry on rummage sales and auction sales on such things as are given to them, both in clothing and furniture. This is done in the interest of the church school.

The pastor baptized 27 souls during the year 1932, and I am informed that there is another class of 10 ready to be baptized in the near future.

May the blessing of the Lord rest upon the activities of the Wichita church.
C. S. WIEST.

Kansas Colporteur Institute

THE conference will hold a colporteur institute April 13-21, at Enterprise, Kans.

This is not far in the future, so any who may be interested should write to the undersigned, Box 605, Topeka Kans., at once to make arrangements to attend.

In addition to book workers we are interested in having a number of capable persons, especially our sisters, take up the sale of the *Watchman* magazine, which, since the price reduction, is a work that gives excellent promise. Write at once.

E. H. MEYERS.

Enterprise Academy

A MEETING of the academy school board was held at the academy February 13. At this meeting plans were laid for a good, strong school for the coming year.

In January the academy dairy herd was second in average butter fat production per cow in the Mid-Kansas Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale created a great deal of interest in the progressive classes of Friends, Companions, and Comrades during his recent visit. A large number of boys and girls are very busy acquiring the knowledge and skill to pass the tests for the various classes.

The good English week recently concluded brought to our minds in a very forceful way our grammatical errors. In the good English poster contest Hyman Douglas won first place, Pauline Grosse and Arthur Raff, second and third places, respectively. "Jimmie Slang" was tried for misuse of the mother tongue, found

guilty, and sentenced to hard work in the grammar class.

Kansas Items

ELDER R. E. GRIFFIN visited the Ottawa church Sabbath, February 4.

Elder A. C. Griffin visited the Lawrence church Sabbath afternoon, the 11th.

Word is just received of the death of Brother C. H. Cash at Oswego, who has been a member of the Oswego church for many years. He was buried Friday, February 17, Brother F. C. Clark officiating. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved.

Mrs. E. D. Seitz, of Pauline, called at our office and while here we showed her the Bibles advertised in last week's issue of the REAPER. Before she left she purchased one of each. These are splendid Bibles, and we can highly recommend them to our people. This Bible comes in two styles of binding: keratol for only 95 cents, and in the leather for \$1.35, postpaid.

Mrs. Alberta Ring, of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting with her brother, Elder C. S. Wiest, in Topeka.

Miss Thelma Lee, who has been working in the office for a number of years, discontinued her work in January. It was, therefore, necessary for us to fill this vacancy. At our recent committee meeting it was voted to employ Miss Edna Wallace, who had been a worker in the Kansas Conference for several years. We are pleased to have Miss Wallace back in our ranks again as a conference laborer.

Brother J. H. Carpenter, of Wakeeney, writes that Brother M. H. Jensen came to their neighborhood to hold meetings. He further states, "Our meetings in our district school house are continuing nicely, the house being comfortably filled with attentive listeners." Brother Carpenter orders *Present Truth* and tracts to be used in connection with this effort. We are confident that with this literature Brother Jensen will be able to accomplish a real work in that community.

Elder Wiest spent Friday night, February 10, with the Wichita church, speaking to the young people. He also spoke to a full house at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath morning.

These are times when everybody is looking for bargains, and the Kansas Book and Bible House has them:

Group No. 1

- 1 "Great Controversy," cloth.
- 1 "Heralds of the King," paper.
- 1 "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," paper.

Regular price, \$5.00, now \$1.35, post-paid.

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1 "Practical Guide," leather.

1 "Contagious Diseases," paper.

1 "Battle of the Churches," paper.

Regular price, \$8.50, now \$1.35, post-paid.

These prices are good as long as the present stock lasts. Order immediately.

Elder E. H. Meyers, our field missionary secretary, spoke at the Topeka I church Sabbath morning, February 11.

Brother C. A. Jones stopped at the conference office a short time Sunday morning, February 12, while on his way to Enterprise to attend the conference committee and academy board meetings.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale spent Sabbath, February 11, with the Manhattan and Junction City churches. From Junction City he went to Enterprise to attend the academy board meeting. February 18 he was with the Lawrence church.

Brother John Quimby, of Leavenworth, called at our office Wednesday, February 15. While here he talked with Elder E. H. Meyers in regard to entering the colporteur work.

Colorado Conference

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West Denver Church

THE Lord has been wonderfully good to our people in the West Denver church during the past year. In a number of ways our reports for the year are not as favorable as in former years; but when we consider the times we are living in, we find many reasons for rejoicing in the way God has led us during the year 1932. In the hope that it may be an encouragement to our brethren throughout the field, we present a few items from our reports as they were presented at our recent annual business meeting.

The first work of the church is to save souls. So we shall give a little report on that work for last year. Twenty-three new believers were added to the church during the year. This is not quite so many as during some recent years, but we had no Bible worker during the year, after the first few months. We began the year with 265 members, and we closed with 292. We are hoping to win at least fifty new believers this year.

The home missionary secretary's report shows that our members made 3,400

missionary visits during the year and gave 577 Bible readings. We took 726 people to church. We distributed nearly 41,000 pieces of literature.

Our tithe for the year was \$7,208. This was a drop of \$500 under the year 1931. In the Harvest Ingathering we got \$1,290. This was a drop of about \$500 under last year. Our Sabbath school offerings were \$2,025. This was a drop of nearly \$700 under last year. On our local funds we paid off some debts and did considerable repairing on the church building. We feel that the financial report is very encouraging when we consider the times we are living in.

Our welfare work has gone forward in a very fine way the past year. During the year 2,755 people were given needed help. In this work 1,000 quarts of canned food were given away, also 4,160 pounds of potatoes, 2,939 loaves of bread, 1,000 dozen rolls, 3,285 pounds of onions, and flour, sugar, rice, oatmeal, peas, honey, canned milk, soap, shortening, and other things too numerous to mention. In the clothing department we gave out about 6,000 garments. Heaven alone knows the amount of good that has been done by this work.

We have in our church a very fine spirit of cooperation. The brethren and sisters have worked hard to make this report possible, and we know God has blessed them in doing it.

As we look forward to the new year, it is with good courage. We have a splendid spirit of unity and brotherly love in our church. We have a determination to make this year 1933 a year of larger work for God. We are well organized for a strong home missionary work. We believe that under the guidance of the Spirit of God our work will prosper this year.

A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

Bibles, Ninety-Nine Cents

YES, we have 99 cent Bibles, and they are good, too, for the price. There has been a great deal said of late concerning bargain Bibles, and we have investigated a number of low-priced Bibles, and have finally found one that is really good, we believe. While we would not advise anyone to buy a 99 cent Bible who can afford a better one, still if funds are limited and a person needs a Bible and does not expect too much of it, we can supply you with a Bible at this price, which will give you a great deal of service for the money. These Bibles come in two sizes. One is a small Bible which fits nicely into the pocket, and

yet has good clear type. The other is a little larger, and is suitable for family use or school use for children. The larger Bible, of course, has the larger type, but both have good, clear readable black-faced, self-pronouncing type. They are printed on a good grade of Bible paper, not India paper, and are bound in a very good grade of keratol, which has a nice appearance, similar to leather. We will send either of these Bibles by mail, postpaid upon receipt of a money order for \$1.09, or will sell either of them over the counter for 99 cents cash. Come and get them. You will be well pleased.

COLORADO BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE,
1081 Marion Street, Denver, Colo.

Attention Missionary Secretaries

IN order to economize in the matter of postage, we have adopted the plan of enclosing the invoices for shipments of books and other supplies in an envelope wrapped with the goods you order. The postoffice regulations permit this, and it saves us three cents postage on every order. Be sure to look carefully in your package for the invoice, and do not destroy it with the wrapping paper. Your attention to this item will be appreciated greatly.

Colorado Notes

WE are glad to report at this time that Elder Vore is improving nicely. Friends of Elder Vore will recall that he was knocked down on Christmas eve by an automobile and suffered a fractured skull. The Lord has been good to him, and he is recovering his health nicely again.

G. M. Mathews, E. L. Pingenot, and W. I. Montanye spent the week-end, February 10-12, at Ft. Morgan and Sterling. A week-end home missionary convention was held at Sterling on this trip. The members were very enthusiastic and organized several bands for definite missionary activity. Professor Mathews remained in Ft. Morgan, where he conducted a Missionary Volunteer convention and visited the church school.

Elder Jay J. Nethery and Mr. W. I. Montanye were called to Sterling Thursday, February 16, to attend to some local legal matters pertaining to conference business.

Elder S. T. Shadel arrived in Colorado Wednesday morning, February 15. He met with the Boulder church Wednesday evening, and conducted a home missionary convention at the Pueblo church, Sabbath, February 18.

The officers of the Salida, Canon City, Colorado Springs, Rocky Ford, and La

Junta churches met for a church officers' home missionary meeting with Elders Shadel and Pingenot Sunday, February 19, in the Pueblo church.

Elder E. L. Pingenot spoke in the Beth Eden Baptist church of Denver, Tuesday evening, February 14, at a prohibition rally, and again Friday evening at the Boulevard Baptist church to the young people's society.

A Sabbath school convention, attended by the Sabbath school officers of the Denver, Arvada, and Golden churches was held at the West Side church Sabbath, February 18. A further report of this convention will appear later.

At the time the report was made of the Investement funds raised by the Sabbath schools, the Boulder report was not complete. The Boulder Investement was \$171.01.

Missouri Conference

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Sedalia Effort

OUR readers may be interested to know how the effort in Sedalia is progressing, especially in view of the cold weather and blizzard which struck about the time these meetings opened on February 5. I am pleased to state that the meeting opened with the church full on the very first night, and there has been a good audience every night since, and with two exceptions the church has been filled, and on those two nights there was a very good attendance.

Sunday evening, the 12th, I attended the meeting and found a very interesting situation. Our little church in Sedalia is away off to one side of the town, and is very small, seating comfortably about one hundred people. I think as near as I could count there were close to two hundred people present. The platform was crowded with children sitting down on the floor; the vestibule was full of people standing up; the seats were crowded to the limit; people were standing around the sides of the wall. Elder Crosier gave a very interesting talk on the capital and labor question and the war question combined, and the audience listened with unusual attention. Even those who were standing remained clear through until the benediction was pronounced. There was a large percentage of men present, and there is no question but what there is a real interest in Sedalia. We believe that there should be several substantial additions to the mem-

bership by the close of the five weeks' effort.

We hope that our readers will pray earnestly that God will bless this meeting so that a number of good substantial people will take their stand for the truth and unite with the church in this important little city.

H. C. HARTWELL.

Sabbath School Workers' Training Course

BROTHER J. C. TURNER, the elder of the Goldsberry church, writes his appreciation of the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course as follows:

"I have been a teacher for many years, and valued the course I received in school along the line of education, including Teaching Process and Child Study, as well as kindred subjects; but I never applied myself to follow the Teachers' Training Course before. I can truly say that I appreciate it highly. I enjoyed the study of the book, "Bible Manners and Customs," for the acquaintance I received of the Bible land, with a better understanding of the Bible phraseology. The *Worker* is splendid. To follow its splendid articles from month to month enlarged my vision of the possibilities of the Sabbath school work. This course enabled me to intelligently and ably advise in the reorganization and laying of plans for another year. I have started on the 1933 course and am encouraging others to do likewise."

MELVIN OSS.

Bring a Neighbor

SISTER Elizabeth Bell, of St. Louis, writes: "I was much encouraged by the growth of our school during the month of January, each Sabbath new members being added." The Sabbath school can be a great soul-winning agency if each member would bring a friend or neighbor with him. Let each have for his goal to bring along a soul.

MELVIN OSS.

No. Dakota Conference

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Elder Schubert's Visit

At the Fall Council at Battle Creek it was arranged for Elder G. W. Schubert to visit the North Dakota Conference and spend two weeks in the field. The latter part of December word was received that

Brother Schubert would arrive in North Dakota in January. Arrangements were made for him to visit six of the largest German churches in the conference.

Elder Schubert's visit at Harvey, Lincoln Valley, McClusky, Jamestown, and Medina proved an inspiration to the brethren. His experiences in connection with mission fields were greatly appreciated by all. We are confident that the studies given in connection with the life of Abraham have proved a blessing to all that attended these services. We regret very much that it was impossible for us to meet the appointments at Gackle, Lehr, and Kulm, but because of the blizzards which extended over the entire state, roads were blocked and so we were obliged to change our plans.

Elder Schubert's studies on the Sanctuary question brought light and understanding to the brethren that were favored to attend the services. We were sorry to see him leave the field before all appointments could be met, but he has promised that if the Lord wills and arrangements can be made, to return to North Dakota following the Fall Council in 1933.

God has wonderfully blessed Brother Schubert's endeavors to set forth the fundamental truths of the true priesthood, the true sacrifice, and the true standard of the three-fold message.

Missionary Volunteers

WE are glad that reports are coming into the office from Missionary Volunteer societies that are definitely taking hold of the Missionary Volunteer Study and Service idea. Brother Solomon Krueger, leader of the McClusky Missionary Volunteer Society, has the following to say: "I certainly was glad to have the privilege of attending the Goodrich convention, and when I got home I immediately got busy. We organized a Missionary Volunteer Study and Service League band; assigned lessons in Bible doctrines; announced the change that has been made, and that they would be given instruction how to give Bible readings. The young people are showing a wonderful spirit of willingness. I also introduced the Progressive classes. There are eighteen juniors taking up the Friend work. It certainly is encouraging to see them take hold like this. Sabbath evening we had our second meeting of the Study and Service League. I must say that we had a glorious time together. We took up practically two hours to do this, but none lost interest or got tired. The Lord is certainly hearing our prayers, and blessing our efforts."

Now what is wrong with a report like this? It has a good, earnest, progressive ring to it. I know there are other societies starting the same way. Let us keep it up! The two most important words in this new name are, "Study" and "Service." Put your emphasis on these. "Study" so that you will know it. Use it in "service" for the Master. If you study and do not use it you are following the program of the Dead Sea.

Reports coming in show that quite a number of societies are starting Progressive classes. Fargo has a class working for Companion requirements. The following have started Friend classes: Bowdon, Manfred, McClusky, Dickinson, Goodrich; and Sheyenne River Academy has organized two bands in which they study the Progressive work.

R. R. BIETZ.

Nebraska Conference

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Religious Liberty Day

WE today are facing some of the greatest issues which have ever been up before the American people. What a wonderful opportunity of spreading the truth on all phases of our message at this time! Everywhere people are wondering what is to happen next. Events are transpiring so rapidly that we can hardly keep pace with them.

With the liquor interests so active, Sunday law agitators getting more energetic, calendar reformers still working with might and main to bring about changes in the national government and state legislatures, we are called upon for more earnest effort than ever before in our lives. We must now be educating the public. Men and women everywhere are ready to read.

Not only should we continue to educate the public along the temperance lines, but the time has come for us to rally once again to the religious liberty work by bringing in a larger offering this year than heretofore to pay the cost of the yearly subscriptions of the *Liberty* magazine, which the conference is sending to the state legislators, judges, lawyers, and other prominent men in our territory. Sabbath, March 4, is the day set apart by the General Conference when this offering is to be taken.

We are sending the magazine to about 900 leading officials. Last year the offering was not quite sufficient to meet

the cost, so we hope that our people will take this matter seriously to heart and prepare at once to make a liberal offering March 4 to meet this expense, so we will not have to cut down the list of the *Liberty* magazine subscriptions. Please do your best, one and all.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Revival Meetings in District Eight

ELDER and Mrs. T. B. Westbrook joined the writer and his wife in a series of revival meetings held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Scottsbluff. The Gering church also united with the believers in Scottsbluff, making a good congregation of our people every night.

The meetings opened on Friday evening, January 27, and closed on Sunday afternoon, February 5. From the first the meetings were deeply spiritual, and the Lord wrought in behalf of his people night after night, and as the messages portrayed the lack of spiritual preparation to meet the soon coming Lord, the brethren and sisters were impressed with the counsel from the Spirit of Prophecy: "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs."—*Christ Our Righteousness*, p. 146.

Sabbath morning a union Sabbath school was in charge of the officers of the Scottsbluff and Gering Sabbath schools. At the eleven o'clock service, Elder Westbrook gave a very solemn message, and made an appeal at the close which met with a response, and soon fathers and mothers and young people were seen coming to the altar for themselves and also for others. God blessed His people and many rejoiced in finding the Lord anew.

Sunday, February 5, a large gathering of our people and many friends filled the church. A review of the fundamental doctrines of our message was given, after which candidates for baptism and the congregation also, pledged anew their loyalty to the acceptance of these most important Bible truths. Immediately at the close of this service the entire congregation repaired to the First Christian church, where a baptismal service was held. Fourteen earnest souls were buried with their Lord in the sacred rite of baptism.

At this writing the revival meetings are being continued in the Minatare church, about thirteen miles from Scottsbluff. Cold weather is hindering, but we hope we can go on.

We are glad for the help Elder and Mrs. Westbrook are giving this part of

our field. Many of our people have gained a new experience in the Lord, and we have reason to believe that when we can get over the district with these revival and reformation meetings a new day will dawn for Western Nebraska, and we shall witness an increase in our membership in this part of the field.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Iowa Conference

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734 Main St. - - - Nevada

A Profitable Meeting

ALL Iowa Conference workers were called to meet in Nevada on Tuesday, February 14, when the president, Elder R. S. Fries, led out in the discussion of plans for future work. These meetings were held at the academy Bible room, beginning at 9:00 a. m., and closing as the shades of evening fell. Reports of their work were rendered by each of the workers present, problems were discussed, questions were asked and answered, and profitable instruction given throughout. We are sure that because of this getting together, our workers returned to their homes with a greater courage and stronger determinations to be faithful to their trust.

Iowa Notes

Two of our faithful colporteurs have been called to fill the place of field missionary secretary in other conferences. Carl Edwards, formerly stationed at Winterset, goes to North Dakota, and M. A. Wyman, of Centerville, to South Dakota. The churches where these workers have been leading out so acceptably are sorry to have them go. We are sorry to lose them from our conference, but glad to be able to furnish two strong men for the work of God in other conferences. The work is one, and state lines do not prevent our workers from being distributed according to the needs.

Elders Charles Thompson and J. C. Christenson were in Council Bluffs on Sunday evening, February 12, Des Moines on Monday evening, and Nevada on Tuesday evening. They were to spend the week together, visiting various churches in our conference. The meaning of present times and what our members can do to enlighten others concerning them, is the theme they are presenting everywhere. A large congregation of members, visiting workers, and friends in Nevada enjoyed the meeting on Tuesday night.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
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South Dakota Notes

ELDER GORDEN OSS spent last week at the academy, conducting the spring Week of Prayer meetings.

Word has come to us from Elder Hein that he had to postpone his meetings at Long Lake a few days on account of the severe cold weather.

Brother Leslie McKinley spent Sabbath, February 11, with the church at Spearfish. He has visited several of the other churches out in that part of the state, and states they are all taking hold of the literature campaign nicely.

The new book entitled "Experiences of David Dare" is a most interesting one. If you have not read these experiences, you should get the book and read them. Price 50 cents postpaid.

Obituaries

BREHMER.—Emilie Teske Brehmer was born at Klammin, Germany, Sept. 21, 1856; and passed away Feb. 8, 1933, at her home at Atlantic, Iowa.

When twelve years of age she came to the United States with her parents. On October 15, 1875, she was united in marriage to August W. Brehmer. For the past twenty-four years she lived at Atlantic. Mr. Brehmer died in 1923.

On January 30 she suffered a fractured hip and arm in a fall. Complications set in, which caused her death. For the past four years she has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained faithful until death.

She leaves to mourn, four sons and two daughters, twenty-one grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

She was laid to rest in the Atlantic cemetery.

J. C. NIXON.

MORRILL.—Mrs. Edith Etella Morrill, nee McNeill, passed away at her home at Enterprise, Kans., on Jan. 30, 1933. She was born in Iowa, Oct. 13, 1878. She was brought up in the faith of a soon coming Saviour. Oct. 14, 1906, she was married to George A. Morrill. To this union two sons were born, one dying in infancy. In the spring of 1919 the family made their home in Enterprise. Sister Morrill was an active church worker. She leaves to mourn, her husband, her son Ernest, three brothers, and many other relatives and friends. She was laid to rest February 1. Services were conducted by Brother A. M. Ragsdale.

J. C. HARDER.

SKELTON.—Margaret Skelton, nee Ewart, was born March 20, 1862, in Del-rye, Avrshire, Scotland, and fell asleep February 6, 1933.

She came to America with her parents when six years old, finally settling with her family at Albia, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. She was united in marriage in 1877 to William Skelton in Albia, Iowa. To this union eight children were born. About thirty years ago she embraced the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. Her family moved to Oskaloosa in 1899, and have since made that city their home. Since her husband's death four years ago, she has made her home with her daughter, Edna, of New York, and Enid, of Sioux City, Iowa.

She leaves to mourn, two sons, three daughters, four grandchildren, and one great grandson, besides her aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Ewart, of Bettendorf, Iowa.

Burial was made at Oskaloosa.

J. H. RHOADS.

MOORE.—Thomas Elijah Moore was born in Fairfield, Iowa, March 16, 1859; and died at Sterling, Colo., Jan. 29, 1933.

His childhood and youth were spent in Iowa. On July 25, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia E. Langdon. To this union one daughter was born, who died in early infancy.

In 1892 Brother Moore accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith. In 1908 he with his wife came to Colorado. For the past two years they have resided in Merino, Colo. At the time of his death Brother Moore was acting as elder of the Sterling, Colo., church.

He is survived by his wife and a foster daughter.

Elder C. E. Grant conducted the funeral service, assisted by the writer.

ALGER H. JOHNS.

CROWELL.—Jane Annette Crowell was born Feb. 5, 1856, in Allen, N. Y., and died Jan. 18, 1933, at Lincoln, N. br. As the eldest in a family of nine children, her early life was one of responsibility and helpfulness, and those characteristics were with her throughout life. She was a very patient sufferer.

Surviving her are four sisters, Miss Kathleen Crowell, Mrs. W. B. Shultz, Mrs. W. B. Pickett, Mrs. D. K. Oxley; three brothers, Bruce H., John B., and Thomas M. She was laid to rest at the old home in Woodbine, Ia.

BUCK.—Joseph Willis Buck was born at Butler, Bates County, Mo., Aug. 28, 1902; and died at Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 7, 1933.

He was united in marriage to Miss Martha Elizabeth Thompson, and to this union was born one daughter, Oola Elaine, now three years old. He is survived by his wife and baby; also by his mother, three brothers, and two sisters.

Before overtaken by death, he expressed faith that his sins were forgiven and that he was accepted of God.

Funeral services were conducted in the Christian church at Appleton City by Elder Melvin Oss on February 9. Interment was made in the cemetery near town.

H. C. HARTWELL.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1933

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
Denver Junior Academy	Mag.			3.00		3.00	3.00
Ernest Harper	HP	15		.25		.25	1.00
Mrs. Huffman	BPS	5			12.00	12.00	
Vista Martin	HW	7	3	9.85		9.85	7.90
Mrs. McGrew	HW	24	1	5.20		5.20	2.50
H. R. Prentice	BR	40	2	7.95	3.25	11.20	1.50
Albert Priest	HP	57	18	98.50	2.00	100.50	2.00
Jacob Reuber	DR	39	1	2.75	2.25	5.00	2.00
P. E. Shakespeare	Misc.	25		51.00		51.00	51.00
Ilma Wade	HP	36	4	6.50		6.50	6.75
Mrs. Willett	HW	18	1		1.25	1.25	2.50
Hubert Young	HW	5	1	6.00	.50	6.50	6.50
Miscellaneous	HW, Mag.				50.00	50.00	50.00
Total		271	32	172.70	89.55	262.25	159.65
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	27	1	2.50	3.25	5.75	5.50
Mrs. M. Blackburn	HP	32	4	22.00		22.00	
W. A. Burton	DRR	13	8	26.00	6.45	32.45	11.45
Bennice DesMukes	OT	17	1	4.50	5.50	10.00	1.75
*Margaret DesMukes	OT	30	10	34.50		34.50	1.75
Harry Duff	OD	29	1	3.50	1.75	5.25	1.00
W. E. Helt	BR	32	2	9.00	2.00	11.00	
R. W. Hinton	DR	36	1	3.25	.50	3.75	
Georgia J. Kemp	HP	4					.25
Alex Koltfarber	OT	11			.50	.50	.50
Henry L. Lane	BR	10			.75	.75	12.00
Luvada Lockhart	HP	10	2	11.00		11.00	
Albida Synder	RJ	34	14	48.00	1.50	49.50	4.00
E. P. Spence	DR	23	1	3.00	2.25	5.25	1.25
Maynard Walker	HW						1.25
J. P. Mitchell	Mag.				7.00	7.00	7.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	19			20.00	20.00	20.00
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.				10.00	10.00	10.00
Total		327	45	167.25	61.45	228.70	77.70
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
Robert Garber	RJ	30	11	34.00	14.50	48.50	10.50
*G. A. Shelton	BR	76	12	56.50	6.00	62.50	
Elva Wilcox	OD	20	4	12.50	14.85	27.35	2.60
H. G. Biggers	BR	38			20.25	20.25	.25
Louis Bratsberg	BR	19	4	18.00		18.00	
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	18	2	5.50	4.90	10.40	38.40
Mrs. A. H. Olesen	Mag.	2			2.90	2.90	2.90
Clifford Brown	Mag.				2.50	2.50	2.50
Anna Hanson	BR	9			1.25	1.25	1.25
Total		212	33	126.50	67.15	193.65	58.40
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Field Missionary Secretary							
Karl Evenson	BR, DR	42	7	44.50	52.25	96.75	12.50
Homer Opstad		10	6	20.00		20.00	
*P. M. Vixie	HW	79	10	36.00	2.60	28.60	34.85
Total		131	23	100.50	54.85	155.35	47.35
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
John Ogren	OD	65	6	20.50	4.10	24.60	2.20
Abel Larson	RJ	64	1	3.00	16.15	19.15	8.50
Total		129	7	23.50	20.25	43.75	10.70
Grand Total		1070	140	590.45	293.25	883.70	353.80
*Two Weeks							

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FOR SALE.—Stock of merchandise, dry goods, shoes, groceries, package drugs, at Foster, Nebr., located on N. W. R. R.,

in N. E. Nebr., on county highway, graveled roads, good territory. In brick building. Only store in town. Recently invoiced \$5,800. Will sacrifice. Immediate possession. Reason, wish to farm. L. Amm, Foster, Nebr.

FOR RENT.—Well improved 40; dairy and poultry farm to tithe payer. Terms: Small amount monthly. Share considered. Clare G. Rust, 5449 32nd Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. 7

WANTED.—Representatives for our health foods, used by Union College. Jern Nature Foods Co., 4800 Pioneer Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebr. 5x

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, February 24, 1933

Des Moines, Ia.	5:58
Denver, Colo.	5:46
Topeka, Kans.	6:10
Lincoln, Nebr.	6:12
Bismark, N. Dak.	6:21
Minneapolis, Minn.	5:53

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It Should Enlist All

In the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist there is a desire to bring some one else to the acceptance of the truth. In every audience when the question is asked as to relatives who should be reached, hands go up. We all have them.

During this time when our people are renewing their *Signs* work, and planning to put more *Signs* into action, there is a call to every believer to enlist. There should come to mind the relatives. Maybe, under the changed conditions, the hearts and attitudes of some are changed. They may be more willing to read. The *Signs* has an appeal these days such as the ordinary paper has not. There is no other publication that is so up to date.

I have just heard from a leader in one of our western churches, happy now in the fact that her sister in New Jersey

and four children are in the church. "I believe the *Signs*, together with tracts on certain subjects that were presented in the *Signs*, were directly responsible for her accepting this precious truth this year," she writes. Then with enthusiasm she tells of the interest of almost a dozen others to whom she is supplying the paper.

The widow of a physician wrote us that she was burdened for her husband's relatives, and would send a list of names as soon as she could get the money. Before she sealed her letter the postman brought a remittance from a former patient that made it possible to make up the list and send the money.

Another member sent twelve cents in stamps to have some copies of the *Signs* go to her brother in Massachusetts. She must have written him. Immediately he ordered a year's subscription, and a few weeks later sent a list of 53 names of residents of his town, with instruction to send them a certain issue of the *Signs* that especially appealed to him.

This is the time to launch out and put the *Signs* into the hands of relatives and friends, far and near. Very rarely is the *Signs* paper refused these days.

At the missionary rate of \$1.40 each you can have yearly subscriptions to any U. S. A. address entered at the *Signs* office. These you can include with your order to your church missionary secretary. Then help in the church club, and have as large a part as you can in personally using the *Signs* to strengthen your own work of soul-winning.

J. R. FERREN.

Minnesota Department

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guard our religious freedom. Give a liberal offering on Religious Liberty Day, Sabbath, March 4.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., January 17, 1933, Miss Dorothy Windecker, of Denver, Colo., and Mr. James Anderson, of Warba, Minn., were united in marriage, Elder M. S. Krietzky officiating. The young couple will make their home in Brooklyn.

Staples M. V. Society

The Missionary Volunteer society at Staples, under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie Emerson, is an active and progressive group. While I was visiting at the Staples church recently Mrs. Emerson told me of the part the society had in a temperance rally given at the M. E. church on the evening of January 22. A large, interested, and appreciative audience gathered for the occasion, and much was accomplished locally for the cause of temperance. The young people

are also doing missionary work among the youth of their acquaintance. They are endeavoring to interest others in the M. V. society and in the principles of this message. Indeed, with every member a worker, the work of God would soon be finished on this earth.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Northern Minnesota

It was my privilege sometime ago to visit some of the churches and isolated members in the extreme northern part of the state.

Williams was the first place. They have a company of about thirty members who built their own church and school last summer. They are proud of their building, and have sufficient reason for feeling so. It was a great encouragement and lesson for me to meet with these dear people, to see them come walking and driving from different directions through the woods in that extreme cold weather. In the evening some carried lanterns to guide their way.

We next had a service in the home of an isolated sister living twelve miles south of Warroad. Snow drifts blocked the way; therefore part of the distance had to be traveled afoot. Neighbors were invited over and ere long the meeting room was about filled. Keen interest and reverence were expressed by those present through the entire study. These people are hungry for the bread of life, and invited me to come back and hold meetings in their schoolhouse. When the time came to leave, a man, not a member of our faith, hitched up his team and insisted to be permitted to drive us back over the narrow, winding wilderness trail to the place where we had parked our car.

Two isolated sisters reside at Donaldson, one of whom is a young girl thirteen years of age. Truly she was a living witness of this message in her community. The ringing testimony and prayer she offered would touch any heart.

In the evening we met with an isolated sister living at Warren. She owns a hotel, and as it happened to be court week, every room in her home was taken. An invitation was extended to the roomers to come to the parlor for an evening service. The response was almost unanimous; the parlor was filled, hence a good sized audience was present who listened attentively and reverently.

Let us pray especially for the isolated members who so seldom have the privilege of seeing or hearing or receiving encouragement from the ministers and workers who are not able to reach all.

HENRY PETERSON.