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An Open Letter to Seventh-day Adventists

I WISH to call your attention to some of the practices of the people who publish *The Gathering Call* in their effort to reform (?) the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

I recently have spent some time reading *The Gathering Call*, with the result that a number of things have been noted, all of which reveal either ignorance of what is righteous or even fair in public attack, or an absolute disregard of truthful statement. A few of these at least should be brought to your attention.

One of these is found on page 29 of the May-June, 1933, number of *The Gathering Call*. It reads as follows: "A friend sent us a copy of the CENTRAL UNION REAPER of recent date. In reporting the visit of a returned missionary who spoke to one of the churches in St. Louis, we quote the following: 'They had just visited several of our churches in Europe. Among the interesting reports was one that the "reform" movement has already broken up into sixteen to twenty factions.' We had no idea that Brother Conradi's work had reached such magnitude as to number sixteen to twenty groups. He has certainly been 'on the job.' He has been laboring independently for about a year. What will happen if he is able to continue for five or ten years? We question very seriously whether these groups are any more divided than the 'regulars' are on such subjects as 'This Generation,' 'The King of the North,' 'The Sanctuary,' as well as a number of other questions. One thing worthy of note: they have divorced themselves from a lot of gross errors and a dominating hierarchy."

The above statement serves to prove that, as a guesser, the editor of *The Gathering Call* is unreliable. He very definitely has applied the returned missionary's remarks about the "reform" movement in Europe to Mr. Conradi, thus giving his readers a most untruthful representation of the missionary's statement.

As soon as I read this in *The Gathering Call*, I sent for a copy of the paper from which the *Call* had quoted. With that now before me, I am able to assure you that the editor of *The Gathering*

Call has once again guessed untruthfully. In the first place he is quite without warrant in applying any man's statement about the "reform" movement in Europe to the work that Mr. Conradi is doing. He is not reforming anything. He is seeking to persuade Seventh-day Adventists to follow him from their church into the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Let him succeed as he may in such an effort, he will not have reformed anything.

The following is the full statement, from which *The Gathering Call* has quoted, as it appeared in the CENTRAL UNION REAPER:

"Elder and Mrs. Meier, of the Central Argentine Conference, South America, stopped at St. Louis over the Sabbath, February 4, and attended the South-side church. The message on the progress of the Lord's work was greatly appreciated. They had just visited several of our churches in Europe. Among the interesting reports was one that the 'reform' movement has already broken up into from sixteen to twenty factions. Our people are very loyal to the message."

Now the above was given in a section of the REAPER as a news note from the

Giving Is One of God's Conditions of Prosperity

Good sense should be used, especially in giving to the cause of God; but a spirit of willingness to meet a need, and sacrificing service, will lead us to do the right thing when calls are made for funds.

"The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty; but, on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity."—

"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 527.

J. F. PIPER.

Missouri Conference, and is the complete statement as given. Had *The Gathering Call* quoted more fully from this statement it would have let its readers know that the missionary's "message on the progress of the Lord's work was greatly appreciated" by the people who heard his address in the South-side church. And had the *Call* included in its quotation the few last words that it left unquoted, its readers would have had the information that "our people" in Europe "are very loyal to the message."

But these two bits of interesting information were not passed on to its readers by the *Call*. It does not exist to report good things about the work of the denomination. Its stated reason for its existence is "to point out the errors and sins of Seventh-day Adventists." And its editor believes that God has called him to do this. Why, then, should he have been expected to carry that quotation a few words farther, and thus pass on to his readers the fact that the missionary stated that the Seventh-day Adventist people in Europe "are very loyal to the message"?

But now, it is obvious to anyone who reads that complete statement in the REAPER that it does not contain one word which gives any reader the right to say that Mr. Meier was referring to anything Mr. Conradi is doing. The editor of the *Call* therefore cannot hold the missionary in any way responsible for the very inaccurate statement made by *The Gathering Call* relative to the missionary's address.

Turning now to another section of the May-June, 1933, number of *The Gathering Call*, we find on pages 22, 23, and 24 a most remarkable bit of literature. It is entitled, "Five Dollars Premium Offered." It reads in part as follows:

"A friend of *The Gathering Call* authorizes us to offer five dollars in cash to the first one who will locate what he believes is a plagiarized paragraph found on pages 601 and 602 of the old edition, and 641 and 642 of the new edition, of 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' in any publication printed before 1890.

"This paragraph contains as beautiful language as was ever put in print. It is most beautifully grand. Our friend is fully convinced, and we share his conviction,

tions, that Mrs. White was not capable of using such language. Therefore, we are convinced that this beautiful language was taken without credit from some other author. The first one to send us a copy of this paragraph in language similar to the language in "Patriarchs and Prophets," giving us the book and page where it is found, will promptly receive five dollars."

The paragraph from "Patriarchs and Prophets" in question is given on the last two of the pages cited.

Please notice the charge here made. "This beautiful language was taken without credit from some other author." On what basis does this charge rest? Merely on the imaginative convictions of the editor and the "friend of *The Gathering Call*," "that Mrs. White was not capable of using such language." Now, I am making no defense of Mrs. White. In this case her work and character are in no need of my poor defense. These men acknowledge that they have no proof of that which they here have charged. The basis of their charge is admitted by them to be mere conjecture. They boldly claim that she was not capable of using such language as is in this particular paragraph. And because they believe this, and for no other reason, they have published their conviction that she took this paragraph from some other author and gave him no credit. They have made it evident that they do not have any proof that this is true, and that they do not know of anyone anywhere that does have any proof that it is true. They have accused her of wrong-doing in the writing of the particular paragraph that they quoted in full; and they have done this without any evidence to sustain their charge, and while making it clear by their own statement that they do not have any evidence to support their charge. And to remedy their lack of evidence they offer a "premium" of five dollars to anyone who will produce evidence which will prove their guess to be a correct one. Well, all that may be exactly according to the ethics of *The Gathering Call*, but who among the decent and fair-minded people of this world is there that would recognize such procedure as clean Christianity? As for me, I regard it as despicable beyond expression. Reformers? God pity men who think that they serve Him with such wickedness.

Now I shall take you back into 1932 to that remarkable August number of *The Gathering Call*. That particular number would be a rare specimen of careless and untruthful statement were it not that every number of the *Call* is its companion in

manifesting these two most undesirable qualities in itself. I find on pages 19 and 20 an editorial entitled, "That Testimony to Ballenger." That editorial begins thus: "In a letter from a Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school teacher to a member of his class, who is a very warm friend of *The Gathering Call* and its literature, is found the following paragraph:

"Ask Mr. Ballenger, when he mentions those testimonies or early documents, if he still has that special testimony from the Lord sent by Mrs. White, which he rejected. He has been fighting the testimonies ever since. He never mentions that one, does he?"

The editorial then goes on to state that Mr. Ballenger knew nothing about such a testimony being given, and seeks to show that it is very improbable that one ever was given to anyone of the Ballenger family. I do not claim that a testimony was given. I have not the data upon which to reach any conclusion on that. But in the last paragraphs of his editorial, Mr. Ballenger states the following:

"This brother didn't invent the story. We don't believe he is guilty of such a sin. He evidently got it from some of the higher ups, probably from Elder George B. Starr. He was recently called to this church to 'put them on their feet' because some of them had been reading *Gathering Call* literature. He publicly accused the editor of publishing lies. We at once wrote asking him to point out any lies we had published. He did not answer. We have been accused of this sin repeatedly. The only one that ever attempted to point out any lies we had published was W. C. White. When we demanded proof he said he did not have it at hand, but when he returned home he would look it up and send it to us. That was over six years ago. He has never furnished it.

"There is a reason why they do not point out the falsehoods they accuse us of publishing. They know they cannot do it, hence their safest method is to 'lay low.'

"It is certainly unfortunate for any people to have to depend upon slander and misrepresentation as their only means of meeting unanswerable facts published against them. Brethren, do you think God approves of such methods? There is a better way. That better way is by way of confession and forsaking error."

From this it is seen that responsibility for the written statement of some obscure Sabbath school teacher is placed on the "higher ups" of the denomination, and particularly on Elder George B. Starr. The editor says, "He (this teacher)

evidently got it from some of the higher ups, probably from Elder George B. Starr." By his use in this connection of that word "evidently," the editor has given his readers the right to understand that he had evidence that what he charges upon those "higher ups" is really so. If he did have something in evidence of that statement, then he forgot to indicate in his editorial what it is. If he did not have anything in evidence of that which he has charged as being "evidently" so, then his statement is merely another guess. But let us not fail to observe the editor's statement that Mr. Starr "publicly accused the editor of publishing lies." And also his further statement: "We have been accused of this sin repeatedly." Well, now, was not Mr. Starr right? Is it not a sad fact that these repeated accusations that *The Gathering Call* lies about the denomination are indisputably well grounded? But we all must notice the editor's further statement: "There is a reason why they do not point out the falsehoods they accuse us of publishing. They know that they cannot do it, hence their safest method is to 'lay low.'"

Is it possible that a man who does so much guessing in regard to denominational men and matters, as does the editor of the *Call*, really believes that he always guesses faultlessly all the time, and that in his almost endless statements concerning the denomination and its leaders, its activities, its beliefs, its purposes, its vast work in countries far and near, and even its appropriation of funds to specific purposes, he always represents the exact truth? Herein, then, is a marvel. But of a truth, he is not free from the very sins that he so ceaselessly charges upon the leaders and workers of the denomination. It is not at all as he says, that they cannot point out the falsehoods they accuse him of publishing. Those falsehoods are

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self-evident in his publications. They are self-evident in matters to which my previous open letter called your attention. They are self-evident in matters called to your attention by this letter.

I agree with him in his statement, "It is certainly unfortunate for any people to have to depend upon slander and misrepresentation as their only means of meeting unanswerable facts published against them." But would you not think that a "reform" editor, called of God "to point out the errors and sins of Seventh-day Adventists," one who really is trying to do that work to the best of his ability, would practice the advice that he so plenteously offers to them? But not so. In this case he learned of an obscure Sabbath school teacher somewhere tendering a bit of advice to a member of his Sabbath school class. It might or might not have been good advice, but it is objectionable to the editor of the *Call*. He believes it to be untrue. It was not "unanswerable," however. But in meeting it, did he depend upon the facts that he had concerning it? Not at all. He did precisely that which he has designated as "unfortunate for any people to have to depend upon." He took occasion by this incident to go after the "higher ups" and Elder George B. Starr in connection with it, without any more than an imagined probability to guide him. In the third paragraph of his editorial he says: "This was certainly new to me. I have had many charges laid against me, but this certainly is a new one." So then without more than his own conjecture he proceeds to do that which in this very editorial he condemns, and after doing it he pronounces it to be "unfortunate in any people."

I am with him in asking the question which he puts to the denomination's leaders in his closing paragraph: "Brethren, do you think God approves of such methods?" But I shall ask another also. Brethren, do you think that God disapproves such methods in Seventh-day Adventist "higher ups" and approves them in Mr. Ballenger? I am with him too in pointing out that "there is a better way," the way "of confessing and forsaking error." Pitiable though, isn't it, that a "reform" editor can only point out that "better way," while he, doing his best as a "reformer," goes not in it? To quote one of the editor's own remarks to Mr. Froom in the July-August, 1933, number of the *Call*: "It is strange how some people can give such good advice and practice so contrary to their own advice."

WALTER H. BROWN,
Sydney, Australia.

Experiences of the People of God —No. 5

AS EARLY as 1856 the following message came through the Spirit of prophecy: "The Lord has shown me in vision some things concerning the church in its present lukewarm state, which I will relate to you. The church was presented before me in vision. Said the angel to the church, 'Jesus speaks to thee, "Be zealous and repent."' This work, I saw, should be taken hold of in earnest. There is something to repent of. Worldly-mindedness, selfishness, and covetousness have been eating out the spirituality and life of God's people . . . The brethren who have possessions have a work to do to tear away from these earthly treasures, and to overcome their love of the world. . . . Many of those who have riches will fail to buy the gold, white raiment, and eye-salve. Their zeal does not possess intensity and earnestness proportionate to the value of the object of which they are in pursuit. . . . Many have so much rubbish piled up at the door of their heart that they cannot get the door open.

Some have difficulties between them and their brethren to remove. Others have evil tempers, selfish covetousness, to remove before they can open the door. Others have rolled the world before the door of their heart, which bars the door. All this rubbish must be taken away, and then they can open the door and welcome the Saviour in. . . . Some, I saw, would gladly return. Others will not let this message to the Laodicean church have its weight upon them. They will glide along, much after the same manner as before, and will be spewed out of the mouth of the Lord. Those only who zealously repent will have favor with God."—Vol. 1, pp. 141-144.

In the above statements, the Spirit of prophecy applies the Laodicean message to Sabbath-keeping Adventists. At that time the denominational name had not been taken. A careful reading of this excerpt from the Spirit of prophecy must convince the candid man or woman that here every phase of the Laodicean message is applied to Sabbath-keepers.

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Minnesota Conference

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Importance of Attending Camp Meeting

THERE are many reasons why all our people who possibly can should attend the camp meeting this year. Time is very short. We are living in the last days of the last generation before probation closes. Troublous times are upon us. Satan is working with all his might trying to deceive the very elect. We need help. Come and bring your children.

Let me quote a few statements from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White on the importance of attending these annual gatherings:

"Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. . . . They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God and to contemplate unseen realities. If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict. . . . The camp meeting is one of

the most important agencies in our work. . . . You cannot afford to lose one such privilege. . . . It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. . . . A great loss is sustained when these privileges are not improved. . . . Let all who possibly can attend these yearly gatherings. . . . All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided for them to become strong in Him and the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to Him. . . . Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you need most to have done."

A. J. HAYSMER.

Maplewood Academy

IN SPITE of depression and hard times, Maplewood Academy is able to look upon the past school year as one of success and great achievements. God has greatly blessed us as a school family. In scholastic work the school maintained its good standing. Along spiritual lines progress was made, and ten young people took their stand for the truth and were baptized. Our industrial enterprises have done better than we to begin with had faith to hope for. The boys who have gone out into the field to sell our rocker-

less rockers are meeting with success everywhere. Our bookbindery is also getting in much more work this year than it had last year at this time. Our great problem this year is the farm, if God does not bless us with an abundance of rain.

The graduation exercises took place May 25 to 27. The Friday evening meeting was a real inspiration to all present, when the senior class as a united whole stood to their feet and testified to the goodness and love of God. The baccalaureate sermon was given by Elder Johns. The class night program was one of the best we have seen, and the commencement address, given by Elder Tucker, was a very impressive one. Diplomas were granted to twenty-three students.

All the classes have organized for a strong student campaign this summer, so we feel certain that every seat in chapel and every room in the building will be occupied next winter.

The school family rejoices to think that the camp meeting is to be here on our own premises this year, and every effort is being made to have everything in readiness for the people when they come here to the grounds. Rooms may be rented in the school at the rate of \$5.00 for rooms with one bed, and \$7.50 with two beds. The campers must bring their own bedding, as the school furnishes only the springs and mattress.

I feel certain that the coming camp meeting will be the largest ever held in Minnesota, and the school family, which during the camp meeting will comprise about 100 members, extends to our brethren and sisters throughout the Minnesota Conference a most hearty invitation to come and enjoy the spiritual feast on the school premises.

DAVID GULBRANDSON.

Missouri Conference

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The Mid-Summer Offering

TIME, in her onward flight, brings us again to the consideration of our mid-summer privileges and responsibilities. We can fulfil our heaven-appointed obligations only as we think and plan in terms of world-wide missions. The message that makes us what we are is a message sent to "every nation and kindred and tongue and people." We are the people to "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Therefore, I am

calling attention to our Mid-summer Offering. The date set by our General Conference Mission Board is July 21, and by reason of the supreme need of our far flung lines of endeavor in lands and among peoples afar, a special urge is sent from headquarters to make this offering mean much to the support of our growing work throughout the world. The Mission Board is setting as a goal to be reached in this offering the sum of \$65,000. While this seems, and is a large amount, yet when we reduce it to terms of membership it can be reached if we contribute a sum equalling \$1.00 a member.

It will be from the standpoint of that reduced goal that we will consider Missouri's contribution. One dollar a member for Mid-summer Offering! From the time this article is read in our conference it will be some five weeks until the offering is raised. This will give ample time for all to plan their personal revenue that at least one dollar will be in hand for this offering. We recognize many can and will give ten times this amount, so we will expect when the full amount of Missouri's contribution comes in from the offering on July 21 we will have reached the goal of \$1.00 a member for the recorded membership.

A bit of John Wesley's philosophy may be worth while in this connection. He said, "There seems to be a tendency in religion to degeneration. When a man becomes religious he becomes industrious, he then becomes thrifty, he then becomes wealthy, and he then becomes worldly." Mr. Wesley's remedy, therefore, was proposed in these words: "Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can."

If we will work along the line of this proposed remedy for degeneration in our planning and contributing to the Mid-summer Offering on Sabbath, July 21, Missouri will have in this, like she has so nobly done upon past occasions, reached the goal expected of her.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

News Notes

ELDER W. K. SMITH reports a new Sabbath school of twenty-one members. This company hold their services near Cuba.

Elder O. T. Garner opened a series of air-dome meetings in Excelsior Springs, Sunday evening, June 3. We are expecting encouraging reports from this effort.

The color edition of the *Signs of the Times* for June is on our desk. It is the sixtieth anniversary number. The writers give a perspective covering the three-score years since the *Signs* had birth. It is replete with good things, and es-

pecially fitted for missionary endeavor. It deserves a wide circulation. Let all our believers take notice.

One hundred and eight adults from Missouri attended the Youth's Conference at Lincoln.

It is with keenest sorrow that we announce the death of Brother Edwin S. Olson and his sister, Elin Ruth Olson, who were flying from Lincoln to their home in St. Louis in Edwin's airplane. The tragic crash of the plane occurred near Highland, Kans., on June 4. They had attended the conference meetings. Our sympathy is extended to their parents, Brother and Sister Swen P. Olson, and their family, to the St. Louis church, and to the many friends who sorrow.

There are more eight-grade graduates from our church schools this year than last.

Brother and Sister Herman Miller, of Kansas, have accepted the call of the Oak Grove school, and will move there before the school term begins.

Brother and Sister H. W. Bass have accepted a transfer to the Goldsberry church school, where Brother Bass will be in charge at the opening of the fall school term.

Miss Thelma McBroom will have charge of the school at Joplin. We are confident that these transfers will account for much in the upbuilding of our schools.

Miss LaVerne Turner, one of the Goldsberry teachers, is attending the summer school at Union.

Sister L. M. Ratliff, an elderly sister who is in poor health, writes that she has recently sold twenty copies of the *Watchman*. This is a splendid record for one in Sister Ratliff's circumstances. Let us each one be faithful in taking advantage of our opportunities to work for the Lord.

Leona Jo Wetzel, of Jefferson City, Mo., and George A. Krause, of Owensville, Mo., were married on May 31, Elder W. F. Schroeder, of Bland, Mo., reading the ceremony. They will be at home at Owensville.

No. Dakota Conference

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Progress of the Work

THE work in North Dakota is progressing in spite of the drouth which has brought perplexities and hardships to many people. The workers have not spared themselves, but have labored earnestly in behalf of lost souls.

Elder D. K. Olson baptized seven persons recently at Grand Forks. Because of the prejudice manifested by the ministers, Elder Olson has found it very difficult to do aggressive work in that city, but in spite of all opposition the Lord has opened the way, and some have accepted the truth. We rejoice in the result and the interest that is manifested. Others are preparing for baptism, and sooner or later will unite with God's people.

Elder H. Wentland baptized nine souls recently at Burt and four at Dickinson. Dickinson is a Catholic city. We have just completed a church building and dedicated it free of debt. Sabbath, June 2, the brethren of the surrounding territory gathered at Dickinson. The Lord blessed in the services and the people were greatly encouraged to continue in the warfare against the enemy. Sunday, the third, the dedication proper was held. Many not of our faith were present. The Lord abundantly blessed in the presentation of the Word, and the people were impressed with the message. We trust that in the near future aggressive work may be done in that city.

Elder E. A. Piper has been laboring at Devils Lake for some time, and the Lord blessed his efforts. Nine souls were baptized as a result of the effort. Others are studying the message, and we trust that a goodly number will decide to cast their lot with God's people. It is encouraging to see souls accept the truth and unite with those of like precious faith.

Elder Gaede and Brother Bietz conducted a ten-day effort at Streeter, and as a result twenty-one people were baptized and taken into the church. The brethren at Streeter are of good courage. They greatly rejoice in the message and are laboring earnestly to lead souls to the Lord.

Elder J. H. Rhoads, who recently came from Iowa, conducted a short effort at Fargo, and God wonderfully blessed his efforts. Six dear souls were baptized at the close of the series of meetings. The church was refreshed and the people renewed their covenant with the Lord.

As a result of the effort at Kulm, conducted by Elders Gaede and Seibel, fifty-six souls were baptized into the precious faith. We rejoice with the brethren in the soul-saving work. May God bless the brethren at Kulm.

Calls are coming from various parts of the field. We are not able to send workers because our working force is very small. We are glad, however, to know that the laity are taking a hold, doing what they can to create an interest and

help the people to see that we are nearing the day when the Lord shall finish His work and cut it short in righteousness.

E. H. OSWALD.

North Dakota Notes

ELDER E. H. OSWALD reports a splendid attendance at the church dedication at Dickinson. The brethren of the western section of the state flocked together Sabbath morning early. They came and stayed throughout the entire day and also Sunday. In spite of the drouth, our people are encouraged in the message.

Friday, June 15, the camp meeting begins. Word has been received that Elder W. B. Ochs and Elder G. W. Wells, from the General Conference, will be with us. Others are also coming. We trust that our brethren will plan to attend this meeting and receive the spiritual help that the Lord is willing we all should have.

Four people were baptized last Sunday at Dickinson. Elder Wentland has labored faithfully among the people in the western portion of the state, and God has blessed his efforts.

Iowa Conference

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Local Camp Meetings

WHEN this issue of the REAPER reaches our constituency the local camp meeting at Waterloo will be in progress. It is not too late to plan to be with us. Remember it begins Thursday, June 14, and closes Sunday night, June 17. The meetings will be held in the auditorium on the Cattle Congress grounds at Waterloo. The Waterloo street car runs to the entrance. Splendid free parking ground is available. Elder B. A. Scherr has charge of the locating committee and will assist all who desire rooms for several nights.

Our next local camp meeting will be held at Sioux City, June 21 to 24. The meetings will be held in our church, at 313 Omaha Street. Those desiring rooms in immediate vicinity can telephone Elder J. R. Nelson, 57088, who will give any information desired. Remember that in all these conventions, young people's and junior meetings will be held just as during a regular camp meeting. We trust that all our people will provide food for over the Sabbath, as no cafeteria will be in operation.

Come, praying that God's Holy Spirit will meet with us and bring a blessing to all.

The Bible House will have the usual good display of books, Bibles and other literature. We are assured of good help from the General and Central Union Conferences during both of these camp meetings, and it will be a blessed opportunity for everyone to get the needed preparation to meet the coming Christ.

Bible Training School

A BIBLE training school will be conducted at the ten to twelve weeks' meetings at the Bible air-dome in Des Moines this summer. Classes will be conducted following the blue print laid down in the Spirit of prophecy. Daily instructions will be given in How to Give Bible Readings, Soul Winning, Simple Treatments, Health Dietetics, etc. These lessons will daily be put into practical application in the homes of interested people. The evening meetings will give favorable instruction in city evangelism, contacting people, arousing an interest, etc.

We want a few consecrated men and women who long to get such an experience to join this class. Board and room will be furnished free, but there will be no salary. Extra money can be made by selling our magazines and small books. We want only those who are ready to sacrifice and are willing to work in the Lord's vineyard. This school will be invaluable to those selected to join. If the Lord impresses you to secure this training under trained workers, send in your application stating your Christian experience, age, etc., in the first letter. Only those selected by us will be enrolled in the school. Write me.

R. S. FRIES.

Oak Park Academy

WE ARE very happy to welcome Professor and Mrs. H. C. Hartman to Oak Park Academy. They are now busily engaged in getting settled. Professor and Mrs. Hartman come to us from South Dakota after long years of successful school management. We are fortunate to secure the services of Brother and Sister Hartman, and we know it will be a great blessing to the academy.

Plans are already being formulated to increase the attendance to one hundred. Work plans are being arranged, and we want every young person in the conference to write to Professor Hartman and see about what it would cost to attend school this year. The tuition has been lowered in keeping with the times, and every young man or woman can now secure an education, for "where there is a will there is a way."

Mrs. Hartman will have charge of the music department, and her success in training young people in musical lines is well known. We are looking forward to a very successful year at Oak Park Academy.

Other members of the faculty remain the same as last year. Write to Professor Hartman, care Oak Park Academy, Nevada, Iowa, and make plans to be one of the hundred who will be present on opening day in September.

News Items

AGAIN we wish to invite our people in the northwest part of the state to attend our local camp meeting which will be held in Waterloo, June 14-17.

Nearly two hundred of the Iowa young people attended the Youth's Conference, which was held in Lincoln, Nebr., last week.

Sister Joe Bos, of Marshalltown, promised her Sabbath school class of eleven that if they studied their lesson each day, knew the memory verse for each week, and attended Sabbath school each Sabbath, she would take them all to the Youth's Conference. She had the entire class in Lincoln at the meetings.

Elder J. C. Nixon, young people's and educational secretary of the Minnesota Conference, spent Wednesday, June 6, in Nevada in counsel with Elder Gant as to a joint junior camp for this summer.

Professor and Mrs. Hartman arrived in Nevada Sunday morning, June 3. They are now located in the academy cottage. Professor Hartman spoke in the Nevada church Sabbath morning, June 9.

Brother L. P. Knecht is busy assisting new colporteurs that have come to our field since the close of the schools. At this writing he is assisting Brother B. D. Fickess, who used to be connected with the Iowa Sanitarium for many years.

Kansas Conference

A. H. Rulkoetter, President
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Box 267 - Topeka
Make wills and legacies to the Kansas S. D. A. Conference Ass'n.

Baptism at Florence

SABBATH, June 2, we had the third baptism since beginning the effort at Florence nine weeks ago. Four were baptized this time and one was taken in on profession of faith. This brings the membership of the newest church in the Kansas Conference to forty-four. Forty of these have been baptized during this effort.

Brother Jensen has charge of the work

in Florence now, and another baptism is being planned for the last Sabbath in June. Will you not pray that many others still in the valley of decision will take their stand for God's truth?

The outlook is encouraging here in Salina. Our attendance is not so large as we would like to have it, but many are manifesting a decided interest in the truths as they are being presented.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

Youth's Conference Report

Two hundred sixty-one Kansans responded to the call to attend the Youth's Conference at Lincoln, May 29 to June 2. The Kansas delegates, wearing a green and yellow badge, outnumbered any other state delegation. All states were well represented, there being 1,750 in attendance on the Sabbath.

The daily program was well filled with the Morning Watch hour at 7:30 A. M., and closing with a sermon beginning at 8:30 P. M.

At the call of the Master, given through Elder Elliott, the entire delegation stood in consecration at the close of the Sabbath morning service.

State songs and recreational hours produced a good fellowship. The youth participated freely in the discussions.

At the close of the last service the Kansas delegates met in the chapel for a conference get-together and Enterprise Academy rally. A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas Items

THE conference committee was in session Monday, June 4.

With other conferences in the Central Union, Kansas is bearing its share of the expense for the literature that is being distributed at the Century of Progress exhibit.

Elder J. F. Piper, Brother S. J. Lashier, and Professor C. W. Marsh, of the Central Union office, were present for the committee meeting June 4.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter spent June 8-10 with the believers at Oberlin and Goodland.

Elder T. H. Allison is in Topeka to complete arrangements for his effort among the colored people, which he hopes to start Sunday night, July 1.

Elder E. H. Meyers came up from Keighley for the committee meeting June 4. He reports a continuation of interest in the meetings there.

The funeral service of Brother Philip Krieger was conducted Sunday, June 3, at Herington by Brother M. H. Jensen.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale met with the new church at Florence Sabbath, June 9.

Miss Bernice Rumbaugh, who has worked in the office at Enterprise Academy for the past three years, is helping at our office temporarily.

A three weeks' series of meetings, conducted by Brother A. M. Ragsdale, began in the Hutchinson church Tuesday night, June 12.

So. Dakota Conference

Gordon Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 36 Watertown

South Dakota Sunbeams

BROTHER MCKINLEY has returned from the Youth's Conference in Lincoln, and states that they had very good meetings there.

We just closed our books for May and are pleased to see the nice amount of tithe that has come in. To date we still show a little increase compared with the same period a year ago. In view of the continued drouth, we think this is a splendid record. Surely the Lord is moving upon the hearts of His people to be loyal to His cause.

Elder Oss spent one day in his office last week. He states that the interest is still good in Madison and the prospects are that there will be a large baptismal class. He plans a baptism immediately following camp meeting.

Brother Wyman is spending this week in the southeastern part of the state starting several colporteurs out. Several letters have come in from the colporteurs stating that they are having good experiences.

If there are books or Bibles that you desire, and your order is placed with us during the dates of camp meeting, we will give you the benefit of camp meeting discount. Send your order direct to us at Huron, in care of the camp ground, if you are not able to attend.

Lucia Wightman, of the Mission Ridge Sabbath school, recently sent an encouraging report of their Investment plans to the office. We trust that much good may come of this.

Nebraska Conference

T. B. Westbrook, President
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Your Opportunity

THE opportunity to receive the *Review and Herald* for two dollars closes with June 19. You should have the *Review*

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L. G. JORGENSEN.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 1934

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Sec.			
R. C. Dearing	GC	47	66.50
Ernest Harper	GC	42	20.50
Donald Lemons	RJ	32	7.50
Alb. Priest	HP	41	43.50
John Rodgers	GC	43	77.75
Annie Flvnn	DR	4	.25
Viola Johnson	RJ	14	1.25
Mrs. C. Willett	BP		
Part Time Colp.	Crisis		1.00
Greta Nelson	Mag	32	5.55
Ruth Sornberger	Mag	30	5.00
Edna Spencer	Mag		1.80
Misc. Mag. Sales			119.30
Misc. Student Sales			96.25
Total		285	446.15

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Sec.			
*B. O. Engen	GC	66	30.05
Julius G. Thompson	HW	33	17.50
J. Homer Opstad	GC	26	5.75
Grace Shumway	RI	25	24.25
*Eric S. Anderson	HW	41	21.00
G. H. Boehrig	HW	2	
A. L. Hanson	RI	2	1.00
Mrs. M. Ludvigson	RJ		5.50
Clare G. Rust	Mag	58	23.90
*Patricia Liers	Mag	55	31.30
*Edna Schaefer	Mag	62	41.05
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag	31	7.50
E. Dufstrom	Mag	26	7.65
J. Dufstrom	Mag	25	5.65
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag	5	1.50
Total		458	223.60

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.			
M. Aaby	RI	42	39.95
M. E. Blackburn	BR		26.50
W. A. Burton	BR	32	24.00
G. L. Carter	HR	24	
Sophia Carter	BR	26	40.50
G. L. Cooper	RI	57	21.25
J. Donnelly	DR	23	8.00
A. Snyder	HR	32	20.00
G. H. Davenport	WH	15	1.00
F. Donnelly	DR	7	1.65
I. G. Gunn		17	2.50
L. Leeper	W	24	6.20
A. F. Myers	WH	17	11.25
Kate Snead	W	8	2.00
C. E. Stanley	W	24	5.50
Total		3164	210.10

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Sec.			
M. H. Meeker	OD	43	37.50
Mrs. M. H. Meeker	OD	43	32.75
H. G. Biggers	Misc	44	25.00

Roy Chamberlain	RJ	35	23.25
Edwin Coy	BR	46	12.25
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR		10.50
J. W. Simmons	BR	23	9.25
F. L. Smith	Mag	10	7.50
Mrs. LaGrille	Mag	15	7.20
Alice G. Kinney	Mag	9	7.10
Raymond Hircok	GC	42	6.00
L. P. Knecht	PG	1	6.00
Carlos Coffin	RJ	25	5.25
E. J. Blanchard	Mag	10	5.00
Elsie Peckham	Mag	2	1.75
Total		348	196.30

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.			
Betrice Komoll	HW	47	35.50
Flora Peterson	HP	22	4.25
Flora Peterson	RJ	5	
F. Arthur Wheeler	RJ	40	35.85
Frank Christy	DR	5	
Mrs. A. P. Schneider	HP	20	8.00
Total		139	83.60

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
*Rose Reuer	RJ	39	17.50
*Dena Hoeger	RJ	43	13.50
*Ora F. Lightcap	RJ	34	8.75
Total		116	39.75

Grand total 16624 1199.50
*Two weeks.

Obituaries

UNRUH.—Arluss Du Wayne Unruh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Unruh, passed away on March 9 at the age of 8 months and 16 days. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. G. F. Theiss.

HARDIN.—Mrs. Sabilla Elizabeth Hardin, nee O'Conner, was born in Ohio Jan. 5, 1849, and died at her home near Swanville, Minn., May 18, 1934. She was united in marriage to Mr. Andrew Hardin at Knoxville, Ill. He preceded her in death March 14, 1916. To this union were born twelve children. She has been a faithful isolated member of the Conference church. A. J. Haysmer.

PETERSEN.—Lydia Petersen, nee King, was born in Pennsylvania and came to Minnesota with her parents as a child. She was married to Fred Petersen in Waseca County. She died May 30, 1934, at Binford, N. Dak. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom are living except her oldest, a son who died two years ago. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and she was laid to rest beside her husband at Verndale, Minn. H. E. Preston.

GARBE.—William Franklin Garbe was born at Green Point, Long Island, Oct. 9, 1858, and died in Denver, May 24, 1934. He came to Fort Collins, Colo., in the early seventies, and about sixteen years ago came to Denver. Surviving him are three sons, and one daughter, Mrs. Geffry, and their children, eight in number. We laid him to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Fort Collins, Colo. The funeral services were held at the Hoffman Mortuary, Denver, Sabbath morning, May 26. M. B. VanKirk.

SPILLMAN.—Charles Irwin Spillman was born May 8, 1913, and passed away at Wichita, Kans., May 22, 1934. Two years ago he graduated from Enterprise Academy. Following his graduation he went to Florence, Ala., where he taught in a private Seventh-day Adventist school.

He was united in marriage to Georgia Hoyle October 20, 1933. He is survived by his wife, his parents, a brother, three sisters, two grandparents, and other relatives. He was laid to rest to await the call of the Master at Wellington. F. S. Chollar.

WERTH.—Mrs. Barbara Werth was born Mar. 24, 1854, in southern Russia. She died in the home of her son, John, near Lehr, N. Dak., May 27, 1934. In 1901 the family immigrated from Russia to America, and settled near Hillsview, S. Dak. Later they moved to Lehr, N. Dak., where they accepted the third angel's message. She was laid to rest in the Lehr cemetery. E. H. Oswald.

MILLER.—George Wellington Miller was born May 26, 1873, at Stillarton, Nova Scotia, and died at Valley City, N. Dak., May 11, 1934. Following his conversion and acceptance of the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists he was active in the organized work, serving as treasurer and field secretary of the South Dakota Conference, and laboring in the Maritime Conference, of Eastern Canada, and the Caribbean Conference.

In 1918 he married Mathilda Pederson, who with their son, Robert, and two sisters survive. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Rhoads. E. A. Piper.

BYE.—Mrs. Thora Henriksen Bye was born at Mankato, Minn., May 11, 1892, and died at her home in Loma Linda, Calif., May 29, 1934. On Jan. 3, 1915, she was united in marriage to Mr. Edwin Bye. They labored in the Minnesota Conference for three years, and then accepted a call to labor as missionaries in Manchuria, sailing for China July 23, 1918, and returning to the United States in 1924.

She leaves to mourn, her two daughters, her mother, three sisters, one brother, and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, in the Redlands church, assisted by Elders Skinner, Curtis, Doctor Ehlers, and F. H. Raley. She was laid to rest in the Beaumont cemetery beside her husband to await the call of the Life-giver. H. H. Hicks.

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NOTICE TO FAIR VISITORS.—Many of our people from a distance will attend the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago with its many added attractions, including our General Conference exhibit. The Hinsdale Sanitarium is offering quiet rooming accommodations with good meals, groceries, gas, oil, etc., all at reasonable prices. Fast local train service; or drive your car in to one of the inexpensive parking spaces near the Fair ground entrances. For further information, including Fair literature, etc., address L. M. Bowen, care Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Ill. 24,68

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, June 15, 1934

Denver, Colorado	7:30
Des Moines, Iowa	7:51
Topeka, Kansas	7:50
St. Paul, Minnesota	8:01
Jefferson City, Missouri	7:36
Lincoln, Nebraska	8:00
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:39
Pierre, South Dakota	8:25
Casper, Wyoming	7:56

Camp Meeting Dates

Colorado: Boulder, June 8-16.
Kansas: Manhattan, August 16-25.
Iowa (Local): Mason City, June 14-17; Sioux City, June 21-24; Davenport, August 16-19; Des Moines, August 23-26.
Minnesota: Hutchinson, June 21-30.
Missouri: Clinton, August 24-September 2.
Nebraska: Lincoln, August 10-18.
North Dakota: Jamestown, June 15-23.
South Dakota: Huron, June 8-16.
Wyoming: Casper, June 13-17.

A TELEGRAM received at the Central Union Conference office conveyed the sad news that Elder T. H. Jeys was killed in a crossing accident in Nevada, Ia., Thursday morning, June 7. We hope to give particulars next week.

Experiences—No. 5

(Continued from page 3)

In 1857, the servant of the Lord saw the people of God mightily shaken and she says: "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise against it, and this will cause a shaking among God's people. The testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs, has been lightly es-

teemed if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance, and all that truly receive it, will obey it and be purified."—Vol. 1, p. 181, par. 1, 2; also contained in "Early Writings," p. 270, par. 2, 3.

Then in 1859 the following message came to the Adventist people: "The testimony of the Laodiceans applies to God's people at the present time, and the reason it has not accomplished a greater work is because of the hardness of their hearts. . . . This fearful message will do its work."—Vol. 1, p. 186, par. 1.

In 1873 this message was published and sent out to our people: "The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is applicable to the people of God at the present time."—Vol. 3, p. 252, par. 1.

In 1876 this message came to our people: "The Laodicean message applies to the people of God who profess to believe the present truth. The greater part are lukewarm professors, having a name, but no zeal."—Vol. 4, p. 87, par. 1.

"The message of the Laodicean church is applicable to those who have been made the repository of rich truth. This church is distinguished in prophecy by its great profession of advanced light; yet it was filled with spiritual pride and lukewarmness in religion. They had a religious theory, but were greatly lacking in moral power and holiness. They are pronounced wretched, poor, blind, and naked. O that our people would realize the danger, and heed the counsel of the True Witness. 'Buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed; . . . and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.'"—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, Jan. 1, 1889.

"If ever there was a people that needed the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodicean church to be zealous and repent before God, it is the people who have opened up before them the stupendous truths for this time, and who have not lived up to their high privileges and responsibilities."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, June 4, 1889.

"To our brethren who are standing in this self-confident, self-satisfied position, who walk and act as if there were no need of more light, we want to say that the Laodicean message is applicable to you."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, April 1, 1890.

"The warning for the last church must be proclaimed to all who claim to be Christians. The Laodicean message, like

a sharp, two-edged sword, must go to all the churches: 'I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth.' . . . It is our work to proclaim this message. Are we putting forth every effort that the churches may be warned?"—Vol. 6, p. 77, par. 2. Published in 1900.

"Leaving the first love is represented as a spiritual fall. Many have fallen thus. In every church in our land, there is needed confession, repentance, and re-conversion. The disappointment of Christ is beyond description. Unless those who have sinned speedily repent, the deceptions of the last days will overtake them. Some, though they do not realize it, are preparing to be overtaken. God calls for repentance without delay. So long have many trifled with salvation that their spiritual eyesight is dimmed, and they cannot discern between light and darkness. Christ is humiliated in His people. The first love is gone, the faith is weak, there is need of thorough transformation.

"I cannot fail to see that the light which God has given me is not favorable to our ministers or our churches. You have left your first love. Self-righteousness is not the wedding garment. A failure to follow the clear light of truth is our fearful danger. The message to the Laodicean church reveals our condition as a people."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, Dec. 15, 1904.

Reader, is it necessary to quote any further from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy to prove that from 1856 on to the close of her life, the servant of the Lord continually applied the Laodicean Message first to the Seventh-day Adventist church, and then to all other religious bodies in the world? It is plain that we as a people are first to heed this message, follow the instruction given and thus receive the "gold, white raiment, and the eye-salve," and then under the mighty demonstration of the Holy Spirit, as Spirit-filled men and women, give this message in all its fullness to the whole world.

Reader, shall we neglect the "counsel of the True Witness," and be among those who will be overtaken by the snares and delusions of the last days? May the dear Lord help us in humility to believe, receive, and fully heed this loving, tender, compassionate counsel, and be "filled with the fulness of God," prepared for the coming of our dear Saviour!

S. G. HAUGHEY.