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Forward—With Success

OUR people all over the union will rejoice at the news that the circulation of the *Watchman*, our monthly soul-winning magazine, made tremendous gains during the year recently closed. From an average monthly circulation of less than 16,000 copies during 1932, *Watchman* circulation increased to an average of more than 50,500 copies for each month of 1933,—one month reaching 79,000 copies.

The Central Union, we are happy to say, had a very definite part in this increased distribution of our message-filled magazine. More copies of the *Watchman* came into the Central Union last year than into any other union conference in the country. The total union sales in 1932 were 19,395, while in 1933 they soared to more than 104,000 copies. More than four times our 1932 sales!

Every conference showed a splendid increase in circulation. Wyoming has the distinction of being one of the two conferences in the country to go over its goal every month; although Missouri and Minnesota came only slightly short of reaching their goals for the year. These two fields were included among the ten highest in total *Watchman* magazines sold by local conferences throughout the country for the year.

But with all we did in 1933, we did not reach our goal. We must press on during 1934 to increased soul-winning effort with the *Watchman*. Our aim for the magazine is 100,000 copies a month. It will take the concerted activity of every worker, every colporteur, every believer, to reach this objective.

The new March *Watchman*, with a striking and unusual cover, is now ready for circulation. It features some impressive articles, such as "How Do the Movies Affect Your Child?" by Elder S. A. Ruskjer, president of the Southern Union Conference.

You will want to sell copies of this splendid issue. In lots of ten or more copies the price is only four cents a copy. You make six cents on each magazine you sell. It is a good way to earn extra mission offerings. Order from your Book and Bible House.

J. F. PIPER.

Colorado Conference

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The Work in the West Denver Church

IT MAY seem a little late to present a report of the work done during the year 1933, but we believe the readers of the REAPER are always interested in reports of progress. In many ways the year 1933 has been one of much blessing of the Lord.

We began the year with 292 members; we closed with 324. It was our pleasure

A Never-Failing Helper

WHY do we cling to our troubles and fret over trials when we have a never-failing Helper who asks that we cast them upon Him?

"Through all our trials we have a never-failing Helper. He does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation, to battle with evil, and finally be crushed with burdens and sorrow. Though now He is hidden from mortal sight, the ear of faith can hear His voice saying, 'Fear not; I am with you, 'I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore.' I have endured sorrows, experienced your struggles, encountered your temptations. I know your tears; I also have wept. The griefs that lie too deep to be breathed into any human ear, I know. Think not that you are desolate and forsaken. Though your pain touch no responsive chord in any heart on earth, look unto Me, and live. 'The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.' "—"Desire of Ages," p. 483, par. 1.

J. F. PIPER.

to add twenty-eight members to the church. These came quite largely as a result of church school work, home missionary work, etc. We did not have a conference Bible worker during the year. However, a number of our members did very faithful work.

The home missionary report has some quite interesting items. Nearly 3,000 missionary visits were made; 658 Bible readings were given; 990 persons were brought to Sabbath school or other services, and 37,713 pieces of literature were given away. The church is well organized for missionary work.

As might be expected in view of the depression, the treasurer's report is not quite up to recent years. The tithe was \$6,758, which is \$450 under what it was for 1932. Harvest Ingathering and the Sabbath school showed a drop under a year ago. The total sum of the conference funds was \$9,915, which is a drop of \$1,100 under a year ago. We are sorry to note this drop, but we feel that in view of the financial conditions through which we have passed, this represents a high degree of faithfulness on the part of our people.

The Sabbath school report shows an average membership for the year of 259. The number reporting daily lesson study was 167. We had an average of forty-eight visitors each Sabbath.

The Missionary Volunteers had a membership of sixty-three. They gave 120 Bible readings, made 470 missionary visits, and gave help to 470 persons. In the Harvest Ingathering they raised \$221.50. They held one evangelistic effort with good results. Our society is one of the few that has an "A" grade rating with the Central Union.

The deacons and deaconesses have a very good report. A great deal of work has been done for the church by these faithful brethren and sisters. Considerable repair work was done at the church, which cost the church nothing. The welfare work has been carried forward in a very good way. We have given over 6,000 garments and a great deal of food to the needy.

Our congregation is strong for the church school. We have sixty-four children in the school. During the past year

nine of our children were baptized into the church.

We have a very active Ladies' Aid society. These ladies have turned \$150 into various church needs during the past year. They bought the paint and the men painted the church. They have put a lot of new plumbing into the church. In many other ways their help has been greatly appreciated.

We have a very fine spirit of loyalty and cooperation among our members here in West Denver. To this spirit under God is due the above reports. It is our hope and prayer that the year we have now entered upon will be much better in every way.

A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

Colorado News Items

ELDER NETHERY left Monday morning in company with Brother Fulton, manager of the Porter Sanitarium, to attend the meeting of the union conference committee at Lincoln.

In harmony with the action of the conference committee in January, the Book and Bible House is requesting all those who know themselves to be indebted to it, to kindly remit the balance due by the first of March, as we expect to eliminate credit to individuals other than colporteurs at that time.

Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President
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Convention at Waterloo

A VERY fine week-end convention was held at the Waterloo church. Elder Fries and the writer conducted a home missionary and Sabbath school convention. This church has been doing a splendid work, although the membership is not so large. Under the leadership of Bert Hatcher and through the splendid cooperation of Sister Alice Kinney, the church is really a missionary church. Sister Eva M. Walker is the home missionary secretary, and the church is planning on an aggressive work with literature in their city. The church board talked over the matter of ordering subscriptions of *Signs* and using them for carrying out their missionary plans for the coming year.

A Bible training class has been conducted by Sister Kinney. A live Sabbath school is conducted by E. W. Frederickson, and the young people, who are made up of a number of colporteurs, putting out a lot of our books in this city, are making it possible for an opening for an effort at this place.

We appreciate the way our churches are taking hold of the missionary work.

B. A. SCHERR.

Teacher's Training Course

WE HAVE just received the following from Mrs. Stoelting, divisional leader of the Council Bluffs Sabbath school:

"Will you please send me the 1933 Teacher's Training Course certificate? I prize these certificates very much, for each year since 1917 I have bought the Training Course books and have taken the course. It has cost me quite a sum, but what I have gained cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. The 1933 course has been a real help to me, and I am encouraging all the teachers of my division to take the course and study it."

We are putting this in the REAPER for the encouragement of others who may be superintendents, divisional leaders, or teachers.

The book used for the course for 1934 is "The Christ, the Church, and the Child." Price 85 cents.

B. A. SCHERR.

Iowa News Notes

ELDERS B. A. SCHERR and K. L. Gant were with the Sioux City church, Sabbath, February 17, and their plans when they left were to be with the Council Bluffs church on Sabbath, the 24th.

Elder R. S. Fries visited the church at Hawarden on February 17, and on this same trip he also visited the Sioux City church, and from there he went to Lincoln, Nebr., to attend the Central Union Conference committee meeting and also the Union College board meeting.

Professor Paul Ford, principal of Oak Park Academy, and J. H. Nies, secretary-treasurer of the conference, spent two days at Lincoln on school and conference business.

We have received the sad news of the death of Brother Joseph Nelson at Decorah. It was arranged for Elder Jeys to have charge of the funeral. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Sister Nelson and family.

We trust that all our churches will take a club of the *Signs of the Times* at the special rate that is now given to the churches on the membership basis. Many of the churches have already sent in their club orders, but there are quite a few who have not yet sent us their *Signs* orders.

The *Review and Herald* expiration notices were sent out last week, and at this writing several have not yet sent in their order. Kindly do so as we are confident you will not want to miss the good old *Review*.

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

March 3

IN ALL our churches an important topic, that of religious liberty, is to be presented on March 3. The past year has helped us to realize as never before how quickly our personal liberties may be lost. The freedom of the press and of communication hung in the balance last December and was almost lost.

Things happen so rapidly these days that little or no time is allowed for preparation or opposition. We are endeavoring to keep the light of religious freedom burning by sending the *Liberty* magazine to our Kansas law-makers, state officials, judges, and lawyers, a total of 357 copies.

We are dependent on our members to meet this cost by contribution. We need \$90 on the above date, and we are counting on you doing your share. We are asking our isolated and conference church members to send their gifts direct to the conference office and the local church members to send their offerings through their local church. Let us support this most worthy cause in the present crisis.

A. H. RULKOTTER.

Sabbath School Check-Up

NOTICE the three points revealed by our Sabbath school report for the last quarter of 1933:

1. During the quarter 410 members studied the lesson every day. That means that somebody studied some lessons 37,310 times. Adding to this the report of those who did not have perfect records we would probably find the figure reaching 100,000. We issued seventy-two ribbons. A large number, naturally, are

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more than one-year ribbons. One, for instance, is a twelve-year ribbon awarded to Mrs. Lille Belle James, of Ottawa. Summing them up, these seventy-two ribbons represent 162 years of perfect record. This means that these seventy-two persons have been present and on time about 8,424 Sabbaths, and have studied a lesson about 59,130 times without missing a day.

2. But, let us beware. Two other points are not so favorable. We cannot let them go as they are. We earnestly ask for the cooperation of every member in holding up our Sabbath school standard in these two items. The Sabbath school is called the heart of the church. Can we afford to have a weak heart when there is a remedy at hand? I give no figures, but we must admit that we have a high percentage of church members missing from the Sabbath school. We appeal to our members to come to Sabbath school and bring others with them. Remember the Home Division provides for those who are forced to stay away from the regular Sabbath school.

3. Sabbath school donations in some churches are falling off. We are aware of the shrinkage of incomes the last few years, and we cannot say what any one can or should give to God for this urgent work. That must be left between each one and God, who knows all and who judges and condemns righteously. But the fact is our Sabbath school funds are still dropping in some churches. This fact presents a great challenge to our schools in Kansas. Let us renew our determination to remove all obstructions in this fountain—this greatest fountain the church has for the inflow of mission funds; namely, the Sabbath school.

E. H. MEYERS.

Enterprise Academy Notes

THE school enjoyed a visit from Elder D. E. Collins, of the Central Union Conference, R. G. Campbell, of the Missouri Conference, and C. M. Norman, of the Kansas Conference. The helpful instruction given by Elder Collins was greatly appreciated by students and teachers.

The Academy Press recently sent out a large order of printing work for one of our neighboring conferences. The school appreciates the support that is being given its industries. The Academy Broomshop recently shipped a good size order of brooms to one of our local wholesale houses.

The seniors were organized February 18. There are nineteen seniors. The officers are: Alva Foster, president; Eldon Marshall, vice-president; Inez Dwyer,

secretary; Paulena Conness, treasurer; Ernest Seltman, sergeant-at-arms; and Mr. Bietz, sponsor. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk entertained the seniors at a Washington party Sunday afternoon.

Minnesota Conference

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The Storm Is Approaching

FOR many years Seventh-day Adventists have understood from the prophecies the great events that were to take place in the closing days of this world's history. We have not been in darkness, but have been the children of the light, because God in His providence has seen fit to throw upon our pathway in these closing days of this world's history, a flood of prophetic light. We have every evidence to believe that we are living in the very closing scenes. One of the great events that is yet to take place will be the passing of a rigid Sunday law throughout the world. But in the crisis hour, we know that many law-makers, men in prominent position, will stand forth to boldly proclaim the majesty of God's law and the principles of religious liberty. The instruction that they have received during these years from our *Liberty* magazine has made an impression upon their minds, and in the day of need they will step to the front in defense of the principles of liberty and righteousness.

Of all the days throughout the year that Seventh-day Adventists should be interested in and should faithfully observe, none is more important than Religious Liberty Day. As we see the events thickening about us, which mean so much to us in the near future, we should prize the instruction that we receive upon this day more and more. The reading, "Freedom Trembling in the Balance," should make every Seventh-day Adventist in Minnesota awake to the seriousness of the times in which we live. As we see the evidences of approaching peril, we should all of us arouse to action, and not only with our words voice the principles of religious freedom, but we should do all that we can to place in the hands of men in prominent positions our *Liberty* magazine. We trust that the offering that is taken upon Religious Liberty Day may be far greater than any such offering that has ever been received in our conference. The storm is approaching, and in a little from this we will look back upon our offering and

upon our efforts for this work, and will wish that we had made them many times greater. Let us make this a day long to be remembered in our conference history.

V. J. JOHNS.

Sowers in Minnesota's Vineyard

OUR annual institute that just recently closed in Minneapolis was a marked success in every way. Elder Collins, from the union, was with us throughout the entire ten days and gave us excellent instruction. During the morning devotional hour, Elder V. J. Johns, our conference president, and Elder Niermeyer, the pastor of the Minneapolis church, gave us very helpful studies on "Great Controversy," which we all enjoyed each morning. Our present reports from the colporteurs in the field are indicative that the fine spirit that prevailed throughout the institute has taken full possession of each worker, as God is richly blessing us in the field, both in sales and souls. Present day circumstances make it difficult for an ordinary salesman to make a go of his work. However, we are told by the pen of inspiration, and find it is true in our experience, that "Circumstances have but little to do with the experience of a Christian. It is the spirit cherished that gives color to all our actions." I wish you could have been there with us, especially on Sabbath afternoons and heard the testimonies of these colporteurs; how that God had opened up ways before them, how He has removed obstacles in their behalf, so that they could present this message to the people.

We as colporteurs solicit your prayers that we may be found faithful, that we may live out the truth that is so near and dear to us. And if there are any who feel impressed to get into the work and wish to join our ranks, kindly pray sincerely about it and get in contact with the writer. And I assure you that you will receive such a blessing as you have never experienced before.

J. M. JACKSON.

Minnesota Field Missionary Sec.

Missouri Conference

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Missouri News Notes

ELDER THOMPSON left the office Monday evening for Lincoln, Nebr., to attend the annual session of the board of managers of Union College, and a meeting of the Central Union Conference executive committee. He plans to meet

with the St. Joseph church Sabbath, the 24th.

The sad news has come from the Oak Grove church of the death of the father of Brother Frank Rose, the church elder, and also the death of Sister Rose's father. Our sympathy is extended.

While visiting at LaBelle recently, our conference home missionary secretary learned directly of the good missionary work being done by Brother C. C. Gilbert. This brother makes a special effort to call upon the people in the community in times of bereavements. He presents the sorrowing with appropriate literature and speaks words of comfort to them.

Requests are being received for Missionary Volunteer Reading Course certificates and Bible Year certificates. Sister Frances Flournoy, of Kansas City, has just requested a Bible Year certificate, stating she has read her Bible through four times.

Sister Elliott, the missionary leader of the Joplin church, writes that those who have been taking the club of *Signs* wish to continue another year, and also that several others wish to begin early in April when the present club expires.

The Oak Grove church reports that their home nurses' class has eleven members who will finish the course in two weeks. Also we are glad to learn that this added preparation has been a great help in the missionary activities of the church. A warm feeling of friendship exists in the surrounding community.

A sister reports from one section the incident of how a believer proved faithful to God in giving the tithe when there were no provisions in store for their sustenance. The promise of the Lord was verified, and the next day they were visited and received potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, black-eyed peas, corn, tomatoes, dried apples, pop corn, wheat for breakfast food, molasses, and canned fruits.

We urge all our people to remember that Sabbath, March 3, is the time set by the General Conference to receive an offering for religious liberty. This fund in our conference needs replenishing, hence we plead for liberality when the offering is taken.

We wish it to be remembered that the week-end, March 2-4, is the time announced for the Sabbath school convention to be held in the Memorial church of Kansas City. Professor J. C. Thompson, associate secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, will attend this convention. There will be preaching Friday night at eight o'clock. Elder Chas. Thompson, our con-

ference president, will speak. All believers in proximity of Kansas City are invited and urged to attend all, or as many of these meetings as is possible and consistent.

Nebraska Conference

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Request of Conference Committee

AT THE last meeting of the committee of the Nebraska Conference, the importance of securing the *Watchman* for all the libraries in Nebraska was presented. It was voted that the regular Sabbath morning offering of the church service of February 3, from all our churches over the state of Nebraska, be sent in to the conference headquarters by the local church treasurers to be applied on a *Watchman* library fund. The treasurers are requested to specify the amount of this offering as "Watchman Library Fund." The conference will then take this total amount and send it to the Southern Publishing Association to make up enough to purchase a year's subscription to the *Watchman* for every library in Nebraska. We trust no treasurer will overlook this request. In case it was not specified as such when the offering was taken up February 3, it was suggested that a special offering be taken for that purpose. It is estimated that there are 138 public libraries in the state of Nebraska. We are sure this is good missionary work, and will bring results.

R. J. Roy.

Shelton Academy Notes

THE state colporteur institute was held here at the school February 1 to 10. Elder D. E. Collins and Brother P. E. Shakespeare led out in this institute. Elder Westbrook and Brother F. W. Schnepfer also gave valuable help.

Professor C. C. Engel, of Union College, and his string quartette gave the fourth number of our lyceum course Saturday night, February 3. Mrs. Hilts assisted in the program.

Stereopticon pictures of Hawaii and scenic places in California were shown in the chapel Saturday night, January 13, by the courtesy of the Union Pacific Railroad company.

The water softener taken in on account last fall has been installed and greatly reduces our soap bill.

A carload of our Shelton Academy potatoes was recently sold to a wholesale company in Grand Island.

The senior class was organized Sunday night, January 28, with twenty-two members. Miss Brebner was chosen as sponsor.

Elder J. F. Piper spent Sabbath, February 3, at the school and spoke in the interest of the colporteur work.

Notes

THE churches close to Lincoln are invited to send their young people to the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer meetings which will be held in the Lincoln church, March 15 to 17, by Elder Gordon H. Smith, the Central Union Missionary Volunteer leader. The local conference secretary will also be present. The Lincoln church members have expressed their willingness to furnish rooms to any who may come who might have to stay over night for these three days. Special meetings will be held each evening and all day Sabbath in the interest of the young people. Because of this taking place at the time of our Week of Prayer, we desire to make it more devotional than a regular Missionary Volunteer rally, but we trust all the young people possible will come. All interested please write the conference office at once.

At the Lincoln church February 9 there was held a very quiet and impressive investiture service. As each one of the eleven who received their "Friend" pins carried out his part in the program, the leader of the class gave him a candle and lighted it. As all the members stood with their lighted candles, remarks in regard to the solemnity of their pledge and of the law were made by Elder R. J. Roy. This fine group is going right on in the progressive work, and we expect to see some splendid workers from these young people.

At the home of Elder R. J. Roy, February 14, Miss Blanch Reed and Mr. Otto Schwartz were united in marriage. We wish them a happy home and God's blessing.

No. Dakota Conference

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Some Changes

THE work in the North Dakota Conference has been progressing smoothly during the year 1933. The workers in the

various districts shouldered the responsibilities, and greatly appreciated the cooperation of the elders and officers. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the united efforts of the workers and laity with a harvest of souls. We appreciate the spirit of loyalty manifested by the laity. We realize that in unity there is strength. The workers are loved and esteemed by the brethren, and we are rather loath to think of changes that occur occasionally in connection with the cause in which we are engaged.

Elder G. R. Theiss has just arrived from Philadelphia, and is now preparing to enter into his activities in this conference. He will conduct his first series of meeting in the Pettibone church, beginning Friday, February 23.

Elder Schwindt is conducting a series of meetings in Jamestown. The Lord has blessed with a good interest. Several people have already decided to cast their lot with God's children in accepting the third angel's message. Others are in the valley of decision. Elder Schwindt has spent seven years in the North Dakota Conference, and is now associated with the Bureau of Home Missions as evangelist for the German-speaking people. He expects to leave North Dakota soon after the effort at Jamestown. Our prayers and best wishes go with him as he enters upon the activities in the conferences. Elder Schwindt has rendered faithful service, which has brought results in various parts of the field.

Elder A. A. Leiske, who has labored in this conference for a number of years, has accepted a call to connect with the Missouri Conference. He is leaving North Dakota in the near future. We are loath to see Brother and Sister Leiske leave North Dakota, because they have done acceptable work and have engraced themselves into the hearts of many of the brethren.

Elder J. H. Rhoads, of the Iowa Conference, has been called to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Leiske's leaving. Brother Rhoads is a young man of ability and talent, and we feel that he will be a help to the North Dakota Conference. Brother Rhoads expects to arrive in North Dakota the first part of March. Very likely we will locate him at Lisbon, where he will continue to establish the brethren that accepted the truth through Elder Leiske's efforts last summer.

We solicit the prayers of our constituency throughout the North Dakota Conference in behalf of the workers that have accepted calls to unite with our field, and we pray that the Lord will bless, strengthen, and sustain the brethren

that have been called out of North Dakota to connect with their respective fields.
E. H. OSWALD.

Religious Liberty Threatened

WE ARE constantly confronted with religious liberty legislation which interferes with the personal liberty of those who are endeavoring to serve their Lord and Master according to the Word. Word has just been received from Elder Longacre, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, stating that the Sunday-law question is again before Congress. Realizing the danger in connection with these bills that are urged upon Congressmen, we should do our best to place within the hands of all the responsible and influential people the *Liberty* magazine. At present we are providing the representatives, senators, lawyers, and judges with the magazine, but many others might be added.

Sabbath, March 3, has been designated as Religious Liberty Day. An offering is to be received at that time to pay for the subscriptions of the magazine provided for the parties mentioned above. We trust that our isolated people and those who have church privileges will remember this cause with a good strong donation. Let none appear empty handed. Let us participate in this great movement.

Programs are being sent to church elders and leaders which should be read at the regular eleven-o'clock hour Sabbath morning, March 3. Let us seek the Lord earnestly in behalf of the liberty which He has granted us as a people, and do our utmost in proclaiming the principles set forth in the precious Scriptures.

E. H. OSWALD.

Rays from S. R. A.

THE new officers for the Sabbath school and the M. V. department began their duties this week. The S. S. officers are: Superintendent, Albert Schimke; assistant superintendent, Philip Kabanuk; secretary, Allise Lembe; assistant secretary, Lila Silvertson; choristers, Katherine Beck and Eugene Winter; pianists, Anna Gruzensky and Lolita Newman; sponsor, J. C. Michalenko. Mrs. Zumbaum has charge of the children's department.

The M. V. officers are: Leader, Dena Tininenko; assistant leader, Otto Konigsfeld; secretary, Esther Widmer; assistant secretary, Adeline Warneke; choristers, Reinhold Pater and Lorine Schimke; pianists, Edna Reinke and Lorraine Poppe; sponsor, George Brand.

"Luther, the Professor of Wuttemberg," was a historical drama given Sunday eve-

ning, January 28, under the direction of Elder D. C. Newbold. The spirit manifested by the characters and their costumes took us back to the period of the Reformation.

Last week Mrs. Zumbaum gave us an interesting talk on the greatest of all books—the Bible. Within its covers every requirement of the human heart is met under all circumstances.

North Dakota Notes

ELDER E. H. OSWALD, in company with C. A. Edwards, left Jamestown Tuesday morning, February 13, en route to Harvey. Elder Oswald had some business to attend to at the school, and Brother Edwards planned to stop there a day or two to foster the colporteur spirit among the students, and from there he went to Minot.

The interest at Jamestown is holding up well, and some have already definitely stated that they plan to join us as a people. From all appearance, the work will be greatly strengthened at Jamestown as a result of the series of meetings that Elder Schwindt is holding.

Elder Oswald and Brother R. R. Bietz spent the week end, February 10 and 11, at Lisbon and held a convention there during that time. Elder Leiske had eight more candidates ready for baptism, and a baptismal service was conducted Sabbath morning. The company that was raised up since last summer was organized into a church of thirty-two members. Some who are planning to join the church could not be present on the day the church was organized on account of sickness and other reasons, but there will probably be a membership of around forty when the members have all been taken in. We are very happy over this new church that was not in existence a year ago. The Lord has blessed the labors of Elder and Mrs. Leiske at Lisbon since last camp meeting.

Have you had the privilege of reading the book, "The Holy Spirit," in connection with your Sabbath school lessons? If not, you should order one at once so that you may get as much from your Sabbath school lessons as possible during this quarter. The price in the paper binding is 35 cents.

Many of our people are not aware of the fact that we have what is called "Color Sets" for our children to be used in connection with our Sabbath school work. They are picture outlines that the children can color with colored crayons, and the booklet is sufficient to last a child for a quarter. The price is only 5 cents. Some of our Sabbath schools are using these and are highly pleased

with them. Every Sabbath school ought to have them.

Some of the brethren have told us in the office that they would be glad to furnish memory verse cards for the children in the Sabbath school if there was a way of preserving them so the children might have the use of them after they have learned the verse for a particular Sabbath. A little booklet has been provided by the publishers that is large enough to hold all of the memory verse cards for a quarter. The child can paste the card in each Sabbath. Then at the end of the quarter, it is easy to review the memory texts and have them to repeat on the thirteenth Sabbath. These little holders are only 5 cents.

On Sunday, February 4, Miss Bertha Krein, of McClusky, and Mr. Elmer Krueger, of Bowdon, both former students at Sheyenne River Academy, were united in marriage in the McClusky Seventh-day Adventist church, Elder E. H. Oswald officiating. We wish them much happiness.

Elder G. F. Theiss, who is to fill the vacancy that is left by Elder F. F. Schwindt, arrived at Jamestown one day last week with his family. He tried to settle in Goodrich, in the center of his district, but there is no vacant house there for them to occupy, so he is temporarily locating at Jamestown. We welcome Elder Theiss and his family into our field, and our German churches will be happy to get acquainted with Elder Theiss as opportunity affords.

We are very sorry to report the death of old Sister Kaylor, of Goodrich, whose husband died so recently. Elder F. F. Schwindt was sent to conduct the funeral. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the bereaved family.

The effort at Jamestown, conducted by Elder F. F. Schwindt will soon close, and up to this point, the results seem encouraging. There are quite a number in the baptismal class, and plans are being laid for a baptism to be held before Elder Schwindt leaves Jamestown.

Professor Gordon Smith, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Central Union, spent several days at the convention held at Kulm. It is reported to the office that the convention at Kulm proved a real success to the people there.

Elder A. A. Leiske stopped at the office in Jamestown between trains one day last week and told the office force goodbye, as he was planning to leave North Dakota on Thursday, February 22, for Missouri, which is now his field of labor. Elder and Mrs. Leiske and Bobbie will

be missed by their many friends in North Dakota, and we wish them success and much happiness in their work in their new field.

Word has been received from Elder James Rhoads, of Iowa, that he plans to start for North Dakota soon, where he has been called to fill the vacancy that is left by Elder Leiske's leaving.

Elder E. H. Oswald left Jamestown Friday morning, February 16, for Lincoln, Nebr., where he is attending a union committee meeting.

So. Dakota Conference

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A Soul-Winning Rally

OVER forty workers and delegates met at the Plainview Academy, February 7 to 10, and gave themselves to earnest study of church activities. Ways and means of increasing the membership at least 10 per cent in every church this year were given particular study, and we believe every church leader caught the vision of far greater possibilities than heretofore.

The constructive help given by Elder Elliott, of the General Conference, and by Elder Piper and the other union workers was prized by all. The fine entertainment at the school added much to the meeting. We are inviting the elders who were unable to come, and our entire membership throughout the field, to "launch out into the deep" with us and with heaven's help rescue the perishing. There will be no starless crowns in the kingdom. Come, brother and sister, young and old, it is time to bestir ourselves; the hour is getting late. It is high time to repent of all backsliding and indifference and pray for divine energy and courage and wisdom to enter at once into earth's harvest field, dead ripe for the garner. Will you do it, and will you do it now? Let us help you.

GORDON OSS.

South Dakota Sunbeams

ELDER OSS spent Sabbath, the 17th, with the Madison church. From there he went to College View to attend the union committee meeting.

One of our church treasurers says: "I am happy over this report. Some have paid tithe who have never paid it to me before. It is a far better showing than a year ago." Another one says: "The tithe is coming in fine. All are of good courage and striving to do right."

Brother McKinley spent last Sabbath with the Bowdle church in the interests of the *Signs* and other literature. Several nice orders have been coming in from the churches.

During March you can get the *Youth's Instructor* for fourteen months for \$1.75, the price of a one-year subscription. Every one should take advantage of this special offer and make it possible for every youth to have this paper. Next to persons, reading has the greatest influence on character.

Brother Wyman spent several days in the office last week and states that the colporteur band is getting along nicely at Sioux Falls. The band ordered a big freight shipment for their next delivery. We solicit your prayers in behalf of this literature ministry band:

Two new books for young people have just been completed, "Wings of the Morning," at \$1.25, and "God's Challenge to Youth," at 50 cents. These books set forth the ideals of Christian living. Send your orders to the Book and Bible House.

Miss Hopkins just returned from Sioux Falls, where a Sabbath school convention was held Sabbath, the 17th. She states that all the topics presented were well rendered; also that the church school work under Sister Holtz is progressing nicely.

The schools having P. T. A. meetings report a good interest being shown by those attending. Much good can be accomplished through these meetings, and it is hoped that all our church schools will plan to have them if possible.

March 3 is Religious Liberty Day. We urge that our people make a liberal offering for the *Liberty* magazine to be sent to all state officials, legislators, judges, newspaper editors, prosecuting attorneys, mayors, sheriffs, chiefs of police, and justices of the peace. All these officials have to deal with the Sunday laws. Why not make this a "dollar day" for the cause of religious liberty. You may also send in subscriptions for any name you wish the *Liberty* to go to, for 25 cents a year. Do not fail to read the article on religious liberty in the *Review and Herald* of February 22.

Obituaries

TIPTON.—Mrs. Emma Tipton was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, Oct. 15, 1867, and died Feb. 11, 1934. She was joined in marriage to John F. Tipton. To this union were born ten children, nine of whom are still living. She accepted the truth through reading "Daniel and Reve-

lation." She is survived by her aged parents, nine children, twenty-five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, and other relatives. The funeral services were conducted at Wood River by Professor Hutches, assisted by the writer.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE.

WARD.—Mrs. Myra Josephine Ward was born in Cannan, Ont., Canada, Apr. 16, 1853, and died Feb. 6, 1934. She came to the United States in 1867. After being married in Denver, Colo., in 1883, to W. Ward, they came to Custer, S. Dak., the same year. The remainder of her life was spent at Custer and her ranch at Elk Mountain, S. Dak. She was an earnest Christian, and a devoted mother. In 1900 she accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message, and died in its blessed hope. She leaves to mourn their loss, three sons and one daughter.

F. G. BEANS.

ROUZER.—Martha Ella Rouzer was born near Chambersburg, Pa., on July 1, 1847, and passed away in Minneapolis, Minn., on Feb. 5, 1934. On Feb. 22, 1872, she was married to M. E. Rouzer, and they made their home on a farm near Thurmount, Md., until the time of Mr. Rouzer's death in 1906.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her two sons, one sister, nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. The writer conducted the funeral service and the remains were taken to the old home in Maryland for burial.

L. E. NIERMEYER.

PEARSON.—Earl S. Pearson was born Jan. 5, 1878, in Adams County, Nebr., and fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 11, 1934, at his home in College View. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Mable Bingaman on May 14, 1902, and made his home at Hastings, Nebr. Little more than a year ago they moved to College View. To this happy union were born two daughters. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, five grandchildren, and two sisters. He united with the Seventh-day Adventists in 1912 and remained faithful to the last. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

J. H. SCHILLING.

CURRIER.—Clarence Currier was born Jan. 9, 1883, at Rose Hill, Iowa, and died Jan. 29, 1934, at Cresbard, S. D.

He was a devoted Christian and a loyal Seventh-day Adventist. He had received his education in our own schools and though isolated was a staunch adherent of the faith.

Services were conducted from the M. E. church by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the church.

C. M. BABCOCK.

REGISTER.—Claude A. Register was born at Broughton, Kans., Sept. 12, 1891, and died at Nevada, Iowa, Feb. 5, 1934.

He came to Iowa in 1918 and connected with the S. D. A. conference office as stenographer. Soon he was asked to take the responsibility of the Book and Bible House. This office he held for several years. Later he was in business for himself.

Funeral services were held by Elder

K. L. Gant, assisted by Elder R. S. Fries and the writer.

T. H. JEYS.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 1934

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Sec.			
*Homer Opstad	GC	86	51.50
B. O. Engen	GC	44	37.55
*M. S. Moen	GC	82	67.00
Karl A. Evenson	BR	37	90.50
G. H. Boehrig	HW	41	64.00
Clarice Rust	HW	40	22.10
H. A. Hanson	BR	40	26.75
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	37	23.50
Grace Shumway	RJ	34	18.75
Ada Schornstein	BR	31	13.00
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ	27	30.00
Emily Sanford	BR	26	7.00
Beatrice Kapinos	RJ	19	.25
Nina Magnuson	BR	18	32.10
Mrs. Julia Berg	RJ		3.00
Miss C.E. Powers	Mag.	30	9.10
J. Dufstrom	Mag.	30	5.60
E. Dufstrom	Mag.	23	6.30
Gertrude Harnden	Mag.	11	2.30
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	16	4.10
Mrs. V. Boehrig	Mag.	12	6.80
Patricia Liers	Mag.	9	8.00
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag.	5	6.00
Aletha Commodore	Mag.		1.00
Total		698	535.70

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.			
Mrs. Blackburn	BR	37	54.00
W. A. Burton	BR	35	44.00
Mrs. R. Busch	OD		7.50
Mrs. S. Carter	BR	3	15.00
Giles L. Cooper	RJ	38	42.50
Mrs. S. Holmes	RJ	32	11.10
W. H. Moore	DR	36	39.50
S. P. Olson	Misc.		12.75
Mrs. L. Simons	BR	23	32.50
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	41	28.50
Morgan Tann	DR	35	46.50
Lonnie Thompson	GC	30	90.00
W. L. Vickers	BR	30	1.00
H. H. Wolters	BR	5	6.00
Mrs. A.M. Asher	Mag.	16	6.80
Louise Leeper	Mag.	12	4.30
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	27	11.90
Mrs. W. Ramey	Mag.	8	5.20
Kate H. Snead	Mag.	17	4.00
Mrs. C.E. Stanley	Mag.	16	3.70
Total		441	466.75

COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Sec.			
Viola Johnson	BPS	11	4.00
Albert Priest	HP	80	120.80
Mrs. L. Storey	HW	9	13.40
Ernest Harper	DR	30	6.25
Juliet Hartz	BR	10	9.25
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	16	7.60
Mrs. C. Willett	BPS	43	20.50
A colporteur	Misc.		16.50
Greta Nelson	Mag.		1.00
Karl Simon	Mag.		20.00
Total		198	219.30

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Sec.			
Carlos L. Coffin	RJ	32	39.00
Nathan Coffin	GC	32	31.25
Raymond Hircoc	GC	23	23.50
M. H. Meeker	OD	34	21.75
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	40	15.50
Elva G. Wilcox	GC	27	15.85
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	OD	34	15.00
F. D. Gilman	BR	37	14.50
Florence Maurath	RJ	25	10.00
Ida Edgerton	BR	20	6.00
Anna Will	Mag.	30	4.90
Mrs. Frederickson	RJ		3.75

Rita Coffin	RJ	24	3.50
Mrs. Elsie Peckham	Mag.	2	2.20
Eva Koch	RJ	17	.50
Total		378	207.20

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.			
F. M. Bagley	BR	22	22.50
Alverda Ferrell	RJ	15	19.75
Mrs. Grace Ferrell	RJ	29	19.50
Beatrice Komoll	HP	33	28.75
Flora Peterson	RJ	17	4.75
F. Arthur Wheeler	RJ	28	18.50
Total		144	113.25

NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
Mrs. J. B. Aitken	RJ	10 1/2	15.25
F. L. Cushing	HP	16 1/2	4.25
Mrs. Jenks	Cr.		
	WSC		10.00
Mrs. B. Harlow	Mag.	3	1.20
*H. E. Preston	DR	46	19.25
P. E. Shakespeare	Misc.		5.50
Misc.	Mag.		5.50
Total		81	60.95

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
Lucille Redmon		30	10.25
Olive L. Redmon		8	10.48
Joseph L. Ockenga		8	1.50
Orville Poore		13	7.75
W. H. Stroup		44	12.30
Total		103	42.28
Grand Total		2,043	1,645.43

*Two Weeks.

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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.

OLD couple want job on farm by S. D. A. people by March 15. Money is no object, only a home and church privileges. Albert M. Hass, Rt. 5, Lincoln, Nebr.

WANTED.—S. D. A. farmer with a few pieces of machinery and some horses to farm on the shares. Mrs. Harvey Armstrong, Woodbine, Iowa.

WANTED.—Work on farm. Experienced man and son of eighteen years. C. A. Wolfe, Chetopa, Kans.

S. D. A. will work for going wages, or take farm or ranch on shares. References. State terms first letter. Experienced. Frank Elliott, Rogersville, Mo.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, March 2, 1934

Denver, Colorado	5:53
Des Moines, Iowa	6:05
Topeka, Kansas	6:17
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:01
Jefferson City, Missouri	6:03
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:19
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:29
Pierre, South Dakota	6:30
Casper, Wyoming	5:56

Religious Liberty Day Program

ON SABBATH, March 3, the churches throughout the Central Union no doubt will be carrying out the program for the Religious Liberty Day. Truly, if there was ever a time when the people of God should be aroused over the question of religious liberty, it is now, and the program that is arranged is one of real interest, I am sure; and each church that will carry out the same will be benefitted, without doubt.

Our brethren in Washington are continually called upon to use their influence in staving off the desires of unthoughtful or wrongly directed individuals over Sunday legislation. None of our church members can neglect the importance of reading the *Liberty* magazine, and in keeping themselves informed of what is going on in the national capital.

The *Liberty* magazine should be introduced at all of our services during this program, and subscriptions should be taken, which can be had for twenty-five cents a year. Many can contribute liberally to pay for those that are being sent to our national and state legislators, judges and attorneys, to our libraries, and principals and teachers of our public schools. One dollar will pay for four subscriptions; one for yourself, and three to be sent to others.

Let every believer be vigilant on this question of civil and religious freedom.

J. F. PIPER.

Help for the Sabbath School Secretaries

THROUGH all the years of Sabbath school endeavor, the report of the sec-

retary has been regularly included in the Sabbath school program. Years ago, the secretary's report seemed a mere formality; so dull, so little change from week to week, it was the most monotonous feature of the Sabbath school service.

After a time a change was noticeable. Secretaries were improving. Reports were diverse in style, and attracted and held the attention of the members. One reason for the improvement is due to the influence of a little book entitled "Fifty Model Sabbath School Reports." At the suggestion of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, the author, a secretary of years of experience, selected for publication fifty of the reports she had written and used. This book has had quite a wide circulation, and many have expressed their gratitude for its help. However, new secretaries are taking up this work with every election of Sabbath school officers, and these, if inexperienced, should make an effort to improve the quality of their work, by endeavoring to write more intelligently, more attractively. No secretary should blindly make use of these reports, or attempt to imitate their style, but rather they should be studied for suggestions as to how to vary the reports in a pleasing way.

This little book may be purchased from your conference Book and Bible House, cloth 50 cents; paper, 25 cents.

College Board Actions

THREE members will be added to the staff of Union College, its industries will be enlarged greatly, and other changes will be made as the result of actions taken by the board of trustees at the annual session held here February 20-21. Practically all of the present staff of instructors have been re-elected, and three new teachers have been invited to connect with the college. M. H. Schuster has been called to be head of the German Theological Department; Miss Winifred McCormack has been called to teach pre-nursing courses and to assist Professor Jorgensen; and Miss Catherine Shepard, of Broadview, has also been asked to join the teaching staff.

As the result of further action, the summer school will be in session twelve weeks this summer instead of only eight as was done this past summer. Industries will be much enlarged during the coming year; and it is probable that in addition to the college farm, other farm land will be rented, which will result in the employment of more students.

President Andreasen has been asked by the General Conference to teach in the Advanced Bible School at Pacific Union

College during this summer. He will spend six weeks teaching Systematic Theology. This plan has also been approved by the Board.

Professors Jorgensen and Little, who served as members of the board of trustees last year, were elected to the executive board for the ensuing year.

A very encouraging financial report was presented to the board. Union College not only has weathered the storm financially, but also has paid a substantial sum toward the reduction of its debts. All who heard this report are thankful that it has been possible to do this.

Youth's Conference

IMPORTANT news to every church and every senior youth in the Central Union:

THE CENTRAL UNION YOUTH'S
CONFERENCE

Lincoln, Nebraska (Union College),
May 29 to June 2, 1934

This action is the result of earnest and enthusiastic consideration by the Central Union Committee. Every church should be represented by some of its senior young people. The inspiration, instruction, fellowship, the study of problems, clearer understanding, larger vision and renewed determination that grow out of such a convention, are of immeasurable value to the youth and to the church.

Information as to plans, transportation, and expense will be sent you in detail.

Plan now to be there May 29 to June 2. Difficulties that may seem to prevent can be removed or overcome. In your churches plan for some youth to be present. Young people, begin now to plan to be there. It is your conference, planned for you, and will be conducted entirely for your interests as senior youth. Fix it now in your mind. Central Union Youth's Conference, Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 29 to June 2, 1934. Meet the youth of the Central Union at Lincoln, May 29.

G. H. SMITH.

Home Study

THE HOME Study Institute offers nearly a hundred different courses of study that may be taken up in the evening after work hours, and every one of them has an interest and value of its own. We have recently put out a new catalog giving fuller particulars concerning a number of our courses. A copy of this catalog is yours for the asking. It should be in the home of every forward-looking Adventist. Send for it today.

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