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Iowa Regional Meetings

THE first two of the four regional meetings that were planned to take the place of a general camp meeting in Iowa, are now in the past. The first was held in a convenient auditorium on the Electrical Fair Grounds in Waterloo.

The meeting started Thursday night and continued through to Sunday night. At first the attendance was light, but our people living within one hundred miles began to come in on Friday, and on Sabbath the audience had reached near three hundred. A fine spirit prevailed in all the services. The messages delivered by the ministers were solemn and sincere. A revival service was held Sabbath morning, at which time twenty-five came forward, either to give to God their hearts for the first time, or to renew their claims on God's promises for the forgiveness of sin. Eleven were baptized at this meeting; one of these was a re-baptism. Almost \$350 was given in cash and pledges, including what was given in Sabbath school for foreign missions. On Sunday another offering of \$250 in cash was given to enable the conference to put another tent company in the field this summer. This was made possible by one sister's contributing almost \$200 of the amount necessary. We believe God will reward her richly for this gift, as well as others who sacrificed to make possible another evangelistic effort this summer in Iowa.

In addition to the officers of the conference, the departmental secretaries and the writer from the Central Union, Elder N. Z. Town, of the General Conference Magazine Department, and Elder F. L. Perry, of the Bureau of Home Missions, rendered valuable help.

The next meeting in Iowa was held at Sioux City, June 21-24. Most of the meetings at this place were held in the commodious auditorium of the Junior High, which had been provided our people very generously by the Chamber of Commerce and the business men of the city. Here, too, the attendance was small for the first few meetings; but on Sabbath and Sunday the congregation had swelled to a goodly number. A splendid revival followed the Sabbath morning meeting, when a large part of the congregation

renewed their vows, and dedicated their lives and their all to God. It was impressive to see most every parent in the large congregation standing in dedication of their children to the Lord for service, either for the foreign or home field; and others stood to indicate they would sacrifice to the limit to send their children to our own church schools, academy, or to Union College, to prepare them for a part in the work of God.

Here, too, the conference officers and

departmental secretaries did much to make the meetings a success. Besides the writer, Elder D. E. Collins and Elder Gordon Smith were there from the union. Elder R. B. Thurber, editor of the *Watchman* magazine, of the Southern Association at Nashville, Tenn., also rendered splendid help.

Those to be baptized were referred to Elder J. R. Nelson, the local pastor, and no doubt will soon receive this ordinance.

Between \$150 and \$200 was received for missions through the Sabbath school and the special call for missions, Sabbath afternoon.
J. F. PIPER.

Open Doors into Tibet

THE following paragraphs from a letter from C. C. Crisler, secretary of the China Division, tell a marvelous story of providential openings into a large section of what was once closed Tibet. Let us pray that in spite of cut budgets the brethren may somehow find a way to enter the open doors.

"We seem to be entering upon a new era in Tibetan mission work. Just now Brother Harold Shultz is with a Tibetan abbot who is also a magistrate of a district of considerable area. This abbot, as a leader among the lamas (priests), has been a man of influence. He seems most soundly converted. He began evangelistic meetings, preaching the gospel daily to his old associates around Labrang, a great monastic center in Kansu, along the Tibetan borderland. He urged our people at Lanchow to send mission work-

ers; but, receiving no response, he finally came himself, the long journey across the high mountains, and appeared in our Lanchow Mission compound as a petitioner for spiritual help. Finally Brother J. Shulz went back with him. En route, they spent some days with the Prince of Choni—one of the most influential of all rulers of the Tibetan borderland. Dr. Rock, of the National Geographic Society, has written some long articles on the Prince of Choni and his extensive domain, and the peoples of that area. This prince has dealt with us most graciously and is deeply interested in our teachings, and offers lands and buildings free of cost for those whom we may send in as teachers of his people. The abbot, who is favorably known to the Prince, has made plain the Holy Scriptures in their larger teachings, including the precious truths characterizing us as a people. It seems the Lord is especially opening doors before us along this extended borderland, to labor among the Tibetans.

"It is not fully known in the outside world that vast and inexplicable changes are rapidly taking place in what was until recently Tibet Proper. Pastor J. Effonberg and I, accompanied by three of our Chinese evangelists, visited Sining, the capital of Chinghai, last November, and while there baptized the first fruits of two evangelistic efforts already held, and organized the first Seventh-day Adventist church of Chinghai Province. The converts are Chinese; but round about are many, many Tibetans. And the Province of Chinghai, one of the most care-

Why Is the Church of God so Weak and Spiritless?

THE apostolic church, after Pentecost, was zealous and full of power. Will not the same program which they followed, again bring power to His remnant people?

"Is not the Spirit of God to come today, in answer to earnest, persevering prayer, and fill men with power for service? Why, then, is the church so weak and spiritless?"—Vol. 8, p. 22.

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fully governed in all China, is made up in considerable part of old Tibet; one-fourth of Tibetan territory, as usually shown on maps five or more years old, is now in Chinghai Province. And this former fourth, with its tens of thousands of Tibetans, is most excellently governed and is open to us. We went on to Tankar, where Dr. and Mrs. Rijnhart were stationed for some time, and from which base they advanced toward Lhasa on that memorable and tragic journey during which Mr. Rijnhart and child were massacred, Mrs. Rijnhart miraculously escaping, and eventually getting back into China through the Tatsienlu gateway.

"From Tankar we went on, mile after mile, along the old northern road running straight into Lhasa, and along the way we were continually meeting long caravans traveling toward Lhasa and coming out from Lhasa. We advanced far upwards of a hundred miles and then left the main highway and crossed grasslands lying between spurs of the Kuenlun Mountains (the eastern ranges of the Himalayas); and we continued to go across the trackless grasslands, crossing dried-up streams and fissures hard to get across even after much use of the pick and shovel, making our roadway as we went, until we had gone another twenty miles to the southern shores of Lake Koko-nor, that great body of clear water lying 10,400 feet above sea level. It is the very lowest place for scores of miles round about, and all the streams run therein, making of it a salt lake.

"Throughout this journey we came upon group after group of Tibetans with their lovely flocks and herds and their tents of yak-hair in tiny encampments in sheltered places, where at night the sheep and goats and yak and horses and cattle are kept. These Tibetans were most friendly, and at night they graciously permitted us to share the hospitality of their nomad encampments, although some had told us that such hospitality was not accorded strangers. I had visited nomad Tibetans four or five years before, with Dr. Andrews beyond the Tatsienlu station a thousand li away to the southward, but never had I seen these people so open-hearted and friendly as in the Province of Chinghai. None others but Tibetans dwell where we penetrated, for the land where we were was in a very truth the Tibet which, until within a few years, has been a closed land. Even Dr. Rijnhart had to try three different times before he could get to the place where he went; and he had a good working knowledge of the language and had long been known to some of the Tibetan leaders, whereas we went in as strangers.

"Conditions are inviting indeed in Chinghai Province. In Kansu Province one travels in much anxiety, for robbers are met with very frequently. It is well nigh impossible to travel long in Kansu without suffering loss of one's goods. Not so in Chinghai Province. There all is law and order—a most marvelous transformation, and, to us, amazing beyond words.

"We visited Kumbun, that lovely monastery where even today, following the Mohammedan occupation and attendant massacres, dwell 3,400 Tibetan priests. Kumbun is rich in memories and in things material as well. One of the most beautiful of its temples is tiled with solid gold, each tile being a centimeter thick. Out there in the wilds, hidden away behind the hills, I found great towers covered with solid gold, and as resplendent as any I have ever seen in any other place, not excepting the richest temples of Bangkok.

"We were shown every courtesy at Kumbun. Some weeks later Brother H. L. Graham, while at Singin repairing the wireless outfit of the Governor, was taken by the Governor's chief of staff to Kumbun. His story of his trip you will find in the *China Division Reporter* for February, page 3, under the title, 'A Visit to Kokonor.'

"At this writing, June 19, Brother Shultz is at a point about one hundred fifty miles from Kumbun—about a week's journey over the mountains—and his appeals to us, which he is sending by wireless by means of the portable outfit he has with him, are most thrilling. It is evident that the Lord has already prepared the hearts of the Tibetans, now so accessible, to listen sympathetically to the truths of the gospel. We have been constrained to acknowledge that the Lord in tender mercy has prepared the way far beyond anything we have dared hope for, and now we are face to face with a most solemn responsibility to enter the doors swung open in this Province in our behalf.

"Providentially, some few months ago, seeing as we did the opening doors, we arranged for the publishing from our Shanghai house of a subscription book in the Tibetan language, made up of 'An Outline of Bible Doctrines,' well illustrated, and to sell on a subscription basis at two dollars per copy. This is nearly completed and ready to send out into Central Asia for sale among the Tibetan people, who until recently have seemed beyond the reach of colporteurs, but who today are included in our plans for annual sales. When I was in the Northwest last November we set apart as a special

district for colportage the Tibetan sections of Kansu to be worked in connection with the Tibetan sections of Chinghai, in the hope of serving perhaps one-fourth of all living Tibetans thus. And, much in faith but partly as the result of our personally having had opportunity to go in and out among them in the age-old habitat, where we saw with surprise the wealth of their possessions in flocks and herds, we planned definitely on charging a price sufficient to bring back a return of a dollar a copy to the colporteur. Most of the selling will need to be done on the basis of barter, for the chief mediums of exchange in those parts are hides and gold dust. There is much gold. This is evidenced by the lavish use of this metal in the embellishment of the temples hidden away in the mountain fastnesses. The flocks literally cover thousands of hills. And where men do not tend their flocks, one can see any number of wild creatures—great droves of wild horses and fleet-footed wild mules, and hundreds of wild yak, to say naught of the many wild deer and the wolves we oftentimes came across. It is indeed an open land, but on its fringes, nearest the old borderline formerly separating China from Tibet, there are settlements where colporteurs can do much bartering at the markets every ten days or so. Not far beyond Tankar is a stone gateway through which one passes into what was until recently Tibet Proper, and there the old wall, separating Tibet from Mongolia on one side and China on the other, runs along the ridges of the hills and mountains, extending as far as one can see.

"My spirit is refreshed every time I think upon what the Lord has permitted me to see and feel and know of the Tibetan people in those far away places where they have dwelt for so many centuries in the darkness of superstition, and my heart is warm toward them, for

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I have found them most kindly in disposition, despite the stories one reads of their frailties and cruelties. I have seen them reveal a tender love for their little children. I have seen the mothers kiss their little ones and I have seen many a Tibetan father leading his little daughter by the hand or taking a little babe from the mother's arms into his own. I know that they have hearts of flesh, just as we have. They have shared with me

their barley meal and buttered tea, and they have kept away the fierce Tibetan mastiffs while others have brought out a great piece of yak-hair cloth and quickly provided a shelter for the night for us, making sure of driving down hard the stakes so as to keep out the dogs by night. We must not falter in our purpose of bringing to them a knowledge of our Saviour in this our day of opportunity."

Experiences of a Missionary

(EXCERPTS from a letter written by Brother Carl Christensen, a missionary in Chile, to his parents in South Dakota. Brother Christensen formerly worked in South Dakota.)

"THE day after school was out I left for the south part of Chile to visit the churches in the interest of the school and to baptize new believers where there are either only licensed workers or no workers at all. I was gone three weeks. I traveled in many different ways to reach the different groups and churches. I went horseback for fifteen to twenty miles in a stretch. In oxcart I traveled about four hours one night, and for another three hours afoot, reaching my destination at two o'clock in the morning. By boat I traveled a few hours, too, and of course in train, street car, and auto buss. Still I forgot to mention I traveled in a sulky about fifteen or twenty miles, to a country church and returned early the next morning. It was a rather hard trip, but the Lord gave me the strength needed.

"When one goes to these churches and groups, one finds the people hungry to hear the word of God. One must preach an hour and a half or two hours, at least, and then answer questions for another half hour or so, and to top it off they always want to learn some new songs. It does one's heart good, but a few weeks make a person rather tired. I celebrated seventy baptisms in those three weeks,

and baptized seventy-two new believers. For five days I had a baptism every day. Besides that, it happened that my trip came the last part of the old year and the first part of the new year, so it was time for new elections of church officers. That meant in several places new elders and deacons had to be ordained.

"I will tell you about the happenings of one day, which will give you an idea of a missionary's duties on a trip through such districts. They wait for months and even a year or more to be baptized, at times. I baptized an old brother who had tried his best to get to a place to be baptized a year before, and he was unable to get there. I have baptized nearly 700 new believers since the middle of December. But I was going to tell you of one day's work on my trip. It was on a Thursday. In the morning I officiated at a wedding ceremony, and really two ceremonies, because another couple who had only been married civilly, wanted to be married by the church. In the afternoon we had a short sermon for the candidates for baptism, then examination of the candidates. Afterward we went to the river for the baptism. In the evening we had an election of new church officers, ordination of a deacon, and a sermon. I can assure you I was tired enough to sleep that night. If you take a good map you may be able to find some of the largest places I visited, such as: Femuco, Valdivia, Osorno, and LaUnion."

Well, his bills were always paid by his parents, and he had his usual allowance, and "two could live—" etc. Impractical? Anyhow, he was going to school and would soon emerge with a profession. As for the girl—"Honestly, Professor, isn't she the cutest proposition you ever laid your eyes on?" That young man was encased in the smoothest, slickest, most impervious coat of egotistic ignorance, and after a few experimental pokes I did not try to pierce it.

But who was to blame for that? He had not been taught anything of life. He had not been taught to restrain his desires. He had never been taught to work, nor in any degree to support himself. He had no basis upon which to read and judge character. He lived in an atmosphere of "good times," and his outlook was a fog of petty romance which gave him no view of the responsibilities and obligations of love, and no experience in dealing with practical problems. Psychologically he was a child, but legally he was of age. He could and would marry. His marriage will prove a failure. His career and doubtless that of the girl he marries will end on the rocks.

Whose is the fault? His parents! They entered marriage not too well, but better equipped than their son. They brought into existence their children. They loved them, they thought they were "cute," they played with them, at times they grew angry and punished them, but for the most part they indulged them and catered to their petulant wants. They knew little and sought not to learn more of the science of child training; they left that to the school and community influences. They were unfitted to teach them the sacred mysteries of life; they left that to ignorant and vicious companions. They gambled with their children's lives, and they have lost. Now they face the prospect of their eldest son's taking a most foolish step and involving them in greater loss. It is chiefly this prospect of increased obligations that is stirring them to opposition.

Life, what it is, what it means, what it demands, and how it must be prepared for,— this is the science which parents are responsible to teach to their children, and which the majority of parents are failing to teach adequately. The more ignorant of life are the parents, the more self-satisfied they are with their ill-equipped state, and the more surely they drift with their children toward disaster. No parent knows so much that he can afford not to study. We are not going to drift into the kingdom of glory on a tide of religious platitudes. True religion is the science of life, and it involves the

Can the Blind Lead the Blind?

I RECENTLY had an interview with a young man whose parents wanted me to talk with him because he was about to marry. There may be many things to talk about in such a case, for most candidates for marriage are vastly ignorant of matrimonial states and relations; but in this young man's case his parents wanted me to talk of objections to his marriage, for in their opinion he was,

first, immature; second, impecunious; third, impractical; fourth, infatuated with the wrong person. If all these points could be proved (and some of them were very obvious), certainly his marriage at this time ought to be prevented.

But of course I did not find the young man of this opinion. Immature? Why, he was more of a man than his father ever dreamed of being! Impecunious?

study of how to train our children for God.

Parents who sense their responsibility and their need will do well to apply for aid to the Home Commission of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

ARTHUR W. SPALDING,
Secretary Home Commission.

The Bookman

A COLPORTEUR came to my door one day,
And delivered a book I had bought,
But when I had seen it, I hid it away,
For I hated the things it taught,
So it lay in a drawer neglected, unread,
A casket of jewels, concealed;
While I was too busy to bother my head
With riches it would have revealed.

But a day came at last when, chastened
and sore,

My proud heart was wounded, and
bled;
And I turned to the book, neglected be-
fore,

And opened the volume and read.
I found the message of comfort I sought,
In the book I so long had abused;
And wonderingly said, as I sat there in
thought,

"God's blessings are often refused."

He who in wisdom can see to the end,
Foreseeing my proud heart would bleed,
Sent me the book by the hand of a friend,
To help in the hour of my need.
Its message of love touched an answering
chord

In my hungering heart that day;
And its beautiful truth drew me to the
Lord;

His glory now brightens my way.

I oftentimes think of the bookman who
came

To bring me a treasure so rare;
In this vale of tears I may ne'er know
his name,

But I'm hoping to meet him up there.
How good it will be on some glorious
day

(And it may be a part of the plan)
To have a good angel approach me and
say,

"Come here, and meet the bookman."

I'll clasp the hand of the one who left
home,

And husband, or children, or wife,
Endured the hardships, consented to roam,
To bring me the message of life.

Arm in arm we'll walk by the river so
clear,

Side by side at the throne we'll bend;
And there, in his ear so no other can hear,
I'll whisper, "It was kind of you,
friend."

—W. R. Elliott.

"THE work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—Vol. IX, p. 117.

Every Little Counts

SOME years ago, as I was visiting a station in the Tamil Mission, a Hindu man was brought to me by an evangelist for baptism. As I was talking to this new man, one of the believers of our church there stepped forward and told me that he also had a part in converting that man. So I asked him what he meant by so saying. In replying he said: "Some months ago our evangelist gave us some tracts and asked us to distribute them among the people. One day while I was distributing them I saw this Hindu friend passing along the street, and I handed a tract to him. He, being illiterate, took it to one of his friends in his village who could read it for him. As he got interested in the message of the tract he came to us for more tracts after some days, and we gave all he wanted. Later on we arranged with our evangelist to go to his village and give him regular studies. The Hindu friend, being a village farmer, had to be met in the field by the evangelist, who gave him studies there. The farmer's wife came along to the field in the day and found her husband away from his duty studying with another in a corner of his estate under the shade of a tree, which provoked her to anger, and she abused her husband and the evangelist for having neglected the work in the field.

"When the evangelist came home he told us what happened in the field when the farmer's wife came in; so I volunteered to go with the evangelist and water the garden when the farmer took studies from him. The next day as the wife came in she found her husband studying with the evangelist under the old tree again, which made her angry. But when she looked around the estate she saw me drawing water from the well and watering the field, she was very pleased with this, and said that she did not care what her husband was doing as long as the garden was not neglected. I kept on doing this until the farmer accepted the truth, and this is why I said that I also had a part in winning this Hindu man to Jesus."

E. D. THOMAS.

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Preparation Needed

"IN THE closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people.

Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the workshop, from the field, from the vineyard, and sent forth by the Master to give His message. With such a preparation as they can gain, thousands upon thousands of the youth and those older in years should be giving themselves to this work."—*"Education,"* pp. 270-271.

In the closing work of the gospel youth will carry much of the burden. Many will be called to do a special work. They will be used with that preparation they have been able to gain. No promise is made to use those who have neglected to gain a preparation. The promise of usefulness is to those who have gotten what preparation they could. Attend school this coming winter where you may get a preparation that will fit you for usefulness in God's cause when the call comes.

Enterprise Academy has been established to assist the young people of Kansas and southern and eastern Missouri to gain that preparation that will fit them to answer the call to the service of the Lord whenever the call shall come.

It is neither difficult nor expensive to attend Enterprise Academy. Write us. We shall be glad to assist you in solving your problem.

EVERETT D. KIRK.

High Day at Salina

ALTHOUGH we are continuing our work in Salina, Sabbath, July 7, will mark the close of the meetings in the Jayhawk Theater. At that time Elder Rulkoetter will be with us, and a baptismal service will be conducted in the afternoon. All our people in this locality are cordially invited to spend this day with us and enjoy the blessing of these special meetings. The Jayhawk Theater will be easily found. It is on Sante Fe, Salina's main street, and has a large sign in front.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

Enterprise Notes

THE broom shop is operating this summer, and the sale of brooms has been good.

The Central Union auditor, A. R. Smouse, and Mrs. Smouse spent several days at the school auditing the books for the past school year.

The farm boys are busy putting up the second cutting of alfalfa.

The calendars for the next school year have been mailed. In case one did not reach you we will be glad to send you one upon your request.

What would you exchange for a Christian education?

Paint has been ordered for the redecoration of the chapel.

The application blanks for next year are coming in. Have you sent yours?

In the contest for "Fifty more in thirty-four" the sophomore class now leads.

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Fort Madison Meeting

As AN appropriate climax to the evangelistic campaign recently conducted by the writer, an all-day union meeting of the surrounding churches was held in Fort Madison on Sabbath, June 23.

Elder Stemple White, of Davenport, was present and spoke at the eleven o'clock service.

Truly there was joy in heaven as eleven new believers were received into the church, eight by baptism and three on profession of faith, after which all united in the ordinances of humility and communion, thus carrying out all three ordinances of the church during the day.

Many visitors were present from Burlington, Keokuk, Des Moines, Croton, Farmington, Middletown, and Mt. Pleasant. We solicit your prayers in behalf of these new believers.

MR. AND MRS. W. A. HOWE, JR.

Iowa-Minnesota Junior Camp

ON THE beautiful, historic waters and woodlands of Spirit Lake we are to have one of the best junior camps ever held in this union. The time is July 29 to August 6. The price is \$7.00, with reductions in cases where there are two or three attending from a family. We expect to have Elder Bond, and possibly Miss Howell, from the General Conference, and of course Elder Smith, from the union conference will be with us through the entire camp. It will be one of the best manned camps held in the Middle West. We hope to have some special features, like telescopes, compound microscopes, scenic stereopticons, star study machines, museum tents, nurses and possibly a doctor on the grounds. We have a beautiful woodland and beach for lots of hiking and swimming. Each group will have one or two life-savers to guard the life of the youth. The beaches are all bounded well by life lines and signals. During the night we will be guarded by an efficient, careful night watchman. During the day we will have plenty of study, play, hiking, and devotion. We have made the price reasonable; we have done

everything in our power to make it a splendid camp, and we invite all of the two states to be present. We are also extending a very cordial invitation to other conferences on our borders to take advantage of this camp. Elder Jorgensen, of Nebraska, is urging that the border churches make definite plans to be with us. Elder Oss, of Missouri, and Elder Bietz, of North Dakota, are expecting to be with us, and no doubt will bring some. So come along with your needed equipment and we are sure that you will have a good time and receive the blessing of the Lord. Write us if you need application blanks.

K. L. GANT.

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Wadena

THE Lord richly blessed in the effort held in Wadena this spring. An empty store building was secured for a ten-day series of meetings, but the attendance was such that it was necessary to continue for some weeks. As there was no one the conference could send to assist in the effort, the writer carried on the meetings alone. Opposition developed as soon as the other churches discovered we were getting a good audience. Several of the ministers attended some of the meetings, and then either warned their people or started efforts of their own. The Catholic priest explained to his people that I was the false prophet, spoken of in the Bible. This did not seem to interfere with our attendance and the people continued to come, and there was manifest a spirit of unusual earnestness on all faces.

After the testing truths had been presented, the writer visited home after home, clearing up questions and praying with the people. Some of these experiences in the homes were truly wonderful, as hearts were surrendered that had formerly opposed the truth.

Two baptisms were performed in the river a few miles out of town, when thirty-four souls followed their Lord in baptism. The interest continues and already others are planning to unite with the church, which itself has taken on a greater degree of earnestness.

The collections held up beyond our expectations, and the effort has paid its own way.

The church members were very willing to help, and their assistance and that of Mrs. Christenson was greatly appreciated.

May the Lord cause many more to take their stand as a result of the seed sown in the Wadena territory.

J. C. CHRISTENSON.

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Dorcas Society Leaders

You may receive free of charge a most excellent bulletin from the General Conference if you apply through your conference home missionary secretary, Elder Melvin Oss. Many are receiving this help. Will not those who do not receive the Dorcas letter request it? This applies to regular leaders of Dorcas societies in our churches. Let us hear of the work your society is doing. We shall know from your response whether you have read this in the REAPER. Let us get better acquainted.

HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

Missouri News Notes

ELDER CHAS. THOMPSON met the Lebanon church in their services Sabbath, June 23, and in the afternoon of the same day he met the company of Sabbath keepers near Urbana. This company numbers about twenty, and the members hold services in the home of Brother and Sister Nielsen.

Brother and Sister James Oss, of Huntsville, Ala., visited their brother, Elder Melvin Oss, of Clinton, a couple of days last week. Brother James is comptroller of Oakwood Junior College, and while here gave our office a pleasant call, and left with us a splendid report of the work of our training school for Negro workers.

Missouri's subscription goal for the *Review and Herald* stands at the low mark of 52. Therefore, we know many of our believers do not have our church paper. My brethren, "these things ought not to be." We urge that the *Review and Herald* be a weekly visitor in every home.

It is time to lay definite plans for our coming camp meeting. The date is August 24 to September 2. This meeting is to be held in Clinton on the same grounds as last year, and is being planned especially for our people in Missouri. Therefore, we invite all to plan to be present. The blessed Lord is soon coming. He will send His Holy Spirit into our camp to "make ready a people." Dear reader, you need the blessing, hence should be present. Detailed announcements will be given through the REAPER.

from time to time so all can be intelligent before starting. This item is intended to start preparation among our people. Remember the date—August 24 to September 2. We expect you to come.

When this REAPER reaches its readers in Missouri we will have torn another leaf from our calendars and found ourselves in July. Therefore, we urge that a faithful tithe be sent to our conference treasurer from all our people. The Lord requires that a steward be found faithful. We also urge that all our Sabbath school secretaries be prompt in sending their quarterly report so the state secretary can report to the General department on time and have every school in our conference included.

The believers at Oak Grove have greatly appreciated the recent visits of Elder Oss and Brother Campbell. A band has been organized to sell the *Watchman* in near-by towns and country homes.

The Oak Grove Sabbath school has branched out into missionary activities. A Sabbath school has been organized at an isolated member's home. Every Sabbath afternoon a few members of the church gather at this home. Friends and neighbors are invited to join the school. An adult class, a boys' class, and a girls' class are conducted. May souls be found in God's kingdom because of a little work and sacrifice on the part of God's people in this place.

So. Dakota Conference

Gordon Oss, President
B. L. Schlottbauer, Secretary
Drawer 36 - Watertown

Baptism at Madison

IN THE middle of April we began a series of public meetings in the Madison church. All of the churches in the district, Ash Grove, Colman, Brookfield, and Madison, gave the most whole-hearted cooperation and service in inviting their friends, helping with the offerings, furnishing special music, etc. The interest was good from the very start. The support of the newspapers was generous, and a deep impression has been made throughout the district. As usual there has been opposition, but this has only made the triumph of God's cause the more glorious.

On Sabbath, June 23, all the believers in Elder Stanley's district were called together for a district meeting in Madison. Many friends joined them, and the church was filled to its capacity. After the Sabbath service, baptism was held in the electric light plant pool, in the city, and

39 were baptized. One was admitted on profession of faith, but she later requested that we re-baptize her. A number of others will join her before long. A number of those who were baptized had heard little if anything of the truth before. Others had known more about it but now took their stand. Still others were young people who had grown up in the churches.

Splendid work had been done by the elders. In one case, four of those who were baptized were ready and waiting for baptism before we began our work. We thank God for the privilege of holding this effort, and believe that with whole-hearted cooperation and courageous effort this could be duplicated in other places.

We enjoyed the generous hospitality of Elder and Sister P. G. Stanley while in Madison. Elder Stanley, although past the age of activity, gave himself wholeheartedly to this effort and rejoices in the results obtained.

The cost of the effort was approximately \$100, and was covered by offerings with the exception of only a few dollars.

Remember the work in Madison in your prayers. More souls are getting ready for the harvest.

GORDEN OSS.

Important Information

MANY are writing in asking for full information regarding the junior camp that will be held in the Black Hills. The following information will be helpful:

Date: July 19 to 26.

Place: Three miles west of Pactola.

Price: \$8.75, including transportation both ways.

Buses: Three buses will be going and will pick up all the juniors at different points.

Age: 11 to 16 years.

Who can go? Every junior boy and girl.

Time is short so all must decide at once so we can make preparation for you. For further information correspond with the writer.

L. L. McKINLEY,

M. V. Secretary, S. Dak. Conference,
Watertown, S. Dak.

South Dakota Sunbeams

MANY are making preparations to attend the junior camp in the Black Hills. Every junior should get in touch with Brother L. L. McKinley at once for information.

The young people of the Leola M. V. church are making plans to visit homes where they will play and sing gospel songs and give out literature.

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A farewell gathering for Elder and Sister Oss and family was held at Lake Kampeska the afternoon and evening of June 25. Those present were the Watertown church members, the local conference workers, Elder Babcock and family, and Professor Bietz and family, of Redfield. Part of the time was spent visiting along the lake shore and recalling pleasant associations and experiences during the years that the Oss family has lived in South Dakota. Late in the afternoon refreshments were served, followed by a short program. Elder and Mrs. Oss and their children have endeared themselves to every member of the Watertown church and we will greatly miss our president and his family.

Nebraska Conference

T. B. Westbrook, President
F. W. Schnepfer, Secretary

1405 S. Seventh St. Lincoln

From the Office Viewpoint

ELDER and Mrs. Westbrook spent Sabbath, June 23, with the Cortland church, and visited the Lincoln church in the afternoon.

Brother and Sister Schnepfer spent Sabbath, the 23rd, at Seward, where Brother Schnepfer occupied the 11:00 o'clock hour.

Brother and Sister Shakespeare and family visited the Nebraska City church Sabbath, June 23, where Brother Shakespeare gave a rousing sermon on the Spirit of prophecy.

Elder and Mrs. Jorgensen met with the Fairbury church Sabbath morning, the 23rd, and with the Beatrice church in the afternoon. The Beatrice church had their thirteenth Sabbath program, which was a real success. This particular program was put on early because some of the members did not plan to be present the following Sabbath.

Do not forget camp meeting, August 10 to 18, at College View! All orders for rooms should be sent in at once. Also, the orders for tents should be placed, specifying whether floor is desired and what is wanted by way of tent equipment, such as chairs, tables, etc.

The Midsummer Offering, which is to be taken July 21, is needed this year perhaps worse than ever before to keep our mission work going strong. The General Conference is making an earnest appeal to our people to give at least one dollar a member in this offering. Special en-

velopes have been sent out to all the isolated people, and will be mailed to the churches in time to be given out the week before the offering is taken so that all can be supplied with envelopes. We trust each one will begin saving something right now so that we can reach our full goal of at least one dollar a member for the conference, and we hope we can go way over this amount. We appeal to you to do your best. Please remember that one dollar now is worth more than ten dollars will be after probation closes.

Some very necessary and urgent repairs must be made on the academy buildings this summer, and we hope you will bring a liberal offering to camp meeting to be given to meet the expenses which will be incurred. This is your academy, and we must put it in proper condition so far as health and sanitation are concerned; also we must furnish proper fire protection for your children. Begin to plan now to help us in this offering. The cost of the repairs will be stated later.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 1934

	Book	Hour	Sales
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.			
E. C. Aaby	HP	48	84.50
Maynard Aaby	RJ	38	5.60
Elsie Blackburn	HR	5	5.00
Mrs. Blackburn	BR	27	45.00
W. A. Burton	BR	46	116.00
G. L. Carter	HR	48	32.50
Sophia Carter	BR	34	
G. L. Cooper	RJ	33	13.70
James Donnelly	BR	46	42.75
Sam Dunn	BR	48	64.50
Wm. L. Golden	ND	4	
Lenora Gulley	BR	62	9.75
Dunbar Henri	HR	35	10.00
Mrs. S. Holmes	HR	42	16.75
B. B. Inge	HR	23	37.00
Mrs. J. Johnson	HR	20	17.50
A. Kohlfarber	GC	45	50.75
Clyde Rowen	BR	38	71.25
Mrs. A. Snyder	HR	32	19.00
Mrs. Bruening	Mag	22	6.50
Ruby Dunn	Mag	24	3.00
Mrs. J. G. Gunn	Mag	15	2.50
Mrs. T. J. Lane	Mag	4	1.50
Louise Leeper	Mag	27	8.25
Helen Millard	Mag	26	2.90
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	25	16.80
Misc. Sales			44.55
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	7	5.00
Kate Snead	Mag	9	2.40
Mrs. C. Stanley	Mag	24	4.50
LaVone Williams	Mag	26	2.40
Total		883	741.85
NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.			
Fred Burkhardt	PP	14	28.50
Uriah Fandrich	RJ	37	54.30
Oscar Guttu	ND	37	34.00
Beatrice Komoll	HW	18	10.50
Solomon Krueger	BR	11	20.50
A. M. Koenigsfeld	PP	39	34.00
*Otto Konigsfeld	DR	98	88.40
Bertha Mehlhoff	RJ	34	16.75
Lola Miller	RI	38	19.60

Della Moen	HW	2	1.40
Flora Peterson	HP	25	16.65
A. M. Schlenker	RJ	32	19.25
Albert Schimke	BR	30	38.25
Mrs. Gaede	Mag	13	19.70
Ruth Klebe	Mag	1	1.00
Mrs. A. Schneider	HP	3	14.00
Total		432	416.80
SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
Orville Poore	RJ	31	39.25
*Lucille Redmon	RJ	27	16.50
**Olive Redmon	Mag	54½	21.20
L. E. Redmon	BR	10½	12.00
Mrs. L. E. Redmon	BR	11	1.75
**Irvin Landmark	BR	62	37.50
Linda Reinholtz Fam Set		9½	4.25
G. Torkelsen	Helps		1.25
*Ralph Combes	RJ	57	23.75
Willard Johnson	RJ	17	
Dan Mertz	BR	32	17.50
**Elmer Mertz	BR	51½	35.00
*Rose Reuer	RJ	49	9.00
*Dena Hoeger	RJ	50½	23.00
Total		462½	241.95

NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
James Aitken	Misc	8	6.50
Wm. Carver	PP	36	12.50
Charles Copey	BR	40	30.75
F. L. Cushing	Misc	21	3.00
Ella Esau	RJ	15	8.05
Mrs. H. Frazier	Mag		1.50
Herman Higby	BR	38	20.05
Betty Houpt	RJ	10	4.00
Marley & Braatz	Mag	17	5.00
Lola Malone	Mag	12	3.75
Miscellaneous	Mag		24.50
Rose Nelson	Mag		6.00
John Ogren	DR	18	1.75
Della Rice	Mag	35	23.20
Mrs. Scarbrough	Mag		20.00
Otis Smith	BR	25	6.50
Ralph Sorensen	BR	48	24.25
Mrs. J. Tolles	Mag	10	4.95
Mrs. Washington	Mag		10.00
Total		351	233.25

KANSAS: C. M. Norman, Secretary			
Mae Clark	HR	12	10.00
Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	30	18.60
A. O. Kramer	OD	62	33.00
Elsa J. McCown	Mag	26	29.95
J. T. North	GC	15	1.00
G. D. Raff	GC	16	4.00
Margaret Seitz	Mag	13	8.00
James L. Smith	HR	35	29.00
R. Snyder	BR	29	11.25
*T. R. Torkelson	GC	154	55.50
Fern Veninga	Mag	21	10.00
G. C. Warden	OT	2	
Total		415	210.30

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary			
Edwin Coy	BR	47	40.75
Roy Chamberlain	BR	42	28.75
H. G. Biggers	Misc	43	25.60
Edwin Coy	BR	31	22.50
Merlin Rice	BR	46	16.50
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR		13.00
Carlos Coffin	OD	42	10.75
Jessie VanDiver	OD	15	9.00
Elmer Juhl	Mag	10	7.50
M. H. Meeker	OD	24	6.50
E. Hopkins	OD	45	6.50
Mrs. Meeker	OD	29	5.75
Florence Maurath	OD	14	5.50
Mrs. M. LaGrille	Mag	9	4.75
Howard Allen	BR	26	4.50
Nathan Coffin	GC		
Total		423	207.85

COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Secretary			
E. Harper	GC	10	7.60
Albert Eden	BR	28	6.50
Annie Flynn	DR	4	
Mary Green	BP	10	12.50
Mrs. Jenkins	BR	56	27.75
Viola Johnson	RJ		.25
Mrs. S. McGrew	HP	4	6.50
Misc Sales			101.10
Mrs. Adamson	Mag	10	1.35
Stanford Andress	Mag	4	4.50
Irene Caby	Mag	10	4.30
Greta Nelson	Mag	30	5.50
R. Sornberger	Mag	24	4.65
Total		190	182.55

WYOMING MISSION			
*A. K. Phillips	BR	58	96.50
Bert McBroom	Mag	37	25.50
Total		95	112.00
Grand Total		3239	2346.55
* Two weeks			
** Three weeks			

Obituaries

HANHARDT.—Mrs. Maria Hanhardt was born in Kutter, Russia, Dec. 30, 1851, and passed away in her home near Shafter, Kans., June 11, 1934. In 1908 she accepted the third angel's message when she and her son, Elder Henry Hanhardt, united with the church at Shafter. She was faithful to her Master until called by death, and is now resting in the Adventist cemetery near Bison, awaiting the call of the Lifegiver. Of six children five remain to mourn their loss: four boys and one daughter.

A. A. Dirksen.

WRAY.—Mrs. Sarah Wray, nee Bengel, was born in Indiana, April 24, 1837, and died in Concordia, Kans., June 19, 1934. Only two of her seven children are still living. She has 12 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 12 great, great grandchildren. Mrs. Wray has been a member of the Adventist church for more than 40 years, and died with a steadfast hope that she would have a part in the first resurrection.

A. C. Griffin.

SCOBEY.—Mrs. Julia Scobey was born in Germany, April 15, 1880, and died at Hoquiam, Wash., June 14, 1934. Following her marriage to Edward H. Scobey at New York City the couple moved to Denver and later to Hotchkiss, Colo.

Interment was made in the beautiful cemetery at Longmont.

W. M. Address.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—To correspond with some one in the dry district who has horses for sale. Give weight and price. Lee Sharples, Remer, Minn.

WANTED.—Man for farm and other outdoor work. Must be good teamster. Wright Barker, Matheson, Colo.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—Forty acre farm joining Plainview Academy. Nine-room partly modern house, barn and chicken house. Buildings not far from academy. Will rent house separately. Mrs. Elsie Hendrickson, R. F. D., Redfield, S. Dak. 27, 8.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, July 6, 1934

Des Moines, Iowa	7:52
Topeka, Kansas	7:51
St. Paul, Minnesota	8:02
Jefferson City, Missouri	7:37
Denver, Colorado	7:31
Lincoln, Nebraska	8:02
Pierre, South Dakota	8:26
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:40
Casper, Wyoming	7:57

Camp Meeting Dates

Kansas: Manhattan, August 16-25.
Iowa (Local): Davenport, August 16-19; Des Moines, August 23-26.
Missouri: Clinton, August 24-September 2.
Nebraska: Lincoln, August 10-18.

Union College

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

Union College News Notes

PRESIDENT M. L. ANDREASEN, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is en route to Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., where he will instruct in the Advanced Bible School during the second term of the summer session. Shortly before his departure the Union College summer school faculty and students gave a surprise picnic supper in Pioneer Park in honor of his birthday.

The Union College summer school opened June 4, and to date ninety-two students have enrolled for the first term. A new program is being carried on as an experiment this year, that of having classes in the afternoon and evening, thus allowing students to complete their work before attending classes. The chapel is also held in the evening.

Doctor A. W. Johnson and his wife and Dean Pearl Rees are attending the Minnesota camp meeting at Hutchinson, Minn.

Dr. E. N. Dick visited Sioux City Ia., the week-end of June 23 to attend the district meeting. He reports that he

found several prospective students for Union.

Ruth Johnson, secretary to President Andreasen for the past two years, left College View Thursday, June 28, for Nevada, Ia., where she has accepted a position as stenographer in the Iowa Conference office.

Editor R. B. Thurber, of the *Watchman*, who is attending camp meetings in the Central Union, stopped at the college June 20 and addressed the students during the chapel hour.

Professor D. Glenn Hilts, librarian, is attending the summer school session of the University of Illinois.

Professor T. R. Larimore is taking advanced work at the University of Chicago during the summer months. Mrs. Larimore is also with him in Chicago.

Professor A. M. Hanhardt and his wife and son are in Ithaca, N. Y., for the summer, where Professor Hanhardt is working on his doctor's degree at Cornell University.

Mr. Rollin Nesmith, instructor in the academy for the past six years, has moved with his family to Tulsa, Okla., where he has accepted the position as principal of the junior academy. During the summer he is assisting in a tent effort in Tulsa.

A Remarkable Increase

THE circulation of *Life and Health* has doubled since the beginning of the year. From all over the United States and Canada have come expressions of appreciation for the improved appearance of *Life and Health*, and with these letters of congratulation have come orders that testify to the sincerity of these compliments.

The July issue has been accorded a reception that leaves no doubt as to the enthusiasm of the magazine workers throughout the country for this number. Soon after the first copies were sent out, orders came in by the thousands. One day's mail brought the largest number of bulk orders ever received in one day so far as anyone connected with the office can remember.

There is a reason for this renewed enthusiasm for *Life and Health*. Colporteurs find orders for books are taken more readily in combination with *Life and Health*. People respond readily to the appeal for yearly subscriptions that is made in connection with the new *Life and Health* prospectus. Single copy workers find sales resistance reduced to a minimum when they can offer an attractive magazine for only ten cents. Profits of 35 to 50 cents an hour for beginners are

not uncommon. Send to your book and Bible House for 25 copies of *Life and Health*. The sale of these will provide capital for more extensive work.

The prospectus is only 75 cents. A yearly subscription is \$1.00, and the agent's discount is 50 per cent. Begin now to drive the "entering wedge" for the entrance of other truths of the third angel's message.

LIFE AND HEALTH,

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Method—ists

"HIT AND MISS" missionary work is not the way to obtain soul-winning results. There must be method in our planning. The Scriptural method is "precept upon precept, line upon line." Systematic distribution of the message through the printed page is comparable to the orderly preaching of the message by the evangelist. Thus every member may become an evangelist layman, earnestly working for souls.

Present Truth is carefully prepared, and its subject-matter arranged by experienced workers to insure soul-winning efficiency. We recommend either the short missionary series of twelve numbers, for a three months' house-to-house evangelistic campaign, or the six months' missionary series, consisting of twenty-four numbers. Many thousands of lay members—young and old people—have demonstrated the blessedness of this plan of missionary work, and hundreds of souls have been won to the truth through such systematic literature work.

Take the "miss" out of your missionary literature work by securing a supply of *Present Truth* for regular weekly visitation work in your own neighborhood. "God calls upon his people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept."—*"Christian Service,"* p. 146.

J. A. STEVENS, Secretary,

G. C. Home Missionary Department.

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