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Must Some of Our Workers Be Called Home?

THE answer to the question for the heading of this article may be found in the attitude we take in the Harvest Ingathering work this fall. Then, too, are we doing our full share in maintaining our mission program?

At the time of the Spring Council of the General Conference, it was thought that by reducing the Harvest Ingathering goal from \$10 a member to \$7.00 a member, such a program would appeal to our people and a greater number would endeavor to reach it, thus enlisting the services of more people, and a greater amount of mission offerings would be received. It is also a fact that when we are working for the salvation of others, we ourselves are more liberal in our gifts to God.

Let us not say that it is the depression that is weakening our mission work, for God has deposited with His people enough to carry forward His work and to finish it with the means now in our possession. Notice the following from a source that is unquestioned: "The great sacrifice has been made for man, and now he will be tested and proved to see if he will follow the example of Jesus, and make a sacrifice for his fellowman. Satan and his angels are combined against the people of God, but Jesus is seeking to purify them unto himself. He requires them to advance His work. God has deposited with His people in this world, enough to carry forward His work without embarrassment, and it is His plan that the means which He has intrusted to them be used judiciously. 'Sell that ye have, and give alms,' is a part of God's sacred word. The servants of God must arise, cry aloud, and spare not, 'show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.' The work of God is to become more extensive, and if His people follow His counsel, there will not be much means in their possession to be consumed in the final conflagration. All will have laid up their treasure where moth and rust cannot

corrupt; and the heart will not have a cord to bind it to earth."—*Vol. 1, p. 197.*

We will be none the poorer for our giving. "Our Heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path

Man Gains Power and Efficiency as He Accepts Responsibility

"A MAN will gain power and efficiency as he accepts the responsibilities that God places upon him, and with his whole soul seeks to qualify himself to bear them aright. However humble his position or limited his ability, that man will attain true greatness who, trusting to divine strength, seeks to perform his work with fidelity. Had Moses relied upon his own strength and wisdom, and eagerly accepted the great charge, he would have evinced his entire unfitness for such a work. The fact that a man feels his weakness, is at least some evidence that he realizes the magnitude of the work appointed him, and that he will make God his counselor and his strength."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 225.*

before their feet."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 330.*

The next thirteenth Sabbath will soon be here. Shall not every Sabbath school in the Central Union rally to the call for missions and average a gift for missions of sixty cents for each member at least?

The average for our Sabbath schools for the union for the first seven months this year has been only nine and seven-tenths cents a week per member. I am

sure we can do better than that; in fact, I think we ought to make up during the last five months for some that we failed to do during the past seven months. Will you not help to do this by increasing your Sabbath school offerings over what you have been doing?

Our total mission offering thus far this year on the forty-cents-a-week have averaged only twelve and a half cents a week per member for the entire union. The Wyoming Mission field stands highest, with an average of twenty and four-tenths cents for the 350 members. Missouri is second by contributing fourteen and one-tenth cents a week for their 2,119 members. Nebraska, with 2,528 members, is a close third at fourteen cents a week per member. Colorado is next with the largest membership in the union of 3,399. Their average is thirteen, and nine-tenths cents a week per member. Next is South Dakota, with a membership of 1,518, contributing thirteen and six-tenths a week per member on the forty-cent-a-week plan. Then Minnesota, which is the second largest conference in the union, with a membership of 3,365, gave an average for the seven months period of twelve and three-tenths cents per week. Iowa, with 2,577 members, averaged twelve and one-tenth cents. Kansas is eighth in line of per capita for missions, having a membership of 2,584, giving ten and four-tenths cents per member. North Dakota, with a membership of 2,265, averaged eight and eight-tenths cents per member.

With our Harvest Ingathering work now on, and with the enthusiasm that many are putting into it, and with the thirteenth Sabbath offering coming the last of this month, and with the Investment money that may be gathered, there ought to be a much better showing on our missions goal of forty-cents a week.

Let every Seventh-day Adventist in the Central Union do his individual part in sustaining our mission work.

J. F. PIPER.

Southern Africa's Appeal

ONCE again the eyes of our Sabbath school members of the world field are definitely centered upon the Southern African Division. From Sabbath to Sabbath during this third quarter of 1933 there will be visualized from the *Missions Quarterly* certain of our needs. However, the question still presses home upon us. What more can we say or do to emphasize Africa's need in this the day of God's mighty power and missionary opportunity? What is it, you ask, that presses the question so urgently just now? The answer can be found in the appeals which come so frequently to us. Recently some of these have come with renewed earnestness and fervor.

In the last letter from Brother C. W. Bozarth, superintendent of the Congo Mission, he says:

"I have just spent a week at Ngoma. [This is our new medical mission on Lake Kivu, North Ruanda.] Things are surely humming over that way. I am proud of that mission, and am sure it is going to be the best mission in a few years that we have in this Division. They have more than one thousand out to the Sabbath service now, and the medical work is growing all the time. I was there on Monday when the doctor gave injections and treatments to about five hundred people. The doctor is doing considerable surgery, and will be able to do more as soon as we can secure the new nurse for him."

With the additional cut of fifteen per cent which has been voted by the Spring Council, we are compelled to cancel our call for a nurse. This comes as a great blow, for the doctor is in need of help. He and his faithful wife cannot carry on much longer without relief.

In a letter received a few days ago from Elder Max Webster, our first European worker to enter Portuguese East Africa, we have this word:

"The administrators whom I have thus far met are very friendly toward us. I have just succeeded in renting a house in the Ile district and we will live in this until we decide upon the permanent mission site. At most of the places one sees huts and hears voices, but as soon as the natives hear the sound of footsteps they disappear in the bush, scared to death for fear it may be some one contracting for public labor."

Thus in some of these places Elder Webster will have to win his way among the people as has been the case with Elder Stahl in certain sections of South America. Surely Brother and Sister

Webster face a mighty task. Portuguese East Africa is a land bright with promise. It is too bad that we must circumscribe their plans for that field when the door of Providence swings open so widely before us. The only word we are able to send these good people is to be of good courage and press on as best they can with their limited funds. It is hard to send such instructions, but it is all we can do for the present. As soon as we have more we can give them more.

And just a word from Brother O. O. Bredenkamp, who is opening our latest mission station in Angola. He writes thus:

"You ask about the work here. The prospects are indeed very good. Things are going very well at present although we did have many difficulties at first. The Sabbath school is well attended, there being an average of about one hundred each Sabbath day. I plan on my first effort soon. We have a lot of natives close to us, as we are in the center of a very large area. I plan to hold several efforts in this section during the dry season."

This is one of the two new mission sites recently granted us by the Angola Government, and may we add that these are the first grants made to any Protestant society in Angola for five years. We feel that we have been divinely favored in this respect.

It was the privilege of the writer to visit this new mission in July, 1932. It is splendidly located. As Brother Bredenkamp says, it is a very thickly populated area. In opening this mission the way has not been smooth. Many battles have been fought; many obstacles have had to be met and overcome, and, with it all, the temporary house occupied by our good brother and family was burned to the ground. However, their zeal and devotion did not fail. They pressed onward, and today a wonderful interest has been created. O, what could they not do if they just had more with which to carry on!

Now, it is these appeals, and many more like them, that burn their way into our heart as we pen these few simple lines, and we cannot refrain from passing on this additional word to emphasize the dire need of a large overflow for Africa this coming thirteenth Sabbath.

Therefore, as we make this appeal for the overflow, we have faith to believe that Africa's call will not be in vain. Be assured we here in this Division will do our utmost. We know that you, too,

will count it a great privilege to join again with us in making the offering a splendid overflow in behalf of Africa's still unwarmed millions.

J. F. WRIGHT, *President,*
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"Neither Buy nor Sell"

EVERY reader of our papers and diligent student of the times finds evidence everywhere that Revelation 13:17 is about to be fulfilled. How soon it will be when we will not be able to buy or sell we cannot say. But we do know that right now pressure is being brought on those who do not close their places of business on Sunday, and it seems very evident that those who do not thus comply will soon be in the class that can neither buy nor sell. The last movements of fulfillment of prophecy are being fulfilled right now, before our very eyes. Unless God in His mercy intervenes to hold back the powers of evil for a time, soon we will be in the time of persecution which we have long known was coming.

God has set His hand to finish the work. The end is upon us. Are we ready to do our part? The greatest task that is yet unfinished is our great unfinished mission task. Harvest Ingathering is now our opportunity. Not one of our people can fail to see that if we could faithfully work—every member of our conference—and go into every home in the state of Nebraska, we would do such a work as has never been done. My dear brethren, God is finishing this work. He is not waiting on us, but He does want us to

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do our part. Must we wait till we hear the trumpet call of Jesus before we really believe that the end is upon us? Must we wait till persecution in its relentless fury breaks upon us before we go out to save those about us? Have you started out already? Is your territory all arranged for, so that you will be sure to get your goal? Are you carefully keeping the names of those who seem interested? The work is going! Are you in it?

Elder Butterfield's district started a week early, and sends in good reports. I am looking for the Curtis church to be the first one in the entire conference to reach their goal. They have about half their goal already. Who will be next?

R. J. Roy,

Home Missionary Sec.

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Some Changes

ELDER B. A. SCHERR, our home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, who has served for nearly eleven years in the North Dakota Conference as secretary of the various departments, has recently received a call to connect with the Iowa Conference as home missionary and Sabbath school secretary. We were very loath to see Elder Scherr leave the field because of the efficient service he has rendered, and his acquaintance with the brethren in the conference. Through his faithful effort, he has gained the confidence of the brethren and they have learned to love him. Brother and Sister Scherr and their little boy left Jamestown, N. Dak., Wednesday, August 30.

The very day that Brother and Sister Scherr were leaving, the North Dakota Conference committee met to study the needs of the field and to fill the vacancies caused in the two departments. After prayerful consideration it was decided by the committee that Elder Oswald should carry the Sabbath school work and Brother Bietz shoulder the responsibility of the home missionary work. All mail pertaining to the Sabbath School Department should be addressed to Elder E. H. Oswald, and the mail pertaining to the home missionary work should be addressed to Brother Bietz. Please notice this change in the departments and address your mail to the respective parties.

As Brother and Sister Scherr leave the North Dakota Conference to connect with the Iowa Conference, our prayers

go with them and our wishes are that the dear Lord may abundantly bless in the services rendered in the new field.

E. H. OSWALD.

North Dakota News

REPORTS are coming in from various parts of the field concerning the Harvest Ingathering. We are glad to know that the Lord is opening the hearts of the people to give of their means to the support of his work in the earth, and we trust that all will avail themselves of the opportunity to not merely solicit money, but make contact with people and inform them about the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

Word has been received from the effort at Lisbon that 28 people were present last Sabbath at the Sabbath school. These people are new Sabbath-keepers, results of the effort conducted there this summer. Let us pray that God may greatly bless and establish them in the present truth.

Elder and Sister G. P. Geade are busily engaged in the Ingathering campaign in the west central part of the state. We have not heard what the results are, but we do know that they are leaving a good influence with the people whom they are calling on.

Elder H. Wentland is still continuing his services in the hall at Midway. About ten people are ready for baptism. Others are studying the message and will be ready later. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of this effort. Brother Wentland is now engaged in the Ingathering campaign during the week days but the week-end he spends with those interested through the summer effort.

From the *M. V. Announcer* we notice that Jamestown is leading the societies in scores for the month of July, having a total of 2,906. McClusky is close with 2,829; New Home has 2,560; Butte County, 1,596; Bowdon, 1,485; Harvey, 816; Fargo, 662; Kulm, 447; Palermo, 432; Bismarck, 306; Burt, 272; Medina Village, 252; Cleveland, 197; Williston, 164; Napoleon, 150; Belfield, 142.

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The Call of Plainview

OUR schools are placed in each conference as a place of refuge from the flood of sin that is snatching the life-

blood from our young people. They are calling to you, young people, to come and prepare for the coming conflict. Parents, you too have one of the greatest responsibilities placed in your hands, and that is the educating of your children in such a way that will prepare them for a home in heaven. No other investment will bring returns like the money invested in giving your children a Christian education. Pray for wisdom and for means—have faith in God and He will provide.

Plainview stands staunch and true for principles, her standards are high; she is still teaching the same fundamental truths she taught twenty years ago; she is still offering accredited courses taught by qualified teachers.

With one hand Plainview beckons to you to come and prepare for the great work there is for you to do; with the other hand she points to the fields of labor that are anxiously waiting for your services. Answer that call of Plainview and decide today that you will be there when she opens her doors of opportunity on September 19. EDNA SIMON.

South Dakota Sunbeams

BROTHER NORTON, of Aberdeen, was baptized in the lake at Wyley Park on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 31. Elder C. M. Babcock officiated. Brother Norton had waited for some time for an opportunity to be baptized in God's great out-of-doors. He is a man advanced in years and we are happy to welcome him to the fold of Christ in his sunset of life.

Elder Oss is out spending some time with the scattered believers, particularly where interest has been developed. In a letter written to the office he states that several baptisms have been held.

Several of the churches have started the Ingathering work already. Aberdeen reports that it does not seem any harder this year than it did last year.

Brother McKinley is down south this week, helping the Swan Lake church.

We have a few back numbers of the *Watchman* magazines. They are July and August numbers. These may be had at 2 cents a copy while they last. They make excellent missionary literature at a very low price. The August number, as you know, is the Century of Progress number, and is a rather general number and can be used to very good advantage.

Word has just reached the office of the death of Mrs. Nelson's baby, at Pierre. We extend our sincerest sympathy.

The Madison Sabbath school members are proud of the growth of their "Invest-

ment baby" which they are watching carefully. For every pound it increases in weight each member expects to pay 15 cents. We will all be interested in their report at the end of the year.

In acknowledging the receipt of the conference Sabbath school report for the second quarter, Sister Plummer says: "Isn't it great to have a few items of increase. Keep the good work up!" She refers to the increase in membership, average attendance, home division members, and offerings. It would be good for us all and for the mission fields if we would keep this up through the cold weather as well as during the pleasant summer months. Let us plan to do this.

Reports are being received on the opening of our church schools, some which began work the 5th, and some which will begin the 11th. Our present list shows the following teachers and schools: Perry G. Hills, Aberdeen; Cleora Turner, Hot Springs; Everett Courser, Huron; Victoria Larsen, Moberg; Beth Townsend, Redfield; Mrs. Nellie Holtz, Sioux Falls; Mrs. M. A. Wyman, Watertown. We were hopeful of having a school at Madison, but the funds expected did not materialize. We are still looking forward to continuing the work in Spearfish in the strong way it was carried on last year. We ask the prayers of our people for the success of the church school work in our field.

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To All the Churches

THE message borne to Thyatira was, "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to *teach* and to seduce my servants. . . . And I will kill her children with death; and *all the churches* shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto everyone of you according to your works." Rev. 2:19, 20, 23.

While words of commendation for works, charity, service, faith, and patience are spoken, the startling message to *all the churches* is that their children are to be killed with death (evidently the second death) if they permit Jezebel to

be the teacher of their children.

She was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians, and blended heathen rites and worship with the teachings of God's word.

A parallel condition exists in our time; can we claim exemption from this message to *all the churches*?

"The Saviour had not come to set aside what patriarchs and prophets had spoken; for He Himself had spoken through these representative men. All the truths of God's word came from Him. But these priceless gems had been placed in false settings. Their precious light had been made to minister to error. God desired them to be removed from their settings of error and replaced in the framework of truth. This work only a divine hand could accomplish. By its connection with error, truth had been serving the cause of the enemy of God and man.

"Christ had come to place it where it would glorify God, and work the salvation of humanity."—*D. of A., p. 287.*

This vivid portrayal of the conditions existing in the period of Thyatira, when the message concluded by saying, "I will put upon you none other burden," is bereft of this clause to mitigate its force and application to our time. The choice of God or Baal is clearly seen in our attitude toward our children and their education in this crucial hour.

A neighboring conference is asking that each adult member pay one dollar a month to an educational relief fund. Would this not be an excellent plan to care, in part, for such young people as desire the benefit of Christian education, but circumstances thwart this purpose?

Let the responsibility rest primarily on the parents, then the members of the Conference church and such churches that do not have schools, in adopting this plan to care for our Wyoming children.

A continued improvement in our schools has been seen in this state and the enrolment shows a steady increase.

Sister L. G. Beans will have charge of the Stenberg home school, while her husband does pastoral work for the Newcastle church. Miss Canady teaches at Big Trails, Brother Carl Johnson at Ten Sleep, Sister F. H. McNiel will have an increased enrolment at Casper, a strong faculty will conduct the school at Sheridan, the higher grades to be cared for by Brother Carl Mock, formerly of the Plainview Academy faculty, and with several years experience in other schools. Sister Stella Boothby, former assistant

matron of Walla Walla College and church school teacher of long experience, will be his assistant, caring for the grades.

With such an excellent setting for Christian education for our young people, can we not consistently appeal for your contributions to a relief fund that will enlarge the scope of activity and widen the influence of these blessings and privileges?

Your contribution should go through the regular channels to our Casper office.

Who shall *teach* our children is a question of grave import, the consequences are appalling, if neglect is seen; how urgent it is that we conserve this heritage of the Lord by surrounding them with the atmosphere of a Christian school. Will you do your part?

C. A. PURDOM.

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Western Slope Notes

MRS. MYRTLE SMITH and Mr. Howard Boyd were united in marriage at Fruita, Colo., Sept 3, 1933. Brother Boyd is elder of the Fruita church, where the bride has been a faithful member for several years. Both have children by former marriages, and these with a number of friends attended the wedding and the delightful luncheon that followed.

Mr. Fred McNiel, former secretary-treasurer of the Inter-Mountain Conference, and now filling the same position in Wyoming, recently spent a few days at Rulison and Grand Junction. He came especially to see his parents, but two days before his arrival they had left for Texas. His father, D. E. McNiel, has been in poor health for some time, and the doctor recommended his going to a lower altitude.

Elder Nethery, the conference president, spent the week-end, Aug. 25-27, on the Western Slope. He spoke at Palisade, Montrose, Delta, and Cedar Edge. His visit was greatly appreciated.

It is planned that church schools will be conducted at Delta, Fruita, and Rulison. The ninth and tenth grades will be taught at Rulison.

Many of our Palisade brethren are engaged in fruit raising, and as the peach harvest is now on, they are a very busy group. During the peach harvest, a num-

ber of our people from a distance come to Palisade for fruit and work. The attendance at the Palisade church is much increased at this time.

The number in the baptismal class in the Grand Junction church has reached nineteen. The baptismal services will be held soon. A number at De Beque are also ready for baptism.

G. H. Christian, of Vidor, Texas, who bargained for the academy property some time ago, made a hurried trip to Rulison recently, to look at some additional land. There has been some unfortunate delay in closing the deal on the academy property, but we trust that the deal may soon be satisfactorily closed.

Iowa Conference

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Harvest Ingathering

ON account of our camp meeting being held on the Sabbath set for the Harvest Ingathering rally day program, we have decided to launch out a strong seven-week program, beginning Sabbath, September 9. We urge all our churches to enter this campaign with every member actively engaged. "All who profess Christ should be workers. There are no drones in the household of faith."—Vol. 4, p. 454.

Remember the goal, "One Dollar a Week from Every Church Member for Seven Weeks." Many will get more than this amount. The dollar a week is the least amount we should endeavor to raise. With the help of God we can all do this.

When nearly every house is placarded, "We Do Our Part," may every Adventist home be marked by the angel of God, "This home came up to the help of the Lord." Earnest prayers should ascend from every member for God to give us favor with those we solicit.

For our encouragement in this crisis hour we are told that "times are growing hard, and money is difficult to obtain, but God will open the way for us from sources outside our own people."—T. M., p. 210.

Brethren, pray that you may be used by God in fulfilling the above promise. "Have not I commanded thee, Be strong and of a good courage?" With God's help and loyal cooperation on the part of His people, success is certain.

R. S. FRIES.

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The New Administration

SEVERAL weeks have passed since the camp meeting closed. We all have looked forward to a change in the administration, since my term of office has terminated. It is quite well known throughout the state that Elder A. H. Rulkoetter, from Minnesota, has been chosen as the president, and T. C. Nethery as the secretary-treasurer. A few changes have also been made in the committee. The present members of the executive committee are: the president, the secretary, F. S. Chollar, R. E. Griffin, Everett D. Kirk, Henry Mohr, and J. W. Morris.

I most earnestly solicit the same sincere and hearty support from every member to this new administration as you so faithfully have given me and the committee that served with me these seven years. I have enjoyed my work among you as president, but I also feel that seven years is sufficiently long in this capacity in any one conference.

Twenty-one years ago this September I was first asked to take executive work, and this has been my lot ever since, with the exception of five months due to sickness. My future work has not yet been determined. Wherever the Lord leads there shall my labors be spent.

My best wishes are in behalf of Kansas and the new administration. When everyone does his honest and earnest part the work will go forth with success.

C. S. WIEST.

The Greatest Danger

THIS is Wednesday noon. Four days of our seven-week Harvest Ingathering campaign are past. Six weeks and three days still remain. Being out in the field I have not received the encouraging reports that may have already come in from various churches. There is a conviction resting on me which I feel impressed to pass on to the churches and leaders in Kansas. The past four days' work in this Ingathering effort convinces me that the greatest hindrance to a successful campaign is the *feeling* that conditions this year make it very difficult or impossible to secure funds. We all know there are great difficulties to be met. I am not worrying much about the conditions, but I am concerned about the

attitude we take toward these conditions.

We may all have to work a bit harder than ever to win out, but we know it can be done if all join in to do their part. To illustrate what is meant by all this I wish to speak of the two small companies which have already been helped. One company has six members; the other four members. In either place scarcely a dollar has been raised for two years. In either place we have devout members, but the feeling prevailed that Harvest Ingathering work could hardly be done in a time like this.

We had a little field work in each place. Most of the members took part. In the first case more than \$26 was raised, and there is little doubt but that the General Conference goal will be reached in the next few weeks. The other group, in three quarters of a day raised nearly \$18, and will probably raise more. In both places enthusiasm now prevails because everyone knows it can be done and is helping to do it.

I am now with a church that is a bit larger. We have confidence to believe God will help to make a big gain here also. We have come to a time when we know only God can do this thing, and so we expect bigger things. The greatest danger, remember, is in *thinking* it cannot be done when it can.

E. H. MEYERS.

Kansas Items

ELDER MELVIN OSS, educational, home missionary, and M. V. secretary for the Missouri Conference, called at our office Wednesday, August 30, to counsel with Brother Ragsdale in regard to securing Miss Thelma McBroom, of Wichita, to act as principal of the church school at Goldsberry, Mo.

Elder E. H. Meyers, our new home missionary secretary, is visiting churches and isolated believers in the northwestern part of the state in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

Elder C. S. Wiest met with the Hutchinson church Sabbath, September 2.

Brother A. K. Phillips is assisting some new colporteurs in getting started with their work in the southeastern part of the state.

The members of the executive committee met at the office Thursday, August 7.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale left for Liberal September 3, where he assisted Miss Thelma Imler in beginning her work as teacher of the church school there.

Elder T. H. Allison, of Kansas City,

called at our office Wednesday, September 6.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter and wife arrived in Topeka Thursday, September 7, for Elder Rulkoetter to assume his duties as president of the conference.

At the Kansas City I church Sabbath, August 4, twelve were baptized and two entered the church upon profession of faith.

Sister C. E. Briggs, of Medicine Lodge, writes: "I am now in fine health and would like to work five days a week for seven weeks in the Harvest Ingathering. I have never put in very much time before but would like to put in the full time this year, and I feel that steady work will accomplish much with God's blessing."

Cecil A. Laughlin, of San Jose, Calif., who attended the Kansas camp meeting on his way to Emporia to visit his parents, was instantly killed at Sparks, Nevada, on his way home when the front tire blew out on his motorcycle.

Minnesota Conference

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Echoes from the Field

It was a privilege for me to meet with Elder Haysmer in the Grand Rapids tent effort. Several new Sabbath-keepers were with us in the Sabbath service, and in the evening meetings there was almost a 100% response to the call to commandment-keeping. The attendance has never been large, but a good substantial work is being accomplished. It was a thrilling experience to witness the vitality in speaking and leadership of Brother Haysmer, our veteran minister, who has passed the seventy mark in the span of life.

Brother Dirksen has left Grand Rapids and will spend the next six weeks directing the Harvest Ingathering campaign in Minnesota.

Good reports are coming in from the Ingathering in Brother Edwardson's district. Litchfield, with Sister Halverson and Brother Edwardson working, secured \$48 in one day. At Ortonville Brother Edwardson and Brother Welander received \$27; at Browns Valley and Beardsley, \$11. At Chokio and Albertha, Brother Edwardson, working with Brother McMIndes, received \$11.50. At Wilmar \$80 was received.

A postal from Sister Smestad, of Granite Falls, reports: "At Sacred Heart \$5.50, at Wood Lake \$5.69—total \$18.19.

As soon as the papers arrive that were ordered we shall have a field day in Granite."

Elder E. L. Sheldon has been holding a short series of meetings in Staples. At the close of the series ten young people were baptized: six from Staples and four from Hewitt. The baptismal class at Hewitt was conducted by Brother Leon E. Russell. The highest work that a church can do is to enlist the young people for Christ and His service.

A good report has come from Brother James Ward, who is carrying on the work at Red Wing. The Sabbath school attendance averages 25. The secretary, pianist, and one of the teachers are new Sabbath keepers. A little church building has been rented and Sunday evening meetings are being held by Elder Tucker.

V. J. JOHNS.

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Oak Grove J. M. V. Camp

It was a group of seven happy and exciting junior boys that left on the

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Obituaries

SORENSEN.—Raymond Broholt Sorensen was born May 23, 1910, in Omaha, Nebr., and has spent most of his life on the farm with his parents near Millard southwest of Omaha. On Sunday night, August 28, he was injured in an auto accident in Omaha and died on the way to the hospital. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sorensen, three brothers, four sisters, and many other relatives. He was baptized at the age of 15 and was faithful till the end. The funeral services were held in the Memorial S. D. A. church in Omaha. He was laid to rest in the Millard cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. T. M. LANGBERG.

MOHR.—Merle Mohr was born April 29, 1922, at Hargarve, Kans., and died Aug. 22, 1933, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mohr, near Hargarve, Kans.

Merle was a quiet, cheerful and helpful boy. He never failed to go to his mother's room for prayer before he went to bed. He and a neighborhood boy were wading in a pond and Merle slipped over a ledge into deep water. Neither of the boys could swim, so Merle drowned before help came. His near relatives are: his parents, three brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral services were held in the Christian church in La Crosse.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

ATCHISON.—Mrs. Wm. C. Atchison, nee Rena Strickler, was born in Central City, Nebr., Oct. 6, 1884. She died at Boulder, Colo., Aug. 25, 1933.

At the age of twelve Mrs. Atchison with her mother accepted the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists and was baptized. She enjoyed a splendid Christian experience. She served the church in various official capacities, and always did her work faithfully and well.

She took the nurses' training at the Nebraska Sanitarium at College View. Following this she went to Denver, where she worked in the food store maintained by the Boulder Sanitarium Food Company. She continued her connection with the store until last January 26 when illness required that she enter the Boulder Sanitarium as a patient.

July 8, 1925, she was united in marriage to Wm. C. Atchison. Theirs was one of those happy Christian homes so much needed in the church and community these days.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her devoted husband and two daughters, Emma and Kathryn, two sisters and two brothers, also a host of friends who knew her and loved her dearly. We confidently expect to meet her again in the near future when the Life-giver returns for His own.

A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

DUNBAR.—Thomas Henry Dunbar was born in Stratford, Ontario Province, Canada, June 16, 1856, and died in Dunbar, Nebr., Aug. 21, 1933. He came to Nebraska with his parents in the autumn of 1856. They settled on a claim ten miles west of Nebraska City.

In 1905 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Eden, of Talmage, Nebr. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Comstock, where they resided until 1920 when they moved to Kimball County. Four years ago they returned to the old family homestead in Dunbar.

To this union were born four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive their father. Many years ago the Dunbar family embraced the third angel's message, and formed the nucleus of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Dunbar. Thomas ever remained faithful to the faith.

Besides his wife, two sons, two daughters, and two grandchildren, he is survived by three sisters and five brothers, all of whom were present at the funeral service, which was conducted in the Presbyterian church in Dunbar by the writer, assisted by the Presbyterian minister. The burial took place in the Nebraska City cemetery.

S. G. HAUGHEY.

KERR.—Meda Kerr was born at Bedford, Mo., Aug. 11, 1879, and died at Montrose, Calif., July 22, 1933. When seventeen years of age she accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith and four years later entered the colporteur work

in Missouri and later taught two terms of church school. During the years 1903 and 1904 she was connected with the Life Boat Rescue Mission and then started the nurses' course at the Nebraska Sanitarium in College View and finished her course at Loma Linda Sanitarium in 1907. In 1908 she went as a nurse to Montevideo, Uruguay. After three years she accepted the work of matron and preceptress of the River Plate School in Argentine, where she remained for six years.

In 1918 it was necessary for Miss Kerr to return to the States on account of her health. In 1921 she became preceptress of nurses at Glendale Sanitarium. Because of poor health it was necessary for her to resign her work in 1922. The following year she accepted the position of preceptress at Laurelwood Academy in Oregon. Another break in health came and during the past ten years she has been an invalid.

Of her it can be truly said: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them."

F. H. WESTPHAL.

RODENBAUGH.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rodenbaugh was born at Eureka, Kans., Aug. 13, 1903; and died at the Eureka Community Hospital on Aug. 22, 1933.

She was united in marriage to John H. Rodenbaugh, and to this union were born one daughter and two sons. At the age of nine years she was converted and joined the Methodist church where she remained a faithful member until about two years ago when she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. She was a kind and loving wife and mother, always thoughtful of others. She had a wide circle of friends and will be sadly missed by loved ones.

Besides her husband, daughter, and two sons, she leaves to mourn their loss, her mother, three sisters, four brothers, and a host of other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the home and the Methodist church of Eureka by the writer.

M. J. AALBORG.

SURBER.—William F. Surber was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, Dec. 18, 1856, and died Aug. 27, 1933, in Wichita, Kans.

He was married to Sara Elizabeth Hays Jan. 5, 1881. To this union two children were born; Daora Mae and Maynard D. Surber. Brother Surber came to Kansas at an early age, and has since made this state his home.

In 1893 he accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and a few years later became a laborer in the cause. During the last thirty-five years he has labored in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado as field secretary, office worker, and minister, most of his labors having been in Kansas.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Mae Burgess, and granddaughter, Ravilla Burgess. He was laid to rest at Thayer,

Kans. His hope and confidence in the truth was bright to the end.

F. S. CHOLLAR.

KIVETT.—Mrs. Adeline Kivett, nee Wyckle, age 77 years, widow of John C. Kivett, died at Divide, Colo., Aug. 23, 1933. She was born in Olmstead Co. Minn., but lived in Colorado about 20 years. Two children, Arthur Kivett and Mrs. Etta Forshee, survive. Sister Kivett has been an Adventist for fifty years. She was a devoted Christian, faithful in her service to God and unselfish in her ministry to her fellow-men.

B. M. GRANDY.

THOMAN.—Lizzie Beil Olds Thoman was born in Germany, Feb. 14, 1869, and died in Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 13, 1933. She is survived by her husband, John Thoman, two daughters, four sons, and eleven grandchildren.

Sister Thoman has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years, and died in that blessed hope of the resurrection to life eternal.

STEMPLE WHITE.

KINDSVATER.—Betty Joan Kindsvater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kindsvater, was born at Shields, Kans., Oct. 28, 1932; and died Aug. 24, 1933. She leaves to mourn her death, her parents, grandparents, and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cook, pastor of the M. E. church, of Dighton.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1933

Book Hours Sales

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec		
Anna S. Hayer	HP	10 6.00
Mrs. P. Jenkins	BR	29 18.00
H. E. Looker	RJ	44 59.25
Loren Miyagi	GC	158 360.00
Albert Priest	HP	44 152.50
Chas. Thompson	DR	35 10.75
Mrs. Daisy Jones	Mag	40 17.20
Greta Nelson	Mag	22 1.50
Total		387 625.20

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary		
Mrs. M. Blackburn	HP	31 40.50
W. A. Burton	BR	50 163.00
Rosie Busch	OD	11 6.25
Eliz. Crawford	RJ	35 17.50
W. E. Helt	BR	6 .25
Sallie Holmes	RJ	40 6.25
Alex Kohlfarber	OD	1 1.00
Floyd Mathews	BR	55 97.50
John Sessor	BR	28 9.00
Ruby Sexton	DR	15 6.00
Freda Asher	Mag	12 6.60
Mrs. G. Davenport	Mag	14 2.10
Mr. & Mrs. Murray	Mag	15 16.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	19 9.10
Mrs. C. E. Stanley	Mag	24 3.40
Mrs. V. Warner	Mag	25 6.80
Jess Williamson	Mag	10 8.40
Total		391 399.65

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary		
B. O. Engen	Misc	46 8.10
Hilda Olafson	RJ	42 20.75
H. A. Hanson	BPS	32 29.30
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	39 28.15
Bethel Jeffrey (2)	RJ	77 22.75

Tessie Aeling	RJ	33½ 7.50
Grace Shumway	RJ	33 11.00
Minnie Ludvigson	RJ	19 4.50
W. Lequire	RJ	19 6.00
Edna B. Schaefer	BR	14½ 10.25
Hazel Johnson	RJ	13 5.25
Nina Magnuson	BR	13 14.05
F. H. Hall	BR	2½ 4.75
Mrs. V. Boehrig	Mag	40 18.60
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	34 9.50
Clare GG. Rust	Mag	30 8.10
E. Dufstrom	Mag	35½ 8.85
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag	16 2.90
Leah Strand	Mag	15 6.10
Patricia C. Liers	Mag	2 1.00

Total 571 227.40
NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.

Pearl Briggs	RJ	16 22.25
John Dovich	OD	3 2.50
S. A. Jacoshenk	RJ	33 33.40
John Meckler	OD	3 13.75
John Rittenbach	PP	1 5.50
Lydia Schweitz	OD	4 4.50
F. A. Wheeler (2)	RJ	69 25.50

Total 122 107.40
SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.

Orville Lee Poore	RJ	6 8.00
R. C. Barger	GC	33 41.95
Barger Family	HW	73 22.05

Total 102 72.00

KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary

Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	24 10.30
Ruth Gardner	Mag	7 4.70
A. F. Harder	BR	28 4.00
T. R. Torkelson	BR	47 23.00

Total 106 42.00

Grand Total 1,679 1,473.65

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WANTED.—Representatives for our health foods, used by Union College. Jern Nature Foods Co., 4800 Pioneer Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebr. 32x

FOR SALE.—Twenty acres of land, part in alfalfa. Two good houses, hay barn, cow barn, other buildings. Two good cisterns, two cellars, three young orchards, apples, peaches, apricots, plums, concord grapes, raspberries and strawberries. It is two miles from Rifle, near church and ten grade school in S. D. A. village. Good soil. First water rite. George W. Winn, Route 2, Rifle, Colo. 36-8

WANTED.—To correspond with someone wanting a man to husk corn, or for other kind of work. J. L. Crisp, % H. W. Baldrige, Route 2, Rogersville, Mo.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE desires the address of Henry Harlow. Address him at 1081 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

WANTED.—A young man who is experienced in the woods. Prefer one without a home and S. D. A. Good wages to the right man. John Mitchell, Ericsburg, Minn.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, September 15

Denver, Colorado	6:10
Des Moines, Iowa	6:24
Topeka, Kansas	6:32
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:25
Jefferson City, Missouri	6:18
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:37
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:56
Pierre, South Dakota	6:53
Casper, Wyoming	6:20

Lashier—Tomlinson

SUNDAY evening, Sept. 3, 1933, at Lincoln, Nebr., a quiet and pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride when Miss Genevieve Lashier, of Lincoln, and Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, of Hood River, Oregon, were united in marriage by the writer.

S. J. Lashier, father of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly," and Mrs. F. W. Schnepfer officiated at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson left for Hood River and from there for Salem, Oregon, where they will both teach in the school connected with our church.

We wish these fine young people every blessing as they unitedly enter our work.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

The Spiritual Help Longed For

Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, pronounced a blessing upon those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. How unconscious we often are of the hunger and thirst for truth that may be in the hearts and minds of those near by. This is impressed constantly in letters reaching the *Signs* office from people who are finding the light of truth and rejoicing in it as they get into a study of the *Signs of the Times*. This interest often comes because some member has been faithful in passing on copies of the paper. The papers may be current, but frequently they are not. Your heart will be cheered by the following letter of June 23 from a lady in Alamo, Texas:

"Gentlemen: Find enclosed herewith money order for \$1.50, for which you will please send for one year your splen-

did weekly magazine, the *Signs of the Times*.

"I have had a few year-old copies given to me, and I believe that this magazine represents the truth, as no other edition in circulation does today. It truly is meat and drink for those who are hungering and thirsting for a knowledge of the truth. I pray for God's divine blessing and approval on your message."

J. R. FERREN.

Neighborly Contact

"VISIT your neighbors in a friendly way and become acquainted with their spiritual condition." Why not go over to Mrs. Blank, next door, and say, "Mrs. Blank, I want to acquaint you with a little plan we have for the uplift of humanity throughout the world." Then give her a canvass as has been sent your



Visiting Neighbors

church for every member, and you will get a thrill in the consciousness of having broken the ice which has kept you from opening up the subject of your life's hope and ambition.

If you have lived in a way to merit your neighbors' confidence, you need have no fears about presenting our Harvest Ingathering plan. Try it.

S. T. SHADEL.

Missouri Department

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9th of August for their first J. M. V. camp.

The camp was held fifty-five miles away on beautiful Lake Taneycomo, near Branson, Mo. Financially the camp was very inexpensive, the total expense for each being an outlay of fifty cents in cash plus a proportioned amount of food brought by each junior. This consisted mostly of home canned fruit and garden vegetables.

The camp was conducted by the writer, assisted by Mr. Alfred Morford.

Rules of camp life were adhered to as nearly as possible in the little camp. The American flag was displayed, and Morning Watch and Sabbath school were conducted in the usual manner.

The boys entered heartily into the activities of the camp, which included preparing the meals under direction of a leader, hikes, swimming, star study, rope tying, and trawling. The group was reluctant to leave at the close of camp, and all stoutly declared they wished to go again next year and stay longer.

H. W. BASS.

Missouri News Notes

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN—September 2 to October 21.

Brother I. H. Harrison, our conference secretary-treasurer, is absent from the office for an indefinite period seeking through rest and some counsel and treatment by a medical specialist to regain his physical normalcy.

A letter just received from Elder J. L. Shaw, our General Conference treasurer, reveals the alarming shortage on mission receipts for the first seven months of this year. He says all this shortage has been promised to mission fields. Then he gives this cheering word: "We believe every conference could make up its shortage." So we were interested to understand how. This is it: "\$1.50 per member," Elder Shaw says. That is, if all our membership would give \$1.50 to missions now, then see that our united offering for the remainder of the year equalled an amount of 40 cents per week per member, Missouri would have her share of the \$187,032.19 shortage in 1933 over the amount received and appropriated in 1932. When we read this we said, "Yes, it is possible." We therefore appeal to our loyal constituency to make the possible the reality. We do not have any excuse, manufactured or real, for doing less than the possible. Hence, we urge.

Professor and Mrs. J. C. Thompson, with their daughter, Patsie Sue, were in Clinton a few days last week. Mr. Thompson is associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department and has spent some months during the summer in the Central and Southwestern Unions in the interest of our Sabbath school work. During his itinerary Mrs. Thompson has visited relatives in Oklahoma. In returning to their home in Washington they came through Clinton to visit a few days at the home of Mr. Thompson's parents, Elder and Mrs. Chas. Thompson.