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The Week of Sacrifice

OUR General Conference Mission Board, through its treasurer, is making every effort to secure a large sacrificial offering the coming Thanksgiving week, November 25 to December 1. The Week of Sacrifice has earned a place of recognition among our annual opportunities to advance our work through sacrificial giving. Chosen, no doubt, by reason of the fact that Thanksgiving is a week of feasting and selfish spending by the people of the world, believing we should not follow worldly ways and self-indulgence at the retardation of the work of the church, we have made it a Week of Sacrifice.

I have noted with interest some of the appeals of other churches for a sacrificial offering. To illustrate: the Third Baptist church of St. Louis has inaugurated a three month sacrificial plan of giving. Their program is set in the hope that "the offering received will represent a real sacrifice" and thus prevent a further cut in their budget.

At the biennial convention of the American Lutheran church held in Waverly, Iowa, Rev. C. C. Hein, of Columbus, in addressing them is quoted as drawing a vivid contrast; deploring the advertising of church card parties, amateur plays and dances from church pulpits. He spoke of the church as putting on her apron to go forth to sell weiners and sauerkraut. This he contrasts with former days when the church knelt at the feet of Jesus and anointed her Master. Quite a contrast to be sure.

The Church of God, in recent convocation in Chattanooga, Tenn., is reported as turning thumbs down on permanent waves for women. Rev. T. S. Payne, reporting to the convention from a special committee, suggested, "If women pay five, ten, or fifteen dollars for a permanent wave, they ought to get some old-time religion and put the money in a mission offering."

We feel to amen the "old-time religion" purposed. We do not, however, advocate slovenliness in dress, but we do believe in economy of expenditures; and in the stress of times to which we are come, and the call of the mission field, we would urge that all unnecessary spending be saved and the saving find its way to the mission treasury.

If all can thus act in responding to our Week of Sacrifice call, we will bring forth an offering born in liberality. None will in so doing feel the pinch of want, and our missions will find relief. To this end we appeal. For such offerings we urge. The date set for receiving our Week of Sacrifice offering is Sabbath, December 1.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

Investment Sabbath

SABBATH, November 24, has been appointed as "Investment Gathering" Sabbath. We urge all the Sabbath schools in the conference to have an appropriate program upon this Sabbath, and gather in the fruit of our 1934 investments.

The money received from our invest-

You Are Entrusted with the Gospel; What Are You Doing with It?

"THERE is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." This can be applied to the truths God has revealed to us. The Saviour's commission is as binding today as when it was given.

"The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers . . . in Christ to the end of time. . . . All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come, are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellowmen. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby pledged to be co-workers with Christ."—"Desire of Ages," p. 822.

J. F. PIPER.

ments is to be labeled and credited to our Sabbath school offerings.

A suggestive program will be sent to all our schools with an accompanying letter in due time. We hope for an enthusiastic service and a large ingathering, hence a liberal offering.

Missouri Notes

ELDER CHARLES THOMPSON met with the South Side church in St. Louis, Sabbath, the 20th.

Plans are being perfected for another evangelistic effort to be conducted by Elder and Mrs. A. A. Leiske. The time and place of this meeting will be given later.

We are glad to report that at the close of September the following churches had reported more Harvest Ingathering funds than for the year 1933: Enyart, Montier, Palmyra, Pineville, St. Louis Central, St. Louis South, and Union Flat.

The evangelistic effort in St. Louis is progressing encouragingly. The attendance at the meetings is good. The interest manifested is splendid; the prospects for fruit most favorable. Remember the expense of this effort is large. Should any feel to contribute some helpful sums to warn this city, send donation to our conference treasurer, labeling it "St. Louis Effort."

Colorado Conference

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Some Conference Changes

ELDER A. C. LONG, who has labored for many years in Colorado, is leaving this week to join forces in Kansas. The many friends of Elder Long will regret having him leave us, but will rejoice to know that he was called to an important post in our sister conference. We assure Brother Long of the prayers of his many friends.

A former worker in Colorado, Elder F. S. Chollar, who has been located in Wichita, Kans., for a number of years, is going to take charge of the Southwestern District formerly cared for by Brother Long. He will be located at

Durango. We are glad to have Elder Chollar join our force, and we know he will have the support of the loyal membership in the southwest.

Elder N. T. Sutton, who for ten years was pastor of the Boulder church, is moving to Sterling to be superintendent of District I. We are confident that the members of the churches in his district will be happy to receive his help. We were privileged to attend a farewell service for him in Boulder. Wonderful things were said with reference to Elder Sutton's leadership covering the past ten years. It is fine to know that the brethren appreciate the efforts of the ministers who have labored with them.

Remember the Week of Sacrifice offering is to be December 1.

Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
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Des Moines

THE Des Moines church building is getting too small for the people who crowd in every Sabbath. The largest number in the history of the Des Moines church took part in the ordinances last Sabbath. Three baptisms have been held since the close of the Bible Palace meetings. Twenty-five have been baptized thus far, and others will go forward soon. Sunday night meetings are held in the church with full attendance. We believe that many more will unite with the message before the year closes.

Some interesting experiences have taken place, among them the following: A railroad man found a crumpled and torn copy of *Present Truth* in a box car. He picked it up and was interested in the message it bore. Taking it home, he had his wife iron it out and they both read it. They longed for more literature along the same line, but unfortunately the address was torn away so they could not tell who published it. Several years later the lady dropped in at a neighbor's house and found on the table a copy of *Present Truth*. With joy she picked it up and found out where it is published. Her friends informed her that it was published by Seventh-day Adventists, and that they were holding some meetings at the Bible Palace. They faithfully attended our services and will go forward in baptism in a short time.

Who knows what souls will accept the truth of God as a result of the tracts and literature you hand out? The one who

handed out that copy of *Present Truth* will never know the result until he gets to heaven; but someone will have stars in his crown because he handed out a copy of *Present Truth*. May God help us all to be faithful in our missionary endeavor and work for the Master.

R. S. FRIES.

News Items

BROTHER GEORGE JUHL, of Rodney, Iowa, and Brother Albert Foster, of Battle Creek, Iowa, are patients at the Iowa Sanitarium.

Elder B. A. Scherr and Brother L. P. Knecht are visiting in the south and west parts of the state in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. Sabbath, October 13, they met with the Exira church, and during the week they assisted in the Ingathering work.

Elder M. N. Skadsheim, pastor of the Des Moines church, writes that the church has about reached its Harvest Ingathering goal of \$800 and they are still going strong. We are confident that the Des Moines church will raise at least \$1,000 before their campaign is over.

Elder J. R. Nelson, pastor of the Sioux City church, states that their Sunday night meetings are well attended, and that the church is also busy in the Harvest Ingathering during the week. We are sure the Sioux City church will reach its goal.

Dr. J. F. Morse, medical superintendent of the Iowa Sanitarium, and Elder K. L. Gant have been busy visiting the church schools in Des Moines and Marshalltown, making the annual inspection of schools and giving a medical examination of the pupils.

Elder R. S. Fries and Brother J. H. Nies made a trip to Greenfield, Iowa, on conference business.

More Sabbath school *Quarterlies* have been used this quarter than for any other quarter this year. Consequently we have been out for a short time and could not take care of the orders as promptly as we would like to. We now have enough *Quarterlies* in stock and all orders can be taken care of promptly.

We still have a few of the special bargain Bibles in stock, the regular pocket size, and prices all the way from \$4.00 to \$12 per copy. Then we are giving liberal discounts on these Bibles as long as our present stock lasts. On some of the higher priced Bibles we give a 50 per cent discount.

Elder Stemple White, pastor of the Davenport church, writes that they are having a very good attendance at their Sunday night meetings as well as at their mid-week prayer meeting. He also states that the church is very anxious to reach

its full Harvest Ingathering goal, and that they are busy with the singing band and private soliciting. I am sure that within another week the church will have reached its full goal.

Elder B. A. Scherr assisted Dr. Mantz in Cedar Rapids one day last week and was greatly encouraged. He informed us that he was sure the church would be over the top in a short time.

Brother and Sister C. A. Edwards, of North Dakota, arrived in Nevada the first of the week. Brother Edwards has been elected field secretary of the Iowa conference. He is now getting acquainted with the office and his work, and will be in the field assisting colporteurs within a short time. Iowa is not a new field to Brother and Sister Edwards, as they worked here before they went to North Dakota. We welcome them back to our field. We are confident the Lord will bless them in their work.

The November *Health* magazine has just come to our office, and in looking it over, reading the different articles, we are of the opinion that this magazine should be in every home. There is an article on page six entitled "Appendicitis," and the doctor calls our attention to the fact that 20,000 people die each year, and he further states that 19,000 of these would not need to die if the simple instruction in the article were followed. There are many other very interesting articles that should be read by everyone. The price is \$1.50 per year, or 15 cents per single copy.

Elder R. S. Fries is continuing his Sunday night meetings in Des Moines with a packed house each night.

Elder A. L. Miller, chaplain of the Iowa Sanitarium, was called to Cedar Rapids, Thursday, October 18, for a funeral.

Elder Fries and Elder Gant met with the Fort Dodge church and four meetings were held over the week-end. Studies on

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the sanctuary and the Spirit of prophecy were given and God greatly blessed in their presentation. Officers were ordained and the work in Fort Dodge is on the upward grade.

Have you gathered in sufficient funds to keep the work of God going one minute? If not, there is still time for you to get one of these honor buttons. Any one can do it by faithful effort. Why not be one of God's minute men?

No. Dakota Conference

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After Many Days

LAST evening two ladies who have recently begun to keep the Sabbath called on us. In the course of our conversation they spoke appreciatively of a book they had been reading in the Norwegian language. They said it was something about the "big conflict." Of course we readily recognized the work as "The Great Controversy." Immediately I produced the book in English, and as one of them looked at it she said, "Yes, that's the book, and I've read it over and over again."

Night before last we solicited in a Catholic home some miles away in the country. These people have attended several of our meetings, and the light of truth is breaking in upon their hearts. This lady took a book down from the shelf and handed it to me. A marker was placed well toward the back. She remarked that she had gotten it some years ago from a young man who was making his way through school by selling the books. I was mildly startled when I recognized the volume as "The Great Controversy." She told me that she read it at the time of the purchase, and that it had been in the attic for some years, but now she was reading it again and was getting so much more from it. As we talked with her of the things of the Kingdom, we were deeply impressed with the Spirit's presence leading her into a sincere search for truth. The visit was concluded with prayer, and we left the home with the conviction that this family will be won for the message. We were asked to open Bible studies in their home, or meetings in a near-by school house.

As I ponder these incidents I rejoice that in earlier years I was a partaker in the colporteur ministry; and I recall the words of the servant of the Lord on

page 313 of Volume 6: "It is true that some who buy books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read."

As we, the preachers of the Word, enter thus into the labors of our colporteurs, we wish to share with the rewards of our mutual service, "that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." It has been truly said that "the work of the intelligent, God-fearing canvasser has been represented as equal to that of the gospel minister." Brethren, let us join hands in this exalted service for souls.

J. H. RHODES.

North Dakota Notes

ELDER E. H. OSWALD visited the Butte church Sabbath, October 13, and held three well-attended meetings there. The following Sunday afternoon he held another meeting, and the church was packed with interested listeners, mostly people not of our faith.

Elder Gordon Smith, the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, spent several days in North Dakota with us. He and Elder Bietz held meetings in Fargo, Jamestown, and Lincoln Valley, all of which were well attended.

We are extremely sorry to report the death of Brother John Schroeder, the elder of the Jamestown German church. He passed away on the morning of October 12, and the funeral services were held in the Jamestown church Sunday afternoon, October 14, Elder J. H. Seibel officiating. The church was too small to hold all the people who were showing their last respect to our deceased brother. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

The office had the privilege of entertaining Elder J. F. Piper, our union president, one day last week. His kindly visits and profitable counsel are always appreciated.

Brother C. A. Edwards, the former field secretary of this conference, and Sister Edwards departed from Jamestown Monday evening, October 15, heading for their new field of labor, which is Iowa. We are sorry that we had to part with these good friends, but we wish them success in their new field of labor. Any one interested in the colporteur work, please correspond with the office until further notice.

Good reports have been coming in from the colporteurs who have been mak-

ing deliveries the last two or three weeks. Their average deliveries are not bad considering conditions, and we are glad to report that about \$5,000 worth of books have been delivered by them in North Dakota this year. Some of them are now in school, but let us remember those that are still in the field in our prayers, that the Lord may use them mightily in the distribution of our truth-filled books.

Elder E. H. Oswald, Brother Ortner, and Brother Edwards paid Sheyenne River Academy a visit recently, and they noted with interest the good spirit that prevails at the school. The attendance is the best perhaps it has ever been, and we bespeak a fruitful year for Sheyenne River Academy this year.

Church conventions will be held at the Kulm church October 26 to 28, and at the Lehr church October 29 to 31. Brethren living within driving distance of these centers are invited to be present at as many of the meetings as is possible for them to arrange to attend.

Nebraska Conference

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Work in Northeastern Nebraska

WE ARE glad to report that we are still out on the firing line. For the past two weeks we have been on an extensive trip through our district in the northeast part of this state. The district covers thirteen counties, in which are located about 175 Seventh-day Adventists. There are about five small companies and the rest are isolated.

On this trip we have visited some of these isolated ones, and found them very glad indeed to welcome us. One family told us that we were the first workers to visit them in fifteen years. Those who have been deprived of church privileges for so long, surely appreciate the visits of the workers.

At Atkinson we found two isolated families about twenty miles apart, but they, with others whom they have been working with, met together for a meeting that evening, and we had a nice time together.

Sabbath, October 6, at the Petersburg church, we had a union meeting of all the companies and isolated members in that part of the district. The day was ideal, and the church was full, for the people came from far and near. We had Sabbath school at ten o'clock, Mrs. Butter-

field acting as superintendent. Special music was rendered by Brother and Sister Frank Cowin, of Oakdale, and a poem about God's beautiful garden of children was given by the youngest member of our Fullerton Sabbath school, little Lyndon Peterson.

A preaching service followed the Sabbath school, at which time the writer spoke on the "Great Gift of God's Love."

All put their lunches together and we served one general dinner. I am sure that no one went away hungry.

In the afternoon we had two services. As it was the date for the taking of an offering for temperance literature, Mrs. Butterfield talked to us on the temperance question and how Seventh-day Adventists should relate themselves to this question.

At the last service, the writer spoke to the people on the certainties of this last message. All seemed to be pleased with the day's services, and expressed themselves as desiring to have another such meeting in the near future.

We are of good courage in the Lord, but we do ask you to remember us and our work in this large district.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Nebraska Church Schools

SEVERAL families have written inquiring as to the location of church schools with the idea of moving where their children might attend, so the following list of schools and teachers will be of interest:

Culbertson, Paul Haughey; Grand Island, Mrs. E. L. Johnson; *McCook, Marguerite Johnson; *Hastings, Mrs. C. A. Lindquist; *Lincoln, Mrs. Velma Shaffer; *North Platte, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Specht; Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walters; College View (Training School), Myrtle D. Reinmuth (1-3), Mrs. Flora Moyers (4-6), Miss Ethel Johnson (7-8); Mitchell (home school), Mrs. J. D. Springer.

The four marked with an asterisk (*) are new schools this year.

The total opening enrolment this year was 213, as compared with 144 last year.

May each of these schools be indeed "cities of refuge" to our boys and girls. These teachers will appreciate the prayers and loyal support of God's people. October 27 will be the next general offering in all the churches for the support of our elementary work in this conference. We hope it will be a liberal one, for as this work grows (and we want it to

grow), heavier demands must be made on the whole constituency, for the Lord's financial policy for the church schools is, "Let all share the expense."

Would it be too much to expect that every Seventh-day Adventist plan to give at least one dollar each quarter to help save our boys and girls?

"He loved the dear children in days long ago,

And He loves the dear children today; He'll bless them and keep them and save them, I know,

If you'll train them His beautiful way."

As you give to the elementary school work on October 27, remember the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me."

AUGUSTA B. JORGENSEN,
Conference Educational Supt.

Gering Investiture Service

FOR the past year the Gering young people have been faithfully carrying on the junior Missionary Volunteer progressive work for Friends, Companions, Comrades, and Master Comrades. Mrs. Gladys Martin untiringly fostered the class work, and on the evening of September 8 a very impressive investiture service was held. There were thirty-one members in the four classes, and Mrs. Martin is organizing the work for another service.

There were eight young people from the Marsland M. V. Society invested recently in the Friends class. They, too, plan to continue with the work for the Companion's class.

We urge all junior Missionary Volunteers to avail themselves of the book, "Junior Handbook." The cost is only 25 cents. The Progressive class work is thrilling and educational. Every M. V. society should have a class studying and preparing for the investiture service. If you do not understand the work, write the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

L. G. JORGENSEN.

Shelton Academy News Notes

THE school very much appreciates a two-row potato planter given us by Sister May Covington.

The present enrolment at Shelton Academy is seventy-five.

Shelton Academy will broadcast a radio program from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock Thursday evening, November 1, over Radio Station KGBZ, at York, Nebr. Programs are broadcast every Sunday morn-

ing from 9:00 to 9:45 o'clock over KGFV, at Kearney, Nebr.

Roy Baughman, of Henry, Nebr., and Vera Layman, of Grand Island, Nebr., were married at the bride's home August 29.

Our fall Week of Prayer was conducted September 22 to 29 by Lyman W. Shaw, returned missionary from China, and former Shelton Academy student. P. E. Shakespeare conducted the Friday evening service, September 28, and Sabbath services, September 29.

Harvest Ingathering field day for the school was held September 24. About \$100 was raised by the students.

G. E. HUTCHES.

Minnesota Conference

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Nine Months of Evangelism

THREE-FOURTHS of the year 1934 have passed by. Already we are hurrying along in the last quarter of the year.

The results in soul-winning are most encouraging. For the nine months the record shows 259 baptisms. Already in October eighteen have been baptized by Elder Niermeyer at Hutchinson, bringing the total to 275. The total number of baptisms for 1932 were 188, and for 1933 there were 219. This advancement is largely due to the aggressive efforts put forth by our evangelists in a series of soul-winning meetings. Twenty-two efforts have been held during the spring and summer of the year. None of these have been large or spectacular; most of them have been successful.

For two months our ministers have been following the splendid leadership of Elder Christenson in the Harvest Ingathering. During the month of November several new meetings will be started and a number of short revival efforts will be held. Bemidji, Stillwater, Red Wing, Sauk Centre, Willmar, Hinckley, Alexandria, Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, Hewitt, and Artichoke are the places favored with the short series.

Our younger ministers are going forward in a strong evangelistic program. Brother Thompson will have a meeting for the colored people of St. Paul, Brother Preston is starting a meeting at Parkers Prairie. Brother Ward will have a meeting at Kenyon. We wish them every success as they, with the help of God, go forward alone in a series of meetings.

Elder Budd reports a good interest

in Glen, where Brother Lanphear has been holding an effort. We are glad that some of our layman have caught the vision of soul-winning through public efforts. The new handbook of evangelism for lay-preachers is now published, and we wish many of our fine laymen would secure this book and enter into public effort.

Our sincere prayer is that the last quarter of the year may witness a still larger ingathering of souls.

V. J. JOHNS.

Colporteur Rally at Duluth

TWENTY-TWO regular and new colporteurs were in attendance at Duluth for our fall rally the week-end of October 5, 6, and 7. Brother R. E. Bowles, from the Pacific Press Branch, at Omaha, spoke Friday evening and gave us a motion picture lecture on Africa Saturday evening. We all appreciated his talks.

Elder V. J. Johns, our conference president, gave us a timely message Sabbath morning, and Elder August S. Anderson, pastor of the Duluth church, spoke to us Sunday morning. A splendid testimony service followed, and all who were there reconsecrated themselves to God for continued service.

Sabbath afternoon we gathered at the church, where we conducted a symposium. Most of the colporteurs related experiences, showing to the listeners that God is truly with the faithful worker, if he goes forth in faith and trusts in Him only.

After the Sunday morning devotional meeting, we spent the rest of the day in round table discussion. We exchanged experiences and ironed out our problems. It is indeed a source of encouragement when we can all get together and realize others have difficulties and problems as we do.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Duluth church for the exceptionally kind hospitality shown to us during our rally.

Maplewood Notes

SEPTEMBER 17 Maplewood Academy opened its doors to the young people of the Minnesota Conference. We have not had so many students for three years as we have this year—118 all told. We believe we have a very fine class of students, eager to get an education that will fit them for service in the Master's vineyard.

October 2 was our annual Harvest Ingathering field day. God favored us with exceptionally fine weather, and almost the whole school went out and four

of the community people and brought back in the neighborhood of \$250 in cash and produce, in spite of drought, crop failure, and unemployment. We were favored with good help from the conference. Elder Johns, Elder Nixon, Elder Christenson, and Elder Vixie from Africa went out with the boys and girls. In the evening we all enjoyed a good experience meeting.

We have just received word from the sugar factory that next week we are to lift and ship the beets we have raised this summer. We have about thirty-five to thirty-seven acres of them, so the boys will have to hustle in order to get them up before winter sets in. We have also received a large order for our craftshop again, so the machinery will be running at least the first semester before we can expect to finish that task.

We are sorry that the Melendys are leaving Hutchinson. As an appreciation of all they have done for the school, the faculty met with the Melendys in Elder Gulbrandson's home for an enjoyable evening together.

We have now received the report from the General Conference of the Board of Regents examinations, and we are happy to let our patrons know that Maplewood Academy stands above all other schools in America in Bible Doctrines.

So. Dakota Conference

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B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 36 Watertown

Protect Yourself Now by Your Right to Vote

ARTICLE XXIV of the Constitution of South Dakota prohibits the manufacture, importation, sale, or gift of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, sacramental, or scientific purposes.

On November 6, 1934, the people of the state will vote on the question of whether or not they wish this clause to be repealed. If you vote "yes" you say that you want intoxicating liquors manufactured, imported, sold, and given away in the state of South Dakota. If you vote "no" you say: "I do not want intoxicating liquor manufactured, imported, sold, or given away on South Dakota soil."

If you want to protect yourself and your children against the overwhelmingly increasing numbers of drunken drivers, vote "No." Place your "X" in the square after which you see the word "No" under "B" on the ballot.

But do not only vote. Enlighten your friends and neighbors on the subject.

We have large quantities of leaflets which you should order at once and distribute everywhere. They cost only 40 cents for a package of 600. Order at once. The leaflets are significantly called "Broadside Leaflets."

J. H. ROTH, President.

A Letter from Elder Oss

IT HAS now been over a month since we landed in our new island home. In response to several requests that we write something to the REAPER, we send these lines. The voyage down was a pleasant one. Brother I. G. Ortner and daughter, Irene, drove to Boston to see us off the morning we sailed. It was a pleasant surprise. At Bermuda we found our people had arranged for an evening meeting. We have a good congregation there with Elder Capman in charge. At St. Kitts Sister Connel was waiting to greet us and took us sight-seeing around the island. The S. S. *Lady Nelson* is a pleasure boat, and stopped at the islands by day and sailed in the nights whenever possible. There were many tourists making the cruise when we came. At Antigua Brother Nielson, the conference treasurer, came out by launch to meet us, and took us home for breakfast. We visited the conference headquarters before returning to the ship. Montserrat was the next stop, and here Elder Walker waited for us. He was in the midst of a stirring series of public meetings, and invited us to take the service that night. Brother Walker had been there two months and had sixty-four in the baptismal class.

All these islands are beautiful, but Dominica seemed to out rival the rest in its scenic beauty. Elder Lewis met us, and we spoke there that night. Opposition is decidedly strong there, but the service was well attended. We had by this time made several friends among the passengers on the *Lady Nelson*, and they noticed our reception along the way. One doctor from New York expressed surprise in finding our work so well organized. Arriving at St. Lucia we were met by two lay members who took us to a little chapel, where we had morning service with the few believers there. The Salvation Army (all colored folks) sang on the wharf as the ship departed from this island in the evening. The Sabbath was spent at Barbados, where Elder Millard is doing valiant service. We spoke twice to large congregations and sailed away for St. Vincent after sundown.

St. Vincent is the first island in our new field of labor. We were especially interested to meet Elder Payne, who

had arranged a Sunday morning meeting—before we had breakfast. A hearty welcome was extended to us, and following our short talks one was baptized. Mrs. Oss was presented with an unusually large bouquet. We passed the Grenadines on the way to Grenada. Elder Yip, our Chinese worker at Grenada, had invited other churches of the island, and a fine program awaited us. We could but feel at home among these kind people. The churches all the way down were all colored folks, with a few white now and then. The following morning, August 20, we viewed Trinidad from the deck of our faithful ship. Soon Brethren Howard and Bickett came out to meet us. Most of the workers and their families were waiting on the wharf to meet us. The following Wednesday the Port of Spain church, with representatives from other churches of the island, gave us a warm welcome. The heart-touching warmth of these welcomes will linger in memory.

Brother and Sister Howard opened their home to us till we found one suitable for ourselves. We are now located at No. 8 Victoria Square. There are sixty churches and companies here, and to date we have visited nineteen. We find our people believing the same grand truths as in the homeland and getting ready for the kingdom. For the present year, 287 baptisms have been reported. Trinidad has not escaped the depression, and great care is exercised in the administration of the work. We are in the midst of the Big Week campaign. The colporteurs are doing faithful work.

We are keeping well, and soon the girls will enroll in a church school of seven girls. The cost of living is higher here, but the necessities of life are plentiful and good. The climate is better than we had expected. There is rainfall almost every day.

Our letter is so long we must bring it to a close, sending Christian love to all we know back home.

GORDEN OSS AND FAMILY.

South Dakota Sunbeams

GOODLY orders are coming to the office for "Broadside" prohibition tracts. Have you enlightened your neighbors? Order your leaflets at once. They cost only 40 cents for a package of 600 leaflets.

Elder Henry Meyer was a welcome caller at the office on his way to Bison, S. Dak., where he will conduct an evangelistic effort. Pray for this effort as well as for other efforts which are now under way.

The Roth and Schlotthauer families motored to Tolstoy Sabbath to attend the funeral services of Carl Haffner, Jr.

Perhaps the wealthiest man in South Dakota was solicited for a Harvest Ingathering donation last week. The solicitors were not disappointed.

The isolated believers of the Conference church have sent in \$238.51 on their Harvest Ingathering goal thus far. This is quite a bit better than they had done up to the same date last year. But let us not stop here. We are still short of our goal. Have you done your part?

One sister sends in \$10 and says, "This is what I raised for my goal." Go thou and do likewise.

Kansas Conference

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

It Can Be Done

BROTHER NORMAN, Mrs. McCown, and a few others have demonstrated that books and magazines can be sold under present conditions. God is in this branch of our work as truly as in any other. He has some wonderful experiences and opportunities awaiting those who will respond to His call. If you have heard His summons to duty, why not answer now? People are beginning to plan for their Christmas gifts for young and old. Brother Norman will gladly give you your choice of territory if it is available. Why not make arrangements today?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Appreciation

WE ARE greatly indebted to our members for their loyal cooperation in the Harvest Ingathering work this year. The entire field has been active, and we would like to encourage all to continue to the end. The purpose of this word is not to encourage relaxation but to bring cheer and even greater action if possible. Many thanks to all.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

The "Double" Spirit

It is inspiring to get reports from the many groups in Kansas that are striving to reach the General Conference goal or double last year's total. As to the latter, it seems this "double" spirit prevails in Elder A. A. Dirksen's whole district, including those churches where conditions are considered poor. Elder Dirksen himself writes, "We are of good

courage and still hope to double last year's income (in the entire district). The churches respond splendidly this year, but, of course, money is hard to get in this western section, for there has been little crop here during the last three years. We are 'glad we can.'"

As a matter of fact, at the end of the first four weeks in the district just mentioned seven of the churches already have gains and five have actually doubled last year's figure. Within this group are a number of our German churches.

It should be remembered that those churches which had high totals last year are striving for the goal rather than the "double" phase. Chanute, for instance, as a church has the highest amount per capita. Parsons has almost as much, and McPherson and Great Bend are close behind. Dodge City, as a Sabbath school, leads the conference thus far in per capita amount.

At the end of four weeks twenty-seven groups have a gain, and among them fifteen have doubled last year's total. Let us keep going and be glad we can.

E. H. MEYERS.

Three New Schools

THREE new schools opened in Kansas this year. One is in Salina, where a new church was organized this summer as a result of Elder Griffin's effort. Brother Ralph Browning is the teacher, with seventeen children enrolled.

Another school is in operation at Jefferson, a church organized last spring at the conclusion of Elder Aalborg's meetings. Brother Russell Valentine is teaching the school of fifteen pupils.

The third new school is conducted by members of the Goodland Sabbath school. Miss Josephine Whitney is teaching the little group there.

Altogether there are fourteen church schools in Kansas this year, with eighteen full-time teachers, and one teaching part time. The total enrolment will exceed 220. Pray for the success of these schools, please.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas Items

CHANUTE is the first church in Kansas to go over the General Conference Ingathering goal of \$7.00 a member. The Arkansas City Sabbath school has passed the goal with \$9.22 a member. The Dodge City Sabbath school and the Herington church are crowding close.

Mrs. Ina White reports having personally solicited \$182.50 in her Ingathering work this year.

The Enterprise church and the Enter-

prise Academy have continued their Ingathering work with the help of Elder L. H. Meyers. They expect to go \$100 over last year's total.

The churches of Bison, Columbus, Nekoma, Galena, Parsons, and Shaffer have already received three times as much Ingathering funds this year as they did last year. Eldorado and Dodge City have five and nine times as much respectively. Garden City has twice as much, and eleven other new or small groups, which reported nothing last year, have a good sum this year. Still another group of eleven have a gain over last year.

Be faithful in attending Sabbath school. If you do not have the lesson help, "God's Greatest Gift," order at once. It costs only 25 cents.

We are all happy to see our newest church, Salina, doing so well in Harvest Ingathering. This church is crowding the \$100 mark.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary			
G. H. Boehrig	HW	37	24.75
Navada Brickey	Mag		17.50
Francis Crofoot	HW	13	24.00
Lorraine Crofoot	HW	6	.50
Ben Daniel	RJ	9	
B. O. Engen	GC	33	11.45
Ruby Englehart	HW	18	11.50
Karl Evenson	BR	30	46.75
Al. Erickson	RJ	25	17.00
Fern Eveland	Mag	18	8.30
H. A. Hanson	BPS	49	24.25
Mrs. Ray Kroll	BR	3	
Nina Magnuson	BR		28.50
Miss C. Powers	Mag	36	12.75
Clarice Rust	Mag	6	17.75
Clare G. Rust	Mag	35	15.30
Grace Shumway	RJ	31	16.27
*Edna Schaefer	Mag	72	35.40
Ada Schornstein	BR	35	17.65
A. Colporteur	Mag	31	11.70
Total		487	340.92

NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
Evelyn Auxier	BPS	25	37.50
Charles Copey	BR	35	17.40
Helga Higby	BPS	26	30.00
Herman Higby	BR	40	41.25
Everett Johnson	DR	32	41.75
C. B. Loomer	RJ	42	43.25
J. D. Springer	DR	20	46.50
Robert Widner	BR	24	24.25
Mrs. J. Aitken	BTS		8.25
C. A. Lindquist	Mag		10.90
Mrs. A. Minchow	BTS	12	2.50
Olive Redmon	Mag		3.00
Della Rice	Mag		13.70
Total		275	323.25

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary			
*E. C. Aaby	HP	91	13.50
R. A. Bishop	BR	34	73.25
W. A. Burton	BR		
James Donnelly	BR	46	44.50
Wm. L. Golden	BR	34	86.25
Lenora Gulley	BR	6	4.50
Mrs. T. Hawkins	BR	9	1.25
Mrs. S. Holmes	HR	24	11.05
Floyd Mathews	HR	44	12.50

Mrs. A. Snyder	HR	31	20.00
W. L. Vickers	BR	14	5.50
Clyde Williams	BR	47	5.25
Mrs. Burbridge	Mag	5	2.40
Mrs. Davenport	Mag	6	2.80
Mrs. J. G. Gunn	Mag	16	3.20
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	24	11.60
Kate Snead	Mag	12	5.20
Total		383	301.75

IOWA: C. A. Edwards, Secretary			
*Ida Ryan	Mag	69	53.75
Mrs. M. Meeker	OD	37	32.95
M. H. Meeker	OD	37	24.25
Raymond Hircoc	GC	36	17.85
Ivan Mills	OD	42	17.00
Vernon Miller	OD	10	
Total		231	145.80

KANSAS: C. M. Norman, Secretary			
Lucy Adams	Mag	7	2.25
Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	35	21.10
Mrs. A. Rulkotter	BR	16	26.50
Roy Wilson	BR	5	1.50
Total		63	51.35

NORTH DAKOTA:			
Mrs. G. Gaede	Mag	2	2.85
Uriah Fandrich	RJ	61	
S. Jacobsen	RJ	17	4.00
Oscar Peterson	DR	22	5.85
Ted Reynolds	OD	1	
John Rittenbach	PP	52	18.00
Melvin Wahl	RJ	60	
Total		215	30.70

Grand Total 1,654 1190.77
* Two Weeks
† Report for week ending October 6.

Obituaries

MARSHALL.—William Manns Marshall, born March 28, 1844, in Scotland, died October 8, 1934. He came to America in 1866 and made Iowa his home. He accepted the truth in 1880 and remained a devoted and faithful follower of the Master until his death. In 1873 he married Anna Mains. Five girls and three boys were born to this union. Four of the girls and the mother preceded him in death. Two of Brother Marshall's sons are in the Lord's work: Ben Marshall, treasurer of the Minnesota Conference, and Jess Marshall, in Cuba looking after General Conference property. A large congregation of friends and relatives gathered in the Baptist church in Monroe, Iowa, for the services. Services were conducted by the writer.
R. S. Fries.

SCHERR.—Mrs. Ida Scherr, nee Schopp, born in Germany in 1865, died at the home of her son, Elder B. A. Scherr, Nevada, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1934, aged 69 years. Sister Scherr came to America at the age of eight, and was united in marriage to Albert T. Scherr in 1885. They resided in Dubuque for 46 years. Three daughters and two sons blessed their marriage. Two of these, Lillian and Leroy, have been laid to rest. Sister Scherr joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1913 and was a very devout and loyal member. Her son, Elder B. A. Scherr, is home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Iowa Conference. Her daughter, Carolyn Scherr, is a registered nurse. Services were held in Dubuque chapel, where a large number were present to pay tribute to her memory. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.
R. S. Fries.

MAXWELL.—Mary Ellen, daughter of Wilbur and Eva Maxwell, was born Nov. 6, 1932, and died July 28, 1934. The bereaved parents look forward to that blessed morn when their loved one will be restored to them again. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder C. G. Bellah.
W. J. Maxwell.

PEEBLES.—Elizabeth Peebles was born Jan. 1, 1888, and died Sept. 30, 1934, at her home in Carthage after a lingering illness of eight years. In 1913 she was graduated from the Nebraska Sanitarium at College View. She passed to her rest with a confident hope in God.

Brother R. M. Carter, the pastor of the Carthage church, conducted the funeral service and referred to several texts which had been favorites of the deceased. Interment was in Park Cemetery.

In memory of her faithful service the members are raising a memorial fund to be used in sending "Present Truth" subscriptions to friends who had been receiving literature and Bible studies from Sister Peebles.
Melvin Oss.

VANDOLAH.—Thomas Jefferson Vandolah was born May 9, 1861, in Indiana, and died at his home near Fontana, Kans., Oct. 10, 1934. For 38 years he rejoiced in the Advent message. His wife and four sons remain to look for that glorious Hope. He was buried in the Twin Springs cemetery following the services in a rural Methodist church.
A. M. Ragsdale.

BURBACH.—John Burbach was born in Norka, Russia, July 15, 1859, and passed away at his home in Collyer, Kans., Oct. 2, 1934. On February 3, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hein. This union was blessed with nine children. His wife, four sons, and four daughters deeply mourn their loss.

In 1886 Brother Burbach, together with his wife, accepted the third angel's message.
A. A. Dirksen.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited, but are published only as an accommodation. They must be sent to the local conference office to be approved by the conference president before being published in the Central Union Reaper. For each insertion the rate is two cents a word with a minimum charge of fifty cents, cash to accompany the advertisement.

THE "Standard" Water Softener, weight one pound; guaranteed 5 years. Softens water for drinking and all other purposes. \$3.00 post paid. Try one 30 days; money back if not satisfied. Agents wanted. Cecil W. Spaulding, 6611 Loma Vista Place, Bell, Calif. 42-4

WANTED.—S. D. A. boy or man to work on farm. Must be able to milk cows and furnish good reference. \$5.00 a month for the winter with reasonable wages in summer. Will hire year round if party is agreeable. State age and experience. John A. Peterson, R. 3, Box 21, Barnesville, Minn.

WANTED.—At once. Man to care for flock of sheep; one who understands management at all times; operating under semi-range conditions. State qualifications and wages in first letter. A. E. Leas, Rocklake, N. Dak.

WANTED.—Work on farm for winter and spring. State wages and kind of work in first letter; also work for board and room. Jacob D. Breston, Gen. Del., Wichita, Kans.

WANTED.—Clean late copies of the "Signs," "Youth Instructor," "Little Friend," "Present Truth," "Life and Health," "Health," and "Liberty," for free distribution by the church. Mrs. W. A. Burton, Box 333, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

WANTED.—An Adventist middle aged man who wants a home for the winter. Small pay for winter; more wages in the summer, a year round job. Dave Nickeson, Cayuga, N. Dak.

WANTED.—A connection with one of our institutions where we can have church school privilege. Experienced with dairy, poultry, canning, truck growing. Can drive any make of car or truck, and do many other things. Can give good references. Would rent good sheep ranch or truck farm near institution. H. C. Ragsdale, Elk Falls, Kansas.

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Better Still

THE Harvest Ingathering report this week looks as if everybody believed in Jimmy Elliott's favorite motto. And it would be hard to find a better—"There is one thing we can all do: we can keep on keeping on." Up-to-date reports from three conferences failed to appear, but the gain column gets bigger and bigger, and how do you like it? We are now within \$10,000 of our entire 1933 receipts. Now, I move that we set our goal in every church and conference for a 25% increase over 1933. Brother So-and-so seconds the motion. All in favor promise to get at least one dollar more. Carried.

Brethren, I believe we can get this before November 1 if we try. The following by Mrs. E. G. White in "Brown Leaflet, No. 10" is the way we all feel, I believe, as attested by the report below: "Shall we abandon the fields that we have already opened in foreign countries? Shall we drop part of the work in our home missions? Shall we falter and become laggards now in the very last scenes of the earth's history? My heart says, 'No, no.' I cannot contemplate this question without a burning zeal to have the work go. We would not deny our faith. We would not deny Christ. Yet we shall do this unless we move forward as the providences of God open the way. The work must not stop for want of means. More means must be invested in it."

S. T. SHADEL.

A Living Fountain

How we enjoy a fresh draught from a cool, bubbling spring of water! Seemingly we can never get enough. We pass by the tepid, insipid water of the wayside pool, and hasten toward the satisfying water of the life-giving spring. This contrast comes to mind when one thinks of "The Desire of Ages" as an inspired comment on the life of Christ in contrast with the writings of other commentators. We have a variety of them in our office, and after reading the

best of them in our search for helpful notes for lessons and helps, we turn to "The Desire of Ages," by Mrs. E. G. White, for the soul-satisfying draught that refreshes, cheers, encourages, and points the way. We are never disappointed.

Do you want the Bible story made clearer, the practical lessons emphasized, descriptions made more real, the path of duty marked clearly, the pitfalls and danger spots labeled? Then read this book each week as you study your Sabbath school lesson during the year and nine months in which the entire denomination will be studying the life of Christ. A year and more at His feet with His Book and His inspired comment! What may it mean to this denomination? Surely a continual blessing to all who follow the study.

In view of events transpiring in the world which show that the coming of Jesus is near, one wonders if we shall ever again have the privilege of studying our Saviour's life on earth in a series of Sabbath school lessons. Quite likely this is the last time. Can you, dear reader, afford to miss what others will be receiving? Not many will be willing to be in that class, saying, "I have need of nothing." Revelation 3:17. Where there is a will, there will be a way to get the price of the book.

Order your copy of "The Desire of Ages" now, so you will have it to use

when studying the first Sabbath school lesson of the new year.

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MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Will Europe's Powder Keg Explode?

BEFORE the ink in the flaming headline, "Jugo-Slav King Slain," was fully dry, Alonzo L. Baker, editor, had prepared a strong editorial for the *Signs of the Times*, dealing with the countries of Europe upon which the attention of the people of the world is now focused with great fears of another world conflict.

This editorial is entitled, "Will Europe's Powder Keg Explode?" It will appear in the *Signs of the Times* of October 30. As a clear presentation of the relation of these countries among whom this assassination may prove the match to Europe's political powder keg, this article is very valuable. It, of course, goes further, pointing the reader to the accuracy of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, and its meaning, in these days of restlessness and perplexity among the nations. This is another fine feature to use in gaining the interest of your neighbors and friends in the *Signs of the Times*.

Watch for this number, October 30. Additional copies may be secured.

J. R. FERREN.

HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT FOR THE CENTRAL UNION TO WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1934

	1934	1933	Difference	Per Capita	Goal at 25% Increase
Colorado	\$ 6318.37	\$3409.00	\$2909.37	1.75	\$8018.55
Iowa	5000.00	3314.81	1785.19	1.86	9237.67
Kansas	4562.35	3231.16	1331.19	1.66	6894.25
Minnesota	7848.46	3102.83	4745.63	2.29	11049.39
Missouri	3782.82	2936.88	845.94	1.69	6399.54
Nebraska	5070.42	4180.15	890.27	1.92	9797.35
North Dakota	2409.33*	2089.44	319.89	1.03	4075.97
†South Dakota	3902.62	1831.59	2071.03	2.53	4798.30
Wyoming	825.00	234.99	590.01	1.96	1214.27
Gain—\$15,388.52	*Last Week's Report	†South Dakota passed last year's record			
Total	\$39720.37	\$24300.85	\$15388.52	1.83	\$61485.29

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF FORTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR NINE MONTHS (THIRTY-NINE WEEKS) ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1934

	Member-ship	Amt. \$15.60 Per Member	Amount Received	Amount Short	Per Member	1934	1933
Colorado	3601	56175.60	28340.43	27835.17	.202	.158	
Iowa	2680	41808.00	18165.69	23642.31	.174	.143	
Kansas	2746	42837.60	15324.96	27512.64	.143	.130	
Minnesota	3425	53430.00	25047.25	28382.75	.188	.145	
Missouri	2240	34944.00	16220.93	18723.07	.186	.166	
Nebraska	2643	41230.80	20422.06	20808.74	.198	.169	
North Dakota	2328	36316.80	11827.43	24489.37	.130	.113	
South Dakota	1541	24039.60	10411.74	13627.86	.173	.161	
Wyoming	420	6552.00	3635.07	2916.93	.222	.215	
Union	21624	337334.40	149395.56	187938.84	.177	.149	