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Keepsakes for the Melting Pot

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STRANGE, is it not, how some pretty trinket holds tender memories?—a locket, a circlet of gold, a precious stone, a chain, a bracelet; or perhaps it may be a silver plate handed down for generations, or a coin to which is attached real or fancied value. Whatever the treasured trinket may be, dedicate it to Him who gave all for you.

Just now, when the world-wide work of proclaiming God's last gospel message in all the world presents great need, the cross of Christ should be a very real symbol of sacrifice to God's commandment-keeping people. The story is told of Frederick William III, King of Prussia, who, more than a century ago, was carrying on extensive wars with a view of making a great nation of the Prussian people. The king found that he did not have sufficient money for the accomplishment of his plans, and yet to cease his warfare would mean that the country would be taken by the enemy, and dire distress come upon his people. To meet the crisis, a call was made to the women of Prussia, as many of them as wanted to help the king, to bring their jewelry of gold and silver to be melted down into money for meeting the needs of their country. The response was instant and general. Patriotic women brought all the jewelry they had, and in exchange for each ornament of gold or silver they received an ornament of bronze or iron precisely like the original, as a token of the king's gratitude. On all these bronze and iron ornaments was engraved one sentence of great significance. It was this: "I gave gold for iron, 1813." It soon became very unpopular for any person in all Prussia to wear jewelry, but all were proud to display the king's medal. So there came to be known "The Order of the Iron Cross," whose members wore no ornament except a cross of iron, and gave money otherwise used for service in behalf of their king and country.

Today the King of Heaven calls for loyal response from all His subjects in bringing in their jewelry of gold and silver to meet the emergency for the

advancement of His kingdom. Far greater than the honor of belonging to "The Order of the Iron Cross" is the privilege of lifting the banner of the Cross of



Christ in every part of the world. To all who are willing to respond to the call of the King for the consecration of life, talent, means, and heart treasures, there will be imparted "the richest gift that

Drifters Classed with Sinners

So many Seventh-day Adventists think that all they need to do is to be punctual in church duties, such as attending services, paying tithe, studying the Sabbath school lesson daily, etc. All these are good and should be carried out conscientiously, but it is possible to do these things in a routine way and be a drifter.

"In the great Judgment day, those who have not worked for Christ, who have drifted along thinking of themselves, caring for themselves, will be placed by the Judge of the whole earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation."—"Desire of Ages," p. 641. J. F. PIPER.

can be given to mortal man—the robe of Christ's righteousness."—"Test. Vol. IX, p. 114. (See article on page 8, "The Melting Pot.")

J. A. STEVENS, Secretary,
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Facing Grave Issues

THIS year the Religious Liberty Day program comes on Sabbath, March 3. It presents some very vital issues that are fraught with dynamite. The recent trend of events has been away from American ideals of civil and religious liberty. Our legislators are treading on dangerous ground. Our most cherished rights, which we received as a sacred heritage from our forefathers, are placed in jeopardy. The legislators have been inclined to hand over the functions of government to bureaus, commissions, and boards which are not responsible to the people and which have shown little regard for the most sacred rights of the people. These bureaus have been encroaching more and more upon popular rights and have even invaded the sacred precincts of religion.

Local bureaus and officials have exercised dictatorial powers beyond anything the federal government ever intended should be exercised under the federal provisions of the NRA. The Religious Liberty Day program presents some concrete cases where this modern tendency toward autocratic power has manifested itself recently. Everybody should have the opportunity to hear this program on Religious Liberty Day.

Since preparing that program, however, things have broken loose in Congress. The proverbial camel has penetrated his nose into the legislative tent of Congress on the question of Sunday legislation. The Congress passed a Liquor Control Law for the District of Columbia with a clause in it which prohibits the sale of hard liquors on Sunday, thus fulfilling the statement made by Sister White that the lawmakers would pass Sunday laws at the same time in connection with the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors. Read my article in the *Review and Herald* of February 22 on the stirring time in Congress.

Everything indicates that prophecy is fast fulfilling and that the end of all things is fast approaching. Sunday law issues are springing up all over the country before state legislatures and city municipalities. In many of the state, county, and town elections the Sunday law issue is placed on the ballot.

At a Sunday law hearing before the Virginia legislature, January 30 of this year, a prominent member of the legislature made a remarkable speech in defense of religious liberty and in favor of the repeal of the Virginia Sunday law. He referred repeatedly to the *Liberty* magazine, and when I congratulated him at the conclusion for his wonderful speech on religious freedom and against Sunday laws, he replied: "I could never have made that speech if I had not read the *Liberty* magazine for years."

It certainly pays to send the *Liberty* magazine to our state officials and public men. We hope and trust that every local elder and pastor in every church will carry out the Religious Liberty Day program on Sabbath, March 3, this year, and give our faithful people an opportunity to give a liberal offering for the religious liberty work, and also to become subscribers to the *Liberty* magazine, and thus keep informed as to what is happening and how to meet these stirring issues. Frequently we receive offerings from our people for the religious liberty work, and they say that their pastor or elder did not carry out the Religious Liberty Day program, so they had no chance to help in the religious liberty work. They say that they are deeply interested in this work, and so send the offering on to our office. Insist that your pastor carry out the program so you can give your offering through the regular channel. The times in which we live and the issues we are having should appeal to every heart to make a liberal contribution to this all-important work at this time.

C. S. LONGACRE.

Here It Is

FIFTY cents a month or six dollars a year is what most families pay for the daily paper, and what do we see? Exciting tales of villainy and murder, kidnapping and divorces. How much is there which will draw one nearer to God or prepare him for heaven? There are some helpful things found in the newspapers, to be sure, and I am not advocating our people should not read them, but the money we spend for newspapers should not prevent us from taking the *Signs*. The *Signs* interprets the news. Permit me to

suggest a saving by listening to the news over the radio, where you have one, and spend your fifty cents a month for a club of *Signs*. After reading, place one in the public library, some in reading racks, hospitals, old people's homes, jails, or pass out some to professional men. What a field for service and what an able minister!

S. T. SHADEL.

So. Dakota Conference

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A Fine Tithe Letter

FROM the correspondence that keeps coming to our desk we select the following, which our readers will enjoy:

"I think a lot of the tithe leaflets that are sent out, and I am so happy to get a better understanding of this system. I have been laughed at for paying tithe on what little I do have, and go without things I really need, but I am happiest doing that way, and I love to do it. I know God has blessed me greatly for it. Two years ago I got only four and one half bushels of potatoes from my little patch, but I paid tithe on them, and the next year I had forty-five bushels. Was that not wonderful? The grasshoppers were all around my garden but did not hurt the garden hardly any. I have tried my best to tell — that if he would only pay tithe things would be different. . . . It is all so plain to me and looks so reasonable, too. I surely do believe in it with my whole heart, for I am absolutely converted and delight to do the will of the Father. I really cannot see anything to worry about. If God took care of the children of Israel and the prophets, and fed and clothed them, He will do that for us too if we do our part. How sorry it makes me feel to see people worrying so. What good does it really do anyway? Where is their trust in God? I love the good old *Signs*, and I am glad to have those splendid Bible markings they are giving now. I am the third one to get the same *Signs*, but it is just as fine, and some day I will get it for myself again."

We should appreciate more letters of this kind.

GORDON OSS.

A Growing Sabbath School

THE readers of the REAPER will be interested in a Sabbath school which has more than doubled in attendance in direct answer to prayer. The Brookfield Sabbath school, near Salem, S. Dak.,

has numbered but two families with a membership of nine, two of whom were cradle roll members. The wish that others might be added was often expressed. The prospect in man's sight did not seem very encouraging, as the neighborhood was strongly Catholic and Lutheran. The superintendent suggested that we pray for new members. Shortly after this two visitors came, and at the close invited us to meet with them in a schoolhouse about ten miles away. The next Sabbath found ten or more visitors with us. Several of these have become regular members. Every Sabbath for many Sabbaths at least one new face appeared in our school. Intense interest has been shown and nearly every one takes an active part.

The school has prospered under the quiet, unassuming leadership of the superintendent, and has had an influence on the evening meetings held by Brother Ernest Gackenhimer, a self-supporting worker formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa. One sister who had requested the Sabbath school is keeping the Sabbath now. Her sister is a school teacher and is a regular attendant. She is the superintendent of the community Sunday school. Our offerings for the last quarter totaled \$55.20. This includes \$10.71 for the thirteenth Sabbath, also the birthday and Investment offerings. A real interest is shown in the daily lesson study. We are looking forward to a prosperous and happy Sabbath school under the leadership of our capable new superintendent, Elder P. G. Stanley, our district pastor, visits us occasionally. Pray that a great good will be accomplished and that each one may let his light shine.

MRS. J. T. ANDERSON.

South Dakota Sunbeams

WE are asking those living near Sioux Falls to take notice of the hours for the

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Sabbath's convention—10:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., the 17th. A cordial invitation is extended to all who may be able to attend, and an interest in your prayers is asked that the Lord will bless in this meeting of His people to discuss plans for the Sabbath school work.

From one of Elder Youngberg's new believers we have the following encouraging letter: "I am a new follower of the truth, and I am happy at this time to send God's tenth of my earnings for the support of His work that is being carried on by our people."

Brother Skadsheim and the Melendys gave a program over KSOO on February 4, and later a fine program at the Sioux Falls church, to a large, appreciative audience. An offering was taken during the service, which netted \$33.31 for furthering the radio work over KSOO.

The tithe receipts for the first month of this year revealed a gain of \$779.68 over January a year ago. December showed a gain of \$647.67 over the corresponding month a year before. Our people are responding faithfully to the call of more faithful stewardship.

Wyoming Mission

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Wyoming News Notes

THE Sheridan Dorcas Society cleared over \$25 on their bake sale the 25th of January.

On January 16 a shower was given in honor of Brother and Sister Carl Mock, who were so happily wedded near the close of the year. The many practical gifts were expressive of the high esteem in which this couple are held. Brother Mock is the elder of the Sheridan church, and the work of this couple in visiting and holding meetings, in addition to Brother Mock's church school responsibilities, constitute them a valuable asset to the church and its progress.

At Casper the church is having studies on "How to Hold Bible Studies," in anticipation of a series of meetings to be conducted there by Elder C. A. Purdom and Brother Lowell Welch in the spring. Several new members have moved in recently, and the interest being stirred evidences a new day for this church.

The Cheyenne Y. P. M. V. society ordered fifty temperance *Instructors*. The church contemplates a busy program this year.

Elder and Sister Purdom spent three weeks with the Cheyenne church, aid-

ing them in a reorganization to better meet the problems of these times. They are now visiting the isolated through the southern part of the state, some of whom have not seen a minister for over two years.

Brother L. G. Beans plans a series of meetings in Newcastle in response to those who are still inquiring for a knowledge of this message.

Colorado Conference

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The Boulder Church

At the annual business meeting of the Boulder church for the year closing December, 1933, a few items of interest have been gathered.

The treasurer's report showed that \$10,976.55 tithe had been received during the year. The statement from the conference office showed our weekly average to missions was 25 cents per member. From the home missionary's report we found that \$832.50 was paid to the Book and Bible House for supplies and literature used by the churches.

The members of the Dorcas Society have been active, and many persons have been benefited as a result of the work done by this noble group of Christian women. It is encouraging to know of the work that the Home Makers' Society is doing, in their study of how to build better homes. Seventy of their members have completed the five-year course of study, and will receive their certificates. Others will receive the one year course certificate. May God bless our home makers.

There are sixty-three pupils enrolled in the church school. The treasurer of the board reported all bills paid to date. Our faithful teachers are accomplishing a good work for our boys and girls. Eternity alone will reveal the great work that is being done in our church schools.

During the year, as a result of the united efforts of the sanitarium, church, and the series of meetings held by Elder A. J. Meiklejohn, fourteen have united with the church by baptism, two on profession of faith, and twenty-three by letter. Fifty-four have taken their letters to other churches, five have been laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver, and seven had to be dropped, leaving the membership at the close of the year 338.

We now have a baptismal class of fifteen members. Several of the church mem-

bers are holding Bible readings with their neighbors and friends. There is a good interest being manifested in these studies, and with the blessing of God, we are looking forward to a good year during 1934. We solicit your prayers for the salvation of souls in Boulder.

N. T. SUTTON.

Pueblo Missionary Movement

FIFTY members of the Pueblo church have organized into a large Bible workers' training class. This class meets before prayer meeting every Wednesday night, and during a profitable hour, discusses the make-up of new studies, methods of giving studies, also experiences in this work are related. Sister Davis, an experienced Bible worker, is the secretary of the organization, and each evening explains how to answer questions and objections.

This large group has been divided into a number of small groups, and a secretary appointed for each one. The groups are chosen in relation to the section of the city in which the members live, and meet once each week in the home of a church member, inviting in friends and neighbors. A new leader is appointed once each month to give the studies. Thus all gain practical experience in the giving of studies. The enthusiasm attending this effort clearly shows admirable courage and the determination all have to win others for the Master, and have a part in a great missionary movement.

The Sabbath school assists in this work by keeping an accurate record of all visitors, and inviting them to the studies.

By carrying out this plan, every section of the city is having an efficient cottage meeting once a week. The object of having a few church members in each group helps swell the number attending, and also is an encouragement to the strangers.

The program is working with great success, and all are praying that the result of their labors will witness a large number accepting the message.

ALGER H. JOHNS.

Sabbath School News Notes

WE urge all Sabbath school officers and teachers who took the Teachers' Training Course for 1933 to send in their names together with a statement of their appreciation of the course to the Sabbath school secretary of the conference in order that they may receive their certificate.

The following have received the Training Course certificate for 1933: Mrs.

Jean Weberbauer, Mrs. Nellie S. Rockwell, Mr. C. L. Burlingame, Esther Smith, Mrs. E. M. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Rosa Winn, Mrs. Bertha Lang, Mrs. Pearl Duncan, Mr. Herbert Cox, Mrs. Rachel Cox, Mr. Harry Hart, Mrs. C. P. Cornell, Mrs. A. A. Short, Mrs. L. E. Ponton, Mrs. Ida Stenberg, Mrs. B. D. Allum, Mrs. Cora H. Smith, Mr. Virgil Smith, Leta Byerrum, Ina Byerrum, Roy Hopkins.

A little Sabbath school is being organized at Campo, Colo., under the leadership of Brother J. M. Shy. Plans are being made for a series of meetings to be held in Campo by the writer in the near future. We hope this little Sabbath school will prepare the way for an interest in the meetings.

As soon as reports from all the Sabbath schools are in, we will prepare a report of the Investment funds raised by the Sabbath schools of the state. This report will be published in the REAPER. We are urging each Sabbath school in Colorado to lay definite plans for enlisting the cooperation of every Sabbath school member in the Investment program in 1934. Hundreds of dollars were brought in during the past year through this means that otherwise would not have come into the mission treasury.

E. L. PINGENOT.

Iowa Conference

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Nevada, Iowa

At the recent annual election Brother I. L. Kent was chosen missionary leader. Brother Kent is working with the church to make our company a busy missionary center. A live fifteen-minute missionary service is held immediately following the Sabbath school. Reports are collected, using the class organization of the Sabbath school as a band basis. It is planned to do methodical distribution of literature.

Brother Herman Staff is junior leader, and with the assistance of Brother Edd Coy, an interesting and profitable time is assured to the junior members of our church.

Sister Flora V. Dorcas, the veteran Sabbath school worker, was unanimously chosen as our superintendent for this year. She has entered into her labors with earnestness, enthusiasm, and her usual skill. Her suggestions of quietness and reverence in the house of God are well taken by all, and all enjoy the quiet,

peaceful atmosphere that settles down over the assembly when the song, "Be Silent," is softly played by the orchestra, and afterward sung by the congregation.

Brethren Axelsen and Griffin were chosen elders, and Brother Foreman, who has served the congregation so long and well, was asked to take the treasurer's work for this year.

Our church school is progressing under the management of Miss Gladys Flaten. The eighth grade students are taking the county examination in arithmetic, and hope to pass with flying colors.

The academy is prospering. The students are busy, as always. Several of the students work a part of their way by doing work about the town, thus demonstrating that "where there's a will there's a way."

The patronage at the sanitarium is quite good. Doctors Morse and Rosenthal are busy from morning to night, and many times night puts no limit to their activities.

We miss the smiling face of our conference president, Elder R. S. Fries. He is living temporarily at Des Moines. He and Mrs. Fries have labored hard in starting the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria at Des Moines. We are willing to spare him for a time, but hope he may soon return to us at the central office.

As a church we wish to be found busy with the work the Master has assigned. There is no lack of work to be done, but sometimes we are a bit puzzled to know just how it is to be accomplished. Our trust is in Him who said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Our courage is good. Brotherly love prevails.

T. H. JEYS.

Southeastern Iowa

THE latter part of January the writer spent among the churches in southeastern Iowa, auditing the books and holding the annual business meetings. I found in general the books fairly well kept, and with a few exceptions all entries properly made. All conference funds were promptly remitted to the conference and receipts for same checked.

I found one or two items worth our considering. In two places the names of every family and parts of families connected with the church were found on the treasurer's books as tithe payers. Those churches paid a larger tithe per capita than the others. I also found two churches planning an aggressive, systematic, home missionary campaign. In this it is the plan to place literature in every home of the town and follow it up to

ascertain who are interested, and especially work for them. Such work will surely bring results.

May the Lord stir our hearts to be faithful to Him and faithful to our fellowmen, that we may be accounted among the faithful.

A. L. MILLER.

The Investment Fund

We are delighted the way some of the Sabbath schools are taking hold of the Investment program, and here are some of the latest reports that have arrived at our office:

Audubon, \$29.06; Boone, \$36.66; Burlington, \$47.37; Castana, \$25.29; Council Bluffs, \$43.74; Davenport, \$29.56; Des Moines, \$55.30; Exira, \$54.07; Forest City, \$87.27; Grinnell, \$25.00; Hawarden, \$43.80; Keokuk, \$24.50; Modale, \$23.47; Mt. Pleasant, \$12.97; Muscatine, \$39.60; Nevada, \$62.21; Osceola, \$45.99; Sharpsburg, \$29.47; Sioux City, \$45.56; Sioux Rapids, \$45.80; Ute, \$49.93; Waukon, \$40.89; Winterset, \$31.19.

We appreciate the interest in this work in our Sabbath schools, and we trust that our new superintendents will lay a foundation for a big work in this department in 1934. B. A. SCHERR.

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Make wills and legacies to the Kansas S. D. A. Conference Ass'n.

God Gives the Increase

IN OUR enthusiasm we are prone to forget that God gives the increase. As expressed in the words of Paul, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gives the increase." As we labor and results are obtained there is a danger of our thinking it was by our efforts that the increase was secured and we are likely to make comparisons with others or with the past. We finally realize what we are doing, and then with an acquired humility endeavor to ease our conscience by saying, "Well, the Lord is to be given the glory," thus giving Him a reflected glory. All our efforts would avail little if God did not give the increase. We would be as helpless as the gardener in all that we do if God did not give the increase. A large share of those we may seem to win had the seed of truth sown years ago in their hearts, and since then the seed has often been watered by the labors and prayers of others.

There are the two extremes against which we must guard, that of giving a reflected glory to God and that of be-

coming disappointed when we fail to see visible results of our endeavors. Let us plant or water, or whatever the task; let us labor on faithfully, remembering that God gives the increase. Let us determine not to let self spoil our labors for God. It took Moses forty years to learn the lesson of self-forgetfulness, but it is a lesson worth learning; in fact, one that the child of God must master before he reaches eternity.

Let us heed the words of Solomon, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Too, we have the beautiful promise of David, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Field Secretary

SINCE last camp meeting, when E. H. Meyers was chosen to be secretary of the home missionary and Sabbath school departments, Kansas has been without a permanent field missionary secretary. Brother A. K. Phillips, who was Elder Meyers' assistant last summer, kindly filled the breach during the past months. We greatly appreciate Brother Phillips' courtesy in aiding us in our need, and now that we have secured a man Brother Phillips has returned to Union College to finish his work.

Recognizing that existing conditions in the state required a worker of considerable experience, the committee naturally have sought for such. Brother C. M. Norman, of the Texico Conference, has accepted an invitation to connect with our field, and will reach here shortly after February 10. If you are interested in the colporteur or magazine work, write to Brother Norman, addressing the letter to him at the conference office. From recent publishing house reports we find that the book work is showing a very encouraging improvement, and we believe that now is an opportune time to enter this work.

In behalf of the conference I extend a hearty welcome to Brother Norman, and assure him of our cooperative interest in his work. We will remember him before the throne of grace.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Post Office Box Changed

WE are calling the attention of our members to the change in number of our post office box, as shown in the Kansas REAPER heading. This was due to the opening of our new post office. The number is 267 instead of 605.

Kansas Items

ELDER W. W. EASTMAN, of long experience in the General Conference work, is scheduled to meet with a number of churches in Kansas between the dates of February 27 and March 7. Notice will soon be sent to the churches he plans to contact.

Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of Horton, sets a good example by ordering five *Signs* sent to separate addresses.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale was with the Sunflower church Sabbath, February 3, and visited the school there Monday.

Elder E. H. Meyers is back at work again after having his tonsils removed at the Boulder Sanitarium.

Brother L. R. Gilliland, who has been living at Garden City, called at our office Wednesday, February 7, to arrange for territory for canvassing.

Isolated members should remember now is the time to order the *Signs of the Times* for themselves or for mailing to interested people. If you order five or more yearly subscriptions you get a very reduced rate. If sent to single addresses they cost \$1.25 each; if all five are sent to your own address they are \$1.15 each.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter met with the Ozawie and Lawrence churches Sabbath, February 3.

Elder E. H. Meyers spoke at the Topeka Colored church Sabbath, February 3, and reports this church as reaching its quota on the *Signs*.

Elder A. A. Dirksen is spending some time with the churches at Hillsboro and Durham.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter visited the Girard, Pittsburg, and Farlington churches the last week-end in January.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale recently visited the churches and church schools at Fort Scott, Galena, and Chanute.

The interest continues to be good in the series of meetings Brother Jensen is holding at Hillsboro.

Minnesota Conference

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To Sabbath School Officers

THE first quarter of the year is well under way and most of our Sabbath schools are laying definite plans for improvement along many lines, where they see improvement is necessary.

We want to see every Sabbath school officer on the alert to make the Sabbath

school what it should be, from the senior class to the cradle roll.

I am sending out a book of instructions and suggestions to the superintendents and secretaries, to be kept for reference, containing practically all the information needed along the lines of the departments. It will answer nearly every question that may come up in your work.

In order to make your teachers efficient in their important work, you should be promoting the Teachers' Training Course in your school, and holding teachers' meetings. The Teachers' Training Course material consists of the *Sabbath School Worker* and the book, "The Christ, the Church, and the Child," by Carey Bonner. It sells for 85 cents.

There is also a reading course for all church officers, consisting of three books, "The Coming Crisis," by F. M. Wilcox; "Fishers of Men"; and "Welfare Work." The combination price for this reading course is only 85 cents. What better source of improvement could be suggested than reading this wonderful material, and putting into practice the practical instructions given for teachers and church officers?

It is a foredrawn conclusion that if teachers and officers of the Sabbath school will seek to improve their work and to make the Sabbath school more interesting and attractive, the attendance will increase, as will also the offerings. As Sabbath school officers let us do all we can to make the Sabbath school a real attraction and blessing to the members of all divisions.

J. C. CHRISTENSON.

Minnesota News Notes

SINCE our colporteur institute, Brother Jackson has been very busy getting a number of new workers started in the field. Our literature sales made a good gain in January over the same period of last year. We trust that our people will remember this line of work in their prayers.

Elder Gordon Smith is spending the week-end, February 10, in the Twin Cities. We are always happy to have our union brethren with us whenever it is possible.

Are you enjoying the Sabbath School Training Course this year? You will find it well worth your time and effort. The book, "The Christ, the Church, and the Child," and the *Sabbath School Worker* are all you need. The price of the book is 85 cents postpaid.

Brother James Ward has been following up the work at Red Wing since the effort there last summer. A baptismal serv-

ice is being planned to be held in St. Paul, February 10. There are twelve to be baptized at this time, and there are a number of others who are studying who we hope will be in the next baptismal class. Brother Ward has done good work in Red Wing, and he is leaving soon to continue his school work at Hutchinson.

Remember the book, "The Coming Crisis," is what you need now, as it gives a distinct outline of what is before us. Price 35 cents.

Sunday, January 28, Mildred Ann Engle, of New York Mills, and Frank Pfeiffer, of Alexandria, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan R. Thurston, Anoka, Minn. Elder H. M. Hiatt performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer will live on the farm of Mr. Pfeiffer's parents at Alexandria.

Missouri Conference

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Missouri News Notes

THE Missouri executive committee in our annual session January 10, with the officers of the Central Union Conference present, voted to invite Elder A. A. Leiske, of North Dakota, to join the laboring force of our conference. This request has been favorably responded to, and in a short time Elder and Mrs. Leiske will be in our conference to engage in definite and aggressive evangelism. We have acquainted ourselves with the interest created at Lancaster by Brother J. P. Mitchell and family, and it is believed that that town and surrounding country is ripe for an effort. Hence our minority committee voted to request Elder Leiske to settle there and begin as soon as suitable and definite plans can be perfected. We bespeak for Brother and Sister Leiske the warmth of Christian fellowship from workers and laity as they come among us, and the prayers of all that success may crown their efforts in soul winning work.

We desire to call the special attention of our Missouri believers to the first page article of the REAPER under date of January 30, entitled "A Plan for the Needy Sick." This article is contributed by Elder J. F. Piper, our Central Union Conference president. Let us catch the slogan, "A Quarter a Quarter." This is the amount suggested that we contribute to this worthy cause. It was our blessed Master who said, "For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever you will you may do them good." And the

counsel of the "Wise Man" is, "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." Therefore, we can heartily endorse this plan, and recommend it to our believers. There are four quarters in a dollar and four quarters in a year. Hence, "A Quarter a Quarter" means one dollar a year to this fund, said amount to be remitted, properly labeled, to the conference treasurer, and to be disbursed by the recommendation of the conference officials. We trust our people will give due and favorable consideration to this plan and appeal, so that from its workings a relief fund can be created and maintained in our conference treasury to the end that some worthy poor may be helped.

Nebraska Conference

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Religious Liberty Offering

SABBATH, March 3, is the day set apart by the General Conference for the Religious Liberty offering. This offering comes but once a year, and is taken for the purpose of paying for the yearly subscriptions to *Liberty* that the conference sends to prominent lawyers, judges, editors, educators, etc. Last year the offering was not sufficient to pay for the list, and we had to cut it down quite considerably.

There is constant agitation on Sunday laws, the calendar revision, and such legislation as will make it hard for us to carry on if certain laws are passed, so we hope the offering to be taken the 3rd of March will be liberal, for many times this is our only means of coming in contact with these men. Let each church do its best so that we can continue the good work of reaching these men to educate them on the principles of civil and religious liberty.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

From the Office Viewpoint

RAYMOND HARTWELL and his wife, home on furlough from China, were welcome visitors at our office recently. They were on their way to North Platte for Sabbath service to meet old friends again. Brother Hartwell labored in this field for several years, and the Lord blessed his efforts with many precious souls. He expressed a wish that he might visit all the churches where he formerly labored, but time would not permit, as they are sailing again for China early in March. We wish them much of heaven's blessing as they return to their field of labor.

Elder T. B. Westbrook spoke in the Grand Island church February 3.

Sabbath, February 3, Elder Roy and Brother F. W. Schnepfer met with the Hastings church in the interests of the home missionary work.

We have completed our records for another year, and in spite of the fact that we had a further decline in our tithe of a little over \$4,000, we were still able, because of drastic curtailment of expenditures, to close the year with an operating gain. Also 1933 proved to be one of our best years in the winning of souls to God's kingdom. Our workers reported 236 baptisms and 34 were taken into church fellowship on profession of faith. We feel to thank God for this good showing in spite of the fact that reduced income has necessitated our curtailing our activities by the laying off of workers and reducing along other lines. We earnestly solicit your prayers that 1934 may be even better in the winning of souls for the Master's kingdom.

No. Dakota Conference

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North Dakota Notes

ELDER S. T. SHADEL, the union home missionary secretary, visited Jamestown recently and took the eleven o'clock meeting, Sabbath, February 3, and also the afternoon church hour in the German church. A number of churches were visited by him and Brother Bietz during the

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Obituaries

ANDRUS.—Frank Andrus was born Oct. 5, 1855, at Hastings, Mich., and fell asleep at his home in Lincoln, Nebr., Feb. 2, 1934. He was united in marriage to Miss Nellie May Rogers Jan. 1, 1879. To this union were born one daughter and three sons, all of whom with his wife survive him. Besides these there survive him also eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one brother, and one sister, together with many other near relatives and friends.

About 1890 he accepted the message, to which he remained faithful until the end. During his long life in the truth, he was always active in church work. For many years he was elder of the Carlton Centre church in Michigan during which time he conducted a number of evangelistic efforts on his own initiative, and also conducted many Bible readings with success. In 1912 he moved to Lincoln, Nebr. He spent a number of years

in the colporteur work. A number of families in Nebraska are rejoicing in the truth as a result of this blessed work.

He fell asleep in Christ with the blessed hope of his soon coming Lord. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

J. H. SCHILLING.

JOHNSON.—Mr. Gumme Johnson was born in Risby, Smoland, Sweden, March 10, 1854, and passed away at his home near Niwot, Colo., Jan. 27, 1934.

Soon after reaching America he came to Boulder and made his home in this vicinity until his death. In 1879 he was married to Miss Charlotta Anderson, and to this union were born five sons and two daughters. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1908 and remained faithful as long as he lived.

He leaves to mourn, his faithful companion, five sons, two daughters, and fourteen grandchildren, beside other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder N. T. Sutton.

W. M. ANDRESS.

GREENFIELD.—William Smith Greenfield was born in Belmont County, Ohio, July 22, 1854; and passed away at the old home farm, near Birmingham, Ia., Jan. 26, 1934.

When two years of age he came to Iowa with his parents. March 6, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Esther J. Morrow. To this union were born two sons and three daughters. The wife and one daughter preceded him in death.

He accepted the third angel's message about fifty years ago. He ever remained in the Adventist faith. Services were conducted by the writer in the Presbyterian church at Birmingham, assisted by the pastor of the church, also by the pastor of the Methodist church. The body was laid to rest by the side of his companion in the cemetery at Fairfield.

A. L. MILLER.

CHAPMAN.—George Albert Chapman was born at Monroe, Wis., Aug. 3, 1859, and died at Nevada, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1934.

March 17, 1889, he was united in marriage with Anna Hardcastle. To this union were born three children. Two of these died in infancy, and the remaining son, George Chapman, is a missionary in Porto Rico.

About forty-five years ago Brother Chapman became a member of the Nevada, Iowa, church. During all the years since he has lived the life of a sincere, earnest Christian.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

T. H. JEYS.

JOHNSON.—Jacob Johnson died at his home Jan. 8, 1934. He was born at Skien, Norway, May 5, 1859, and went to Wesley, Iowa, in 1884. He was married at Forest City to Matilda Nelson, Oct. 6, 1890. Eight children were born to this union, four daughters and two sons surviving.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church with Rev. McNulty in charge, assisted by Rev. Bernsten, Congregational pastor.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1934

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.			
E. C. Aaby	Misc	1	11.00
Elsie Blackburn	OD	4	12.50
Mrs. M. Blackburn	BR	36	58.50
W. A. Burton	BR	31	37.25
Rosie Busch	OD	9	8.75
Giles L. Cooper	RJ	23	14.25
Mrs. S. Holmes	RJ	23	29.65
W. H. Moore	DR	15	25.00
John Sessor	BR		22.50
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	34	35.00
Lonnie Thompson	GC	19	72.00
W. L. Vickers	BPS	14	1.30
Freda Asher	Mag	6	3.30
Mrs. Davenport	Mag	3	1.20
Louise Leeper	Mag	16	6.90
Mrs. A. F. Meyers	Mar	25	12.60
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	10	5.00
Kate H. Snead	Mag	4	1.70
Mrs. C. E. Stanley	Mag	10	4.20
Total		293	327.60

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Sec.			
G. H. Boehrig	HW	35	8.50
Grace Shumway	RJ	33	31.50
Ada Schornstein	BR	30	20.25
B. O. Engen	GC	29	19.20
Karl E. Evenson	BR	23	77.25
Beatrice Kapinos	RJ	21	21.25
Clarice Rust	HW	18	10.50
Nina Magnuson	BR		12.00
Edna Schaefer	BR	10	10.00
Mrs. Ray Kroll	BR	8	6.50
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ	6	7.25
F. Crofoot	HW	2	6.00
Phillip Mishler	HW	1	9.00
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	41	17.20
E. Dufstrom	Mag	30	8.10
Judith Dufstrom	Mag	15	2.20
Care G. Rust	Mag	14	3.50
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag	12	4.20
Patricia C. Liers	Mag	7	7.00
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag	5	.80
Total		340	282.20

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Sec.			
Frank Gillman	BR	18	42.75
Florence Maurath	GC	31	41.75
J. W. Simmons	GC	34	39.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc	33	22.45
Florence Morey	GC	15	18.25
Elva Wilcox	GC	34	17.05
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	FS	29	12.25
M. H. Meeker	FS	31	10.75
E. W. Frederickson	GC	6	10.50
Ida Edgerton	BR	28	10.10
Robert Garber	GC	2	5.25
Anna Will	Mag	30	4.60
Eva Koch	RJ	10	4.50
Raymond Hircok	GO	2	4.50
Rita Coffin	RJ		1.50
Oliver Priddy	RJ	13	1.00
Total		316	246.45

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.			
Flora Peterson	RJ	24	6.00
F. M. Bagley	BR	20	14.50
F. Arthur Wheeler	RJ	13	8.50
Beatrice Komoll	HP	39	79.00
Alverda Ferrell	RJ	13	16.25
Mrs. Grace Ferrell	RJ	24	29.90
Total		133	154.15

COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Sec.			
Viola Johnson	BPS	26	5.25
Alb. Priest	HP	43	49.85
Froda Shockley	BP	19	13.50

Wm. Keele	PP	10	4.00
Donald Lemons	OCW		7.00
Mrs. L. Storey	HW	3	3.00
A Colporteur	Misc		1.75
A Colporteur	Misc		1.00
A colporteur	Misc		.85
Total		109	86.20

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
*Olive L. Redmon		4	3.70
Lucile Redmon	RJ	25	11.00
Joseph L. Ockenga	BR	21	34.00
Orville Lee Poore	RJ	13	10.75
M. A. Wyman	BR	4	18.75
Total		67	78.20

KANSAS: C. M. Norman, Sec.			
A Colporteur	Mag	13	2.30
L. R. Gilliland	GC	12	2.50
A. O. Kramer	OD	23	20.00
J. T. North	GC	53	14.75
J. D. Springer	GR	15	8.00
R. L. Steele	BR	46	5.25
Total		162	52.80

Grand Total 1420 1227.60

*Report last week should have been hours 22, sales 12.50.

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FOR SALE or trade at Loma Linda, Calif., Income property. Large apartment, four rooms, service porch, bath, and basement. Little apartment, modern kitchen and living room. Furnished. Rent well. Will settle our equity reasonably. Want home in higher elevation. Husband has asthma. Albert Fox, Sixth and Pedley, San Bernardino, Calif.

WANTED, Small place in country where it rains, with cows, poultry, etc., on 50-50 basis, with S. D. A. of means, by widow with two boys 17 and 15 years old, with farm experience, by March 1. Mrs. Blue Bell Eccleston, 719 Utah Ave., S. E., Huron, S. Dak.

NOTICE.—Elder M. E. Kern desires a copy of his little book, "Distribution of the Races." Anyone who has a copy he is willing to sell please write Elder Kern at Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—Young couple wish work on farm, separate house, small wages, farm experience. West preferred. Clyde A. Pooler, 607 W. Park St., Blair, Nebr.

WANTED.—S. D. A. married man to live and work on farm. Must be experienced in farming here, and good with stock. Earl D. Shaffer, Falls City, Nebr.

WANTED.—S. D. A. married man to work on farm from April first. Middle aged preferred. Church privileges. Peter Larsen, Box 54, Ute, Ia.

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Sunset Calendar

Friday, February 16, 1934

Denver, Colorado	5:37
Des Moines, Iowa	5:48
Topeka, Kansas	6:01
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:42
Jefferson City Missouri	5:47
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:02
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:09
Pierre, South Dakota	6:12
Casper, Wyoming	5:37

The "Melting Pot"

SABBATH, March 17, is the day on which there is to be an offering given in all of our churches, different from any gifts that have ever been called for before. It is named the "Melting Pot" offering, in which almost every Seventh-day Adventist home can share.

The idea was introduced and received enthusiastic support at the Fall Council. In many homes there are articles of jewelry, such as rings, earrings, chains, discarded gold watches, and other keepsakes, which are doing no one any good. Possibly they have but little re-sale value, only as much as the gold or silver they may contain is actually worth.

It is hoped that those of our people who have such things, will hunt them up and put them in the "Melting Pot" offering.

The devaluation of the American dollar has affected the appropriations to some of our mission fields very materially; even to twenty-five per cent in some countries. So this devaluation, in addition to the reductions that have been made in recent times, will make the work exceedingly hard for our workers in such fields.

I feel certain our people in the Central Union Conference will do everything in their power to swell this "Melting Pot" offering, by putting in everything of value in gold and silver, and other things that may be given for missions. Remember the date, Sabbath, March 17.

J. F. PIPER.

Union College

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

Union College News

SERAPOUHI TAVOUKDJIAN, Armenian exile during the World War, told before one of the largest audiences of the year in the college chapel Saturday night, February 3, of her experiences with Turkish soldiers, with her adopted Arabian father and his several wives, and with her own people. Miss Tavoukdjian is a graduate nurse and a former student of Washington Missionary College. Her story appeared in serial in the *Youth's Instructor* last year and is now in book form under the title "Exiled." Because Armenia is no more and because Miss Tavoukdjian did not become a citizen of the United States, she is now a woman without a country. She cannot work for wages here; nor can she leave America, because no passport can be issued to her, and no other country will accept her without one.

Officers for the Gospel Workers' Seminar this semester are: Arthur Bitez, leader; Theodore Torkelson, assistant leader; Avery Dick, secretary; Mildred Shannon, assistant secretary; Buford Turner, chorister; Mae Sorenson, pianist.

Ivamae Small-Hilts, head of the speech department at Union College, with Professor C. C. Engel, violinist, and Ruth Johnson, pianist, accompanied President Andreasen on a tour through Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas from January 25 until January 30. Programs of readings and music were given at Wichita, Kansas City, and at Southwestern Junior College. Mrs. Hilts, with Professor Engel, Esther Maas, violinist, and Valeta Anderson, clarinetist, gave a program at Shelton Academy the night of February 3.

Miss Lotta E. Bell, recently elected head of the educational department at Union College, has arrived to take up her work here. Miss Bell has had extensive experience in all branches of educational work, particularly in connection with denominational schools. Her most recent positions have been as head of the educational department at Broadview College and at Washington Missionary College. In addition to her experience and other accomplishments she has completed residence and thesis work for her Ph. D. in education at Northwestern University. The Union College administration feels itself particularly fortunate to secure for

its faculty one of Miss Bell's education and accomplishments.

Professor H. K. Schilling lectured on "Light" at Enterprise Academy, Enterprise, Kans., the night of January 27, and at Plainview Academy, Redfield, S. Dak., on February 3.

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early part of the following week, and over 100 *Signs* subscriptions were received during their visits. Also a number of *Hausfreunds* were ordered by some of the German churches.

Word has been received that Elder G. F. Theiss will arrive in Jamestown about the middle of February. He is the German worker who is coming in to take the place of Elder Schwindt, who will be leaving the conference as soon as his effort in Jamestown closes.

The interest is still holding up in the meetings in the Jamestown effort. Some people have already expressed themselves very favorably to take their stand for the truth. We hope to see the membership substantially increased as a result of this effort.

Good reports are being received from some of the colporteurs. The Lord is blessing these faithful workers, and we appreciate their faithfulness in putting in good time during these winter days. Miss Komoll, who is working in the western part of the state, took \$79 worth of orders last week. S. A. Jacoshenk, who is working in Minot, reported \$26.75 in three days' work. These workers deserve our prayers.

Missionary Volunteer points for the year 1933: McClusky, 28,378; Fargo, 26,397; Harvey, 23,515; Jamestown, 22,800; New Home, 20,814; Bowdon, 17,743; Kulm, 7,623; Bismarck, 7,076; Manfred, 6,144; S. R. A., 3,856; Butte County, 3,562; Grand Forks, 3,242; Cleveland, 2,723; Goodrich, 2,667; Medina Village, 2,630; Minot, 2,556; Bottineau, 2,000; Napoleon, 2,037; Belfield, 1,660; Gackle, 1,440; Medina County, 1,294; Streeter, 664; Williston, 428; Hazelton, 263; Butte Village, 251; Killdeer, 170; Dickinson, 3,921; Stanley, 1,674; Keene, 576; and Cooperstown, 563.