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Our Mission Gifts in 1933

THE total amount of money given to missions in 1933 was \$1,667,818.55, and that is a large sum. It was made up from—

Sabbath school offerings,	\$894,080.73.
Big Week offerings,	56,877.84.
Mid-Summer offerings,	44,053.34.
Harvest Ingathering offerings,	511,123.73.
Colored work offerings, ..	2,652.64.
Week of Sacrifice offerings,	51,609.42.
Rural Schools offerings, ..	1,155.69.
Annual Offerings,	24,779.77.
Missions offerings	75,664.14.
Miscellaneous missions offerings	5,821.25.

These offerings applied on the forty-cent-a-week missions goal, and although we are all aware that times are hard and there is a scarcity of money, yet with it all there were eight conferences that reached forty cents a week per member for missions during 1933. The conferences in the Central Union, during the last year, gave per capita for missions as follows:

Wyoming Mission,266.
Nebraska,209.
Colorado,199.
Iowa,199.
South Dakota,189.
Missouri,188.
Minnesota,187.
Kansas,154.
North Dakota,126.

The average for the union was eighteen and four-tenths cents per week per member. This was a decrease of four and four-tenths cents per member for the year 1933 over the year 1932.

We appreciate the willingness of our people to give of their means for missions, and know that with some their gifts came at a real sacrifice; but "God loves the cheerful giver," and it is with them that a covenant is being made.

In the earth made new, where there will be none to spoil or molest, we will be pleased to recount the blessings of God, and understand His purposes and plans and His great love in allowing us to take part in His work, and to contrib-

ute toward its completion here on earth.

Let us all plan carefully to make our offerings larger this year, faithfully contributing each week as God has prospered us, and I am sure we can do more

per member than we did in 1933.

Giving our old gold and silver and other valuables that might be sold, is one way by which we can increase our missions gifts, and the money received therefrom will apply on the forty-cent-a-week goal.

J. F. PIPER.

The Melting Pot for Missions

"THEY came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle. . . And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the Lord." Exodus 35:21, 22.

This is the record briefly told of the response that was made by Israel of old to a call to build the tabernacle for the Lord. We would have you observe that "they came, both men and women, as many as were *"willing hearted."* In connection with this record we are reminded of that statement found in Psalms which says: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3.

As we have witnessed what has been accomplished by this people in the recent

Ingathering campaign, we are cognizant of the fact that God's people are a willing people, and there is no question in the minds of Seventh-day Adventists but that we are living in the day of His power, a day when He is ready to lay bare His holy arm in behalf of his people, for He is working wonders in mission lands, and souls are being won to this truth in ways unknown before.

An unusual opportunity is afforded to give an offering to missions by bringing your old gold and silver, the ornaments which may be in your homes, such as rings, watches, pins, bracelets, spectacle frames, chains, old coins, pieces of gold dental scrap, sterling pieces, diamonds and jewels of every kind. If you find no old gold or silver in your home, let us bring gold coins and bright silver dollars and help to swell the fund, known as the "Melting Pot for Missions Offering" to be taken March 17, 1934.

The devaluation of the dollar is bringing to some of our foreign treasuries great perplexity. The dollars we are sending overseas for the support of our missions have so shrunk in value when they reach the field that in some countries the loss is about the same as a 25 per cent cut in appropriations.

This offering can result in a great blessing to ourselves and to the mission fields beyond in helping to make up the lack, so let us accept this as another opportunity to vindicate our willingness and loyalty to our God.

W. H. WILLIAMS.

No Limit to Those Who Put Self Aside

HAVE you longed for more power in your Christian life, that God would use you as an instrument to heal the sick, and that miracles might be wrought through you as they were through the apostles?

"It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 19.

J. F. PIPER.

Stirring Times in Washington

WE have been having quite stirring times in Washington recently over the Sunday law issue. Congress just passed a Liquor Control law for the District of

Columbia which has a clause in it forbidding the sale of hard liquor on Sunday. The camel has finally got his nose in the legislative tent in Congress on the Sunday issue. You will be interested in reading the account of it which will appear in the *Review and Herald*.

We also had some stirring times over the Sunday issue in connection with the NRA in a number of states, and in having the Sunday closing clauses eliminated from the permanent NRA codes before they were approved by the federal authorities here in Washington. The religious liberty program prepared for the first Sabbath in March will give quite a

full account of this Sunday issue in connection with the NRA.

We are certainly getting into difficult times, and our people should give a liberal offering on Religious Liberty Day that the religious liberty work may not be retarded. We trust that every local church elder will carry out the Religious Liberty Day program on March 3, and take up an offering for this work, and see to it that our people are also given an opportunity to become subscribers to the *Liberty* magazine. If ever we needed the support of our people in the cause of religious freedom, we need it now.

C. S. LONGACRE.

The Radio and the "Signs"

A VERY interesting story of radio missionary work has just come to us from Evangelist H. M. S. Richards in Los Angeles.

On a recent Friday night, at the Richards Tabernacle, after Elder Alonzo L. Baker had spoken over the radio, Elder Richards gave a description of the *Signs of the Times* and announced that provision had been made by which he could offer a subscription free to each of the first one thousand interested non-Adventists who mailed requests. About two o'clock A. M. he was awakened by a special delivery postman to receive the first request, and the days following have brought hundreds of letters.

One of these letters came from the far north part of the state, and is as follows: "I listened to an address over the air last night, delivered at the evangelistic meetings now being held in Los Angeles by Evangelist Herold M. S. Richards. I certainly enjoyed the truth (as did also my wife) as the evangelist brought it forth from the word of God. Messages of this type are needed in these days. I am very much interested in the proposition Evangelist Richards made in reference to the *Signs of the Times*. . . . I

have been reading several copies of the *Signs of the Times* mailed to me by some members of the Adventist church. I have nothing but the best of feeling for the paper and the contents therein. Some things are being made clear. I appreciate the articles on the fulfilment of prophecy. Have you literature that would further help me in thinking through Adventist doctrines? If so, I shall be glad to get it. I am for the word of God from Genesis to Revelation. We cannot know too much about the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, and personally, I stand ready to be more enlightened. I should like to read the *Times* every week, but just now I am not financially able to subscribe for it. Our church is small and finances are very low. I have been preaching for the Baptist church for about fifteen to eighteen years. . . . Shall be glad to hear from you."

Great interest is being manifested on the part of the people in the *Signs of the Times*, and our brethren are responding nobly in an effort now to supply the demand. Be sure to get a club for your church equalling at least one half your church membership.

S. T. SHADEL.

In Thermopolis the Bible lectures begun Sunday, January 28, are progressing nicely, with a rapidly growing interest at this writing. The attendance which began at around thirty and forty has grown in this second week to between fifty and seventy-five regularly. This so far exceeds the expectation of the believers and their friends that it is a real joy to feel their enthusiasm for the work the Lord is opening in the community.

Brother and Sister R. E. Williams, of Powell, have been able to strengthen our work greatly here by their musical assistance and regular visiting and giving Bible studies. As we are told that this is the first time these people have ever had the last-day message preached to them, we earnestly ask the prayers of those who read this account that we may be able to sound a true warning message.

L. W. WELCH.

Colorado Conference

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Financial Statement

SPACE forbids our publishing the statement of tithes and offerings for the first month of 1934, but a copy has been mailed to all of our church officers and conference workers. We are inclined to be happy over the better showing of this January over January, 1933.

The gain in tithe receipts for 1934 over 1933 amounts to \$1,643.96 for the entire conference, and this gain is quite evenly distributed, every district except two sharing in the gain. In the matter of offerings to missions there is also a gain, although not so large as the gain in tithe. The gain for the entire conference in missions offerings is \$424.76, in which eight districts show a gain and

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Work in the Basin

SINCE we last wrote of the work being done in the Basin country the effort at Worland has been closed and another series of meetings has been begun, this time in Thermopolis.

At the end of the series of Bible lectures in Worland it seemed advisable to plan another series to be held there early in the spring, rather than press the plan of church organization immediately. So the use of the church building used in the effort was secured for regular Sabbath school and church services, and the number of deeply interested people encouraged to begin regular attendance. The work is going forward there, and we expect to bind it off in a more firm way in the later effort.

eight districts show a loss as compared with January, 1933.

We feel much encouraged over this gain, and trust that it is an indication of the general trend for the future. We trust that the Lord will bless our people throughout the field so that they may give liberally of their means to promote His work in the world; and that those who receive the blessings may be faithful in their stewardship in rendering to Him that portion that belongs to Him.

Our financial statements this year will be issued each month, and will be prepared by districts, in harmony with the latest committee action dividing the conference into seventeen districts. We trust this will be of greater interest to all our people throughout the field than it was under the former arrangement.

W. I. MONTANYE.

Our Spanish Work

THE harvest truly is ripe in the Spanish language field. Calls come to us from many places, "Come and help us." Greeley has been waiting for more than two years to hear our message in the Spanish tongue. The little company in Campion need help.

We spent the summer and fall in the San Luis Valley, holding meetings in Alamosa and Jaroso. Several families are continuing the studies in preparation for baptism in the spring. The members of our American churches have done a good work for them. Brother and Sister Martinez are doing their best to establish the interested ones in the truth. They have an interesting little Sabbath school for the Spanish.

The church in Jaroso did good work for those who speak Spanish in that section of the Valley. Five or six families are continuing to study and prepare for baptism. Brother Wolcott, besides his mission school work and local missionary work, is visiting the company in Jaroso twice a month. While in Jaroso we wanted to open an effort in Garcia or Costilla, but as winter was near we had to leave that work until a later date. We did hold two meetings for the purpose of seeing how general is the interest in that settlement, and nearly five hundred attended each evening. The Catholics are especially anxious to hear our message.

There seems to be a general awakening among the Spanish-Americans. Calls came to us from San Luis, where no Protestant work has been established, and from La Cuesta, El Cerro, Center, Del Norte, South Fork, and other places where the people have heard of our great prophetic gospel, but have not had the

privilege to hear it proclaimed in their own language.

We returned to Denver in December and began an effort here in January. We have now continued two weeks, with an attendance so large that we have had to conduct two meetings every night to accommodate the crowds that attend. We appreciate the help from several of our young people from the different churches in our children's meetings and music. The Third church has been a great help to us by singing their good old spirituals.

We were pleased to see ten or twelve new faces in our Sabbath services last Sabbath. Nearly thirty have given their names for literature and studies.

Pray for us and these precious souls. I hope that some one in every church will give himself to the work for the Spanish people in his neighborhood. I shall be glad to hear of any interests that exist or shall develop.

GEORGE T. VORE.

Campo and Deora

It was my privilege the week-end of January 27 to visit with some of our isolated believers at Campo and Deora. We have had no definite organization at Campo previous to this time, but plans are being laid now for the organization of a Sabbath school with about fourteen members. The Powell family has lived in this community for about twenty years, but has not had Sabbath school privileges before.

I visited the Baptist church on Sunday night and was granted permission to hold a meeting in the church the next evening. The building was well filled, and the people gave very close attention to the study of the thirteenth chapter of Revelation. The audience was made up of Baptist, Holiness, Presbyterian, Christian, and several other organizations.

At the close of the service I asked how many would be interested in a ten-day series of Bible lectures, dealing with the prophecies, and almost every hand in the room was raised. We are laying definite plans to hold a series of meetings in Campo during the early part of March. The people in this section of the state are ready to hear the truth, and we look forward to some definite results.

Tuesday morning Brother J. M. Shy drove me to Las Animas, and on the way we stopped to visit Sister Crouch, who lives near Deora. She reports a Sabbath school there of eighteen members meeting each Sabbath. The young lady who teaches school in the school-house where they hold Sabbath school

meets with them every Sabbath and seems very much interested. The young man who has worked for the Crouch family for over a year has accepted the Sabbath and practically all the other truths of the message and has requested baptism.

It is our plan to try and hold a meeting of at least ten days with these good people while we are in that part of the state. We invite the prayers of the believers in Colorado in the interest of our efforts in behalf of the people in south-eastern Colorado. E. L. PINGENOT.

Colorado Colporteur Institute

BEGINNING February 23 there will be held in the West Denver church at Eleventh and Kalamath, the annual colporteur institute, lasting until March 4. All are invited to attend our institute.

Those who are interested in engaging in our literature work, please write the field missionary secretary immediately, so that plans may be arranged.

W. G. HERNDON,

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Colorado News Notes

THE annual board meeting was held at Campion Academy on Thursday, February 15.

We were pleasantly surprised by a visit at the office on Wednesday from Elder Chambers, of Monte Vista. Elder Chambers had just taken a new student to Campion and was on his way home. We believe this is one of the ways in which a minister can show his interest in the academy, by recruiting students.

In a former issue the list of churches whose clerk reports were received on time was published. Due to an oversight, the name of the South Denver church was omitted. Pardon us, Sister Brackett, the South Denver reports were received on time and were correct, and the name should have been on the list.

A splendid snowfall of about ten inches brought a real taste of winter to Denver and vicinity last Sabbath. It was a welcome arrival of needed moisture.

Iowa Conference

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Penny-a-Dish Cafe

WE DESIRE to express our thanks for the literature that has been sent in from many individuals in different parts of the Central Union. Instead of writ-

ing a letter to each one of you, we take this opportunity to tell you how much it is appreciated, and to show you that those who are reading it are getting a great blessing. Daily we contact men and women who are receiving light from the pages of literature they get from our free reading racks.

The Lord has been greatly blessing this welfare work in getting us prominently before the people of Des Moines. The Methodist minister invited Brother Archbold to speak before the Men's Club and tell about our cafeteria. Over 400 business men of Des Moines were in attendance. After Brother Archbold had sat down, Mr. Yost, city and county welfare director, arose and said that he had investigated our work, not only in Des Moines but elsewhere, and that he could recommend very highly the work Seventh-day Adventists are doing. He stated that he was prejudiced at first, thinking we were trying to get some money from the merchants, but he assured everyone of them that we are worthy of their support and sympathy because we are doing a most excellent work. Mr. Palmer, who is in charge of the Federal welfare activities of the state, was a recent visitor at our cafeteria. With several of his aids, they took dinner with us and were astonished at the quality and quantity of food served for one cent a dish. Contacts like these are being made every week, and we know that God is bringing our work and message prominently before many who never would have heard of it had it not been for our Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria. Space forbids mentioning many like instances of providential openings.

We are grateful for what has been sent in to us in the line of food supplies. It has helped us meet our running expenses. At the present time, however, we are in need of more supplies, such as canned fruit, vegetables, corn meal, flour, beans, etc. If any desire to help out in meeting the \$600 expense in equipping the place, we would be very thankful. Pray for the welfare work in Des Moines.

R. S. FRIES.

Seed Sowing in Iowa

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. It is true that this old world with its sin has brought a great deal of sorrow to human hearts. Many are the tears that have been shed since the days of creation. But did you notice the verse says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed"? How can this be? Perhaps

this experience that has recently come to my attention will explain it somewhat: One of our new colporteurs writes: "I went out Thursday morning and came home without a sale. I was tempted to stay home in the afternoon, but I went out and let the Lord use me as He saw fit. I guess I cried between the homes, but the Lord blessed me with two orders for 'The Return of Jesus.' One of these was in the keratol binding. I also received \$1.00 as a down payment." This colporteur further states that it is her desire to go forward in the Master's work.

Now we notice the verse further states, "They shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them." "Doubtless" can only mean "without doubt." What a wonderful promise to the seed-sower!

When in the Kingdom, what a joy it will be to hear someone say, "It was you who invited me here." It also means salvation to the sower and salvation to the soul that has been warned.

A few days ago it was my privilege to start out a new worker, and how the Spirit of God worked upon the hearts of the people! In fourteen hours our sales amounted to \$42.25. But the large sales do not mean so much as do the softened and subdued hearts. With tears in their eyes, the people long for a better land.

Friend, why do you not go out and help them to find the way? Time is so short. Do not delay. Go work in the Master's vineyard while it is yet day.

L. P. KNECHT.

Finger Plays for Sabbath School Kindergartens

We have such a demand for finger plays for the kindergarten children in our Sabbath schools that we have gone to the trouble to gather from our kind friends a number of these plays. We now have fifty splendid finger plays, and have put them up in book form. Any one that would like to pay for the material and postage may have a copy at fifteen cents. These are well worth having, and you will have to make haste and send in if you want one. We will send them out at fifteen cents as long as they last.

B. A. SCHERR.

A Perfect Record Class

It is very seldom that we get a report that a whole class in a Sabbath school has a year's perfect record in daily study and regular attendance, but this is what happened in Hawarden, Iowa. Mrs. Andrews' class, including Lois Smith, Edna

Smith, George Smith, and Celia Johnson, have this fine record.

Let us have some more in 1934.

B. A. SCHERR.

"Signs" Campaign

WE are delighted the way the churches are taking hold of the *Signs* work. The Dubuque church ordered a club of ten, which was equal to one-half of their membership. Miss Caroline Scherr, the home missionary leader, is planning for a Bible training class in their church. At Clinton we found a live company who are anxious to do missionary work, and they placed an order for a club of ten *Signs* which is equal to more than one-half their membership. At Davenport we found that the church is rapidly developing into a real live missionary organization, and in just about fifteen minutes we raised a club of sixty-five *Signs*. Burlington, which is under the leadership of Miss Alma Nelson, responded with a club of twenty-five *Signs*. At Oskaloosa the members were anxious to fall in line with the *Signs* program, and this church, under the leadership of Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Whitlatch, ordered a club of thirty *Signs*. At Osceola, Brother J. L. Neal and Sister Shively, heads of the missionary department, were enthusiastic about the *Signs*, and gave us a club order of five times what they had last year, or thirty-one subscriptions.

Elder Shadel writes that he received a club order of ninety-four at Sioux City and Hawarden, a club equal to one-half the membership, and twenty-two at Onawa. We hope that the rest of our churches will fall in line with this big program and continue the good work of the *Signs of the Times*.

B. A. SCHERR.

Kansas Conference

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Galena Convention

WE had a profitable time at the soul-winning convention recently held at Galena. F. C. Clark and the local members did good work in arranging things and making it pleasant. Members from several churches helped in the music and other features of the meeting. Every one enjoyed the timely instruction given by Elder Shadel of the Central Union. Elder Melvin Oss, the home missionary secretary of Missouri, was present to help, as was also Brother R. M. Carter and his church from Joplin.

From the minutes taken by our secretary, Mrs. Nora Hughey, we quote the following two important resolutions passed by the churches present:

"In view of the fact that the plan of holding Bible readings is of divine origin, and results in untold good in winning souls, we, the churches represented at the Galena convention, urge that our members press into this work, and,

We recommend, That in each church, if possible, a class be organized to study how to give simple Bible readings to neighbors.

"Whereas, God has laid upon us the obligation to carry this message of salvation to our friends and neighbors,

"Resolved, That in each church represented in this convention we inaugurate a mighty forward movement in systematic literature distribution."

E. H. MEYERS.

Legal Name

MUCH is sometimes lost to the cause of God when the legal name of the conference is not properly given in the will or legacy. So that our members may have ready access to this information, the proper wording will hereafter be given in the REAPER heading of our conference. The proper wording, as you will note, is Kansas Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

"Little Friend" in Two Hundred Schools

MISS BLANCHE GRIFFITH, secretary of the Y. P. M. V. society at Hutchinson, felt that something ought to be done to let others know the attitude of Adventist youth toward the liquor question. With a single copy of the temperance number of *Our Little Friend*, she entered the office of the Reno County superintendent of schools at Hutchinson, in an attempt to place a copy of the paper in each elementary school in the county. The superintendent was favorable to the project, but had no funds with which to purchase a supply of the papers.

Not discouraged, Miss Griffith went to the office of an attorney who was a strong advocate of prohibition and temperance. He was unable to donate the necessary amount, but referred her to the W. C. T. U.

Courageously she went to the home of the president of the organization. Upon stating her mission, she was invited to attend the next meeting of the union, where her request would be considered. Imagine Miss Griffith's surprise as the matter was being discussed to hear the

president say, "Miss Griffith will now tell us more about the project." There was nothing for her to do but give an enthusiastic description of the paper and appeal for the necessary funds to place it in the schools. After she had finished speaking, she was praised for volunteering her services in the temperance work. She was urged to lead out in organizing the Christian youth of Hutchinson for temperance work. Moreover she received a check to pay for 200 copies of the temperance *Little Friend*—one for each school in the county.

Adventist youth may do worth-while things.
A. M. RAGSDALE.

Among the Churches

SINCE coming to the Kansas Conference in October, 1933, we have spent most of our time visiting among the churches in our district, getting acquainted with the members, and helping in a general way. We have held a few meetings with each church, and thank God for the blessings He so richly bestowed in these meetings. Many have expressed their determination to live nearer to God during 1934, and thus prove a greater blessing in the church and to the cause of God. The work in the German churches in this conference is encouraging, for God is our great leader. We know the enemy of all good is at work, but in the name of God we can win. The crown of life will be given to the overcomer. We solicit an interest in the prayers of God's people to the end that a rich harvest of souls may be the blessed reward of the labors of these churches.

A larger home missionary program is our aim. The home missionary leaders and secretaries are working hard to build up this department of the church. Each Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer superintendent is working hard to build up these departments. The Elders of our churches have a heart to work, and so, through the united efforts of all the officers and members, we have faith to believe that much will be accomplished. Already we have had some requests for baptism, and others are beginning to keep all of God's commandments.

We have been most favorably impressed as we have seen how neat and clean the churches are kept, inside and out, and how promptly the worshipers gather to the services. We believe God is a God of order, cleanliness and promptness, so let us ever strive to be on time.

God willing, we plan to begin a short series of meetings before this reaches the REAPER family. We have in mind three

places where we hope to hold some meetings between now and the middle of May. We solicit the prayers of God's people to the end that we may be the means in God's hands to lead many to Christ.
A. A. DIRKSEN.

Meetings at Hillsboro

FOR some time the brethren at Hillsboro have felt that there should be some meetings in the English language for the young people of the city. However, we all harbored some doubt as to the success, as this is a strong German Mennonite town. But the brethren have rallied to the work and at present the Lord is blessing us even above our expectation. In fact, I am told that with possibly one exception we are enjoying the largest out-side attendance in the fifty years' history of the church. The people of the city seem very free.

Both newspapers have given us free advertising. The English paper gave us four columns on the front page. The superintendent of the high school attended our meetings and asked that I speak in the high school auditorium, which I did to a very attentive group of high school students. We are of good courage, and solicit your prayers that the Lord will give us a rich harvest of souls in this place.
M. H. JENSEN.

Enterprise Academy Notes

SEVERAL of the boys have been cutting wood near the school. The wood is being used for heating purposes by teachers and the repair shop, print shop, the broom shop, and the laundry.

Emil E. Bietz, preceptor at Enterprise, was recently elected principal of Plainview Academy at Redfield, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Bietz and Arlene made a trip to Redfield, returning to Enterprise February 14. Mr. Bietz will begin his work as principal at Plainview about June 1. The Enterprise Academy board is putting forth every possible effort to secure for Enterprise Academy a strong preceptor for the coming school year to take the place of Mr. Bietz.

The primary members of the Enterprise Sabbath school will have a few scrapbooks to give to shut-in children. Anyone knowing of children who would enjoy such books, write Elizabeth Torkelson, Enterprise, Kan.

Orlene and Imogene Hasenplaugh enjoyed a visit from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hasenplaugh, and their brothers.

Mr. Holmes and a group of students from Enterprise visited Union College over the week-end, February 9 to 11.

Kansas News Notes

ELDER A. H. RULKOTTER left Topeka Friday, February 9, and returned Wednesday, February 14. On this trip he visited Kansas City, Fort Scott, Pittsburg, Galena, Columbus, Oswego, and Parsons.

Every isolated member who does not have regular Sabbath school privileges should belong to the Conference Sabbath school. If you are not enrolled, please let us know by sending a card to the address above. We will send you the instructions needed.

Elder E. H. Meyers met with the church at Emporia Sabbath, February 10.

Signs clubs keep coming. Has your church reached its quota? Remember our conference slogan is "Every church its quota." This really is a low goal. We should even pass it.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale is spending some time among our people in the southwestern part of the state.

Brother C. M. Norman and family arrived in Topeka Sunday evening, February 11, and are busy getting settled. Brother Norman has already assumed his duties as field missionary secretary, and is getting in touch with the old colporteurs, and is very much interested in getting in touch with any who are interested in joining the colporteur ranks.

On Sunday evening, February 14, at the home of Mr. Reinhardt, eighteen miles northeast of Garden City, Kans., Miss Ellen Gaede and Mr. Harry E. Winters, both members of the Garden City church, were united in marriage, Elder A. A. Dirksen officiating.

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A "Signs" Experience

WHILE in India I was glad to be associated with a native worker who had embraced the message as the result of reading the *Signs of the Times*.

A sister in the United States sent some *Signs* to South India. C. Alexander, a Syrian Christian, a descendant of the Christians who were converted by the Apostle Thomas so many centuries ago, read the *Signs*, started to keep the Sabbath, and attended our training school near Bangalore.

We were in need of a teacher who knew English and bookbinding for our Bombay Union Training School. We called Brother Alexander and his wife to this responsibility. He was an ardent

worker for Christ. He was soon made the deacon of our Lasalgaon church and still continues in the work of proclaiming the message. MELVIN OSS.

Missouri News Notes

ELDER THOMPSON and Brother Harrison made a business trip to Sedalia last Monday.

Good reports are coming in regarding the tithe covenant program which was launched January 27. Some encouraging testimonies are given concerning the richness of blessing upon faithfulness in returning the tithe. We hope this spirit will prevail and spread until every Sabbath keeper in Missouri is a tithe payer.

Do you have a copy of "Bible Footlights" in your library? This book is a series of home Bible studies, each given in the form of questions answered from the Bible, accompanied by such facts of history, current statistics, and comment as throw special light upon the subject and make the study interesting. It contains 320 pages. The price in the best binding is \$2.00—but listen! the Missouri Book and Bible House is offering, while their stock lasts, one copy of "Bible Footlights" in the best binding, one "Sweetest Stories Ever Told," cloth, and One Christian Wall Calendar for only \$1.50 postpaid. Order your set today. Only a few sets at this price.

A sister past sixty-five years, connected with the church for a half century, having had the *Sabbath School Worker* for more than two decades, sends the following testimony for the *Worker*: "It has been food for my Sabbath school work for more than twenty years. Would surely be at a loss to be without it." We hope this testimony will stimulate those who do not have the *Worker* to subscribe for it.

A sister sends an itemized program of how she secured \$4.55 from Investments for Sabbath school contributions. Space forbids quoting her avenues of income, yet they, or similar ones, are within the reach of all desiring Investments for 1934. We trust the readers will be among those "devising ways and means" for investing something for the cause of missions to be brought in through the Sabbath school offerings.

At the close of the regular Sabbath service of the Clinton church on January 27, a very quiet, and to many present, surprise wedding took place. The contracting parties were Mr. Floyd Clegg and Miss Marjorie Holzhauer. Mr. Clegg is a member of the Conference church while Miss Holzhauer was one of the stenographers in our conference office.

Elder Thompson, our conference president, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Clegg plan to enter upon the vocation of farm life. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for a successful and happy life together.

Word is received from one who signed the "Tithe Covenant Card." He says, "I have placed it in my *Sabbath School Quarterly*, so in my daily study of the lesson I am thus frequently reminded of my renewed covenant with God. I see now when I pray for God to open the windows of heaven in blessing me, His response is, 'Bring ye the tithe.' Consequently I have become conscious of having the 'key in my possession.' I am determined to use it and thus 'prove Him.'"

The St. Louis Central church report indicates that 190 are busy doing active missionary work. This number reported.

Mrs. Moseley, the young people's leader of the St. Louis Berean church, reports that a larger enrolment in the M. V. Society may be expected there. We appreciate her interest in this important work.

Mrs. Howard Welch, the wife of our Union Flat church school teacher, has recovered from a bad siege of pneumonia. We learn she was in a most critical condition, but rejoice to know her life has been spared for continued service for her family and the Master. Brother Welch is planning an original program on the life of Christ to be given in the near future by his school for the benefit of the public.

Elder Thompson and Brother Harrison met with the Kingsville church last Sabbath, the 10th instant.

Our conference home missionary secretary reports an interesting meeting he attended about fifteen miles from Ava. Brother F. H. Hahn was invited to hold meetings in the home of an interested family last November. He had conducted these meetings over week-ends. The young people of the Ava church rendered musical selections and the dialogue, "The Challenge of the Cross." Elder Oss spoke to the crowd on "Christ and the Power of the Gospel." It was discovered that a large crowd was outside the house who could not find room within. Then it was suggested that those who had seen and heard should return home. This made room for a new crowd. The young men and boys climbed up on top of the joists to make more room. The program was repeated. The couple in the home where the meetings are held have already started to observe the Sabbath. Brother Hahn expects several new Sabbath keepers as a result of these meetings.

CENTRAL UNION REAPER

Nebraska Conference

T. B. Westbrook, President
F. W. Schnepfer, Secretary
1115 W. Charles St. Grand Island

What Nebraska Churches Think of the "Signs"

THE beginning of the year is always the best time to plan for future work. We find a good many of our churches are already planning for the soul winning work which they expect to do with the *Signs*. To them it is not a question of securing a paper, it is a question of getting before their friends and neighbors the truth in the most attractive way.

So we find that one church has raised a large amount before any mention has been made of the *Signs*, looking forward to that event. In another church a man and his wife had been taking the *Signs* to ten homes every week for a year. Recently they went to each one of these homes and asked the people if they would not like to subscribe for the paper for another year. Three of these people paid in advance, and the church has the money for their order ready. In another church a man is arranging to keep the Sabbath, and hopes to unite with the church very soon. He has been receiving the *Signs* for one year. One brother appreciates the work of the *Signs* so much that he has paid in advance for ten subscriptions. This brother is not a man who is wealthy as one would consider wealth in this world's goods. A new Sabbath school has been organized in Trenton, Nebr., as a result of some families there receiving the *Signs*, and of the personal work of another brother. And so the story goes.

If we do not have the opportunity of visiting your church as workers, take this up at your next Sabbath meeting and get your club. There never has been a time when it was possible to secure the *Signs* so cheaply as this year. Let us not delay to do this good work.

R. J. Roy,
Home Missionary Secretary.

Shelton Academy News Notes

THE annual Shelton Academy board meeting was held January 17. The entire faculty was re-elected for the coming year.

The teachers and students very much enjoyed the timely and inspirational talk given at the Friday evening vespers January 12, by Brother A. R. Smouse. We were also pleased to have Professor C. W. Marsh and Elder R. T. Baer visit

our school for a day prior to the board meeting.

It is not too late yet to come to Shelton Academy for the second semester.

A Missionary Volunteer convention was conducted here at the academy January 26 to 28, by Elder Gordon Smith and Elder R. J. Roy. Visitors from surrounding churches came in, and the chapel was crowded to capacity for the Sabbath meetings.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1934

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Sec.

B. O. Engen	GC	43	19.00
H. A. Hanson	BR	81	59.50
*Clarice Rust	HW	39	24.10
*Miss Dorothy Boyko	RJ	72	73.00
Grace Shumway	RJ	35	26.75
Beatrice Kapinos	RJ	55	10.00
G. H. Boehrig	HW	34	11.00
A. Schornstein	BR	33	21.00
Mrs. Ray Kroll	BR	25	9.00
Karl A. Evenson	BR	2	24.25
Miss Magnuson	BR	15	21.00
Mabel Coates	RJ	7	15.00
Emily Sanford	BR	7	5.00
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ	2	4.25
Sverre Erickson	RJ	6	.50
Bessie Nordsrom	BT		14.40
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	26	7.10
Esther Dufstrom	Mag.	26	8.25
Gertrude Harden	Mag.		.80
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	15	2.10
Patricia Liers	Mag.	7	5.60
Total		510	361.60

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.

Mrs. Blackburn	BR	30	48.00
W. A. Burton	BR	40	36.75
Rosie Busch	OD	18	7.50
Giles L. Cooper	RI	37	19.25
Mrs. S. Holmes	RJ	20	19.55
W. H. Moore	DR	39	48.50
Lola Simons	BR	16	22.50
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	27	20.00
Wm. Thomas	BR	3	9.00
Lonnie Thompson	GC	34	72.00
W. L. Vickers	BR	28	5.50
Freda Asher	Mag	5	3.00
Mrs. Davenport	Mag		.60
Mrs. Emma Elz	Mag	12	2.40
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	31	12.90
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	11	4.70
Kate H. Snead	Mag	5	2.20
Total		356	334.60

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Sec.

F. D. Gilman	BR	41	43.75
J. W. Simmons	GC	13	37.75
Elva Wilcox	NGC	31	29.75
H. G. Biggers	Misc	33	29.25
E. W. Frederickson	GC	5	18.25
Rita Coffin	RJ	10	15.75
Raymond Hircok	GC	12	15.25
M. H. Meeker	OD	26	14.75
Nathan Coffin	GC	22	13.50
Ida Edgerton	BR	18	9.00
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	FS	16	8.25
Florence Maurath	RJ	24	8.25
Anna Kromer	Misc	5	8.25
Anna Will	Mag	28	3.85
Eva Koch	RJ	12	3.25
Oliver Priddy	RJ		.75
Total		296	259.60

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.

F. M. Bagley	BR	18	28.00
Mrs. Frank Ferrell		24	26.25
S. A. Jacoshenk	RJ	30	34.25
Beatrice Komoll	HP	39	52.00
Flora Peterson	RJ	22	16.25
F. Arthur Wheeler	RJ	36	60.50
Total		169	217.25

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.

Lucille A. Redmon	RJ	20	10.75
Orville Lee Poore	RJ	18	19.75
Joseph L. Ockenga	BR	21	50.75
Olive L. Redmon		67	52.85
M. A. Wyman	BR		7.50
Gunda Torkelson		58	37.00
Total		184	168.60

KANSAS: C. M. Norman, Sec.

Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag	29	17.70
Mrs. E. Millard	Mag	13	2.80
J. T. North	GC	30	17.25
J. D. Springer	DR	35	3.00
Total		107	40.75
Grand Total		1622	1382.40
*Two Weeks.			

ADVERTISEMENTS

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THE Battle Creek Food Company, Battle Creek, Mich., has openings for authorized direct-to-home distributors for their nationally advertised food products. Best opportunity ever offered by this company for the right type of man or woman. Liberal commission. Write C. R. MacIvor, 394 N. Cleveland Ave., St. Paul, Minn., in detail as to qualifications, experience, and reliability. Full information will be sent by return mail. 8-13.

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.

WATCH REPAIR WORK.—Satisfaction guaranteed, Mainspring, 95c. Cleaning 90c to \$1.45. Staff, \$1.65 to \$2.10. Unbreakable crystal, 45c. P. E. Carlson, R. 1, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Experienced young lady desires house work in S. D. A. home; small wages. Wyoming or Colorado preferred. Box 775, Huron S. Dak.

YOUNG married man, age 27, without children, desires farm work by month or season. Expect religious liberty and prefer separate house. Accustomed to northern machinery. References if required. Write at once stating particulars in first letter. M. P. O'Connor, Eureka Springs, Ark.

WANTED.—Man for general farm work. Will pay reasonable wages till seeding, then going wages. May start right away or not later than March first. J. C. Blair, Perth, N. Dak.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, February 23, 1934

Denver, Colorado	5:45
Des Moines, Iowa	5:57
Topeka, Kansas	6:09
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:52
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:55
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:11
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:19
Pierre, South Dakota	6:21
Casper, Wyoming	5:47

Union College

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

A New Course

A COURSE has been added to the Union College curriculum which provides training calculated to prepare young men to enter the medical corps as their field of service, should they be called in time of war.

Dr. Everett Dick is in charge of this new undertaking, and associated with him are Professor G. W. Habenicht and Elder F. H. Yost, all of whom saw active military service in the World War. Major E. H. Burgher, a doctor in the medical corps of the army, supervises instruction in the technical features of the course. Through the courtesy of Major Burgher a measure of recognition will be accorded this training by the government, yet those enrolled are in no way connected with any branch of the military service.

While non-combatant status has been accorded Seventh-day Adventists, they are loyal and faithful citizens and are ready to do any work and serve their country in any capacity that will not violate their conscientious regard for what they consider right.

The faculty of Union College is endeavoring to teach the principles laid down by Christ, and any tendency toward militarism is discouraged. This plan was undertaken by the faculty only after counsel with the board of trustees and denominational leadership.

Union College Notes

THE 125th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was commemorated in chapel February 12 by a program given under the auspices of a student committee headed by A. K. Phillips. Kimber Johnson impersonated President Lincoln as Alex Reisig read the Gettysburg address off-stage. In a second scene Mr. Johnson was revealed in posture of the familiar statue of Mr. Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial, Springfield, Ill. Glenn Marcoe gave John M. Thurston's oration, "Lincoln, Man Called of God"; A. K. Phillips read Whitman's "Captain, My Captain"; and Florence Lucille Terry read "The Blue and the Gray." Incidental music was furnished by the male quartet and by the instrumental ensemble under the direction of Clayoma Engel.

The Union College vocal ensemble, under the direction of Professor Stanley Ledington, gave a program at the College View church February 4. The ensemble was assisted by Esther Lorntz-Ledington, soprano, and by Carl C. Engel, violinist.

Professor H. K. Schilling is the writer of two articles published in scientific journals last month. One, "Mosaic Crystals of Zinc," appeared in *Physics*. In *School Science and Mathematics* is a discussion of a "New Law of Motion Apparatus," designed by Professor Schilling and Dave Eickhoff.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 36 - - - - - Watertown

Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty

WORD from our brethren at Washington indicates that "nearly every industry which submitted a code under the NRA had a Sunday closing clause in its code." Strenuous efforts have been made to eliminate them, but locally they have

been enforced with a vengeance in some places. The thirteen-month blank-day calendar is looming again, and has been placed on the agenda of the League of Nations for 1935. The good old *Liberty* magazine is on the job with its timely counsel and messages, and we must see that it reaches the leaders of thought in the state. Plan for the Religious Liberty Day offering on March 3, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

GORDEN OSS.

Two Conventions

Two Sabbath school conventions are being planned for, one to be held in Aberdeen March 3, and the other in Chamberlain March 10. In the latter place Elder Oss will have the Friday evening service, and also lead out in the work on Sabbath, and Miss Hopkins will be in attendance in both places. The usual program will be carried on: 10:00 A. M., Sabbath school, followed by a convention session, and another service in the afternoon. Those living near-by who can attend will be given a hearty welcome.

There is a splendid home missionary spirit throughout the field, and it is evident there will be an increase in soul-saving in 1934.

Public Library Fund

WE ARE glad to report that the public library fund is growing. We have about two thirds of the amount required to place the *Watchman* magazine in each library in our conference. We are anxious to raise sufficient money so the *Watchman* can start going to these libraries. After talking it over with Brother Schlotthauer, we have decided to wait a little longer, and we appeal to each one who has not contributed to do so at once. This will no doubt be the means of bringing the message to a multitude of people. If we put one into each library the price will be 50 cents. L. L. MCKINLEY.

Central Union Conference Statement of Forty-Cent-a-Week Fund for One Month (Four weeks) Ending January 31, 1934

	Member-ship	Amt. \$1.60 per Member	Amount Received	Amount Short	Per Member 1934	1933
Colorado	3601	5761.60	2288.46	3473.14	.159	.137
Iowa	2680	4288.00	1128.99	3159.01	.105	.100
Kansas	2746	4393.60	1341.23	3052.37	.122	.083
Minnesota	3425	5480.00	1395.96	4084.04	.102	.094
Missouri	2240	3584.00	1100.66	2483.34	.123	.075
Nebraska	2643	4228.80	2483.93	1744.87	.235	.141
North Dakota	2343	3724.80	709.15	3015.65	.076	
South Dakota	1541	2465.60	594.81	1870.79	.096	.104
Wyoming	420	672.00	245.39	426.61	.146	.166
Union	21624	34598.40	11288.58	23309.82	.131	.096