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Missionaries Sharing the Depression with Us

It will help us all as we plan for the Week of Sacrifice to know that our missionaries in all the world, aside from the usual inconvenience and privations which they must endure, are sharing with us at home the fruits of the world-wide depression. The following paragraphs from a letter written by Dr. H. W. Miller, president of the China Division, were not meant for publication, but I am sure this glimpse of how our missionaries in China are curtailing their needs in order to carry on will encourage us all to work and sacrifice, that the work may continue.

"We hope, brethren, that while the folks in the homeland are feeling the pinch and the burden of maintaining the foreign work, their interest in the finishing of God's work in these great, needy mission lands will in no sense be lessened, but that they will continue to strive for the support of missions, that God's work may quickly be finished in the earth. Certainly, if they received encouragement from reports in the past that enabled them to give, they should be doubly encouraged today; for we are rolling up our membership, and the church as well is at work in earnest in these fields, and is striving toward self-support as never before.

"Our workers are willing to sacrifice. They have been pinched down on their wages and allowances, and are sacrificing today as they have never done in the mission lands. They are stinting themselves on food and clothing, and when they travel are using the cheapest methods that will carry them from one place to another. Brother Warren left Shanghai the other day for Hankow, traveling all the way up the river for \$13 Mex. He was in with a group of poor Chinese, exposing himself to the diseases of these people whose bodies as we know are emanating germs of a deadly type, for the people of the Orient are loaded with tuberculosis and other chronic diseases. Likewise, our workers are traveling by the lowest fares on the trains. They are doing this in addition

to the fact that they are not living under the comforts and the advantages that still are maintained to our folks in the homeland.

"It must be remembered also that our workers are living under a greater isolation, for we have had to scatter them, leaving only one foreign family in a place here and there, where formerly we undertook to have two families. So we hope the homeland will continue to be the same strong base for the evangelization of mission fields as it has been in the past, and rally with all its might and force to sustain the work, and to promote it until it is completed work in the earth.

"I am not going to burden you brethren at this time with a lot of our needs. I could detail them to you in pages, but we know something of your situation. The facts are we are not expecting specials; we are not counting on them, nor planning on them. Neither are we worrying ourselves over these financial problems. We believe with all our heart that the work is God's and that He will provide for it. Our desk is loaded these days with correspondence from our work-

ers, who write us of their personal problems.

"We have endeavored to conserve and to cooperate to the best of our ability in bridging over this time of financial crisis. When word came that we were to go on the current rate, we did so. Every month the workers get their check from us, it is a decreased amount. Their salary of July was ten per cent less in native currency than what they had for the month of June, and likewise there is a decrease for the month of August over what they got in July. The probability is that it will be less in September than what it is in August.

"The cost of living here is growing each succeeding month. On May 22, the tariff of China was revised, and duties were increased from fifty to one hundred per cent over what they were, this including the real necessities. As you know, China provides little in itself of the commodities that are used by foreigners. The things that are cheap in China, like rugs, brass-ware, embroideries, lace, and silks are not the things for which missionaries spend their money. Some of the Oriental countries out here have been at work in recent years putting in canneries, food factories, developing fruit growing, so that they can provide through these industries within their own borders about all that is needed in woolen fabrics, in food supplies, in leather shoes, and various things of this kind; but that hasn't been true of China as yet. Therefore, these high duties greatly affect the cost of living. They have come up at the very time that our workers salaries have not only gone down through reducing the base allowance, but have lately gone down through the depreciating of gold, which brings our workers less Mexican dollars than hitherto, with which to buy their food stuff.

"Now we have gone over about every item and shaved to the lowest point we know how. We have reduced our furloughs to eight months. This is proving to be an advantage in the arranging of our work, and will help us tide over a field

Father Has a Thousand Ways to Provide for Us

WITH bank failures, business firms going into the hands of receivers, unpaid taxes, overdue mortgages, drought, and grass-hopper pestilence eating up crops that might be realized, the prospects are not flattering. Some farmers are forced to sell their milch cows because of a lack of feed. But "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 before their feet."

—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 330.

J. F. PIPER.

with the tremendous population that we have. We have eliminated all allowances to missionaries for vacations and cut down the itinerating allowance to our workers."

How blessed to know that the church of God is one united body around the world, and that those of us who cannot go to the ends of the earth to carry God's message can yet share in sacrifice with those who go. M. E. KERN.

Kansas Conference

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An Important Event

THE General Conference has appealed to the conferences, through their delegates assembled at the Fall Council, to observe a Victory Week in connection with the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The Central Union has designated the week of November 4-11. The plan is to urge every worker and member to enter into a week of united effort to go over the top, and then on Sabbath, November 11, bring the fruits of the week's work and have an appropriate service of thanksgiving and praise to God for the victories gained.

Surely Kansas will respond to the need and the call of its Master. Young and old, whether isolated or in the large churches, will certainly do their part in this jubilee effort.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Special Offering

ON November 4 we are asking our churches in Kansas to take a REAPER offering. Our REAPER expense is quite heavy, and the only help we receive to offset this loss is by offering. Every one enjoys the weekly visit of this paper, and may we ask the members of the state to help us continue these visits? We are appealing for a liberal response from all, including the isolated and conference church members. Remember the date, November 4. A. H. RULKOETTER.

Our Gain List

WE are glad to report 22 of our groups already showing a gain this year over last year's total in Harvest Ingathering funds. And the most encouraging thing about it all is that many of those already showing a gain are not stopping, but are adding each week to their gain.

I do not want to mention names, but a few of our churches are far behind and did not report anything last week. However, I know some of these have definite plans to come in strong at this time. We are glad for this. Let us not stop until all have a gain over last year.

The gain list to date stands as follows: Atchinson Second, Durham, Emporia, Fort Scott, Girard, Glen Elder, Great Bend, Humboldt, Lebanon, Liberal, McPherson, Minneapolis, Ozawie, Osawatomie, Pleasanton, Peabody, Portis, Smith Center, Spivey, Sunflower, Topeka First, Wichita First.

E. H. MEYERS.

Missionary Volunteer News

THE Topeka Missionary Volunteers have raised over \$82 in the Harvest Ingathering through the singing band plan.

The Wichita M. V. singing band reports a total of \$75.39 raised in twenty-three hours, or sixteen nights.

The total offerings for Ruanda, Urundi, and the Central Congo Mission, which constitute the M. V. missions project for 1933, were \$16.42 for the third quarter.

Investiture services were held recently at Oswego and Pittsburg. Thus far this year there have been invested 130 Friends, 27 Companions, 6 Comrades, and 3 Master Comrades.

An order was just sent in to the union office for 44 Reading Course certificates and five Bible Year certificates. This brings the total number of certificates to 320 Reading Course and 53 Bible Year.

November plans call for rallies in Topeka, Kansas City, and Hutchinson.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas Items

BROTHER M. H. JENSEN recently helped in Harvest Ingathering work in the towns of Hillsboro, Peabody, Marion, and McPherson. In each of these towns the contribution received was much larger than last year.

Brother and Sister W. H. Atherly, who have recently returned from the French West Indian Mission, of which Brother Atherly was superintendent, are visiting at the home of Elder and Mrs. A. C. Griffin. They were compelled to return to the States because of Sister Atherly's health. Brother Atherly spoke at the Topeka I church on Sabbath, October 21, relating some of his experiences while in the mission field. Mrs. Atherly is a sister of Elders A. C. and R. E. Griffin.

An encouraging letter from Brother F. C. Clark includes the following state-

ment: "Some in the churches had the idea Harvest Ingathering couldn't be done this year, but those who have gone out have not found it any harder than last year. I think by the time the campaign is over all of the churches here (in his district) will have done more than last year."

Word has come to us that Alten A. Bringle had an operation for appendicitis on October 10, and is improving nicely.

Elder N. J. Aalborg reports a Harvest Ingathering stir in his section of the field. The Humbolt group is in the gain list. Kincaid and Iola have almost reached that point. Other groups are hard at work.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter is attending the Fall Council at Battle Creek, Mich. During this time Mrs. Rulkoetter is visiting at the home of Elder and Mrs. O. T. Garner, in Kansas City, Mo.

Two of our largest churches, Wichita and Topeka, have passed last year's Harvest Ingathering total. That is fine! They are still at it.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale met with the Topeka II church Sabbath, October 14.

Sister E. M. Nichols sends in the names and addresses of ten interested people. She says she got very little money but had a wonderful experience.

On Monday evening, October 16, the members of the Topeka church met at the Y. W. C. A. for an appropriate farewell gathering in honor of Elder and Mrs. Wiest and Ruth. The Wiests left Topeka on Tuesday for Minnesota.

Our isolated members are sending in good Harvest Ingathering donations. Another aged sister, who is past eighty, sends her part in. Do not neglect your part.

Brother E. S. Fortner, of Wichita, writes, "The Review has been our companion in some part of the family for

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over fifty years. It gets better all the while. We could not get along without it."

Sister Clara Lawrence, of Randall, writes as follows: "Enclosed is the Harvest Ingathering money we were able to raise with the papers you sent. We are both old and crippled, and it is hard for us to get out, but we will do all we can whenever we can. Two elderly neighbor ladies are interested in the truth. One of them says she wants to subscribe for the *Watchman* magazine."

Elder A. C. Griffin, who returned from Boulder last week, is rapidly gaining strength and will soon be able to take care of his duties again.

Be sure to read the articles "An Important Event" and "Special Offering."

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Time to Work

WE scarcely realize the urgency for doing our work at the time when greater results are possible than at a later time, when the setting may be altogether different and a likelihood of less favor with the people.

The American Board of Foreign Missions reported a drop of 46% from January to May of this year, and the board declared, "This is the most critical time in our history—we may be forced to close."

With practically all faiths, budgets are in the red and programs are seriously threatened, says an article in the October issue of *Current History*, entitled "America's Bankrupt Churches," by Chas. J. Dutton, Unitarian pastor, of Des Moines, Ia. He states that church expenditures rose 149% from 1906 to 1926, and in the same period church debts rose a little over 300%—200% more than expenditures. Million dollar churches were erected. There were five million dollar apartment-hotel churches and corresponding extravagances all along the line. Swimming pools, gymnasium and recreation hall features were in most buildings.

He says further, "Today a host of these same churches are swamped with debt; their bonds are in default; foreclosures loom ahead." As these buildings have no practical value, foreclosure would be futile.

A significant comment: "Today many

of these beautiful and costly churches have wrecked those who built them, brought hardship and worry to those who planned them, aroused hatred and ill-feeling among those who bought their bonds. It is time the churches faced this fact and realized that thousands are staying away from services either because they cannot meet their pledges or because they are afraid of being asked for a contribution. . . . But many such members will not respond and many will never re-enter any church. . . . Meanwhile, the churches are bankrupt; their denominational programs are in chaos and their financial condition grows worse day by day."

Such condition as cited in the above quotations indicates with great clearness the importance of our message being proclaimed quickly, that sincere, though misguided people may see the beauty there is in the Advent message, so appropriate in every detail for the occasion.

How timely it would be for all workers and lay members to address themselves to this Ingathering work with a renewed zeal. We have an infinite greater purpose in our field of endeavor than the deluded lovers of pleasure.

May we not make a sensible appeal that will stand out in such marked contrast with the foolish course of Babylon, that honest souls will turn to enquire the way of the Lord more fully?

Another significant and altogether different setting is noted in the recent six-day convale of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, which was held in a New York hotel, with 3,600 delegates present. *News-Week* of October 14, 1933, says of this occasion: "President Roosevelt, in evening clothes, entered on the arm of his military aide, Col. Edwin Watson. Mrs. Roosevelt, gowned in dark chiffon, was escorted by Cardinal Hayes. (In the accompanying photograph the President is pictured in earnest conversation with Papal Legate Cicognani.)

"In his address, which was broadcast, Mr. Roosevelt warned the gathering that the rougher stretch of the road to recovery still lies ahead. 'It is for us to redouble our efforts to care for those who still depend upon relief,' he said.

"He pleased the Catholics, who as a church have opposed recognition of the Soviet, by an implied rebuke of that nation's attitude toward religion."

The suggested Victory Week from November 4 to 11 affords us an opportunity to do faithful, valiant service for the Master.

Beet fields and other unworked areas can be reached and a goodly sum be brought into the Lord's treasury.

C. A. PURDOM.

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Appeal to Missouri Believers

THE reports given us at the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee now in session, show an alarming shortage in funds to meet the demands in the budgets of requests from our far-flung mission fields throughout the world. It was today voted by the Central Union Conference executive committee to make the week of November 4 to 11 Victory Week. This means that every church, company, and isolated member in the Missouri Conference is to put forth a new and determined effort to see that the full quota of their Harvest Ingathering be made up and sent into the conference treasurer, so that our conference will stand in the line of those having done their full duty to the mission fields and missionaries who have needs, seemingly born of a divine and an opening providence.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

The Work at Ava

THE Ava school opened Monday, September 11, with an enrolment of forty, and four more have enrolled since. Among the last to enrol are Charles Meyers, from Lebanon, and Aliene Norris, from Willow Springs.

The new cottage that was built this fall is almost complete now. It was work on this building that caused school to start one week late. Mrs. Durm is teaching the first six grades in one room of the teacher's cottage, and the room is so full she cannot find room for a stove, and now that it is beginning to get cool the little folks are getting anxious to get a basement under the cottage for a school room where they will have plenty of room.

Sunday, October 8, two teams were busy excavating the basement for another school room. It is now almost ready to be walled up.

The young people have been out singing several times and have been doing very well, having received more in this one band than the entire church raised last year. October 11 they worked the city of Mansfield.

Mrs. Emil Meyers, from Lebanon, with

her mother and son, Charles, has recently moved to Ava for school privileges. Mr. Meyers will join them after the fall crops are harvested. Mrs. Meyers was formerly Miss Rachel Denton, of Chadron, Nebr.

Just recently two ladies, who have become interested in the truth and who have organized a Sabbath school in their home, stopped at the school looking for someone to help them with the interest they have created in their neighborhood. These ladies became interested in the truth as a result of reading some of our literature. Plans have been laid to take some of the young people over to help them out.

A program of music and readings was given in the church Saturday evening, September 30. The girls' glee club of eighteen members made its first appearance on this program. Several of the young people are taking private music lessons, and an orchestra is being organized.

T. I. DURM.

No. Dakota Conference

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The Lord Depends on Us

THE brethren assembled in council at Battle Creek gave prayerful consideration to our world-wide work, and feel impressed with the great need of the mission fields. The Lord is working mightily in various parts of the earth. The earth is ripe for the harvest, but the laborers are few. We cannot all go out into the mission fields, but we can all be missionaries. As servants of the Lord, purchased with an infinite price, we are His property and cannot turn a deaf ear to the earnest pleas. We must respond and rally to the help of the Lord.

After prayerful consideration it was voted that special efforts be put forth in the Ingathering to reach the goal of \$7.00 a member. This means that every church member rally to the call and do his very best.

November 4-11 has been set aside as a Week of Victory to reach the individual goal. I want to appeal to the brethren of the North Dakota Conference to join us in this campaign. We depend on you brethren. The Lord depends upon us. Let us all do our part for the finishing of God's work.

E. H. OSWALD.

Hunting Season Opens

THE sound of discharging rifles reverberates over the vast prairies of the Wild

Rose State from South Dakota on the south to Canada on the north, as permission is given to shoot down certain classes of wild game for a time. The season to which the game hunter has looked forward for a long time is here, and the crackling chorus of rifles heralds its arrival.

The writer thought of that larger and vastly more important hunt, in which the colporteurs, in a special sense, have been called to participate. The prophet visualized this army of hunters when he penned the significant words: "And after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16: 16. These hunters, the colporteurs, use for bullets our truth-filled books, and their target is the old, sinful man. When fanatical prejudice is broken down for the study of our books, when the principles of Christ are woven into a character as a result of reading our literature, when people accept this message because of the work of a colporteur, the "bullets" have seriously wounded the old man of sin.

Some of these hunters for souls have fired a number of "bullets" in North Dakota this year. To cite a few examples: D. K. Olsen: 80 "Bible Readings" south of Grand Forks among the Norwegian Lutherans. John Rittenbach: 53 "Patriarchs and Prophets" among the German-speaking people around Goodrich and Harvey. Olga Schwindt: 60 "Return of Jesus" among the German-speaking people in the vicinity of Pettibone and New Home. Fred Burkhard: 20 "Patriarchs and Prophets" among the German Catholics south of Mandan. S. A. Jacoshenk: 25 "Return of Jesus" in the eastern part of McHenry County. Robert Kooreny: 25 "Return of Jesus" among the Russian-speaking people in Ward County. Arthur Wheeler: 25 "Return of Jesus" in the Turtle Mountains and around Alexander.

In addition to these "bullets," much shrapnel—Crisis books, magazines, tracts—has discomfited the enemy. The hunters have all enjoyed the hunt and many, who are not attending school, are determined to continue hunting throughout the winter.

While the season for wild game is limited to certain months within the year, the season for souls lasts. We do not know when that awful hour will arrive, and the solemn words roll through space from the throne of our God: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be

holy still." Rev. 22:11. At that time will you be able to report to your Chief with game from the hunt? Is God calling you to join these hunters in North Dakota this winter? Numerous letters have been received at the office from men and women who have heard the call to hunt and have responded. Will we hear from you?

What a happy day it will be when these hunters for souls gather around the Great White Throne, amply rewarded for the efforts put forth. Then will the words of the poet gain a fuller application:

"Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."

C. A. EDWARDS.

North Dakota News Notes

WE were happy to have Elder Gordon Smith, the union Missionary Volunteer secretary, stop off for a few days at Jamestown while he was passing through North Dakota recently. While here he held two meetings, one at Medina County and one at New Home, and counseled with Prother Bietz relative to the youth's conference which is to be held in the Bowdon church early in November.

We are sorry to report the death of old Brother John Goebel, of Lehr. Brother Goebel has been a faithful Seventh-day Adventist for many years and has put several of his children through our schools, and sacrificed much in the interest of the cause. Our sympathies go out to those who are bereaved of their loved one. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Oswald and Elder Seibel on Wednesday, September 20.

Brother C. A. Edwards at this writing is assisting some of the colporteurs in the neighborhood of Devils Lake in their deliveries. We are happy over the splendid success the Lord is giving our colporteurs in their deliveries even though some have had a strenuous time. The enemy has tried to interfere with this work, but through the help of the Lord they have all succeeded well thus far.

We wish it were possible to show all our people the nice Sabbath school cover that we have recently succeeded in obtaining. It is such an improvement over the first one we had, and it sells for only five cents more than that one did. It may be had in black, blue, green, or red color. We highly recommend this splendid quarterly cover to all our people. Just send in a quarter and we shall be glad to deliver one of these fine covers to your door.

Honor Points for M. V. societies: Jamestown 3496; Fargo 2368; Bottineau

1567; McClusky 1153; New Home 868; Bowdon 750; Harvey 671; Kulm 579; Burt 297; Butte Country 237; Beifield 200; Manfred 184; Hazelton 176; Medina 156; Medina Village 147; Williston 115; Napoleon 37.

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Victory Week, November 4 to 11

THE outstanding need and recognized possibilities of a united heroic effort to spring our Ingathering totals has caused the passing of an action by the Fall Council, making November 4 to 11 Victory Week. South Dakota is far short, and if even an average of \$1.00 a member in every church could be gleaned, what a help it would be. I appeal to those who have not been out to join those who have toiled in the heat of the day in this eleventh hour call. In the churches we urge the leaders to lead, and solicit for them a one hundred per cent response. Let us see what can be done in every church in South Dakota in answering a real S O S call of distress. Victory Week is just around the corner. Come on brothers and sisters, and let us do our best this time, and if possible put every church in South Dakota on the victory list of a dollar or more in this special drive. As the money is sent in or handed to the church treasurer, have it marked "victory." Faithful Ruth "gleaned in the field until even." May everyone cheerfully respond and glean until the sheaves are gathered.

Gather the papers that may be left, or if none, hasten a card to the office. Should the papers run short, do your best with other usable literature, or even without. The Lord will add His blessing.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Sunbeams

WE have just completed our comparative tithing and missions statement for the first nine months of 1932 and 1933. Our tithing for the first nine months of this year is \$145.44 less than for the first nine months of last year. Considering the drought and the almost complete crop failure in the greater part of our conference, we feel that this is a splendid showing. The total missions offering per member per week is .039 less this year than last year, to date.

The Ingathering funds are still coming in. At the close of the nine months

period we had \$247.37 less this year than we had for the same period last year. The individual goal is \$7.00 this year instead of \$10 as in previous years. Several churches have raised their \$7.00 per member goal. Others are getting very close to it. We hope that a final effort will be put forth in the next few weeks to gather in all we possibly can.

The price of the book entitled "Gift of Prophecy" has been reduced to 75 cents in the cloth, and 50 cents in the paper binding. In this little volume the author brings to light the teaching of the Bible regarding the voice of God among His people from the beginning of His work on earth, and particularly the manifestations of His divine leadership in connection with the closing message of the gospel. Leaders and officers of the churches will find this a very helpful little book. Send your orders to the Book and Bible House.

The new 1934 Morning Watch calendar is ready. The prices remain the same, plain 5 cents, and delux 15 cents. The Morning Watch calendar makes a splendid little remembrance.

The "Gospel in Song" has come in a new dress, bound in flexible cloth with a gold stamp on the cover. This edition has round corners and is sewed so that it will be flat when opened. The price is 40 cents.

Brother McKinley spent Sabbath, the 14th, with the Ash Grove church, and spent a few days of this week with them in the Ingathering.

Some of our mail has been returned with the notation on the envelopes, "Moved." We shall appreciate it when a change of address is made if you will kindly let the office know. This will enable us to keep our mailing list to date and will save postage on letters that are being mailed out and returned for reason of non-delivery.

Elder Tait, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, will visit a number of churches in our conference early in November.

Nebraska Conference

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Arise, Shine, November 4 to 11

THE needs of the cause of God were never greater than now to carry the Gospel to all the world. Never in the history of our denomination have new believers been won to the truth as today. The re-

sponsibilities resting on the church were never so great as now. Funds are needed, workers must be sent and supported, the present work must be sustained, and new territory entered.

The reports coming from the fields show that money can be secured from those not of our faith, and it has been voted by the Central Union Conference committee in harmony with the urgent appeal of the Fall Council of the General Conference, that we make November 4 to 11 Victory Week in our Harvest Ingathering work.

We appeal to all our people in Nebraska to answer this appeal and engage in the Harvest Ingathering solicitation during this special period.

With the war clouds gathering over Europe, and the increasing signs on every hand, we should labor as never before to finish the work of God.

Reader, can we depend on you to do your part?

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Read! Pray! Act!

"I KNOW that times are hard, money is not plenty; but the truth must be spread, and money to spread it must be placed in the treasury. . . . The work must not stop for want of means. More means must be invested in it. . . . There is a time coming when commandment-keepers can neither buy nor sell. Make haste to dig out your buried talents. . . ."

"In the last extremity, *before the work shall close, thousands will be cheerfully laid upon the altar.* Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and *they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now.* If the love of Christ were burning in the hearts of His professed people, we would see the same spirit manifested today. Did they but realize how near is the end of all work for the salvation of souls, *they would sacrifice their possessions as freely as did the members of the early church.* They would work for the advancement of God's cause as earnestly as worldly men labor to acquire riches. Tact and skill would be exercised, and earnest and unselfish labor put forth to acquire means, not to hoard, but to pour into the treasury of the Lord.

"What if some become poor in investing their means in the work? Christ for our sakes became poor; but you are securing for yourselves eternal riches, a treasure in heaven that faileth not. *Your means is far safer there than if deposited in the bank, or invested in houses and*

lands. It is laid up in bags that wax not old. No thief can approach it, no fire consume it. . . .

"How much has been thoughtlessly wasted by our youth, spent for self-indulgence and display, for that which they would have been just as happy without. Every dollar which we possess is the Lord's. Instead of spending means for needless things, we should invest it in answering the calls for missionary work. . . . If ever we needed to exercise economy it is now. . . . Every penny should be carefully treasured. A cent seems like a trifle, but a hundred cents make a dollar, and rightly spent may be the means of saving a soul from death. If all the means which has been wasted by our people in self-gratification had been devoted to the cause of God, there would be no empty treasuries, and missionaries could be established in all parts of the world.

"Let the members of the church now put away their pride and lay off their ornaments. Each should keep a missionary box at hand, and drop into it every penny he is tempted to waste in self-indulgence. But something more must be done than merely to dispense with superfluities. Self-denial must be practiced. Some of our comfortable and desirable things must be sacrificed. The preachers must sharpen up their message, not merely assailing self-indulgence and pride in dress, but presenting Jesus, His life of self-denial and sacrifice. Let love, piety, and faith be cherished in the heart, and the precious fruits will appear in the life. . . .

"Let every one who gives of his means, also send up his prayers daily that it may bring souls to the foot of the cross. In every church there should be stated seasons for united prayer for the advancement of this work. Let all be united, having a specific object for their faith and entreaties. Brethren, move high heaven with your prayers for God to work with the efforts of His servants:

"We need to cry to God as did Jacob for a fuller baptism of the Holy Spirit. The time for labor is short. Let there be much praying. Let the soul yearn after God. Let the secret places of prayers be often visited. Let there be a taking hold of the Mighty One of Israel. Let the ministers walk humbly before the Lord, weeping between the porch and the altar, and crying, 'Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach.'

"Let none indulge the thought that we have attempted too much. No, no; we have attempted too little. The work which we are now doing ought to have

been done years ago. Our plans must enlarge, our operations must be extended. What is needed now is a church whose individual members shall be awake and active to do all that it is possible for them to accomplish. . . .

"We are laborers together with God, in partnership with divine resources. The Lord has agencies that He will put in operation in answer to the importunate prayer of faith. . . . The Captain of our salvation is on every field of battle where truth is waging war against error. The truth which we profess offers the highest encouragement to the most devoted self-denial and persevering effort that mortal energies can bestow. We should have the courage of heroes, and the faith of martyrs."—Mrs. E. G. White in "Historical Sketches of S. D. A. Foreign Missions," pp. 292-294.

"Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven."—Vol. 5, p. 465.

"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.

Brethren and sisters, let us take heed to the splendid counsel contained in the foregoing paragraphs from the Spirit of prophecy, and put into the cause every penny that we can rake and scrape together and finish the work as speedily as possible and then go home!

S. G. HAUGHEY.

Minnesota Conference

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B. C. Marshall, Secretary
1854 Roblyn Ave. St. Paul

Does It Pay?

THIS summer a schoolhouse effort was started by Brother Provencher, assisted by Brother Bunker and others of the St. Paul church. The meetings are now being held in the homes of interested people. As home missionary leader of the church, Brother Provencher believes that the leader should take the lead in evangelism. Now has come October and harvest time. What is the harvest of the seed that has been sown?

On October 1 it was my privilege to meet with ten of the company who have

been regular attendants at the meetings. The call was sounded to faith and obedience, and the blessing of the Lord was felt in a marked manner. Decisions were made and lives were surrendered. Five made definite decisions to consecration and Sabbath-keeping. Others are near the deciding moment. That little country home was in truth a Beth-el last Sunday night.

Does it pay? Here was an effort conducted by a lay-preacher, held without expense to the conference, and five new Sabbath-keepers as the harvest! The modern book of Acts records pentecostal experiences. There will be many more of them, and we rejoice in the call to service that is being heard and answered in Minnesota.

V. J. JOHNS

Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President
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An Appeal

FROM the Fall Council there comes a plea for our members in Iowa to hasten to completion the Harvest Ingathering work. Never in our history has so much depended upon our success in raising our goal of \$7.00 a member. The future of God's mission program depends upon every loyal member taking an active part in the closing days of this campaign. We cannot, we must not sound the note of retreat in our world mission program. We must and we shall turn threatened defeat into victory and glorious triumph. This is possible if you, brother, sister, will do your part in raising your goal of \$7.00. Listen to this: "All who are partakers of the great salvation wrought out by Jesus Christ are under obligation to work as laborers together with God. In the Heavenly Courts the roll is called, on which every name is registered, and the Heavenly agencies respond to the call. The service given by every human being upon earth is there recorded. If any are negligent, it is recorded; if diligent, the same is reported; of idlers, the fact stands against their names. In all the great mass of humanity, not one is lost sight of. Then let every one be ready to answer the call, saying, 'Here, Lord, ready for action.'"—Review and Herald, Aug. 16, 1898.

The work of God is rapidly closing. Soon we shall see that darkness the Master spoke about when He said, "The night cometh when no man can work." Can God count on you in the crisis

hour? Remember Victory Week, November 4 to 11, when every member will have the goal of \$7.00 to save our missions.
R. S. FRIES.

Iowa Items

ELDER AND MRS. K. L. GANT met with the Cedar Rapids church Friday evening and Sabbath morning, October 14, and in the afternoon with the Clinton church. He also planned on visiting the Davenport church school before he returned.

Elder R. E. Griffin, who has just come to us from Kansas, and is now pastor of the Mason City church, writes that they are busy in the Harvest Ingathering.

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Obituaries

OLSON.—David E. Olson was born in Sweden, Dec. 24, 1882, and died at Lake Eunice, Minn., Oct. 24, 1933.

Mar. 8, 1912, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Johnson, and then moved to a farm near Crosby, N. D. He was a faithful member of the North Dakota Conference church at the time of his death. Brother Olson spent two years at Union College and one summer in the colporteur work. The cause of God was near to his heart. Left to mourn are his wife, his son, four brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Lake Eunice S. D. A. church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

N. R. NELSON.

BRENNER.—Genevive Brenner was born April 13, 1902, in St. Johns, Mich., and died at Aurora, a suburb of Denver, Colo., Sept. 16, 1933. She was graduated from the Teachers' College, of Greeley, Colo., in 1931. For some years she has been employed as a teacher in the Aurora schools. A large number of students and associates were present at her funeral. Miss Brenner is survived by her mother, a brother, and a sister. The body was taken to Williamston, Mich., for interment. She was a faithful and beloved member of the York Side Seventh-day Adventist church of Denver. Funeral services were held at the chapel of the Howard Mortuary September 19 by the writer
M. B. VANKIRK.

MACUMBER.—James H. Macumber was born at Orangeville Center, N. Y., June 14, 1852, and died at Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1933. In February, 1874, he was married to Sarah Wells. Three children were born to them, two of whom survive. Mrs. Macumber died in 1916, and in 1919 Brother Macumber married Mrs. Alvereta McArthur, who survives him.

Brother Macumber was a member of the Waterloo S. D. A. church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.
T. H. JEYS.

BAILEY.—Mary Janecek Bailey was born in Czechoslovakia, Nov. 7, 1884, and died at the Bailey Sanitarium, Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 15, 1933.

She came to the United States in 1904, and settled in Chicago, Ill., where she was married to James Bailey in 1907. To this union were born three children. The family moved to Lincoln in the year 1924.

She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1917, and remained faithful and earnest throughout her life.

Besides her family, she leaves a sister in Europe and one grandchild.

FRANK H. YOST.

HAMMELL.—William Homer Hammell was born March 10, 1880, at Footville, Wis., and died July 25, at Iliff, Colo. He was married in 1907 to Venus Colburn, of Portland, Ore. His wife passed away three years later. In 1924 he was married to Sadie Mosser, of Sterling, Colo. He is survived by his wife and four brothers.
ALGER H. JOHNS.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1933

	Book	Hours	Sales
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary			
Francis Crofoot	HW	41	41.75
G. H. Boehrig	HW	41	23.40
Karl A. Evenson	BR	12	34.50
Phillip Mishler	HW	40	24.50
H. A. Hanson	BPS	27	22.75
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	37	22.00
Grace Shumway	RJ	37	18.50
L. H. Netteburg	HW	35½	15.50
Edna Schaefer	RJ	33	13.50
Florence Ritter	RJ	30	9.00
Ada Schornstein	RJ	30	25.75
*Mrs. F. W. Berg	RJ	77	38.75
B. O. Engen	Misc	23	4.25
Lillian E. Merten	BR	19	7.50
Hazel Johnson	RJ	17	6.00
Bethel Jeffrey	RJ	13	17.50
Nina Magnuson	BR	11	5.25
A. Colporteur	RJ	9½	1.50
Minnie Ludvigson	RJ	6½	1.00
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	35½	11.50
Clare G. Rust	Mag	30	9.00
†Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag	56	22.40
Mrs. Chas. Moyer	Mag	27	30.00
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag	20	3.90
Mrs. Leah Strand	Mag	6½	3.20
Patricia Liers	Mag	5½	4.20
Lillian Baker	Mag	½	.30
Total		720½	417.40

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary			
*E. C. Aaby	COL	90	66.50
*M. F. Aaby	COL	87	50.00
W. A. Burton	BR	24	64.25
Eliz. Crawford	RJ	21	17.50
Sallie Holmes	RJ	37	26.25
Lester Neal	DR	2	10.00
John Sessor	BR	29	30.00
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	31	12.00
†Ed. Wiswell	MH	47	24.75
Freda Asher	Mag	12	6.80
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	26	15.20
Kate H. Snead	Mag	44	9.20
Total		450	332.45

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary			
H. G. Biggers	Misc	40	54.50
Florence Maurath	RJ	30	40.75
Raymond Hircock	RJ	40	24.00

J. W. Simmons	RJ	24	22.25
R. A. Gibson	RJ	41	21.50
E. W. Frederickson	RJ	39	20.25
Rita Coffin	Misc	32	12.00
J. W. Simmons	RJ	13	9.00
Nathan Coffin	OT	40	8.75
W. R. Archbold	Misc		8.25
Elva Wilcox	Mag	32	7.80
Florence Morey	Misc	7	3.25
Mrs. L. Tuschick	RJ	3	3.00
Ida Edgerton	Misc	14	2.25
R. E. Colburn	OT	24	1.00
Total		379	238.55

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Secretary			
H. Canfield	BR	51	53.35
E. Harper	HP	20	7.25
Julia Hartz	F & C		23.15
P. Jenkins	BR	31	12.50
H. Martin	HW	8	2.00
Mrs. McGrew	HW	24	13.55
Albert Priest	HP	68	84.75
Mrs. Storey	HW	9	7.75
Total		214	204.30

KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary			
†E. L. Calkins	RJ	52	10.75
J. T. North	GC	45	7.25
Arthur Reed	RJ	17	9.00
Total		114	27.00

Grand Total 1,877½ 1,219.70

*Three weeks

†Two weeks

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

WANTED.—To get in touch with middle-aged couple wanting a home, with small wages, on 28 acre farm. D. H. Keene, Route 2, Glenwood, Ia.

PURE HONEY.—None better. New crop, basswood and sweet clover. Extracted only. Case lots, 120 lbs. F. O. B. here, 5½ cents per pound. E. D. Jordan, Winnebago, Nebraska.

WANTED.—A man with good church standing, to pick corn. Can have the privilege to stay all winter. N. C. Pedersen, Oakdale, Nebr. 42-3

WANTED.—Housework, care of aged, or practical nursing, by middle-aged S. D. A. woman. Go anywhere. Eight years in one place. Address Drawer C, Central Union Reaper, 4547 Calvert Street, Lincoln, Nebr. 42-3

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, October 27

Denver, Colorado	5:04
Des Moines, Iowa	5:15
Topeka, Kansas	5:29
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:09
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:15
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:30
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:35
Pierre, South Dakota	5:40
Casper, Wyoming	5:04

A Few Days in Minnesota

WHAT rejoicing among the students on the evening of the fifth, after a field day in the Harvest Ingathering work! Such eagerness to discover the results of each band's effort! As the band leaders responded to their names, the dollars rolled in as follows: \$18, \$26.25, \$12.25, \$2.75, etc., until with almost breathless silence, the results showed about \$200, or \$30 more than the results of last year's field day. The business section of Hutchinson yielded over \$25 more than last year. Singing bands are being organized, and the students are ready to step right in to do their part. Elder Gulbrandson, the principal, reported a man to whom some one is sending the *Present Truth*, and how he sat up half the night reading and studying it and was greatly stirred.

The new conference home missionary secretary, Elder Christenson, reports pulling every church he had visited beyond last year's results.

The church in Minneapolis has just begun its work. Big loads start slowly, but we hope to see tremendous momentum in the near future.

S. T. SHADEL.

Plainview on the Map

ARRIVING at Plainview academy from Hutchinson, Sunday about 6:00 P. M., we found the students all anxiously awaiting the climax of Brother McKinley's enthusiastic efforts on Sabbath to get them ready for field day Tuesday. Monday morning at chapel a call was made for those to stand who would go out, and what a thrill the writer received when less than ten students and visitors

remained seated. Instead of personal work being done to persuade students to go, we were forced to ask some to remain at home for want of cars and territory.

On Monday afternoon Brethren Hartman and Babcock spent three hours among the business men, receiving \$170, and the following night letter received this morning, Thursday the 12th, is enough to set one's bones afire: "Plainview enrolment 104, highest in 16 years. Had Harvest Ingathering Tuesday. Most of students went out. Student groups raised \$172. Redfield business men contributed \$449. Total \$622. Field day very profitable for school and students in many ways. (Signed) H. C. Hartman."

Professor Hartman's untiring and unceasing work to increase the enrolment of the school has been greatly rewarded, and God is blessing them very abundantly. Congratulations to Brother Hartman and his school for their wonderful achievement in this year when nearly everything seemed to be burnt up with the drouth in central and western South Dakota.

S. T. SHADEL.

Iowa Department

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The church had already reached its Harvest Ingathering goal when Elder Griffin arrived, but since they had so much territory they doubled their goal and are now trying to reach it.

Elder B. A. Scherr, our new home

missionary secretary, returned from the southeastern part of the state, bringing an encouraging report about the Harvest Ingathering. He spent a few days at the office looking after his correspondence and left again to work among the churches in the western part of the state.

Brother M. N. Skadsheim, pastor of the Hawarden church, in company with Elder K. L. Gant, had a baptism at the Sioux Rapids church, Sabbath, October 21.

We have just received a copy of the new book entitled "The Holy Spirit," by Elder Branson. It is a wonderful book and will be very helpful to anyone who reads it. It contains 160 pages, and comes in the cloth binding at \$1.25 prepaid.

We were pleased to have Elder S. T. Shadel, home missionary secretary of the Central Union, spend a few hours at our office on his way to the Fall Council at Battle Creek.

Miss E. J. Blanchard, who was formerly a member of the Episcopal church, has been making a special effort for this class of people in Davenport. First she placed seventy numbers of *Present Truth* in Episcopalian homes, and followed up with the *Signs of the Times*. Printed invitations will now be sent these people, inviting them to attend our regular Sunday night meetings. She states that the Home Bible Study League is the best method to use in this work.

Harvest Ingathering Report

For Week Ending October 14, 1933

	1933	1932	Less	More
Colorado	3409.00	4487.01	1078.01	
Iowa	3314.81	3118.45		196.36
Kansas	3231.16	2132.05		1099.11
Minnesota	3102.83	5004.12	1901.29	
Missouri	2936.88	5398.29	2461.41	
Nebraska	4180.15	3881.50		298.65
North Dakota	2089.44	1624.46		464.98
South Dakota	1831.59*	2029.36	197.77	
Wyoming	234.99	471.49	236.50	
UNION	24330.85	28146.73	3815.88	

*No report this week.

Central Union Conference Statement of Forty-Cents-a-Week Fund

For Nine Months (Thirty-Nine Weeks) Ending September 30, 1933

	Member- ship	Amt. \$15.60 Per Member	Amount Received	Amount Short	Per Member 1933 1932
Colorado	3399	53024.40	20946.78	32077.62	.158 .265
Iowa	2577	40201.20	14392.11	25809.09	.143 .202
Kansas	2584	40310.40	13079.28	27231.12	.130 .158
Minnesota	3365	52494.00	19007.62	33486.38	.145 .198
Missouri	2119	33056.40	13686.77	19369.63	.166 .238
Nebraska	2528	39436.80	16689.79	22747.01	.169 .223
North Dakota	2265	35334.00	10000.45	25333.55	.113 .123
South Dakota	1518	23680.80	9516.12	14164.68	.161 .203
Wyoming	350	5460.00	2935.90	2524.10	.215 .332
Union	20705	322998.00	120254.82	202743.18	.149 .206