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## The Porter Sanitarium

At a recent meeting of the Porter Sanitarium board some changes were recommended. The medical work of the institution has been carried on through an open staff of physicians of the city of Denver, they being invited to bring their patients to the sanitarium and to prescribe their diet and treatment, which is proper that they should do. They have striven with us to build up the patronage of the institution, and have given of their talents and time to serve the needs of the suffering.

But a major purpose of our sanitariums is to correct improper diet, tobacco using, flesh eating, and to abstain from all narcotics. Many physicians do not see the value in this or prescribe the hydrotherapy treatments as we foster them in our Seventh-day Adventist institutions, hence it was difficult for the management and our workers in the Porter Sanitarium to maintain the standards which have always been the ideals of our health work.

For these reasons the board thought it best that the sanitarium provide its own medical staff, and it will be the purpose of the institution to continue to give efficient service in surgical and medical lines.

The Porter Sanitarium is beautifully situated in the south part of the city of Denver. There are forty acres of ground in its campus and surroundings. It is modern in its equipment, and ideally situated to care for those needing rest and recuperation. From the sanitarium almost two hundred miles of scenic mountains are in view; this, with the invigorating climate and sunshine, makes it a place where those who are suffering from exhausted or tired nerves can find rest. The quiet dignity and Christian mien of the workers are noticeable as one enters the doors of the place, and this makes one feel at home immediately.

Those desiring more information about the sanitarium, or literature describing the Porter, can secure the same by addressing E. G. Fulton, Manager, 2525 South Downing Street, Denver, Colo.

The doctors and nurses of the sanitarium need and covet the prayers of

God's people, that they may be so in touch with the heavenly agencies that

they may bring comfort and healing, not only to diseased bodies, but to hungry hearts as well. The Psalmist says, "He it is 'who healeth all thy diseases.'"

J. F. PIPER.

## Experiences of the People of God—No. 2

Two leading characteristics of the "remnant" church are mentioned in the Scriptures: its members "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." The latter is declared to be the "Spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 12:17; 19:10.)

Satan is angry with the church and proceeds to make war upon her. His attack from without is principally directed against the question of the commandments of God, but especially the Sabbath. From within the church, his attack is principally against the "testimony of Jesus Christ," or "the Spirit of prophecy."

National, state, and municipal Sunday laws, and such other attendant measures from without, will harass the remnant church. These, because of the persecution that will follow, will aid in sifting the church, and also will open the eyes of many not now obedient to the faith, and they will accept the Advent message and go with us to the kingdom.

Attacks upon the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and supposed "new

light" from within, will constitute a menace to our organization in all lands.

So in dealing with the experiences of the people of God, we shall need to present the warfare waged both from without and within the church. And we here submit an outline, which we will endeavor to consider step by step.

As we take up these topics one by one, we will give the scriptural references, and quote from the Spirit of prophecy, so that these will be coupled together, and each reader will see clearly that there is perfect agreement between the instruction and counsel given through this wonderful gift that has been in the remnant church from its rise, and the prophecies uttered by the prophets and apostles of old.

1. The Laodicean Message (Counsel of the True Witness). Its presentation and application to the remnant church first, and then to all professing Christians, is calculated to bring about the "revival and reformation" called for in the Bible prophecies and the Spirit of prophecy to prepare this people for the coming of the Lord.
2. This revival and reformation prepares the remnant church for the reception of the latter rain. This final outpouring of the Holy Spirit ripens the world's harvest for the heavenly sickle.
3. Giving the Laodicean message will also bring about the "great sifting," or the "shaking," as it is called in "Early Writings," pp. 269-273.
4. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain will be given the "loud cry" of the third angel's message, as it is joined by that other angel of Revelation 18.
5. The close of human probation follows.
6. Then the seven last plagues of Revelation 16 are poured out upon an impenitent world.

### A Test

"THE Lord has lent means to His people to prove them, to test the depth of their professed love for Him. Some would let go of Him, and give up their heavenly treasure, rather than to decrease their earthly possessions and make a covenant with Him by sacrifice. He calls for them to sacrifice, but the love of the world closes their ears, and they will not hear."—*Vol. 2, p. 198.*

Self-denial and sacrifice offerings should be turned to your church treasurer as soon as possible.

J. F. PIPER.

7. The second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will close the great drama and end the warfare of Satan upon the people of God.

S. G. HAUGHEY.

### What an Opportunity!

AN opportunity is often best valued and appreciated after it is gone. The fact that it is yours to be had and within reach at the time often seems to decrease its value. When gone and out of reach, it becomes all the more valuable and sought for. Therefore, we give this additional word regarding the program now on in the Central Union to place the writings of Sister White in the homes of our people.

Never in the history of the book work in the Central Union has such a liberal offer been extended to our people, and this could never have been made possible had it not been for the liberality of our union and local conferences and the publishers. Think of it! A set of the "Testimonies," cloth, or "Conflict of the Ages" series for \$7.00. We know from experience at our camp meetings that many of our people do not have these sets or even a part of them.

Inasmuch as this offer holds good until December 31 only, and these books will again carry the regular price after that date, we feel it a real privilege to urge you to make arrangements immediately for the securing of these sets from your Bible House.

You may have hesitated for financial reasons, but my suggestion is that although you may be unable to pay for them or see no way at the present time to settle for them later, that you immediately sign a coupon for the set wanted and pass it on to your Bible House secretary, with the explanation that you in some way will work a payment plan during the next few months that will enable you to secure the books. This unusual program is carried on for one purpose only, and that is to assist our people to secure these books who for financial reasons would not be able to purchase them for cash at the regular price. Because of this, would it not pay to let most anything else that at the time may seem necessary go by in order to secure a set of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy for your home? Write your Bible House secretary today!

H. W. SHERRIG.

### "Thank You, Central"

It was a genuine pleasure for the writer to assist in the present effort to

encourage our good people of the Central Union to obtain the writings of the Spirit of prophecy for their own study and for lending to their neighbors and friends.

In the three conferences I visited (Minnesota, Missouri, and Kansas), the heartiest cooperation was given by the presidents, who personally assisted in the campaign, as well as by the secretaries of the Book and Bible Houses. In addition to these brethren, the union home missionary secretary, Elder Shadel, and others gave excellent help in the effort.

It was a privilege to meet with so many of our brethren and sisters in the many churches visited, and I want to express appreciation of the kindness and hospitality extended. We were very grateful for the good weather and the excellent attendance at most of the meetings. We are earnestly hoping that those who have not come to a decision with reference to the purchasing of a set of the "Testimonies" or "Conflict of the Ages" series, or both, will do so before December 31.

ERNEST LLOYD,  
Editor, *Little Friend*.

### So. Dakota Conference

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### An Encouraging Letter

IN response to a letter sent to our membership recently on the question of faithful stewardship, a letter was received from which I give a few extracts:

"I am afraid there are too many Adventists who think it would be terrible to do every-day work on the Sabbath, yet who are literally stealing money from God. . . . I frankly admit that there was a time that the tithe seemed a burden to me, but I am truly thankful that it has long since become a pleasure. I fully believe that there are other people that are as badly mistaken as I was, and that if they could be made to see the thing in the right light, they would be faithful in tithe paying."

The letter closed with a prayer for means to win the lost. Will not every member be equally faithful to the Giver of all?

GORDEN OSS.

### Opportunity

SINCE 1934 is almost here and the responsibilities of a new year are ours, I am sure every true child of God will want to do his best to win at least one

soul for the kingdom during the new year. I believe the new *Present Truth* will help you do this. It is printed in a form that will attract attention. The *Present Truth* is published twice a month. Following are the subjects for the year 1934, issued in the order given:

No.	Date	Subject
50	Jan. 1	Daniel 2
51	Jan. 15	Increase of Knowledge
52	Feb. 1	Matthew 24
53	Feb. 15	World Unrest
54	March 1	Capital and Labor
55	March 15	Second Advent of Christ
56	April 1	Millennium
57	April 15	Inspiration of the Bible
58	May 1	Christ, the Saviour of Men
59	May 15	Sanctuary Service
60	June 1	2,300 Days
61	June 15	Life Only in Christ
62	July 1	The State of Man in Death
63	July 15	Destruction of the Wicked
64	Aug. 1	The Law of God
65	Aug. 15	Principal Law Objections Answered
66	Sept. 1	The Sabbath
67	Sept. 15	Sunday Keeping
68	Oct. 1	Daniel 7
69	Oct. 15	Seal of God and Mark of Beast
70	Nov. 1	Principal Sabbath Objections Answered
71	Nov. 15	Repentance and Conversion
72	Dec. 1	Controversy Between Good and Evil
73	Dec. 15	How We May Know Which Is True Church.

The subscription price is 25 cents a year. For \$1.00 these subjects will go to four people for one year. If you cannot send four, send two. This is a privilege we will not always have. Send the names and the money to the South Dakota Book and Bible House.

L. L. MCKINLEY.

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### Investiture Service

ON Sabbath, November 18, practically every seat in the Swan Lake church was occupied, and the audience witnessed one of the important events of the year, an investiture service. I feel that good leadership has made this possible. Sister Linden Flyger, the young people's leader, and Sister Neva Aalborg, the assistant, have worked faithfully, and Brother A. L. Hoffman, the church elder, has cooperated in every way.

A beautiful program was rendered, in which all who qualified to become Friends had an active part. Elder Gordon Smith, the union Missionary Volunteer secretary, brought the message of the hour. The writer had the privilege of presenting the pins, but before this was done, Elder Smith admonished the young people to be faithful to the principles they had learned.

Following are the names of those who became Friends: Homer Larsen, Eilene Kier, Ingrid Levison, Ilene Goodrich, Muriel Flyger, Keith Flyger, Arlene Flyger, Charles Hoffman, Robert Hoffman, and Ardis Aalborg.

Sister Grace Thompson read a splendid report of the progress of the work.  
LESLIE L. MCKINLEY.

### South Dakota Sunbeams

SABBATH schools and home division members, acknowledging the suggestion that we plan for two 100 per cent days in our conference, December 30 and January 6, are enthusiastic and express confidence that this will provide a very good beginning in goal achievements for the new year. We hope every Sabbath school member will join in this two weeks' endeavor to study the lesson every day, be present and on time, and bring an offering, whether it be large or small, or something which may be sold for missions. Those who are unable to attend services are asked to carry out the program at home and report this to the secretary. We feel sure that the Lord will bless in this.

Elder Youngberg has started a series of meetings at Wagner. He reports a very good attendance. Several nights every seat has been taken and on Sunday nights planks are put in along the wall in order to accommodate the crowd. Elder Youngberg solicits the prayers of our people for the success of the work. We trust that a company of believers will be raised up.

We are glad for the continued success that Brother Estey is having. Five more

were baptized just last week as a result of his efforts.

The last day brought three orders for the "Testimonies" and the "Conflict of the Ages" series. December 31 is not very far off and every one that possibly can should avail himself of this special price. Sign up the coupon and send it in with a deposit before that date, and we shall hold your set. Then pay the balance in payments. Write for particulars.

The new Home Missionary Calendar makes an ideal remembrance for the new year. A number of orders have been received. The stock is limited this year, so be sure to get your order in early.

### No. Dakota Conference

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### Change of Workers

AT the Fall Council the North Dakota Conference was approached by the Bureau of Home Missions in behalf of the evangelistic work to be carried on in the German Department. The brethren studied the field carefully, and finally decided to call Elder F. F. Schwindt to connect with the Bureau of Home Missions as evangelist for the German Department. Brother Schwindt has served in evangelistic efforts for years, and his experiences well qualify him to take up that line of work with the General Conference. We were rather reluctant to release Brother Schwindt, but since he has spent six years in the North Dakota Conference, the call appealed to him and he was willing to accept a change of field.

Realizing our needs, the writer counseled with Elder Ochs regarding a man to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Schwindt; for we realize that we must have someone to work among the churches of which Elder Schwindt was in charge. The name of Elder G. F. Theiss was recommended. He has just recently returned from Europe, where he served a number of years. Elder Theiss is an experienced laborer. He has spent some time in Philadelphia and New Jersey. He comes to the North Dakota Conference as a new man. None of the brethren are acquainted with him, but we feel confident that his experience in the foreign field and also in the home field will be a great blessing in making the work a success in our conference.

We are rather loath to see Brother Schwindt leave the field. We wish him God's richest blessing in his new ac-

tivities. Our prayers are that God may guide him, strengthen and uphold him as he endeavors to lead souls into this precious truth. We realize that our loss is someone else's gain.

We also welcome Brother Theiss into our field, and assure him our prayers and cooperation.

E. H. OSWALD.

### Good Conventions

ON November 10 Elders Oswald, Wentland, and the writer started on a tour among our western churches to hold church conventions. Our first convention was at Golden Valley. Everybody will long remember the meetings we had, and the spirit of unity and consecration that was manifested during our three-day stay. People who had become careless in their Christian experience took courage again, and made definite resolutions to be of greater help in the cause. Not only were these resolutions manifested in word, but also in deed, for definite plans were laid by the church to do active missionary work through the use of literature and other means.

At Dunn Center, which was our next stopping place, we had several good meetings, and the brethren appreciated the help given. Our people at Dunn Center have just about reached their Harvest Ingathering goal of \$7.00 a member. We hope that at this writing they have realized it. We also found the brethren willing to order a club of *Signs* to do active missionary work with.

On our way to Beach we stopped over at Dickinson for one evening. Elder Oswald spoke to the company there. When we return to Dickinson again, they will, no doubt, be conducting their services in the new church, which is just about finished. Our first meeting in Beach was on Friday evening, November 17, and a goodly number were present. There are many of our people living quite a distance from the church, but we found that they were very loyal in attending every meeting during the day as well as in the evening. From the remarks that we heard made by the church members, we know that the convention at Beach was profitable to all.

On Monday, November 20, we started for Taylor. We do not have a large membership at Taylor, but the ones that are there are faithful and appreciated the three-day convention. They also ordered a club of *Signs* to use in systematic distribution through the Home Study League.

The brethren at Hebron, where we had

our next convention, are of good courage. They were only sorry that the convention could not be held longer, but we are sure that definite benefits were received even though the convention was not as long as some of the others.

The last church on this tour was Burt. We had two meetings during the day and one in the evening. These meetings were all well attended by the young people as well as the older ones. We are also glad for many who attended who were not of our faith.

In general, it may be said that it was a great joy to conduct these meetings and to present the fundamentals of our message anew. Family altars that had been broken down were again restored, and others who had never practiced family worship in the home, started to do so. Young people that had gone astray came back, and others who had never made a profession took their stand as our message was presented. Brethren who had become negligent in the observance of Sabbath again took a new stand, determining to live the message more whole-heartedly. We also found that the churches were willing to respond to the literature work by ordering clubs of *Signs* and *Present Truth*, and we know that the Lord will reward every faithful effort that is put forth in behalf of the distribution of literature.

We hope and pray with you, brethren, that since the "night is far spent and the day is at hand," we may all do our utmost in the work of winning precious souls for Christ.

R. R. BIETZ,  
Home Missionary and  
M. V. Secretary.

### Rays from S. R. A.

DURING the week of November 19 to 25, Shyenne River Academy observed the annual Week of Sacrifice. In order that they might enter into the real spirit of sacrifice the students voted unanimously to go without the usual butter, fruits, and desserts. A cheerful spirit pervaded the student body, and we are glad to report an offering for missions of nearly \$110.

Those who received a grade of B or above in all classes are entitled to honorable mention. As a result of the first six weeks' examination, Myrlo Hilde, Luella Bentz, and Melvin Wahl are on the honor roll.

Mrs. R. R. Newman has organized the church choir of sixteen voices. A new feature of the choir this year is a short prayer song sung immediately after the minister's silent invocation.

Prayer bands were organized last week, and every Wednesday during the chapel hour the teachers with small groups of students seek God for guidance in meeting the every-day problems of life.

Professor Newman gave the students a pleasant surprise in chapel Thursday by announcing vacation for the remainder of the day. Some spent these hours skating, others in preparing the special dinner served by our matron. In the evening all gathered in the dining room for the Thanksgiving program.

### Missouri Conference

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### Stewardship of Grace—Number 3

"HE that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10.

We believe it would be time well spent to consider the principle expressed in this quotation. As a foundation for thought, we have the statement of Solomon who said, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Prov. 10:22. It seems clear that our attitude to the blessing bestowed determines the abundance of the blessing given. "Faithfulness in that which is least" demonstrates our ability to be trusted with much. The Lord blesses that we may be a blessing; and He can bestow in fullness only when the bestowal is used in proper recognition of the giver, and in the right development of the character of the receiver. The counsel to the receiver is, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," Luke 12:15. No, the blessing is not measured by the abundance possessed, but by faithfulness in the use.

Note again the principle as enunciated by Solomon: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine," Prov. 3:9, 10. The keyword of this scripture is "so." "So" means "to this or that degree," "by reason of this or that cause." Paraphrased, then, it would read: "To the degree that you honor me with the first-fruits of thine increase, your barns will be filled"; or "by reason of your recognition and faithfulness in honoring me with the first-fruits of your increase, I fill your barns with plenty."

Here let us review the past for a moment. Was your crop cut short by drought, chinchbugs, or grasshoppers? Was the market poor? Did the bank fail and you lost all? If so, what is the lesson taught by the scripture? "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, saith the Lord." "Wherein have we robbed thee?" "In tithes and offerings." Surely this language is sufficiently clear for all to see that the lack in possession is the fruitage of unfaithfulness upon the part of the receiver of the blessing and not upon Him who bestows.

I believe the believers in Missouri should seriously consider the responsibility of stewardship, and the principles of tithes and offerings.

May God impress us that the right to eat of the fruit of the tree of life will be upon the basis of faithfulness rather than abundance.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

### Why Support Prohibition?

IN regard to prohibition, pertinent questions are often raised from some of our believers as follows: Why should we endeavor to force prohibition upon those who do not want it? Why support it from a legal standpoint since Jesus did not use force upon any one against his will? Why should we support the law to compel or enforce prohibition when there are other evils of more importance?

The assertion that Christ did not use force apparently seems to convince many. We cannot ignore these important questions, nor can we pass them by slightly. First we must recognize the fact that governments are ordained by God. (Romans 13:1) Since governments are ordained by God, then God expects them to protect lives when they are in danger. When a critical issue is at stake and lives are jeopardized, it is the duty of the government to interfere and protect the right of every individual.

As long as the law does not interfere or dictate to one's religious beliefs, then the law is free to exercise authority for the sake of protection. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that we are to exert our influence, precept and example, by voice and pen, in favor of prohibition and total abstinence. (See "Gospel Workers," pp. 387-388.)

Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks. The Spirit of prophecy admonishes us to do all in our power in supporting prohibition, but never does it

urge nor insinuate that we use force in any way to bring it about.

God ordained the government to bring about order and law. For this reason we are admonished to obey the law. But the paramount reason that we as a people are exhorted and urged to lose no time in supporting prohibition is as follows: There is no other evil that destroys and ruins lives as does alcoholic drink. It perpetuates crime and misery of the worst sort. When one is under the influence of liquor there is no telling what crime he may commit. It degrades morals, enfeebles the intellect, and brings the higher powers into subjection to the animal appetites and passions. The reasoning faculty is stupified, and all good morals and decency are disregarded. When one is under the influence of alcohol the loss of self respect is beyond words.

The Bible condemns the one who sells it. (Habakkuk 2:15.) If the Scriptures condemn it and admonish us not to purchase or drink it, then why should any feel that it is wrong to prohibit it? It is for this sole purpose that the Spirit of prophecy urges our people to do all we can in fighting liquor traffic.

AL COSSETTA.

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### Missouri News Notes

SIXTEEN of our churches have reported more Harvest Ingathering funds this year than last. We know that several of the churches are planning on doing big things during the holiday season. Several other churches have raised nearly as much as last year, and we are looking for these to do better than last year.

Elder L. E. Christman, of the General Conference, at the time of his visit, complimented the church at St. Joseph because so many have reached their goal. The brethren there have gone out seventy or more miles to solicit. The church at Kansas City also has gone out great distances and worked faithfully.

We would be glad to receive at the office the names of all who have succeeded in raising the General Conference goal of \$7.00 in the Harvest Ingathering.

Sister Alice A. Bailey, of Luray, reports she has gone over her goal, and adds: "I dreaded going out this year on account of the depression, for I felt the work would be harder, but am glad to say I enjoyed the work, for I felt the Lord's leadership more than in former years."

A large investiture service is planned at the Kansas City Memorial church at

eleven o'clock, December 23. Elder Gordon Smith and other Missionary Volunteer leaders will take part in the program.

"The Coming Crisis" is the title of a new book just off the press. This volume is written by Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the *Review*. This book will prove of special interest to our people. It is largely made up of statements from the printed volumes of the Spirit of prophecy, and other writing of Sister White. This is one of the best books that has been published recently. It should be in every Adventist home. It contains some quotations from the "Testimonies" that you have been looking for but did not know where to find them. Then there are some striking statements that are entirely new. In at least three different quotations that are reprinted, the writer tells of certain conditions which are to be followed by "national ruin." Do those conditions exist now? This book is the most authentic, up-to-date volume that you have seen. The price is only 35 cents. No Seventh-day Adventist family can afford to be without it. Order a copy today of the Missouri Book and Bible House.

### Minnesota Conference

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### With Our Workers

GOOD reports are coming to us from Brother Hiatt. Eight new members have been added to the Anoka church. These have been won to the message during 1933.

At East Bethel Elder Hiatt has organized the little company into a church. Six new members, with nine old members, have made a church of fifteen. With a deep spiritual experience and an intense earnestness in Christian service, this new church will be as a shining light in their community. Brother F. E. Swanson has been chosen as their elder. Their place of meeting is the East Bethel town hall.

Elder Hiatt has started a series of meetings in the St. Stephens Episcopal church on the line between Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center. We wish him every success in this effort that many precious souls may be gathered in.

Monday evening, December 11, it was my privilege to meet once more with the company at International Falls. Four were baptized recently by Elder Pontynen from the summer tent effort. Three others are ready for baptism. Miss Deters is

doing most efficient work in carrying forward the work. She has a large list of Bible studies. The Sabbath school attendance now numbers 30. They are renting the Baptist church for Sabbath meetings. I greatly enjoyed my visit to this company, and, with 20 degrees below zero weather, there was a splendid attendance at the meeting.

The meetings held by Elders Edwardson and Nelson in the Franklin Avenue Hall give promise of good success. It was a pleasure for me to visit one of the meetings and see the intense interest on the part of the people.

On Sabbath, December 2, I visited for the first time the Scandinavian church of St. Paul. There was a whole-hearted spirit of consecration manifested in this growing church. Alread eleven have been baptized by Elder Lidner from his evangelistic effort. We are expecting great things from these faithful people.

V. J. JOHNS.

### Iowa Conference

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### Itinerating

SINCE the Fall Council we have been visiting some of the churches, telling the story of the providences of God in mission lands. The first Sabbath we spent with the Des Moines church. The Sabbath school had an excellent Investment program, and it was a joy to hear the young people and children bring to us a most interesting program. Sister Reed is doing excellent work in heading up the Sabbath school and it was a pleasure to meet with this company.

The following Sabbath we met with the Cedar Rapids church. We rejoice to hear about their good report of the Harvest Ingathering. They have made their \$7.00-a-member goal and are still going. The singing band, under the direction of Miss Ruby Niermeyer, has done excellent work. Three members of the church have secured over \$100 each. This is a working church, and God is blessing the work in this city. Dr. Mantz is leading out in his usual strong way, and the future holds great possibilities for a number of souls to come into the message there.

The next Sabbath we met with the church at Council Bluffs. Elder Bresee and Brother Christofferson are doing excellent work here in keeping the church actively engaged in missionary endeavors, while Sister Christofferson had the

pleasure of having another class graduate in home nursing. We wish other churches could have the privilege of such talent along medical lines.

The next Sabbath we spend with the little company at Albia, and baptized eight people as a result of Brother Howe's work at Hamilton. It was our first visit to Albia and we greatly appreciated our stay there. A large number from surrounding churches came in, and a good time was had in the Lora.

Last Sabbath we met with the company at Mason City. Elder Griffin is getting hold of the work in a strong way, having ten in his baptismal class already, and he plans for a strong evangelistic campaign.

We are glad to report this note of progress around the field, and know that other churches are being greatly blessed as well as those we have visited recently. Just a little while and the work will soon be finished. Let us determine that we will have some part in getting others ready to meet the coming Christ.

R. S. FRIES.

### Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria

THE Penny-a-Dish opened up in Des Moines Wednesday, November 29, with a good patronage from the start. We are now feeding around 250 people a day. We fully expect to feed 10,000 during the month of December. The newspapers have given us good publicity. The letters that we have sent out have been productive of much good. Prominent people have inspected the cafe, and a deep interest is being aroused in the minds of hundreds of people regarding what Adventists are doing in this welfare work. Everyday we rejoice as we are able to be the means of helping a number of persons not only physically, but also spiritually.

The Winterset and Terril churches have sent in generous food supplies and they have been a great help in keeping down our expense. We trust that other churches will follow their good example and do all they can to help this work. Every bit of food contributed saves us money that we would have to pay out to buy similar supplies.

Remember this work in your prayers that God may use it to bring the truth before thousands.

R. S. FRIES.

### Albia

SABBATH, November 25, was a blessed day for the church members around Hamilton and Albia. Three services were held, morning and afternoon and even-

ing. In the afternoon service, eight were baptized, joining the little company at Hamilton. Brother and Sister Howe worked very faithfully in bringing the truth to these people, and there was much rejoicing as they went forward in baptism. Others are waiting baptism and will go forward shortly. A large attendance was present during all three services, which were held in the Christian church at Albia.

R. S. FRIES.

### Today

"TODAY if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart." Will you not listen, dear reader, while the Lord through His Spirit speaks to your heart? So many times we speak to God, but fail to listen to His still small voice as He says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." We do not fail to tell the Lord what we want, and really, our wants are many; but did you ever stop to think that He longs to talk to you, but only a few will stop to listen? If you did, perhaps this is what you would hear him say: "When I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at His word." Isa. 66:4, 5. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen." Isa. 43:10. "Harken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings." Isa. 51:7. Is it not this fear that keeps many from His service? To be fearful is a terrible thing, for John the Revelator says, "The fearful, and unbelieving, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." So let us not be fearful. But let us put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand in that day. Never before in the history of this world has God pleaded so with the hearts of men to yield themselves for service. Why? Because soon we will see the consummation of all things, the final destruction of the wicked and the redeemed of all ages. Soon the work will be over, the harvest ended. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. "Then

saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37,38.

The Master has asked you to pray for laborers. Will you not pray as never before for the Master's vineyard? Perhaps someone in your church should be out in God's service. Speak to such a one, or write your field secretary to make him a visit. Only a week from the time this article appears, we will be holding our annual institute at Nevada, Iowa. Ten days of training in Christian salesmanship will be given. God needs you, brother, sister. Let him have His way with you.

L. P. KNECHT.

734 Main Street, Nevada, Iowa.

### Iowa Notes

ALL those who know themselves to be in debt to the Iowa Book and Bible House are requested to pay their accounts in full on or before December 25, 1933.

Elder K. L. Gant, our educational and M. V. secretary, spent last week with the Exira church. He returned to the office the first of the week.

Brother L. P. Knecht reports that he spent a very profitable time with the Ruthven church, Sabbath, December 9. He spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour and also to the young people in the afternoon.

The 1934 Senior, Junior and Primary Reading Course books are now in stock. Prices are very reasonable, and any one of the sets would make a splendid gift for either your boy or girl.

Elder J. R. Nelson, pastor of the Sioux City church, writes that they are having very good attendance at the meetings which are conducted each Sunday night.

Elder Stemple White, pastor of the Davenport church, is planning on starting Sunday night meetings just as soon as the church is through Harvest In-gathering.

The conference treasurer's books for the year 1933 will be closed on Thursday, January 4, 1934. We are very anxious that all our local church treasurers will have their reports in by that time. We would also suggest that our isolated people send their offerings in so they will reach the office here at Nevada on or before the above date.

Elder Griffin is busily engaged in getting ready for evangelistic work in Mason City. If the proper hall can be secured, he expects to open meetings in a short while.

Sunday night meetings at the Des Moines church are still well attended.

Elder Miller is kept busy calling on the interested people and giving them Bible readings. Our welfare work has been the means of bringing our truth to the attention of a number of souls who will yet be baptized as a result of this work.

**Kansas Conference**  
 A. H. Rulkoetter, President  
 T. C. Nethery, Secretary  
 Box 605 - - - - - Topeka

**A Reminder**

REMEMBER the special "Testimony" offer definitely ends December 31. After

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**Obituaries**

**PRESSNELL.**—Mary Elizabeth Pressnell, nee Leavell, was borne Dec. 1, 1840, in southern Ohio, and died at Denver, Colo., Nov. 29, 1933, just two days less than ninety-three years old.

She had lived with her daughter, Mrs. M. B. VanKirk, for nearly twenty-six years.

Her parents were J. W. and Sarah Leavell. Her childhood and youth were spent in the neighborhood of Cadiz, Ind. Sept. 11, 1857, she was united in marriage to Jonathan Pressnell. To this union were born four children, Alva, Charles, Lynn, and Ada (now Mrs. M. B. VanKirk).

1866 the family, which at that time comprised but four, removed to Eagle Lake, Minn., where the two youngest children, Lynn and Ada, were born.

In 1877 a Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting was held, and their attention was called to the doctrines held by that people. Several years later the family became identified with this denomination, the teachings of which the whole family have held to this day.

Surviving to mourn their loss are two children: Charles, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. M. B. VanKirk, of Denver, and five grandchildren.

Just a few hours preceding her death she expressed her faith in Jesus and His power to save. Many times during the four days previous to her death she repeated portions of Scripture, as, "I will look to the hills whence cometh my help"; "They shall be as white as snow"; "When I awake in His likeness"; and "At the latter day he shall stand upon the earth."

Interment was had at Eagle Lake, Minn., beside her companion and two sons and a step-daughter. No services were held in Eagle Lake except a short one at the grave. Some thirty or more old friends gathered to pay their respects.

A short service was held in the home, Elder Nethery and Elder Geo. Mathews assisting the writer, who gave the talk.

M. B. VANKIRK.

**COLEY.**—Anna Coley, nee Peterson, was born in Hedamora, Sweden, Feb.

17, 1867. She came to the United States in 1886, and in 1894 was married at Moorhead, Minn., to Andrew Coley. After coming to this country, she became a Seventh-day Adventist and remained a faithful member until called to rest. Mrs. Coley resided in Minnesota until four years ago, when she went to California because of ill health. On November 14, 1933, she fell peacefully asleep and was laid away in the Evergreen cemetery of East Oakland, Calif. Her husband, a son, three daughters, with three brothers and two sisters are left to mourn.

E. F. PETERSON.

**RUEB.**—Tillie Hilda Rueb was born near Leola, S. Dak., Feb. 22, 1917, and died at the home of Elder C. M. Babcock at Redfield, S. Dak., Sunday evening, Nov. 19, 1933, after an illness of only a few days. On returning from a visit to her home she was ailing and not able to resume her school work at Plainview Academy. She was baptized by the writer on May 3, 1930, and became a member of the Leola church.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder J. H. Seibel, of the North Dakota Conference, assisted by Elder Carl Beck and the writer. We laid her to rest in the family burying plot near her home.

C. M. BABCOCK.

**COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK  
ENDING DECEMBER 9, 1933**

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
<b>IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary</b>			
Robert Garber	RJ	34	41.75
Raymond Hircok	RJ	38	34.00
Rita Coffin	FS	25	32.75
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	FS	33	25.75
W. R. Archbold	FS	37	21.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc	34	18.25
Anna Kromer	Misc	17	17.40
Nathan Coffin	OT	25	16.25
Florence Morey	FS	34	15.25
R. A. Gibson	RJ	37	14.00
Elva G. Wilcox	Mag.	28	14.00
Florence Maurath	RJ	24	13.00
Anna Will	Mag	17	8.90
J. W. Simmons	FS	12	8.75
E. W. Frederickson	RJ	14	7.25
Ida Edgerton	FS	14	5.00
L. P. Knecht	OT		10.10
<b>Total</b>		<b>407</b>	<b>303.65</b>

<b>MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Sec.</b>			
B. O. Enqen	HW	41	27.10
Grace Shumway	RJ	37	16.00
H. A. Hanson	HW	34	23.75
G. H. Boehrig	HW	35	14.25
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	34	13.00
Francis Crofoot	HW	32	34.00
Phillip Mishler	HW	31	33.25
Nevada Brickey	BPS	25	24.00
Ada Schornstein	RJ	13	14.00
F. W. Lequier	RJ	18	6.50
Nina Magnuson	BR	11	13.55
Edna Schafer	BR	7	9.75
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ	8	2.75
Clare G. Rust	Mag	40	16.10
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag	34	14.90
*Esther Dufstrom	Mag	53	12.15
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	28	6.60
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag	7	1.30
Mrs. Leah Strand	Mag	7	2.60
Patricia Liers	Mag	6	5.20
<b>Totals</b>		<b>501</b>	<b>294.75</b>

<b>SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.</b>		
Orville Lee Poore	FS	23 18.85
Lucille Redmon	FS	21 7.85
Lucille Redmon	FS	17 4.35
Joe Ocknega	RJ	32 20.00
Olive L. Redmon	OD	50 29.50
M. A. Wyman	RJBROD	13 34.50
Bernice Park		6.35
<b>Total</b>		<b>156 121.40</b>

<b>MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary</b>		
E. C. Aaby	Col	14 13.00
W. A. Burton	BR	33 36.00
Mrs. Sophia Carter	HP	24 40.50
Sallie Holmes	RJ	21 6.40
A. P. Kohltfarber	OD	18 18.50
Floyd Mathews	BR	40 42.45
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	33 19.00
Mrs. W. T. Heyer	Mag	6.50
Mrs. A. F. Meyers	Mag	16 9.00
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	10 5.60
Kate H. Snead	Mag	7 2.10
Mrs. C. E. Stanley	Mag	3 1.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>219 200.65</b>

<b>COLORADO: H. G. Herndon, Sec.</b>		
H. L. Canfield	BR	36 1.50
Ernest Harper	HP	32 4.00
Mrs. P. Jenkins	BP	22 6.50
Albert Priest	HP	60 28.00
Greta Nelson	Mag	19 1.90
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	15 16.25
Mrs. L. R. Storey	HW	26 2.25
Mrs. C. Willett	Crisis	27 5.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>237 65.65</b>

<b>NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.</b>		
F. L. Cushing	BTS	19 8.00
H. E. Preston	FS	40 26.25
John Ogren	OD	25½ 5.00
Henry Pope	HP	10 8.00
Miss Dela Rice	Mag	5 5.00
Bertha Harlan	HW	5 1.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>104½ 53.75</b>

<b>KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary</b>		
J. T. North	GC	30 5.75
Mrs. L. Ratliff	Misc	15 5.95
R. L. Steele	BR	44 9.90
<b>Total</b>		<b>89 21.60</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1713 1061.45</b>

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

Chamberlain Sanitarium Offers an accredited 3-year nurses' training course, including 6 months affiliation for experience in children's diseases. Requirements: Young women of 18-30 years, good moral character, high school graduate, \$25 entrance fee. Books and uniforms extra. Next class starting January, 1934. Write for information. Chamberlain Sanitarium, Chamberlain, S. Dak. 50-1

**WANTED.** — Experienced farmer and stock raiser wants to manage furnished place for share. Frank Crabtree, St. Francis, Kansas. 50-1

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### Sunset Calendar

For Friday, December 22

Denver, Colorado .....	4:38
Des Moines, Iowa .....	4:46
Topeka, Kansas .....	5:04
St. Paul, Minnesota .....	4:35
Jefferson City, Missouri .....	4:50
Lincoln, Nebraska .....	5:02
Bismarck, North Dakota .....	4:57
Pierre, South Dakota .....	5:07
Casper, Wyoming .....	4:30

### Union College

M. L. Andreasen, President  
College View Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

### Union College Notes

CHLOE ADAMS-SOFSKY discussed "Simple Art Tastes in the Home" before girls of North Hall in their club meeting Wednesday evening. She specifically explained the place of pictures, showing examples of appropriate paintings, etchings, and drawings.

Elder J. A. P. Green, of the General Conference Publishing Department, spoke to the students in chapel December 11, telling them of his difficulties and achievements in the colporteur work.

Christmas vacation for the college begins December 21 and closes with January 2.

In spite of the cold weather December 10, the two schoolhouse and the Spanish efforts were well attended that evening. The people continue to assist with the heating and lighting of the buildings. Mr. Pohle, who conducts the Spanish meetings, reports that the two Mexican men who are assisting him installed temporary electric lights with an extension from an adjoining building Sunday night. These two men also have the hall heated and the audience assembled for Mr. Pohle when he arrives at seven o'clock.

The Week of Sacrifice at Union College was characterized by a series of activities promoted by the students. Some of these are not yet completed; consequently, final figures as to the total amount raised are not available. The

entire school cooperated in providing goods for an auction sale, which brought in \$22. North Hall girls carried on projects in the form of candy, popcorn, pie, and novelty sales in the village. Village students conducted a lunch counter on Saturday night with foods donated to them.

President M. L. Andreasen and Vesta Andreasen, accompanied by Florence Lucille Terry and Wallace Nethery, visited Oak Park Academy over the week-end of December 9. Miss Terry and Mr. Nethery gave a program of readings and music at the academy on Saturday night. President Andreasen also visited the Des Moines, Iowa, church, where he spoke at the Sabbath morning services.

P. E. Shakespeare, recently elected field missionary of the Nebraska Conference, visited Union College with Elder J. A. P. Green last week. He spoke to the men of South Hall in their assembly Sunday evening.

### Boulder Sanitarium Notes

It is gratifying to note that some of the REAPER readers have responded to the suggestions in our announcement of November 28, concerning winter rates at the sanitarium.

We believe that "a word to the wise is sufficient," but are sure that that word needs repeating occasionally. Those who have come to the sanitarium for a little health check-up have been well repaid for their effort, and have been encouraged by a renewing of their vision of the health work, as committed to Seventh-day Adventists.

Dear church member, let us not forget that we have a duty to ourselves as well as to our neighbors, in the highest application of the truths of healthful living. We cannot do our best when our physical energies are reduced to a low ebb; and we owe it to the cause we represent, to live, to prosper, and to be in health.

Perhaps during the holidays you will find the time to slip away for a few days to the sanitarium. Perhaps some long-neglected tonsil or sinus work could be attended to, and perhaps you can bring along a neighbor and friend who sadly need the care the institution is prepared to provide.

Money spent in health protection should not be regarded as an expense, but as an investment; and since health is our greatest and most valuable possession, what better use of funds could be made?

Be among the wise, and take this word

of invitation seriously. Write for information on winter rates at the sanitarium, addressing Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium, Boulder, Colo.

### Kansas Department

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that date your books will cost you the regular price, \$12 instead of \$7.00. If you cannot pay cash for your set, your signed coupon and a \$2.00 deposit before January 1 will hold the bargains for you, the balance to be paid by March 1.

We are happy to see so many taking advantage of this offer, and hope that many others among our people may share the privilege also. Indeed opportunity stands at your door.

A. H. RUIHKOETTER.

### Enterprise News Notes

PROFESSOR D. D. REES visited the school December 9 and 10. He was accompanied by Professor E. B. Ogden, a former teacher at Enterprise Academy. Professor Rees spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath, bringing a timely lesson in practical religion. On Saturday evening he gave a stereopticon lecture on the work for the blind. Students and teachers expressed their appreciation of the visit made by Professor Rees and Professor Ogden.

The Week of Prayer at the Academy is in progress. Mr. Harder, the Bible teacher, speaks at the chapel hour, and the other teachers speak at the evening worship hour. Prayer bands are held each day. A good spirit prevails and victories are being won.

### Nebraska Conference

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### Tekamah

THE total amount of Investment money received by the Tekamah Sabbath school was \$53.30. We are grateful for the spirit shown and the cooperation of both old and young to make this amount possible. The juniors were given 25 cents each at the beginning of the year to invest, and they with their teacher turned in \$11, which was the proceeds from the chickens and ducks which they raised. Various methods were used by others. Some made liberal cash pledges, and they were able to meet their obligations on Investment day.

MRS. JOSIE TOLLES,  
S. S. Supt., Tekamah, Nebr.