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Love Never Fails

"LOVE ye therefore the stranger," is the startling command recorded in Deut. 10: 19. But there it is for us who profess to be commandment-keepers. This precept is elaborated in the instruction God gave to Moses, as recorded in Lev. 19: 33, 34: "And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and *thou shalt love him as thyself*; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." These Scriptures are very pertinent to us who live in a country of such diversity of nationalities. All about us are people who have come from many lands—"strangers" indeed.

In the United States and Canada there are more than thirty million people who are either foreign-born or born of foreign parentage. Millions of these people must still rely upon their native language when it comes to a clear understanding of religious teaching. It is a matter of thrilling interest to know that the providence of God has brought many of these people to America in order that we might demonstrate Christian love in missionary service in their behalf. In the year 1887, the following message came to us by the servant of the Lord, concerning the foreign-speaking people: "God's hand was in their coming to America, that they might be brought under the influence of the truth revealed in His word, and become partakers of His saving faith." Twenty-three years later, the following statement was written: "Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their own lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God." Still later came the following words of counsel: "Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond, if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland," and an urgent appeal was made for our people to bestir themselves to give the message to their foreign

neighbors. (Quotations from "Christian Service," p. 200.)

During the years which have elapsed since this counsel was given to us, much effort has been put forth to reach these millions of "strangers," but multitudes are still as verily in the darkness of error as they were before they left their

Is Satan Managing Your Business Affairs?

IT IS by indifference on our part that means God has intrusted to us is used to hinder the work of God, by neglecting to arrange our affairs before death so that our money or property falls into the hands of the ungodly and is lost to the cause.

"I was shown the awful fact that Satan and his angels have had more to do with the management of the property of God's professed people, than the Lord has. Stewards of the last days are unwise. They suffer Satan to control their business matters, and get into his ranks what belongs to, and should be in, the cause of God. God takes notice of you, unfaithful stewards: He will call you to account. I saw that the stewards of God can by faithful, judicious management keep their business in this world square, exact, and straight. And it is especially the privilege and duty of the aged, the feeble, and those who have no children, to place their means where it can be used in the cause of God if they should be suddenly taken away. But I saw that Satan and his angels exult over their success in this matter. And those who should be wise heirs of salvation almost willingly let their Lord's money slip out of their hands into the enemy's ranks. In this way they strengthen Satan's kingdom, and seem to feel very easy about it."—*Vol. 1, p. 199.*

J. F. PIPER.

native land. What a shame is this, when the truth might be given to them at no great expense. But love does not count the cost, and if our love for these perishing millions is to demonstrate its genuineness, we will gladly sacrifice the little that is required to give the bread of life to these hungry people.

A special time is set apart, by action of the General Conference, during which all our churches are expected to give earnest attention to the needs of the "stranger" within reach of literature distribution, either by personal contact or through the mails. The period set apart is April 28 to May 5, and on May 5 an offering is to be made to the Foreign Translation Fund, which provides for the initial expense of preparing literature in these many languages.

Every church board should make a survey of its missionary territory and arrange for the needed literature in the languages of the people who are unable to read our English publications. A Home-Foreign Band should be organized in the church, and the members of this band should visit the foreign-speaking people in their homes and establish a friendship which is so greatly needed and appreciated, and literature should be freely distributed.

The apostle John, in addressing the faithful in the church, wrote: "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers." III John 5. May it be that this same approbation shall apply to every Seventh-day Adventist church, because of its faithful attention to this great unworked mission field within the shadow of our very doors

J. A. STEVENS, *Secretary.*

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Experiences of the People of God —No. 4

THE book of Revelation, addressed to the "seven churches which are in Asia" (Rev. 1:4, 11), covers the whole of the Christian Era from the time of the apostles to the coming of Christ. The book opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction it contains (Rev. 1:3). It is not a sealed book, for

the angel said to John, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book." (Rev. 22:10.)

"The Lord Jesus sent a mighty angel to make plain to John, by the use of symbols, the things that were to come to pass until the coming of Christ. He was bidden to write the instruction in a book for the benefit of the seven churches. This writing we now have preserved in the book of Revelation, but this book is understood by only a few. It contains the message for the last days and we are to dwell much upon these prophecies."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, February 14, 1907.

We are further told that the "solemn messages that have been given in their order" in this book "are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people." "Here are the truths that concern our present and future welfare."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 302.

In the names of the seven churches, according to the Greek names, are brought out the religious features of those seven periods of the gospel age which they were respectively to represent. Thus the seven churches are to be understood to mean not merely the seven literal churches located in the seven named cities of the province of Asia, but seven periods of the Christian church from apostolic days to the close of human probation.

Chapters two and three of the book contain the special messages addressed to the church through these seven periods, and reveal its spiritual condition in each period, and also show the loving care and tender sympathy manifested by the Lord in giving His reproofs, warnings, exhortations, and promises.

"The names of the seven churches are symbolic of the church in different periods of the Christian era. The number seven indicates completeness, and is symbolic of the fact that the message extends to the end of time, while the symbols reveal the condition of the church at different periods in the history of the world."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 585, par. 3.

In these studies we will not attempt to mark the definite beginning and ending of each of the seven churches, for they blend, or telescope into each other, so to speak, and the characteristics of each and all continue in some measure to the end.

In general, we may safely say that Ephesus covered the closing part of the Apostolic Age; Smyrna, the time of Pagan persecutions; Pergamos, from the days of Constantine to the sixth century;

Thyatira, the greater part of the long period of the Dark Ages; Sardis, beginning with the Reformation; Philadelphia, covering the great Advent message days to 1844; and Laodicea, from 1844 to the end.

The word *Laodicea* means "the judging of the people," and presents the church in a "lukewarm" condition. It symbolizes the church during the period of the investigative judgment, beginning with 1844.

It is "the faithful and true Witness" (Rev. 3:14), who testifies concerning the condition of Laodicea. Her hollow pretensions are set forth in verses 15 to 17 of chapter 3. Then follow the Lord's beautiful and loving words of counsel, verse 18. The writings of John "breathe the spirit of love. It seems as if he wrote with a pen dipped in love. However, "when he came in contact with those who were breaking the law of God, yet claiming that they were living without sin, he did not hesitate to warn them of their fearful deception."

(To be continued.)

S. G. HAUGHEY.

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Review Subscriptions

WORD has been received from the publishers of the *Review and Herald*, our leading church paper, to the effect that for one month, May 19 to June 19, the subscription price of the *Review and Herald* will be reduced to \$2.00 a year. During this time, not only will new subscriptions be accepted at the reduced rate of \$2.00, but present subscribers may extend their present subscription for one or more years at the rate of \$2.00 per year, no matter when the present subscription expires.

Colorado's goal is 890 subscriptions to the *Review*. At present the list is 450, so we are short 440 subscriptions of reaching our goal. In other words, our people are taking only approximately half as many *Reviews* as they should. During this time of reduced rates, could not everyone get together the small sum of \$2.00 and take advantage of this special offer? Remember, no other paper takes the place of the *Review and Herald*. The Spirit of prophecy states as follows concerning the value of the *Review and Herald*, "Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the *Review*. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest a greater earnestness and put forth more

persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have this paper."

All orders should be sent direct to the Colorado Book and Bible House. Remember the dates, May 19 to June 19, and take advantage of this offer.

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Confidence in the Brethren

THE earnest entreaties that we press together, especially amidst the perils of the last days, should not pass unheeded. As the light of truth shines brighter amidst the moral darkness that enshrouds the earth, our mission becomes more definite and real; the need of unity, and the desire for accord with those of like precious faith will have an urge that has never before been so vital to our own experience, or fraught with such consequences to the advancement of the cause we love.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

"By empowering His people to employ the argument of His name, Christ places the merits of His virtue within reach of those who are meek and lowly. He will imbue them with His Holy Spirit, giving them power to plead for themselves, as well as to grasp His promises in their behalf. Thus man and God become united in one.

"Those who have gained this experience do not utter accusations against others. They are too anxiously engaged in making sure that they themselves shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

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"Those who are invested with Christ's spirit are virtually clothed with priestly garments, and are placed on vantage ground, commissioned to minister to others. Christ puts into their hands a censer filled with the incense of His righteousness, and He distinctly pledges Himself to answer our supplications.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name," He says, "that will I do." But if men occupy the time of the heavenly Guest, in justifying themselves and finding fault with others, they lose the opportunity to be placed on vantage ground, and they encourage evil angels to abide with them, and to unite with them in warfare against God's people. Earnest pleading with God for the holy fragrance of the character of Christ is of value. But Christ is ashamed of those who exalt self, and bring accusations against others. To those who set themselves up as accusers of their brethren comes this reprimand from God, "Who art thou that sittest as a judge? Get down from the judgment seat, and on your knees, with humility and contrition, confess your sins."

"If this course of humiliation and confession is followed, the sure result will come. Christ's intercession prevails with God, and at the same time is the almoner of infinite grace."—*Washington, D. C., July 25, 1904, "The Berrien Springs Meeting," Series B, No. 2.*

"Let us cherish a spirit of confidence in the wisdom of our brethren. We must be willing to take advice and caution from our fellow laborers connected with the service of God. We must individually realize that we are parts of a great whole. We must seek wisdom from God, learning what it means to have a waiting, watching spirit, and to go to our Saviour when tired and depressed.

"It is a mistake to withdraw from those who do not agree with our ideas. This will not inspire our brethren with confidence in our judgment. It is our duty to counsel with our brethren, and to heed their advice.

"We are to seek their counsel, and when they give it, we are not to cast it away, as if they were our enemies. Unless we humble our hearts before God, we shall not know His will.

"Let us determine to be in unity with our brethren. This duty God has placed upon us. We shall make their hearts glad by following their counsel, and make ourselves strong through the influence that this will give us. Moreover, if we feel that we do not need the counsel of our brethren, we close the door of our usefulness as counselors of them. . . . But when men, full of self-confidence,

think that it is their place to give counsel, instead of desiring to be counseled by their experienced brethren, they will listen to voices that will lead them in strange paths.

"The angels of God are in our world, and Satanic agencies are here also. I am permitted to see the inclination of certain ones to follow their own strong traits of character. If they refuse to yoke up with others who have had long experience in the work, they will become blinded by self confidence, not discerning between the false and the true. It is not safe that such ones should stand in the position of leaders, to follow their own judgment and plans. . . .

"But our impressions are not always a safe guide to duty. Human impulse will try to make us believe that it is God who is guiding us when we are following our own way. But if we watch carefully, and counsel with our brethren, we shall understand, for the promise is, "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way." We must not allow human ideas and natural inclinations to gain the supremacy.

"Workers for Christ are to strive for unity. We are the children of the same family, and have one heavenly Father. Let us not put on garments of heaviness, and cherish doubts and a lack of confidence in our brethren. We should not hurt our souls by gathering the thistles and the thorns, but, instead, we should gather the roses and the lilies and the pinks, and express their fragrance in our words and acts."—*Individual Responsibility and Christian Unity," Series B, No. 9.*

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Benefit for the Penny-a-Dish

WE ARE glad to report the results of the lecture on astronomy given in the Hoyt-Sherman Auditorium Sunday afternoon, April 22, for the benefit of the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria. Over two hundred dollars worth of tickets was sold, at fifty cents each. After taking out the expense of the auditorium and advertising, around one hundred dollars was made, to apply on the expense of equipping the cafeteria. Much of the success of this venture was due to the hard work of the group of ladies who sold tickets, under the leadership of Sisters Reed, Swanson, and Rae. We believe that much good was accomplished, and that the Lord will water the seed sown. The

favorable publicity given to Seventh-day Adventists and their welfare work was well worth the effort. R. S. FRIES.

Investment Campaign

WE ARE pleased with the enthusiasm that is being manifested by Sabbath school superintendents in all parts of the state in the Sabbath school Investment campaign. Letters are coming from all parts of the state for leaflets, program material, chart suggestions, etc. We hope that there will not be a school in the state that will not take hold of this program and make it what it ought to be. Give all a chance and they will do their part.

Slips are beginning to come into our office, and we have already heard from Boone, Clinton, and Grinnell. We are anxiously watching for the slips from the rest of the Sabbath schools, so that we can make a chart in the office of all the schools that have signed up for the Investment.

Let us make the Investment offering this year in Iowa the largest ever!

B. A. SCHERR.

Guthrie Centre

ELDER FRIES has been invited to give his illustrated lecture, "Wonders of the Heavens," in the Methodist church of Guthrie Centre Sunday evening, May 6. The pastors of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian churches will make this meeting a union service. We trust that all our members in the vicinity will bring their friends, and attend. Pray that the influence of this service may redound to the glory of God.

Notes

ELDERS GANT and Fries spent the week, April 22 to 29, with the Exira, Audubon, and Jacksonville churches. Meetings were held every night in the Exira church by one worker, while the other spoke in another church.

Elder Gordon Smith spoke in the Des Moines church Sabbath, April 21, and in Exira Sunday night.

A meeting of all the conference workers will be held in Nevada April 30 and May 1. The conference committee meets the following day. Plans for the summer evangelistic work will be considered, along with other important items.

On the afternoon of April 5 Mr. Jens C. Christiansen and Miss Dorothy Brenton were married, at the home of the bride's parents at Glenwood, Ia., Elder R. F. Bresee performing the ceremony. They will be at home on a farm near Audubon, Ia.

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Special Offer

FROM May 19 to June 19 the Review and Herald is making a special rate of \$2.00 to apply on either new subscriptions or on renewals. A rate of \$2.75 is being offered on the Big Four. Both of these offers will close promptly at midnight on the date designated.

This is a golden opportunity to secure the indispensable weekly visits of this faithful messenger. We would like to see the Review in the home of every member in Kansas. A. H. RULKOETTER.

Smith Center Meeting

A LARGE attendance was present for the opening service last Sabbath at the Smith Center district meeting. Officers and members from Lebanon, Portis, and Sunflower joined with us in worship.

An excellent spirit prevailed, and much was accomplished for the progress of God's work in this section of the state.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

F. C. Clark District

FOR the present we are asking Elder N. J. Aalborg, of 401 West Fifth Street, Chanute, Kans., to include in his district the churches formerly visited by Elder Clark. Within the next few weeks he will endeavor to make a trip among the church leaders may correspond with him he can.

We have given his address so that the church leaders may correspond with him in the event of necessity.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

What to Do on June 2

THERE is a matter that deserves our consideration at this time. A real opportunity is before us. In Kansas we have hundreds of young men crowded together in the C. C. C. camps. Regardless of any advantages of these camps, we are well aware that the boys there face temptations and adverse influences which they of themselves are not able to meet. Some of our own S. D. A. boys are there. Some of us have dear ones there who are not converted. I know from personal contact that many at these camps are longing for a few morsels of spiritual food. Shall we let this great need and this rare opportunity pass unheeded?

Aside from other help we may render we wish to give each of the boys in these

C. C. C. camps in Kansas a copy of that wonderful book, "Steps to Christ," about the finest small gift we could make them. For this purpose the publishers are furnishing a fine illustrated, pocket edition, for only ten cents. The regular donation at the church service on June 2 is set aside to help supply these books for these camps. Let each one do his part. Remember the great need and this rare opportunity.

E. H. MEYERS.

An Appeal

WE NOTE that in some of our churches are a number of church members who are not enrolled members of the Sabbath school. This is a very unfortunate situation. Our General Conference Sabbath school secretary in writing on this subject said, "We wish to sound a cry of 'danger ahead!' to all who are making up this class of absentees." To those who may not be in the Sabbath school we earnestly appeal to you to come and join. We appeal to the faithful ones that they do all in their power to help others to see the great value of the Sabbath school and the blessing that comes by attending, and also the danger in not attending.

E. H. MEYERS.

Salina Effort

WE ARE beginning an effort in the Jayhawk theatre, in Salina, Sunday evening, May 6, at 7:30. All of our people in this section of the state are requested to be at this first meeting. Brother and Sister Alten Bringle will assist in this effort.

As this is being written we are in our fourth week of the effort at Florence. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the work here. About one hundred people have acknowledged the Sabbath and other kindred truths. Thirty-two were out to the Sabbath services, April 21, who are not yet members. It has been impossible for us to get to all the homes where we have been invited to go. Elder Rulkoetter was here a few days and helped us open this effort. Since then Brother Jensen and I have been conducting it. I will have to leave soon for the Salina effort, and Brother Jensen will continue the work here. Elder Rulkoetter also plans to come back and help again in the work here after I leave.

Before this article comes to you we will have a baptism and organization of a new company here. Pray for these new converts and for the work we are beginning in Salina. A. C. GRIFFIN.

Kansas Youth Enthusiastic

THE spirit of the coming young people's conference is taking hold of Kan-

sas youth. If enthusiasm is an indication, more than two hundred senior youth from the Sunflower state will show their colors the opening day of the conference.

Brother J. R. Odell, of the Fort Scott church, has offered to put seats in his truck to provide transportation for the young people of southeastern Kansas. Any youth from that district desiring transportation may write to Mrs. Leonard Wood, 1524 Ransom, Fort Scott. Perhaps two trucks can be secured for that district if necessary.

The weeks are slipping by rapidly. Plans must be made now. If I can help you plan, let me know at once.

Please send in your requests at once if you want a bed or cot reserved for you. Registration cards will be furnished for you in a few days.

Get ready! May 29 is the date. Be one of the Kansas two hundred.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Fort Scott M. V. Rally

YOUNG people from the Pittsburg, Girard, Farlington, and Columbus churches met with the Fort Scott young people for a three-day rally, April 13, 14, and 15. Elder Gordon Smith and the writer conducted the rally.

An interesting feature of the Sabbath program was a sundown service conducted on the shore of the lake in Gunn Park. Four Friends, ten Companions, and one Master Comrade were invested.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas Items

ELDER A. A. DIRKSEN reports an excellent interest in the series of meetings he has started at Dorrance.

The first shipment of our new series of "Hope of the World" tracts has arrived. We are highly pleased with this new and up-to-date missionary literature. Let us "scatter them like the leaves of autumn." Get the price list and send in your order at once.

Two candidates were baptized at Smith Center Sabbath afternoon, April 21, by Elder A. H. Rulkoetter. One was from the Sunflower church and the other from the Smith Center church.

If you have not returned your dime saving booklet send it in or give it to your church treasurer as soon as possible.

A new Sabbath school has been organized at Keighley. All our churches in Kansas will take note that on Sabbath, May 5, a special offering is to be taken for the Foreign Translation Fund. This fund is used to help produce literature for the foreigners in this country, a worthy cause indeed.

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With Our Workers

FROM Wadena comes this interesting letter of Elder J. C. Christenson's meeting:

"Friday night we almost had to close the doors as the seating space was all taken. We have had Sunday night crowds through the entire week, regardless of sleet storms and cold. . . . Our collections have increased very nicely and are taking care of all expenses thus far. . . . This town is predominantly Catholic and Lutheran, and I am surprised at the interest and at the fine things the people say as they leave the hall."

From Wahkon comes the good report of Elder Geo. L. Budd's effort:

"Sunday night there were about seventy-five out to the meeting, and I never saw people more interested. . . . The interest and numbers have been increasing ever since we started."

From Owatonna is this encouraging word of the opening meeting in the series conducted by Elder Wiest, Brother and Sister Melendy, and Brother and Sister Ernest Hanson:

"The town knows that we are Seventh-day Adventists, and we had over two hundred present. We had a satisfied audience. The daily press gave us a fine write-up and this week the weekly will also carry the news of the meeting."

From International Falls word was received that should cheer the hearts of all our Minnesota believers. Miss Deters writes:

"Elder Pontynen was here Tuesday evening and the church celebrated the ordinans. There were twenty-two who took part. This was the first time for most of them and the service was enjoyed by all. Yesterday there were five who attended the Sabbath services for the first time."
V. J. JOHNS.

International Falls and Blackberry

RECENTLY the International Falls company celebrated the Lord's supper for the first time. On that occasion I learned that one of Sister Deter's readers is accepting the truth as it is being presented. She has accepted the Sabbath truth, and shortly after a study on tithing sent \$70 tithe to the treasurer. The company at International Falls is now large enough to be organized into a church.

At Blackberry, Sabbath, April 14,

Brother Albert Anderson was ordained elder of the Blackberry church. Brother and Sister Anderson have both attended our colleges and are doing faithful work in building up the spiritual interests for their local church.

W. B. PONTYNEN.

Another Call from Maplewood

DURING the past winter we have given work to eighty boys and girls at Maplewood. We have still more work than the students are able to take care of, and right now we are in need of ten good boys. These boys must be used to work, willing to work, and, at the same time, obedient to the rules and regulations of the school. They must be from 17 to 20 years of age, and anxious to do all in their power to get a Christian education. The law does not permit any boy or girl under sixteen years of age to work in our shops. So if there are ten good Christian boys, willing to work for an education, they may come to Maplewood as soon as they have made the necessary arrangements with the management of the school, and we will give them a fair trial. If they prove to be good workers and obedient, they will be able to have quite a bit to their credit when school opens in the fall, and thus insure them attendance during the coming school year.

If interested, write at once, and enclose a reference from some conference worker who can conscientiously recommend you to the school.

DAVID GULBRANDSON, *Principal.*

News Notes

REMEMBER May 19 to June 19 there is a special offer on some of our papers. A year's subscription to the *Review* is \$2.00; the Big Four, \$2.75; Family Group, \$5.50. Remember the date, and see that your subscription is sent in during this time and take advantage of this saving.

The St. Paul Seventh-day Adventist church has recently purchased a church building at the corner of Ashland and McCubin Streets. After some remodeling they hope to be in this new church home by June 1. This congregation has been in rented quarters for over seven years and are all rejoicing over the prospects of soon being in a home of their own.

The first of the new "Hope of the World" tracts have just arrived. They are fresh from the press. Every church in the conference should have a quantity of these for free distribution. They are only \$3.50 per thousand, in single or assorted numbers, in unbroken packages of 100. You should have a sample package from which to order. Sample packages, con-

taining one each of the 20 tracts, are 25 cents. Assorted packages containing 200 tracts, 10 each of the twenty numbers, will be sent out postpaid for \$1.00. These tracts are intended particularly for general free distribution and to be passed out at evangelistic meetings after each lecture.

Elder J. C. Christenson held a Sabbath school and home missionary convention at Hewitt, Sabbath, April 14. The speakers made clear the working of these two departments, which provide the greater per cent of all the funds that go to mission lands.

Nearly all of the Sabbath school secretaries have sent in their quarterly reports, but a few are still missing. If every secretary reports before the end of April, a gold star will appear on the conference record card which is sent from the General Conference.

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How to Increase the Tithe

THE question comes, "How can I increase my tithe when there are so many calls for money?" We quote from page 55, "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, in answer to this question. "Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we by refusing to give retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality."

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge of these things. . . . The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the Gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserve portion."—Pages 248-249.

Our Young People

SOME young people receive attention from the church only when they become problems. It is a common practice to fail to pay attention to those who we think are doing all right. However, the youth need encouragement and association. They need answers to the many problems that naturally arise in their minds.

Young people meditate upon the deep problems of life. Often they find no solutions to the difficulties that arise. They want counsel and help. This they will find at the Youth's Conference at Lincoln, Nebr., May 29 to June 2. Experienced leaders who understand the young people of our age will be there to answer questions and by the help of God bring certain conviction out of the unsettled difficulties of our age.

An appeal is made to every church in the union to send delegates to the conference. Nothing will pay better dividends in results than money thus spent.

ON TO LINCOLN

Listen what they have to say
As they hasten on their way,
"We are bound for Lincoln!"
See this crowd of dauntless youth,
Who love God and believe the truth,
Coming on to Lincoln.
They have come from every state
Of the Central Union great,
And have come to Lincoln.
Many hearts are caused to thrill,
Seeing Union on the hill.
Union is at Lincoln,
See the great big crowd that stands,
Welcoming with outstretched hands
All who came to Lincoln.
Only one sad thought will come,
That of youth who stayed at home,
And didn't come to Lincoln.
The decision that is mine
Is that on May twenty-nine
I shall be at Lincoln!
Decide right now to come along,
And join in the happy throng
Of fellow youth at Lincoln.

MELVIN OSS.

Big Opportunity

BETWEEN May 19 and June 19 it will be possible for you to subscribe for the *Review* for a year for two dollars. There is a saving of fifty cents. Not only does this offer apply to new subscribers, but also to renewals. The publishers announce this offer in the face of rising publishing prices, because it is felt that a larger number of Adventist families should be receiving the *Review*. We are glad that the publishers are cooperating with us.

We are told by the servant of the Lord that every family should have this paper. I conclude from such an expression, and from my own reading of the *Review*, that there is a great blessing in reading it.

The Big Four (*Review, Life and Health, Liberty, and Present Truth*) is offered during *Review* month for \$2.75. The Family Group (*Review, Youth's Instructor, Life and Health, Sabbath School Worker, Gazette, Liberty, and Present Truth*) is offered as a special for \$5.50. The more papers you subscribe for the more you will save. Order from the Bible House.

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Missouri News Notes

ELDER CHAS. THOMPSON has spent the last two Sabbaths with the churches in St. Louis.

Sabbath, the 14th, Elder C. G. Bellah visited the Flat River church and conducted the ordinances.

In response to Missouri's call for Elder E. L. Branson, of the Southern New England Conference, we have promise of his arrival about May 23. The conference committee has requested Elder Branson to make St. Louis his field of labor.

Encouraging word has come to our office regarding the evangelistic effort in Flat River. This effort is being conducted by Brother and Sister James Gaitens. They report an encouraging attendance, with a growing interest. Some new ones are attending the Sabbath services of the church, although that subject has not as yet been presented. Up to date the evening offerings have met the expenses of advertising.

Elder W. K. Smith, who has retired to a rural retreat seeking to regain his health, reports that upon Wednesday night, the 18th, twenty-two isolated believers met at his home for prayer meeting. We are expecting from the influence and work of Brother and Sister Smith to have reported a new Sabbath school and ultimately another church organization.

Recent communications reveal that seventy-five young people have expressed their desire to attend the Youth's Conference. Have you written in yet?

An investiture service was recently held at Poplar Bluff at which time seven Friends were invested.

At a recent baptismal service at Oak Grove four were baptized. Some were unable to attend because of sickness, and another baptism will be held later.

In a recent itinerary Elder Oss visited the believers at Oak Grove, Montier, Poplar Bluff, and Sabula.

Brother Harrison spent Monday, April 23, in Kansas City with Elder Garner, making arrangements for some of the equipment for Elder Garner's summer effort.

On April 21 Brother Oss conducted an investiture service at Sedalia. Five received Friend insignia. Another class is studying the Friend requirements, and a Companion class is being organized.

"If all would pay a faithful tithe, and devote to the Lord the first-fruits of their increase, there would be a full supply of funds for His work. But the law of God is not respected or obeyed and this has brought a pressure of want."—Vol. 6, p. 385.

No. Dakota Conference

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North Dakota Notes

BROTHER ORTNER has been auditing the church treasurers' books in the western portion of the state. Word received from him states that the people are of good courage in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions. We trust and pray that God will send us rain soon.

Brother Edwards, our field secretary, is greatly encouraged with the faithful endeavors of the colporteurs. We have but few self-supporting workers. Surely, there must be more men and women in the North Dakota Conference who ought to enter the book work. The Lord is calling. Let those who recognize the call respond whole-heartedly and enter into the work with a determination to make a success.

Elder E. H. Oswald spent a few days with Elder Wentland calling on the brethren at Burt. He spent the weekend with the believers at Grand Forks.

Let us remember the day set aside for fasting and prayer, Wednesday, May 9. We hope and pray that all our people will make it a day of searching after God. The Lord has promised to hear when we come to him with all our heart.

Youth's Conference registration blanks are still coming into the office. Some churches will be represented in Lincoln with a delegation of four to five young people. Are you planning to go? Please let us know.

North Dakota Missionary Volunteer star classes are: gold, excellent, Cooperstown, Midway, S. R. A. Church School, Valley City, Jamestown, and Grand Forks; silver, good, Manfred, New Home, Burt, Dickinson, Kulm, Bis-

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Sunset Calendar

For May 4, 1934

Denver, Colorado	6:57
Des Moines, Iowa	7:16
Topeka, Kansas	7:18
St. Paul, Minnesota	7:22
Jefferson City, Missouri	7:04
Lincoln, Nebraska	7:26
Bismarck, North Dakota	7:57
Pierre, South Dakota	7:47
Casper, Wyoming	7:17

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School Notes

THE annual all-school picnic was held April 24, at Pioneer park, near Lincoln. Cars and a large truck took the students to the picnic grounds. Sports provided so that every one could participate ranged from lawn tennis and golf to baseball, kitten ball, and inter-class relay races. A substantial dinner was served at noon.

College seniors, together with their sponsor, Ivamae Small-Hilts, Miss Lotta Bell, and the prospective summer school seniors, spent Wednesday afternoon, April 18, at a park near Crete, Nebr., where they held the regular annual senior picnic.

Remodeling of the power house is well under way. Two of the old boilers have been removed, and the two large boilers will be installed where the small ones were. A small boiler has been equipped with an automatic fireman to furnish steam for the laundry this summer. When the two large boilers are moved they will be installed so that their capacity will be increased about twenty-five per cent by a forced draft system and automatic fireman. This change will permit the use of cheaper fuel.

Ivamae Small-Hilts will leave May 2 for a ten-day trip to Walla Walla College, College Place, Wash., to give a number on their Lyceum course May 5.

The professional class has been organized with Robert Brown as president,

Frances Spoden as vice-president, and Aaron Oswald as secretary-treasurer. Robert Brown, Aaron Oswald, and Elmer Cornwell complete the pre-medical course. Those finishing the normal course are: Grace Shafer, Muriel Fleming, Frances Spoden, and Beulah Brebner. Gretchen Van Syoc completes the pre-dietetic requirements. Professor G. C. Jorgensen, head of the Chemistry and Biology departments, was chosen as sponsor.

In the organization of the junior class Friday, April 20, Marshall Rockwell was chosen president, Lauretta Wilcox, vice-

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THE TIME: May 29-June 2.
THE PLACE: Lincoln, Nebraska.
THE OCCASION: Central Union
Young People's Conference.

president, and Florence Lucille Terry, secretary-treasurer. Their sponsor is Professor Arthur M. Hanhardt, head of the German department here. The class personnel is: Marshall Rockwell, Lauretta Wilcox, Florence Lucille Terry, Esther M. Miller, Adeline Voth, Rodney Finney, Jr., Frank Swearingen, Elmer Hagen, and William Whitson.

Academy seniors organized with the following officers: Alvin Sonnenberg, president; Ethel Mason, vice-president; Lucile Sherrig, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Carl Moyers, teacher of mathematics and science, is the class sponsor. Members of the class are: Alvin Sonnenberg, Ethel Mason, Lucile Sherrig, Lucile Kirstein, Maxine Nelson, Sylvia Jones, Harold Ledington, and Wilbur Rose.

"Mysteries of Light and Electricity" was the title of a lecture by Professor H. K. Schilling in the college chapel Saturday evening. The lecture was accompanied by demonstrations of physical and electrical apparatus.

South Dakota Department

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Some will be glad to subscribe themselves after their attention is called to the merits of the literature we have.

For your convenience, Brother Schlott-hauer is listing some of the foreign periodicals in this issue of the REAPER.

The offering in our churches on May 5 is for translating some of our literature into new languages. GORDEN OSS.

Circulate Our Foreign Periodicals

DURING the week known as Foreign Periodical Week, April 28 to May 5,

special attention is to be given by our people everywhere to the circulation of our foreign periodicals. We have three weekly, eight-page missionary papers in the following languages: German, *Christian Friend of the Home*; Swedish, *Zion's Watchman*; Danish-Norwegian, *Gospel Messenger*. All of these papers compare with the *Signs of the Times*.

The subscription price of these papers has been reduced to \$1.00 each in clubs of five or more to one address; \$1.25 each in clubs of five or more to separate addresses. The price is higher in Canada and foreign countries.

We are told that there are almost fourteen million people who read the above mentioned languages, but very little has been done for them. The publishers tell us that many urgent calls which they cannot fill are coming to them for papers to be sent to these foreign-speaking people. Many of them will never hear or learn of the truth unless some one sends them papers in their own tongue.

Let us all do our best when the offering is taken on May 5.

B. L. SCHLOTTHAUER.

South Dakota Sunbeams

OLIVE REDMON ordered 500 copies of the *May Watchman*. When we last heard from her she stated that everything was going fine. Why don't you try some in your town? Ten or more cost only 4 cents a copy.

Edward Jensen is canvassing the city of Watertown at the present time. Brother Jensen is one of our new colporteurs. These faithful workers need our prayers.

Brother McKinley was called to Illinois on account of the death of his sister. He and Mrs. McKinley left Watertown Monday night, the 23rd.

The meetings in Madison are progressing nicely. Elder Oss reports a very good attendance.

Elder Beck sends word that the meetings in Onida are being well attended. Sunday night every seat is taken.

Practically all the Sabbath school secretaries had reported by the 10th, and a large number of orders were filled for cards of honor and book marks and cards to boys and girls who have had perfect records in memory verse work for the quarter. All this shows continued interest in the work of the Sabbath school.

The church school teachers and pupils are busy with the usual last-of-the-year work of preparing for examinations and closing exercises. Satisfactory work is being done in all of our church schools this year.