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A Sound of Going

"AND it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the Philistines."

Last year, 1933, showed a 14% gain in sales and a 51% gain in deliveries over 1932. In January this year we have 59% more colporteurs working, 59% gain in hours, 10% gain in sales per hour, 76% gain in total sales, 75% gain in deliveries.

One colporteur writes: "Except for two postponements for 'Bedtime Stories' I can report a 100% delivery." Another said: "I had a 95% delivery." Many others are also reporting successful deliveries.

We are learning of more soul-winning experiences than ever before. A lady said to one of our colporteurs, "Isn't this a Seventh-day Adventist magazine, and doesn't it tell what you believe?" The colporteur replied that it did, and she said, "Oh, I want something to tell who you are and what you believe." She was given a *Present Truth* on "Who are Seventh-day Adventists?" which she appreciated very much. She plans on attending our church. This colporteur says: "People are just waiting for us to bring this message to them. We meet people every day who want to know more about what we teach."

A mayor of one of our cities recommends "Bible Readings" very highly. He says his wife reads it every day and will soon have it worn out. The mayor's recommendation impressed one man so much that he gave a list of about fifty names, including judges, doctors, lawyers, and many others. This colporteur asks that we pray for him that he will be successful in reaching these souls.

Another lady who purchased "Bible Readings" writes: "Your book entitled 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle' has just come into my life, and I cannot find words to express how I am feasting on its contents. It is the greatest work on the Bible that I have ever studied, and while I have studied many other books, this book—or rather the truth it

conveys—is so convincing that it brings home the gospel fearlessly, and truly it seems as the very voice of God speaking in unmistakable terms. How I thank and praise Him for bringing this book to me, and for those who are instrumental in compiling it. My husband and son are very interested in this truth, and I am witnessing for the truth to all with whom I come in contact."

We now have a strong, experienced field secretary in every conference, who is well able to assist anyone whom the Lord may call, to be successful in the literature ministry. It is said that in the English navy the slogan is, "England expects every man to do his duty." When one of our large dirigibles crashed, the commander said, "Every man to his post

Now Is Our Opportunity to Work

How quickly the minds of the public can be changed! If a calamity or scourge affects people, some radical agitator may reflect on an individual, or class, as the cause. Even the priests of the Jews said, "It is better for one man to die than the whole nation to suffer."

"The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save he that hath the mark of the beast. We came near having this realized in California a short time since; but this was only the threatening of the blowing of the four winds. As yet they are held by the four angels. We are not just ready. There is a work yet to be done, and then the angels will be bidden to let go, that the four winds may blow upon the earth. That will be a decisive time for God's children,—a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Now is our opportunity to work."—*Vol. 5, p. 152.*

J. F. PIPER.

regardless." In Volume V, p. 460, it says: "Christ expects every man to do his duty."

In closing his annual report, J. H. Cochran, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, used these words: "Describing the last moments of the ill-fated 'Akron,' Lieutenant Commander Herbert V. Wiley tells of the report from the elevator man that the ship was rapidly falling. In the fog nothing could be seen. Soon the altitude was announced as 300 feet. Then flashed forth the command to all on board, 'Stand by for a crash!' Every man sprang to his post and waited in silence for the dread moment.

"There is something a thousand times worse than death, and that is ignoble, Christless living in a day of distress and supreme need. This is no time for desertion, no time for delay or half-hearted service. World peril is imminent. Our Commander issues the order, 'Stand by for the crash!' and there is just one thing for brave, loyal, Christian soldiers to do: 'Having done all, stand.'"

In all our churches Sabbath, March 24, an appeal will be made for men and women to go out and sell our truth-filled books and magazines. Especially will the magazine work be fostered. Some of the finest experiences we have ever heard are coming from our magazine workers. Let us pray that the Lord will lead many to take their stand in the colporteur ranks, and as we pray, why not ask the Lord, "Is it I?"

In Volume VIII, p. 41, we read, "Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ now take their position." Let us now go forth to battle and stand for the right regardless.

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The Eight-Dollar Sheep

WHILE in Durham and Hillsboro, Kans., recently the subject under consideration that Sabbath was the tithe, and our hearts were touched as we listened

to the testimonies given by the brethren. It was evident that God had spoken to us through His word, and that many were resolved to be true to God in the matter of tithe paying as well as in all things pertaining to a life of godliness. Some confessed, under tears, that they had been careless in this matter, but pledged themselves to be honest in bringing to God a full tithe of all their income. God will bless us if we take Him at His word.

The elder of the church at Hillsboro told of an experience that might prove a blessing to many, and so we pass it on herewith. A number of years ago he wanted to buy a sheep. It had been his practice to lay aside his tithe. In this way he had gathered several dollars ready to be turned in to the treasurer of the church. An opportunity presented itself to him to buy a sheep for \$8.00. Having no money of his own he decided to use \$8.00 of the tithe money he had laid aside, comforting himself that he would be able to pay this back after a while, and that indeed he would have more tithe to pay as the result of this investment. As the days came and went, whenever he looked over his flock of sheep and saw the one he had purchased with the tithe, the \$8.00 would cast a cloud over his mind. But he would comfort himself that it was all right, since he would thus be able not only to pay the \$8.00 tithe, but even more, for surely he would make money on that sheep.

However, it seemed hard to get peace of mind and heart. After a long time, it seemed that he was less care-burdened over the \$8.00. One day as he again viewed his flock of sheep he became troubled at the thought of the \$8.00 tithe invested, and so he prayed God to give him a sign, if indeed He was not pleased with what he had done. The sheep was apparently in good condition. While he stood there and mused in his heart, asking God for a sign, the hitherto well sheep dropped and was dead. God had answered his prayer.

Speaking of the covenant cards which all were asked to sign that day, he stated that it had been hard for him to accept this admonition from his brethren in times past; in fact, he had felt a little hurt when the brethren would suggest such cards to him. For this year he said, "I will place my card with the third chapter of Malachi, so the Bible will open to that chapter when I take it in my hands to read."

God still hears our prayers and speaks to us in no uncertain language. May we heed the admonition of His word and receive the blessings He has promised, if we bring to Him "all the tithes into

the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A. A. DIRKSEN.

The Southeast District

AFTER the all-day meeting and baptismal service of Sabbath, February 10, at Fort Scott, Elder A. H. Rulkoetter and the writer went to Pittsburg for a Saturday-night meeting. In connection with this meeting the ordination of Brother Roy Epple, as deacon, took place. The members of the Pittsburg church are desirous of special meetings to be conducted in a down-town effort, and are already gathering funds to make this possible. This Saturday-night meeting was much appreciated by the church.

From Pittsburg we went to Galena for a Saturday-night meeting. Monday afternoon we met with the Columbus church. At the close of the sermon Sister Winters, a new Sabbath-keeper, was accepted into church fellowship. It is expected that two others will be ready to become members of the "great Advent family" soon.

Monday night found us meeting with the Oswego church. Here, before the preaching of the sermon, another impressive ordination service took place, when Brother O. K. Arnbrecht was ordained to the office of deacon. The Oswego church is anxious for a series of meetings. We hope they can be arranged for in the near future.

Tuesday afternoon we met with the small but enthusiastic group at Parsons as they assembled in the home of one of the sisters. This meeting was closed by the church receiving into its care and fellowship Brother and Sister Lewis Pickett, two new Sabbath-keepers. Plans are being laid now to care for a growing interest in the message in Parsons.

From Parsons it was necessary that Elder Rulkoetter return to the conference office. Thus closed a short but very profitable itinerary by our conference president to most of the churches in the southeast district.

F. C. CLARK.

The Tract Habit

SOME wise person said long ago, "Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit." What are we doing day by day? Are we sowing good acts? Are we reaping right habits? "Time is short." The soul-winning habit is perhaps the

noblest habit we can form on this earth.

Among other acts, which when sowed bring forth this noble habit, is that of ever handing out message tracts. Get the tract habit—the habit of using tracts. It is a soul-winning habit. Let us sow some acts and reap; sow some tracts and reap a harvest. Get the tract habit. Order some; use them! "Time is short!"

E. H. MEYERS.

How Soon?

I FEAR we can little appreciate how short the time we have left to work. A great unfinished work is before us, but "the final movements will be rapid ones," and God will cut His work short in righteousness—a quick work will He do. I am greatly impressed, as I read world news of the last ten days, that momentous things might come now any week or any day—things that would indeed leave neglected work to be done in most "trying and difficult" circumstances; a time when many will have "remorse for neglected opportunities." Let us witness for Christ now. Tell the people personally or give them gospel literature.

E. H. MEYERS.

Enterprise Academy

FOR a time Enterprise Academy will broadcast each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:00 from radio station KFBI, Abilene, Kans. We trust that all who hear the programs will cooperate with us and the station by letting the station know that they heard the programs. A card or letter to the station may help us to continue the programs, and may be a help in spreading some of the truths of our message.

The girls of Rosewild Hall entertained the students and teachers at the annual open house Sunday evening, March 4.

The following were on the honor roll for the first six weeks of the second

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Entering New Territory

INSTRUCTION has come to us over and over again that we should leave the centers where the work has been built up in a good, strong manner, and advance into unentered fields. The call has been sounded for many of our good substantial church members to move away from the larger centers and to establish in some new territory a nucleus for a company of believers. We are glad to say that many of our people have caught a vision of God's plan for them. In my hand is a letter from a lady in the northern part of Minnesota, and she writes these encouraging words: "We moved here from Duluth last June with the object of living in the country according to the 'Testimonies,' and also starting a little company of believers here, as there is not one Adventist within miles of us. As the farm here keeps us very busy, and also because we have been here such a short time, we have not accomplished a great deal so far, but we have given a connected line of doctrinal studies in cottage meetings, and as the result one young lady has already been baptized. A new couple have started to come and they have attended our Sabbath cottage meetings twice now. A nephew of theirs, a young man over twenty years old, also attended our meeting last Sabbath. Another young lady who lives not far away, has also expressed an interest in our meetings and we expect her to start to attend. The young lady who was baptized also is inviting folks and expects her sister, lately from Texas, to attend next Sabbath. It is of great effort that we get these people to attend as not one of them has any means of conveyance and they live many miles apart. However, we feel that that is what we are here for and only hope that these to whom we are telling the message will also tell it to others till the whole community is warned."

Such a report ought to cheer the hearts of our believers throughout the state of Minnesota. Surely we can see the leadership of God in this effort that is being put forth in this new territory. It will be a splendid thing when a new Sabbath school is organized and the results will

only be known throughout eternity. Others of our church members have had the same vision for service, and we trust that many more may be led out into the cities and villages of Minnesota which have never heard the third angel's message.

V. J. JOHNS.

Observations in Duluth

I WAS impressed with the birthday offering plan of the Duluth Sabbath school. It was the first Sabbath in March and the superintendent asked for the name of everyone who would have a birthday during the month. The names were placed on a large calendar in the front. Then the call was made for those who would have "anniversaries" during March, and several more names were secured. This will greatly help to promote the birthday offerings.

Elder August Anderson has started a ministerial seminar. There is a fine group of young people in the English church and plans are being made for a strong laymen's evangelistic movement.

The fourth night of our series of meetings in the Moose Temple showed about 400 people present and an offering of over \$15. The outlook is bright for evangelism in Duluth.

V. J. JOHNS.

Favorable Results in Minnesota

"FOR as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations." Isaiah 61:11.

This is one of the many promises in the Scriptures that give us comfort and assure us that our work is not in vain. We are assured that even though we do not see immediate results from our work, ultimately we will see souls saved in the kingdom as the result of our labors.

The many reports that are coming into the office from the colporteurs in the field indicate that God is richly blessing them, and that His presence is felt wherever they go. The following are just a few of the testimonies from our colporteurs:

"I wish to say it was the result of good literature which I have passed out since coming back from camp meeting this year, that has helped these friends and relatives to see the truth. We have studied it together for some time at the home of each family. Five of these friends and relatives were baptized at Granite Falls on the Sabbath following Thanksgiving. There were several others ready to be baptized at that time, but it was impossible for so many to go out at

once. They are going there in another week or so to be baptized. We have organized a Sabbath school of five families and are meeting at the home of each family at present, but plan to have one meeting place later on if possible."

At one of our recent symposiums, Brother Iver Hilde, who is now past eighty-three years old, told of his experiences in the colporteur work fifty years ago when tracts were all they had. It was very interesting and inspiring to the colporteurs. He is now working down in Albert Lea and doing his part spreading the message, even though he is that old.

Another one of our colporteurs tells about selling a book to a business man up in Duluth. When she came to deliver the book he was short about a dollar, but she left it with him, realizing he was a man of his word. When she called back again a few weeks later she found out he had passed away, and the wife told her that the book was such a comfort to him, and he was calling for this colporteur, wishing that she could have been by his bedside in his last moments. However, she says that he called for his book and read out of the book, receiving much comfort out of it just before he died.

People recognize that the books that we sell have a message direct from God, and it is a source of comfort to them that this wicked world cannot supply.

One of our Bible workers in Minneapolis has eight families that she is giving Bible studies to that the colporteurs have contacted for her. Last Sabbath, there were two families at Sabbath school, and one of the women is planning definitely on being baptized the next baptism that we have, from the result of our colporteur selling her one of our large books.

I just received a letter from one of our Bible workers in the north and she writes: "The colporteurs are doing a noble work. Brother Evenson has brought me in contact with six of my readers. As yet the testing truths have not been studied but they are very much interested. I wish the colporteur band God's blessing in their work."

It is these soul-winning experiences that keep our courage up and keep us enthusiastic, when it seems the way is hard.

The Lord is calling for more reapers in His work, and there is a great need in Minnesota. Do you want to join a group of successful soul-winners? Then by all means get in contact with the writer.

J. M. JACKSON,
Field Missionary Secretary.

St. Paul

ON FEBRUARY 10 twenty-five dear souls were baptized in the St. Paul church. Eleven of these candidates were fruitage of the work done in Red Wing in the open-air meetings, and the good follow-up work of Brother James Ward through the past six months.

The St. Paul church is entering into an active missionary campaign with enthusiasm. With the hearty cooperation of every member, we expect to see 1934 one of the most fruitful years for the church in the salvation of souls. Many interests have been created by the public meeting, systematic distribution of literature, and the personal work of our people. Our Bible worker, Miss Lindquist, has more than her hands full, so we are conducting a Bible workers' training class. A fine group are eagerly studying, looking forward to helping in gathering in the ripening fruit.

At the present time I am assisting Brother Ward in Red Wing for a week or two. Our meetings are not drawing large crowds, but several are deeply interested. We earnestly ask the prayers of all of our people for the work in this new field.

J. L. TUCKER.

MISS DORENE CORNWELL, of Mankato, Minn., and Alvin Engelrup, of Morgan, Minn., were married Wednesday, February 28, at the bride's Mankato home, Elder C. S. Wiest officiating. The bride attended the Maplewood Academy, graduating in 1932. The groom finished the same school in the spring of 1930. The couple will make their home at Morgan, Minn.

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Let Us Pray for Each Other

FREQUENTLY in correspondence we receive the request to remember the writers or churches in prayer. Responding to such requests I have petitioned the Great Throne earnestly.

I have wondered whether we remember such requests often enough. We should pray as though all depended upon God and then work as if much depended upon us. Let us work and pray and watch for opportunities to help each other.

MELVIN OSS,

Missouri News Notes

WORD has reached our office that Elder and Mrs. A. A. Leiske, who have come to us from the North Dakota Conference, began an evangelistic effort in Lancaster, Mo., Sunday night, March 4. We are pleased to have a series of meetings in that place. Brother J. P. Mitchell, who resides in Lancaster, has paved the way for this effort through his activity in missionary endeavor. We bespeak for Elder Leiske and those associated with him the prayers of our people to the end that fruit may be gathered as a result of the effort put forth.

Brother and Sister A. R. Smouse, of Lincoln, Nebr., have spent the past week at the office auditing the conference books. Their visit was appreciated.

Applications for membership in the Missionary Volunteer Society are still coming in to the office. Let all of our societies see to it that these cards are sent in promptly. We are looking for a bigger and better year this year in Missionary Volunteer endeavor.

Soon—very soon—thirteenth Sabbath will be here. Let every member remember the needs of the work and give liberally upon that day. Let each one make it truly "Dollar Day."

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Southwestern Nebraska

THE tithing campaign which has just closed in this conference is proving to be a great blessing to our people. It has been my privilege to visit the churches in this district in southwestern Nebraska in behalf of this campaign, and I have had some very good times visiting the brethren in their homes.

We found that some did not realize that they had anything to tithe, and so many were paying very little tithe, and some none at all. Especially was this true if there was no regular money passing through the hands. As we studied together the texts of Deut. 14:22 and Leviticus 27:28-34, we found that if we tithed all the increase of the seed we would have some tithe from our gardens. That is all that many have to tithe, for it is their living in the summer, and then the vegetables are canned for the winter.

Many raise their own fuel, year after year, in the form of corn cobs or the increase in timber. Is there not a tithe for the Lord from that? Many of us are

poor, having very little of this world's goods, but so far the Lord has given us food and clothes and shelter. If we will look over our blessings, counting them one by one, we will find that we have some tithe for the Lord. It may be small, but whatever it is the Lord has promised us a great blessing if we will only do as He requires us. God calls the tithe "most holy," and may He be able to bestow upon each of us the fullness of the blessing that He has promised to all who return to Him the tithe.

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Leave-Taking

MRS. LEISKE and I, on leaving the state of North Dakota to labor in the state of Missouri, take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and thanks to the people of North Dakota for the hearty cooperation given us in our work while we were with you.

A. A. LEISKE.

The Power of Literature

ONE of the best ways for the church to be active in winning souls is through the distribution of literature. Constantly we are receiving letters from the people who are very much interested in the literature they are receiving from the churches through the Home Bible Study League. Yesterday's mail brought a letter from the superintendent of schools in a certain city in North Dakota. This man has received about six copies of the *Signs*, and he writes, "I enjoy your paper, the *Signs of the Times*, very much. I am enclosing \$1.50, which I believe is the subscription price." Many other such interesting letters could be produced. Surely it pays to send our message out through the printed page.

We are glad to know that the churches are responding heartily in the *Signs* campaign. Most all of the churches are increasing their *Signs* clubs this year. Every church in North Dakota should have a club of these splendid papers. The literature work brings activity in your church, and it creates a wonderful missionary spirit. We are also glad to notice that the isolated members are taking an active part in the literature ministry. One brother is carrying on a very noble missionary endeavor. He is supplying one hundred persons with *Present Truth* for one year, and fifteen persons with the

Signs of the Times for one year. It costs this brother \$45 to supply the literature for the 115 persons. This is a splendid record. Remember that this is not a church, but it is an isolated member who is awake to the fact that much can be accomplished through our literature. We hope and pray that his efforts will be richly rewarded.

The *Signs* campaign will soon close; let us get our orders in before April 14.

R. R. BIETZ,

Home Missionary Secretary.

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Drawer 36 - - - Watertown

A Worthy Plan

RECENT issues of the REAPER have kept before us the "Melting Pot" offering for March 17. Without a doubt many will be helped to the kingdom because many Christians practice putting away unnecessary adornment and give the price to the cause of missions. The "Melting Pot" call is a challenge to examine ourselves anew. It is sad to see here and there evidences at times that there is a yielding to temptation and a following of worldly customs that ought not to be. Unnecessary jewelry once laid aside, sometimes finds its way back into use. Shall we not make this call a time to burn the bridges of temptation behind us, as well as give a mighty impetus to our mission work? As we look the treasures and keepsakes over, the thought of one who wore a seamless garment and a crown of thorns will help us to make the right decision. The savings from simplicity might well be remembered at this time.

GORDEN OSS.

Investiture Service at Plainview

ONE of the interesting and inspiring features of the South Dakota workers' and elders' meeting at Plainview Academy occurred on Thursday evening, the eighth of February, under the direction of Elder Gordon Smith, when Professor Barger presented his progressive classes to be invested as Friends, Companions, and Comrades.

Twenty-seven Friends, nine Companions, three Comrades, and four Master Comrades were invested with the respective insignia. These last four are, perhaps, to be given special recognition in view of the fact that they have pledged themselves in a definite way to more effective service in the Master's harvest

field. Those becoming Master Comrades were Mrs. C. M. Babcock, Miss Beth Townsend, Russell Babcock, and R. C. Barger.

R. CHESTER BARGER.

Young People's Convention

A JOINT young people's convention will be held in the Bowdle church beginning Friday evening, March 30, and closing April 1. An invitation is extended to all the young people in the neighboring churches to attend. Those in charge will be Elder Gordon Smith, Elder Gordon Oss, Elder Carl Beck, and the writer.

L. L. MCKINLEY.

South Dakota Sunbeams

THE Sabbath school convention at Aberdeen is postponed until the 17th in order that Elder Oss may be there.

Most of the churches are responding in a strong way with a good *Signs* club. Spearfish took 34 last year and 66 this year. Brookfield's club was double their membership. Colman will go over what they did last year, and most of the young people took one or more *Signs*.

The German churches are taking both English and German literature.

Eleven of the Colman young people took their test in Bible Doctrines. Ten of these received a grade of over 90%.

Brother McKinley met with the young people at Huron last Friday evening and reports a splendid active society. Brother E. W. Courser is the leader.

Order for Sabbath school supplies for the beginning of the second quarter should be placed. Already some orders are coming in.

All boys and girls of the ages 11 to 16 years should start preparing for the camp in the Black Hills, which will be held in July.

The goal for *Signs* in South Dakota for 1934 is one *Signs* a member. Has your church reached it? "More *Signs* more souls."

Missionary Volunteer Week starts March 10 and closes March 17. Meet every evening if possible. The program is in the March Gazette. Goal: All the young people won to Christ.

Remember the youth's conference at Lincoln, Nebr., May 29 to June 2. All senior youth are invited to attend.

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Vehement Work

IT is time that every barrier possible

shall be erected against the adversary of souls; he knows that the time is short. Do we? If we do, a keen realization of our need will possess us. Earnest effort will be put forth to fortify ourselves against his attack.

We read, "The conflict is to wax fiercer. Satan will take the field and personate Christ. He will misrepresent, misapply, and pervert everything he possibly can, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Even in our day there have been and will continue to be entire families who have once rejoiced in the truth, but who will lose faith because of calumnies and falsehoods brought to them in regard to those whom they have loved and with whom they have had sweet counsel.

"They opened their heart to the sowing of tares. The tares sprang up among the wheat; they strengthened; the crop of wheat became less and less; and the precious truth lost its power to them. For a time a false zeal accompanied their new theories, which hardened their hearts against the advocates of truth as did the Jews against Christ.

"Under the zeal of Satan, some have for a time the appearance of men in a flourishing condition; but it is only for a season. Satan carries them so far that they do despite to the Spirit of God. They spread themselves like a green bay tree. The Lord suffers them for a time. He allows them to manifest their envy and hatred against the people of God, as He has allowed Satan to develop his character, that he might stand before the heavenly universe, before the worlds un-fallen, and the fallen world, in his true attributes, as a deceiver, an accuser of the brethren, a murderer at heart.

"Many who now claim to believe the truth, but who have no anchor, will be bound up with Satan's party. . . Rather than sit in judgment upon men whom God has accepted to do Him service, let the burden of their prayer be, night and day, that the Lord may send forth more laborers into His vineyard. . . He sees the temperament of men he has chosen. He knows that none but earnest, firm, determined, strong feeling men will view this work in its vital importance, and will put such firmness and decision into their testimonies that they will make a break against the barriers of Satan. . .

"O, why will men be hindrances when they might be helps? Why will they block the wheels when they might push with marked success? Why will they rob their own soul of good and deprive others of blessing that might come through them? These rejectors of light will remain barren deserts, where no refreshing, healing waters flow, and their minis-

trations as barren as were the hills of Gilboa, where there was neither dew nor rain. They were not clothed with divine unction, and convey no blessing to others. . . .

"The purging and cleansing will surely pass through every church in our land that has had great opportunities and privileges, and has passed them by unheeded. More evidence is not what they want. They need pure and sanctified hearts to gather up and retain all the light that God has given, and then they will walk in the light. . . .

"I address the people of God who today are holding fast their confidence, who will not depart from the faith once delivered unto the saints, who stand amid the moral darkness of these days of corruption. The word of the Lord to you is: 'I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people.' Can we not here see the paternal love of God expressed to those who hold fast to the faith in righteousness? The closest relationship exists between God and His people. Not only are we objects of His sparing mercy, His pardoning love; we are more than this. The Lord rejoices over His people; He delights in them. He is their surety. He will beautify all who are serving Him with a whole heart, with the spirit of holiness. He clothes them with righteousness. He loves those who do His will, who express His image."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 411-415.

With such assurances of our heavenly Father's concern for us, how can we turn aside to follow a side issue?

Along our railroad lines empty cars occupy the side tracks; the loaded cars going to their destination are on the main line.

We are told of the desire of the enemy in the following words: "O how Satan would rejoice to get in among this people, and disorganize the work when thorough organization is essential, and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings, and to refute claims not indorsed by the word of God! We want to hold the lines evenly, that there will be no breaking down of the system of regulation and order. In this way license shall not be given to disorderly elements to control the work at this time. We are living in a time when order, system, and unity of action are most essential, and the trust must bind us together like strong cords in order that no distracted efforts may be witnessed among the workers. If disorderly manifestations appear, we must have clear discernment to distinguish the spurious from the genuine. Let no messages be proclaimed until they have borne a care-

ful scrutiny in every jot and tittle.

"My soul is much burdened, for I know what is before us. Every conceivable deception will be brought to bear upon those who have not a daily, living connection with God. In our work no side issue must be advanced until there has been a thorough examination of the ideas entertained, that it may be ascertained from what source they have originated. Satan's angels are wise to do evil, and they will create that which some will claim to be advanced light, will proclaim as new and wonderful things, and yet while in some respects the message is truth, it will be mingled with men's inventions, and will teach for doctrine the commandments of men."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 228-229.

Shall we follow the slimy trail of the enemy on a divergent track, or stay in the narrow way? Let us make straight paths for our feet.

C. A. PURDUM.

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Support of the "Reaper"

THE REAPER is sent without charge to all families in Colorado. Do you get it? If not, send your name to the conference office.

Although no charge is made for the REAPER, it costs the conference hundreds of dollars every year. At a recent union conference committee meeting, it was voted to ask our people in all conferences to give a freewill offering to help provide for this expense.

We invite all of our members in Colorado to give as they can to this offering, Sabbath, March 24. A large offering is needed. Thank you.

JAY J. NETHERY.

San Luis Valley District Meeting

ON Sabbath, February 3, Elders Nethery, Mathews, and the writer conducted a district institute at Alamosa. Church officers from Monte Vista, Las Mesitas, and Jaroso were present to participate in the studies.

The regular program that has been followed during the last several weeks at our district meetings was followed in Alamosa. Questions of a general nature were submitted and studied by the whole group. Brother Mathews then took the young people's officers and the young people interested in the departmental work to another building, while the eld-

ers, treasurers, clerks, Sabbath school, and home missionary officers remained in the church building. Each department was considered separately, and from the questions handed in we are sure the work in the Valley will go forward in 1934 in a strong way.

Definite missionary organizations are being made, and the officers of the Sabbath schools voted unanimously to get behind the program of the Sabbath school department in a definite way. Brother Chambers reports a marked increase in the offerings of the Monte Vista Sabbath school. Our brethren are expressing their appreciation of these district meetings, and we feel sure the time and money is not being wasted in helping our church and Sabbath school officers to better understand their problems.

Two more district meetings were held, one at Palisade, February 10, and the other at Campion, February 17.

E. L. PINGENOT.

District Meeting at Palisade

THE regional church officers' institute for District XVI was held at the Palisade church Sabbath, February 10. Elder B. M. Grandy, superintendent of this district, had made full arrangements for each part of the institute, and the meetings all went off smoothly, and without loss of time. The large Sabbath school, including the majority of both the officers and members from the churches constituting the district, was handled exceptionally well by the local Sabbath school officers, and then following the eleven o'clock hour Elder Nethery brought out some new phases of the millennium which the people all appreciated.

At 2:00 P. M. some general problems of church procedure were studied with the whole group present, after which the junior and senior Missionary Volunteer officers and some of the young people met in an adjoining room for study of their problems with the writer, while the church and Sabbath school officers remained in the auditorium with Elders Nethery and Pingenot. All of the officers in this district seemed enthusiastic about their work and anxious to organize their forces and plan their efforts so as to be as efficient as possible in carrying on the work of this message.

Most of the people who came for the district meeting remained at Palisade for two interesting meetings which were held in the evening. The first of these was at 6:30 P. M., in which the Grand Junction Junior Missionary Volunteer Society put on their investiture service.

The senior counselors in charge of the work of these juniors had prepared them well for their parts on the program, and the service was both beautiful and inspir-

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COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 3, 1934		
*IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Sec.		
Edwin Coy	BR	26 51.25
Raymond Hircok	GC	40 49.50
Florence Maurath	RJ	45 46.45
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	OD	36 37.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc	34 30.45
Nathan Coffin	GC	40 27.00
J. W. Simmons	GC	14 31.50
Carlos Coffin	RJ	41 23.50
F. D. Gilman	BR	34 22.50
M. H. Meeker	OD	36 17.25
Elva G. Wilcox	GC	26 8.10
E. W. Frederickson	GC	12 8.00
Eva Koch	RJ	11 7.10
Mrs. Frederickson	RJ	7 5.25
Rita Coffin	RJ	17 4.00
Alice Kinney	Mag	3 4.00
Anna Will	Mag	3 1.20
Total		425 374.30
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Sec.		
Miss D. E. Boyko	RJ	35 31.75
(3) Bessie Nordstrom	GC	92 37.45
Grace Shumway	RJ	31 18.00
H. A. Hanson	BR	31 33.50
Ada Schornstein	BR	30 12.00
G. H. Boehrig	HW	30 1.75
(2) Homer Opstad		33 35.50
B. O. Engen	GC	22 11.60
(2) Edna Schaefer	BR	42 27.00
Clarice Rust	HW	19 13.70
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ	16 10.00
Mrs. Ray Kroll	BR	20 5.50
M. S. Moen	GC	16 19.00
Mrs. Emily Sanford	BR	15 1.50
Mrs. L. M. Pederson	BF	5 14.50
A. L. Hanson	RJ	4 5.25
Gertrude Harnden	MH	3 3.50
Nina Magnuson	BR	26.35
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	35 8.10
E. Dufstrom	Mag	21 6.05
J. Dufstrom	Mag	19 5.10
Clare G. Rust	Mag	15 2.50
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag	3 2.50
Leah M. Strand	Mag	3 3.00
Total		544 332.10
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.		
Mrs. Blackburn	BR	42 54.00
W. A. Burton	BR	19 26.75
Mrs. R. Busch	OD	9 2.50
Sophia Carter	BR	25 58.50
Giles L. Cooper	RJ	1 3.00
Dunbar Henri	BR	10 18.00
Mrs. S. Holmes	RJ	9 5.00
Rosa B. Miller	BR	8 4.50
W. H. Moore	DR	43 12.00
Mrs. Lola Simons	BR	21 38.00
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	36 20.00
Morgan Tann	DR	34 34.00
H. H. Wolters	BR	5 6.00
Freda Asher	Mag	20 8.50
Louise Leeper	Mag	10 4.50
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	19 7.50
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	11 3.50
Mrs. C. Stanley	Mag	5 2.00
Total		337 308.25
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Sec.		
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	OD	36 31.00
M. H. Meeker	OD	36 28.75
J. W. Simmons	GC	25 27.50
Edwin Coy	BR	38 23.00

Elva Wilcox	GC	32 20.60
Nathan Coffin	GC	20 20.00
Florence Maurath	RJ	32 17.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc	32 15.90
Raymond Hircok	GC	24 14.25
Carlos Coffin	RJ	26 12.25
Roy Chamberlain	RJ	14 11.00
F. D. Gilman	BR	31 6.50
Anna Will	Mag	31 5.00
Ida Edgerton	BR	13 5.00
Total		390 238.00
COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Sec.		
Viola Johnson	BP	20 8.25
Alb. Priest	HP	31 60.85
Anna Hayer	HP	10 11.25
Misc. Sales		3.25
Greta Nelson	Watch	3.50
Karl Simon	Watch	7.00
Misc. Mag.		44.20
Total		61 138.30
NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.		
F. M. Bagley	BR	20 15.75
Mrs. Frank Ferrell	RJ	25 32.75
Mrs. G. P. Gaede	Misc	2 2.50
Flora Peterson	RJ	5 .30
Beatrice Komoll	HP	39 52.50
Total		91 103.80
NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.		
Wm. Carver	PP	36 1.00
F. L. Cushing	HP	43 6.85
Mrs. Bertha Harlan	BR	5 1.50
Herman Higby	BR	8 2.00
Mrs. J. Hanley	Misc	8.00
C. A. Lindquist	RJ	51 38.50
Harry B. Pope	HP	30 30.05
H. E. Preston	DR	5 3.25
Sisters Scarborough and Frazier	Misc	3.50
P. E. Shakespeare	Misc	2.50
Ralph H. Sorenson	BR	7 .75
Total		185 97.90
SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.		
Olive L. Redmon		13.30
Lucille Redman		12 6.25
Joe Ockenga		4 9.00
Orville Lee Poore		9 13.25
Total		25 41.80
Grand Total		2,068 1634.45
*Week ending February 24.		

Obituaries

KIRK.—Archie F. Kirk was born in Philadelphia, Pa., May 20, 1862, and died at his home in Shelton, Nebr., March 3, 1934. He came to Nebraska in the year 1880, and two years later was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Meserve, and to this union were born five children. Brother and Sister Kirk accepted the truth under the labors of Elder W. B. Hill in 1903, and Brother Kirk immediately entered the colporteur work. After serving two years in the literature ministry, he was granted a ministerial license, and continued his service as district leader, business agent for the conference, and camp meeting superintendent for nine years. In 1914 he was called to the business management of the Hastings Sanitarium, remaining with the institution until 1920. The Shelton Academy board and conference committee then placed him as farm manager for the academy, which position he occupied for two years, and was again called to the service as chaplain and business manager of the Hastings Sanitarium until the institution was sold in 1928. About six years ago, Brother Kirk was compelled to retire from conference and institutional work because of physical disabilities, but was retained as a member of the Nebraska Conference committee, and was also serving as local elder of the Shelton church at the time of his death. He seemed

to develop cancerous condition of the liver and bowels, and after the Sabbath service, February 10, he failed rapidly in health, and his life gently faded away into the shades of death, Sabbath, March 3. He is survived by his wife, one son, and three daughters. Services were conducted by Elder S. G. Haughey, assisted by Elders Hutches, Langberg, and the writer. The academy faculty mixed quartette furnished the music. T. B. Westbrook.

ANDERSON.—Frances Christina Anderson was born Oct. 4, 1892, near Minneapolis, Minn., and died Feb. 14, 1934, at Blackberry, Minn. At the age of sixteen she joined the Seventh-day Adventist church to which she remained faithful. In 1915 she was united in marriage to David C. Anderson. To this union four children were born. Elder Clarence V. Anderson, of the Northern European Division, and Elder Verner G. Anderson, of the Southern Union Conference, are brothers of the deceased. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at Blackberry on Sunday, February 18. Aug. S. Anderson.

DAWKINS.—Anna E. Dawkins, nee Oppe, was born at Brookston, Ind., Feb. 17, 1876, and died at Nevada, Iowa, Feb. 28, 1934. March 13, 1894, she was married to William M. Dawkins. To this union five children were born, four of whom survive. Funeral services were held from the Seventh-day Adventist church at Nevada, Iowa, the writer officiating. T. H. Jeys.

IMROVICH.—Mrs. Frank Imrovich was born in Hungary April, 1880. She died at her home in Denver, Colo., Feb. 14, 1934. She came to the United States in 1904. In 1906 she was married to Mr. Frank Imrovich. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, one son and one daughter. O. J. Meiklejohn.

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WANTED.—To hear from parties that have potatoes in carload lots, seed and table, for sale. Henry Korgan, Route 1, Hastings, Nebr. 11,12.

WANTED.—Man to work on farm for the season. Going wages paid. Church privileges. Can start at once. Chas Jennejohn, Route 3, Glenburn, N. D.

WANTED.—Work on farm by experienced man. Has wife and two daughters. Lost their home by foreclosure. Desire separate house. A. D. Woodall, c-o Irvie Woodall, Sutherland, Iowa.

WANTED.—Work by experienced young man in the twenties, on farm or other work from now till June first, with Sabbath keeper. State wages, etc., in first letter. H. R. Pullar, c-o Nels Larsen, Rouse 2, Crookston, Minn.

FOR SALE.—Farm of 200 acres near Himes, Nebr., for \$2,000. Must be cash. Five room house, barn, granary, garage, etc.; 70 acres plow land, rest in timber and pasture. Fenced. Interested parties write Mrs. Esther Runnels, Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City, Calif. 11-3.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, March 16, 1934

Denver, Colorado	6:08
Des Moines, Iowa	6:21
Topeka, Kansas	6:31
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:20
Jefferson City, Missouri	6:17
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:34
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:49
Pierre, South Dakota	6:48
Casper, Wyoming	6:15

H. H. HALL, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, died Sabbath afternoon, March 10, according to a telegram received at the union office.

Union College

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School Notes

AS A RESULT of the ready market for the broom shop, the shop has been enlarged, and further expansion is planned. With other improvements, a winding machine has been added to the equipment. The number of workers will be increased to nine, thus enabling the shop to turn out an average of one hundred dozen brooms a week. At present five grades of brooms are being made, besides whisk brooms and toy brooms.

Dr. E. H. Risley, dean of the Loma Linda division of the College of Medical Evangelists, visited Union College last Thursday and Friday, March 8 and 9. He interviewed students who expect to enter the medical school at Loma Linda this year.

Colorado Department

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ing to a large group who witnessed it. Special mention should be made of Brother Dale Luke, the junior superintendent in charge of this work, who has labored long and energetically in this phase

of the church work. The insignia to the seventeen "Friends" and one "Companion" were presented by the writer, representing the Colorado Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer department.

At eight o'clock another treat was given to those who had attended the institute when Serpouhi Tavoukdjian, the Armenian exile, the account of whose life appeared recently in the *Instructor*, told of some of the experiences she went through during and after the World War. The audience sat spellbound for an hour and a half while Miss Tavoukdjian, who is now a graduate nurse, told of the almost impossible situations she went through as a child at the hands of the Turkish soldiers.

During the week preceding the institute at Palisade the writer visited the church schools at Alamosa, Monte Vista, Delta, and Fruita, and following the institute he visited the church school at Rulison. He is glad to report that in these church schools and in the other phases of the work being carried on the Western Slope, a fine spirit of consecration and enthusiasm prevails. We are looking forward to much progress in Brother Grandy's district as a result of this meeting.

G. M. MATHEWS.

Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
734 Main St. - - - Nevada

Iowa News Items

ON TUESDAY morning, February 20, we received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Egan, daughter of A. T. Fuller, of Waukon. It was arranged for Elder Jeys to go there to conduct the funeral on Friday, February 23.

Elder A. L. Miller has been visiting the Burlington, Keokuk, Fairfield, and Clinton churches during the past month. He reports that members in each place are active and doing their part in the finishing of the work.

Elder T. H. Jeys met with the Cedar Rapids church, Sabbath, February 24, in the forenoon, and with the Marshalltown church in the afternoon.

Brother George Chapman, who is a missionary in Costa Rica and who came to Nevada by airplane to attend his father's funeral, left with his mother, Monday evening, February 26, for Redlands, Calif., where his mother will make her home with relatives, and Brother Chap-

man will go from there back to Costa Rica.

Elder R. S. Fries reports that a very profitable convention was held at Council Bluffs over the week-end. Elder Gant, educational and M. V. secretary of our conference, and Elder Gordon Smith, M. V. secretary of the Central Union, were also there.

Brother Walter Howe started a series of meetings in Fort Madison. He writes that last Sunday night, in spite of the bad weather, the church was pretty well filled.

We have a few slightly shelf worn "Christ's Object Lessons" in the limp binding in stock. The regular price on these is \$3.25. As long as the present stock lasts we will sell them at \$2.50 a copy. Order immediately.

Elder and Mrs. J. H. Rhoads, who have labored in the Iowa Conference for several years, accepted a call from the North Dakota Conference to labor in that field. They left Marshalltown the first of the week for Lisbon, N. Dak., their future home. We regret to see Elder and Sister Rhoads leave our field, and we wish them God's blessing in their new field of labor.

Elders B. A. Scherr and K. L. Gant held a week-end convention with the Cedar Rapids church, March 2 to 4.

Elder and Mrs. R. S. Fries and family spent Sabbath, March 3, with the Nevada church in the forenoon, and in the afternoon they were with the Marshalltown church. On Sabbath evening Elder Fries gave a stereopticon lecture on scenic places in the United States.

Brother L. P. Knecht has been assisting colporteurs in Davenport and Waterloo in their deliveries during the past week. He reports that the colporteurs are of good courage and are getting along very nicely with their deliveries.

Since Elder Rhoads left Marshalltown for his new field of labor in North Dakota, Brother and Sister Archbold, who have been connected with the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria in Des Moines, have been asked by the committee to look after the work in Marshalltown for the present.

Elder B. A. Scherr has been visiting the churches in the southeast part of the state. Sabbath, March 10, he was with the Oskaloosa church.

Elder W. A. McKibben will be with the Carroll church Sabbath, March 24, and with the Boone church Sabbath, March 31.

Elder K. L. Gant visited the Cedar Rapids church, Sabbath, March 10.