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The Ministry of Tract Distribution

THE NEED.—THOUSANDS today could testify to the saving influence of a tract in their individual experience. And these little messengers through which the Lord has so often revealed His presence, are just as necessary, or even more so, for the peoples today as in any former age. The modern forms of unbelief are spreading everywhere, permeating society with a spirit that makes for moral decay. Seventh-day Adventists are under tremendous obligation to make known the sure remedy for the ills of the times. The printed page is our greatest helper. We are to scatter the truth-filled tracts and leaflets "like the leaves of autumn," so liberally and continuously that they will be beyond the control of the enemy, even as autumn leaves when blown about by the wind are beyond the control of man. No literature activity in the church needs a revival so much as that of tract distribution, and none will bring greater returns.

THE ADVANTAGES.—1. Because of their definiteness, variety, low price, and convenient size, tracts afford work for every member of the church.

2. Tract work may be carried on during the ordinary routine of daily life. With a few tracts ready at hand, in the pocket or door rack, one is prepared to pass out a message suited to the occasion.

3. It offers a simple method with which young members may begin to engage in personal work for souls. After one has given a tract, it is easier to enter into conversation.

4. The aged and infirm may engage in tract work. It is a ministry in which an old member may nobly close his service for the Lord.

5. A tract can usually accompany a letter without extra postage. Your tract is delivered to friend or relative free by the Government.

6. People will read religious literature that is attractive, terse, incisive—something that a wayfaring man can read as he runs, for running is characteristic of the times. The tract fits the situation admirably.

THE WAY.—a. Be courteous. The tract

that is given in a truly courteous manner will have far more attention than the one given in a take-it-or-leave-it fashion. Those to whom we offer tracts will read us, even if the tract be cast away.

b. Be tactful. "Pray for the grace of tact." It is a saving grace in tract distribution. If tracts are to be wisely and tactfully distributed, it is pre-supposed that the workers will take pains to read what is given away beforehand.

c. Be patient. In the giving of a little tract remember you are proclaiming the good news just as assuredly as though you were standing in the pulpit. We are witnessing for Christ, and cannot allow a little rebuff or cynical remark to ruffle us.

d. Be prayerful. Let no tract be given away that is not first of all prayed over.

e. Be confident of blessing. It is the living seed that is being scattered, and therefore we may look for a harvest.

Dollar Day—Thirteenth Sabbath

How fitting it is to make the last Sabbath of 1934 a *dollar day*! These occasions come but once a quarter, but how eagerly they are looked forward to by the field to which the offering is assigned!

Sabbath, December 29, affords a last opportunity to us in 1934 to make an offering to maintain the work of God in foreign fields.

"I urge you for your soul's sake to hear my plea now for those who are missionaries in foreign countries, whose hands are tied by your ways. Satan has been working with all his powers of deception to bring matters to that pass where the way will be hedged up for want of means in the treasury."—"Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers," p. 398.

Let all our Sabbath schools make the thirteenth Sabbath a dollar day.

J. F. PIPER.

THE MATERIAL.—"The Hope of the World" series of tracts is ideal for every form of tract distribution. These tracts have been written by experienced men in evangelistic work. Each subject is presented logically, attractively, and convincingly. It is a soul-winning series, particularly adapted to regular house-to-house work. The titles are arranged in proper subject order for systematic distribution beginning with Number 1 on through to Number 20. A get-acquainted sample package of the complete series of twenty numbers may be secured from the Bible House office for 25 cents, postpaid. For regular distribution there is the small assorted package of 200 tracts, ten of each number, \$1.00, postpaid; and the large assorted package of 1000 tracts, fifty of each number, \$4.00 postpaid. Or when ordered in bulk, 1000 or more tracts, in unit packages of 100 tracts all of one kind, the price is \$3.50 a 1000. The conference Book and Bible House office will gladly handle your orders.

THE RESULTS.—Since each tract carries an invitation for interested persons to communicate with the Home Study League, the follow-up work is simplified, and the interest created, no matter how, when, or where the tract may have been received, is properly taken care of. One example follows: "I have read several copies of 'Hope of the World' and hope to receive more literature of that kind." All such requests are promptly handled by the Home Bible Study League.

Every Seventh-day Adventist believer should be a tract distributor. You are invited today to join the army of those handing out "Hope of the World" series tracts. "At least one tract a day."

Colorado Conference

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A Last Minute Appeal

THIS issue of the REAPER will reach our readers just a few days before the close of 1934. I am taking advantage of this opportunity to make a last minute appeal to all our people who have un-

paid pledges at the conference office to pay in the amount pledged either to the church treasurer or to the conference office direct. Individual notices have been sent to all pledge makers and a great many have responded. If you have made a pledge and have not paid it, please make a special effort to turn in the amount pledged so it will be received before the end of 1934.

There may also be some of our people who for some reason or another have not turned in their full tithe during the year. Some of our people follow the custom of figuring up their yearly income in December and squaring up with the Lord at that time. If for any reason you are behind with your tithe or have neglected to turn in what is due, we appeal to you to square up with the Lord before the last day of the month.

Our tithe and offerings this year are well ahead of last year, but let us not be weary in well doing. Let us make 1934 a banner year for the Lord and with His blessing, which is promised to all who are faithful in the payment of tithe and offerings, press forward in 1935 for even greater things.

May the Lord richly bless each and every one throughout the coming year is my prayer.

W. I. MONTANYE.

Magazine Discounts

BEGINNING with the February number, the magazines *Health*, *Watchman*, and *Life and Health*, will be on a 50 per cent basis to all our churches and colporteurs. Thus the price of the *Watchman* and *Life and Health* will be 5 cents a single copy in quantities of ten or more, and will sell for 10 cents. The price of the *Health* will be 7½ cents a single copy, and will sell for 15 cents.

A number of years ago, in the beginning of our magazine work, a 60 per cent discount was set on retail prices of magazines, while on our small books and other subscription books, a uniform discount of 50 per cent has always been the custom. At the Fall Council this year, to reduce the losses on the production, and at the same time keep up the present high standard of our publications, action was taken to bring the discount on magazines into uniformity with that given on other of our subscription literature, which is 50 per cent.

Our faithful literature workers have heartily cooperated in the past where changes have had to be made, and we believe they will in this. We hope and pray that the Lord will so add His bless-

ing to their work that they can do larger things in the future.

COLORADO BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE.

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"The Receiver a Giver"

THE receiver becomes a giver when the words of life come to him and create within him a well of water. Jesus had just finished his conversation with the woman at the well of Samaria. Thrilled with the force and hope of His message she forgot her water vessel and hurried into the city of Samaria. "As soon as she had found the Saviour, the Samaritan woman brought others to Him. She proved herself a more effective missionary than His own disciples. The disciples saw nothing in Samaria to indicate that it was an encouraging field. Their thoughts were fixed upon a great work to be done in the future. They did not see that right around them was a harvest to be gathered. But through the woman whom they despised, a whole city full were brought to hear the Saviour. She carried the light at once to her countrymen.

"This woman represents the working of a practical faith in Christ. Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver. The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish eager to drink of the water of life."—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 194.

Considering the above quotation, would it be fair to us to measure the depth of our reception by the portion of water of life that we give to others? In other words, does the service we render to others in our Saviour's behalf indicate to any extent the degree of our surrender to Him? Just what relation exists between your receiving from Him and your giving for Him?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Adhering to the Right

IN THE year 1867 a crowd of politicians met to impeach Andrew Johnson as President, who was finishing Lincoln's unexpired term. Senator Ross, of Kansas, who believed in right living and in straight business, could see nothing wrong with the Johnson administration

and voted negative. He was labored with, and his future political career was held up to him, and it was urged that unless he changed his decision his future would be ruined, but Senator Ross stood his ground for right. He never yielded a principle. It was true that he was not re-elected, but he had a clear conscience. Men like that made the United States the best place on earth to live in.

Adventists have even a greater stand to take, for we can offer through the power of God, eternity. It is true we will be unpopular; we will be criticized; even our relatives will abuse us and our best friends will forsake us, but cannot we who have a much greater work than did Senator Ross, stand the abuse of the world and the sacrifice of money that others may learn of a country that is far better than the United States to live in? The splendid thing about that country is that it will always stand.

Our literature will do it. One "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" brought thirty-six German people to a knowledge of the Sabbath. A *Watchman* magazine read by one lady resulted in forty-one baptisms.

We have the promise: "Lo, I am with you always." Further He says: "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." If all power is given to Jesus, and He has overcome the world, and if He is with us until His second return, we have a much stronger backing than did Senator Ross.

Ross' plan was to save a man from dishonesty and give him justice in this world, but our object is to save him from destruction and help the Lord to give him eternal life. Books and magazines will do it. "Will you not start now and give your friends an opportunity to learn how Jesus saves for all eternity?"

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Keep going, brethren, and encourage others to join you, for "the Lord has given to every man his work."

C. M. NORMAN.

Wichita

WE HAD a good Week of Prayer in the Wichita church. Meetings were held every day in the church school. (There is an enrolment of seventy in the church school this year.) Each evening at 7:30 there was a meeting for the senior young people, and at eight o'clock there was a meeting for the adults. There was a spirit of earnestness and devotion in all of these meetings.

At the eleven o'clock hour on the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer extra seats had to be brought into the church auditorium to seat the congregation. Many who had been slipping in their Christian experience made a new start toward the kingdom. A number of interested people took their stand fully for the truth. And the entire church joined in the consecration service.

Sabbath afternoon the church was again filled to witness the baptism of twenty-one earnest souls. A new baptismal class of eighteen was organized. We expect about twenty more to be baptized the first or second month in the new year.

A. C. GRIFFIN, Pastor.

The Story of a Topeka Project

ALL who were willing to give out at least one piece of literature each week have been eligible for membership in the Literature Band of the Topeka First church during 1934. Every church member has been encouraged to make that his aim. Many have set a much higher goal.

The entire church membership has been invited to bring to the church all papers and tracts they had on hand which they were not definitely planning to pass out soon. A number have formed the habit of bringing them regularly and promptly—not more than a month old, as it has been felt that a neat, new paper will be read more readily and make a more dignified impression for the truth. However, use has been made of even the old papers which have been accumulating in some homes for years, by carefully selecting the places to use them. It is the plan to avoid using old papers in the future as far as possible by somehow passing them on to others very soon after they have fulfilled their mission in the home to which they were mailed by the publishers. The understanding has been that the person who brought the papers to the church re-

ported half of them, and those who gave them to the public the other half.

Some members have given out sets of tracts or periodicals in a systematic way, calling at the home each week, at a time when they felt most sure of finding the people at home and most likely to read the literature soon after receiving it, rather than laying it aside to be read at some future time, which often does not come. The time chosen by some was late Sabbath afternoon, while others have preferred to do it reasonably early Sunday morning. The plan of exchanging neighbors has been used to some extent. This enabled those who gave out the literature to place the name of the people on the paper, thus helping them to feel that it was meant for "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith," and was not something being passed out promiscuously in the neighborhood. This also made it possible for the worker to call the person by name, or ask for him if necessary, and give at least the first few papers to him personally—to the man if possible, since men are usually more difficult to interest than women. It has been considered that one advantage in exchanging neighbors was the fact that those to whom the papers were given would not know it was Seventh-day Adventist literature at the beginning and would read with an open mind long enough to become interested sufficiently to continue reading even after finding it to be Adventist doctrine. In view of the fact that the Lord has given so much encouragement in His word and in the writings of Sister White to work for our neighbors, a special burden has been felt for this class of literature work.

It has been our purpose not to be too much affected by weather conditions in making the calls at the homes, which has caused some of the recipients to state that they could depend upon getting their copy of "Hope of the World," "Good News," or *Signs* regularly, although the weather was bad. We hope and believe this plan has helped to impress still others with the importance of our visits and the message given in the papers.

Besides the six literature racks for which the Missionary Volunteer society promised to be responsible, three racks have been served regularly as well as eighteen binders which contain such papers as *Our Little Friend*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Life and Health*, *Watchman*, *Signs*, *Health*, and *Present Truth*. These have been placed in the reading rooms of libraries, department store rest rooms, hotels, orphanages, the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., and Boys' Reformatory. Some of the members are preparing more bind-

ers which are to be placed soon. As the papers are removed from the binders they are placed in the racks.

Some have taken an interest in mailing literature, and even the shut-ins have had a part by handing papers to people who have visited them.

Each church member has been encouraged to set as his ultimate objective—"At least one soul won for Christ before the close of 1934," and work and pray most earnestly to that end. Only a few days of the year are left, but we trust they will be fruitful days for those who have prayerfully, faithfully, trustfully, hopefully, tactfully labored through the year with a determination to finish the task in a manner which the Master of all good workmen can approve.

EDNA WALLACE,
Literature Band Leader.

Minnesota Conference

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Minnesota News Items

ELDER C. S. WIEST reports that his meetings at Albert Lea have been well attended. A number have already taken their stand to keep the Sabbath, and we are hoping that when the effort is finished a good church may be organized there.

Recently a change has been made in our working force in the conference office. Miss Rachel Landrom received a call to connect with the office in Oklahoma, and left on Thursday, December 6. Miss Selma Uhrig was called to take the work in this office, and arrived December 18. Miss Uhrig has been connected with the Oklahoma Conference office for a number of years.

Remember to order your Morning Watch Calendar before January 1, so you can start observing the morning watch at the beginning of the new year.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books are in stock, and we have already filled a number of orders. Each church should see that its Missionary Volunteer society has access to these books. The senior course is \$4.60; the junior, \$2.85; and the primary, 85 cents.

At this writing a number of our ministers are attending the evangelical meeting, being held for the workers in three union conferences, at St. Louis, Mo. We are sure that our workers will receive an inspiration at this meeting that will help them do better service during the coming year.

Elder Johns spent a recent Sabbath at Parker's Prairie. He reports that Brother Preston has a good interest there and has organized a Sabbath school of some forty members.

Brother Jackson has been busy assisting the colporteurs in their Christmas delivery. Most of the colporteurs are having good success.

Nebraska Conference

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Missionary Volunteers, Forward!

THE new year first of all should mark a forward step in the spiritual life of every young person in the Nebraska Conference. The year 1935 should stand out as a banner year in Missionary Volunteer activities, both devotional and educational. The Reading Course books for 1935 are exceptionally good. They are: Senior course: "Adventures in Christian Living," "Martha Berry," "Thomas A. Edison," "Rusty Hinges." Set complete, \$4.60. Junior course: "My Garden Neighbors," "Forty Missionary Stories," "Gems for Juniors." Set complete, \$2.85. Primary course: "Little Nature Folk at Home," "Bedtime Stories," No. 10. Set complete, 85 cents.

Missionary Volunteer societies and churches with no societies should plan to have a set of these books to pass around for the members to read. Good books are like good friends. Make 1935 a good friend year and make your acquaintance early with your book friends.

We are anxious for all of you who have finished reading the Bible Year or Reading Courses (current or back courses) to be sure that you have your certificates. Send in your name to the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Nebraska Conference for certificates.

The 1935 Morning Watch Calendars should be in the possession of every Missionary Volunteer. Plain, only five cents. Begin the year 1935 with faithful observance of the Morning Watch, your early morning talk with God.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

Teachers' Institute

THE Nebraska elementary teachers' institute was held at Union College, December 8 to 11. Mrs. L. G. Jorgensen, educational superintendent of Nebraska, was assisted by C. A. Russell, associate secretary of the General Conference Edu-

cational Department, C. W. Marsh, educational secretary of the Central Union Conference, Miss Lotta Bell, head of the Department of Education at Union College, and several other members of the Union College faculty.

The institute began with the sermon of Professor Russell Sabbath morning at the church hour. Sabbath afternoon the spiritual phases of the church school were presented. Saturday evening the teachers spent two pleasant hours in a social way at the home of Mrs. Jorgensen.

Sunday evening President M. L. Andreasen addressed the institute. The health work was presented by Doctor William Nethery and Miss Loretta Wilcox.

Monday evening there was a joint session of the institute and the Home and School Association of College View, at which time Professor C. A. Russell outlined the aims of these organizations. He cited one place where the enrollment was twenty-seven which was actually increased to sixty-three after the children and ingathering committee of the Home and School Association had done their work.

An unusual feature of the program was the privilege, Monday forenoon, to observe the critic teachers of the Training School actually at work in their classes.

The aim of the convention was "To find and to follow God's way in education more fully." As teachers we go back to our schools with renewed courage and inspiration, and a greater realization of the importance of our work.

MRS. O. S. SPECHT.

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of Seventh-day Adventists

Missouri Items

ENCOURAGING reports come from many churches and companies regarding the spiritual refreshing enjoyed during the Week of Prayer just closed.

Elder Thompson visited Elder and Mrs. W. K. Smith in their rural home, December 16. We are happy to report to our Missouri readers that Elder Smith is gaining physically, and both he and Mrs. Smith are still courageous in the work of the Lord.

We invite all our readers to read again the first page article in the REAPER of December 11, entitled "Tithe Covenant Day," by W. H. Branson. It is our de-

sire to urge all our believers in the Missouri Conference to observe the program of this day, which is Sabbath, January 12.

Covenant cards will be distributed to our people. We believe as we enter upon the new year it will be proper for us to pledge anew our lives in faithful service in rendering to God His own.

The slogan for the church in 1935 is, "One Hundred Per Cent Tithe Payers." This Covenant Day and the signing of the pledges in the presence of God and each other will bring to all the blessings promised by the Lord in connection therewith.

During 1934 our conference has been greatly blessed of God in an increased tithe. We are confident much of this blessing came as a result of our tithe covenant with the Lord early in the year.

Let all join heartily and consecratedly in the program of Sabbath, January 12, and make 1935 a banner year in tithe paying.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

No. Dakota Conference

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Rays of S. R. A.

THE Wednesday chapel hour each week is devoted to sightsinging. The students are learning the *sol-fa* system, key signatures and meter signs. In the near future two-part singing of familiar hymns by syllables will be started.

Seven girls have moved into the ground-floor rooms of North Hall. The girls decorated the rooms themselves, and this floor of the dormitory is so cozy and inviting that most of the girls wished to occupy these rooms.

The laundry has just acquired an electric ironer.

At Friday vesper service Professor Newman began a talk on the "Laws of Health," which he promised to continue the following week.

Saturday evening the students and residents of the village attended a Christmas program given in the dining room. Twenty-two students took part in the play, "Birds' Christmas Carol." Following the play twelve North Hall girls gave an effective Christmas drill, which was concluded by the song, "Christmas Bells." The tinkle of the bells which the girls carried on tinselled ribbon added to the spirit of the latter number.

North Dakota Notes

BROTHER R. R. BIETZ is spending December 27 and 28 at Wahpeton looking after the literature interests. He expects to spend Sabbath, December 29, with the Fargo church.

The young people's convention at New Home was well attended by the neighboring churches. The convention proved a success. We were glad that young people from the following churches were represented: Bowdon, Pettibone, Pleasant Valley, Jamestown, and Bismarck. We know that the young people have gathered new courage and are determined to be more active in missionary work.

Information has come to us that the McClusky young people are laying definite plans to start Sunday evening meetings in a school house. We certainly hope that the meetings will be well attended and that souls will be won for the message.

The Lord favored us with fine weather during the Week of Prayer, and the evening meetings were well attended in our churches throughout the conference. Many of the brethren said that this was the best Week of Prayer that they have ever had.

Brother S. E. Ortnier recently made a trip to Devils Lake and Sheyenne River Academy in the interest of some conference business.

So. Dakota Conference

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South Dakota Sunbeams

PLEASE try to make as liberal a gift as you can on thirteenth Sabbath, December 29, when the special offering for the Philippine Islands and Malaysia will be taken in our Sabbath schools. This will be the last opportunity we shall have this year to give to missions, so let every one plan to help gladden the hearts of the workers in these needy fields by sending a large sum to support the work of the gospel there.

While in the Hills district for the Week of Prayer, Miss Hopkins visited Miss Cleora Turner in her church school in Hot Springs and Miss Hazel Willard in Spearfish. She reports that without doubt nearly all of the church schools in our conference will be entitled to a high rating by the end of 1934. The co-operation being shown in properly equip-

ping the schools and meeting the salaries of the teachers is greatly appreciated.

The following paragraph is quoted from a letter received at our office:

"This is the Week of Prayer and the Week of Sacrifice is over, and I am led of God to sacrifice all possible. As I was pleading with God this noon He told me to give \$10 as a sacrifice offering over what I had given. So I am sending it with the tithe for — and me. This will mean going without lots, but we are so happy to do it that souls may be won to the Lord." This is just one of the many letters that we receive which have the same tone. It is this spirit of sacrifice that will finish the work.

Elder Youngberg reports three baptisms. Several others are ready for baptism. Still others are sufficiently interested to be ready for baptism soon. We are glad for these encouraging reports. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of these who are uniting with us.

Brother Gackenhimer, who has been holding a series of meetings at Winfred, reports one ready for baptism and two others have expressed their desire to be baptized soon. This was a layman's effort. We have heard much about such meetings. These are the fruits of one of them.

Each mail is bringing some fine orders for books and Sabbath school supplies. We shall appreciate receiving your orders as early as possible so that everything can be mailed out before the new year begins.

The Sabbath School Training Course book for next year is in stock. It is entitled "The Soul Winning Teacher." The price is \$1.25, postpaid.

The publishers of the new *Health* magazine are making a special offer during the holiday season of four subscriptions to separate addresses for \$5.00.

The publishers of the *Watchman* have made available what may be called a missionary club—a club of five or more *Watchman* to separate addresses ordered at one time for 60 cents each.

Do not forget to order the Home Missionary Calendar for the new year. We have a good liberal supply in stock at 25 cents each.

Miss Ruby Sheffield and Mr. Lawrence E. Bagley were married November 24, at the home of Elder R. B. Thurber in Nashville, Tenn., Elder Thurber officiating. The bride and groom were former students of Plainview Academy. They will make their home in Madison, Tenn.

Wyoming Mission

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The Work in Cheyenne

LAST summer after camp meeting an open air tabernacle meeting was conducted by the writer in south Cheyenne. This was a rather new venture for Wyoming, for since the altitude is high it was thought that the nights might be too cool for open air meetings. However, no hall or tent being available, a neat enclosure 30 x 50 feet, properly seated and lighted, was built on a nice graveled corner lot on the Denver Highway. The total expense of the effort, not including salary, was \$148.23. Of this amount \$60.50 was given by the members of the Cheyenne church, and \$41.44 was paid from collections taken during the meetings. One man, not a member of our church, donated the use of the lots and much labor toward the building of the tabernacle.

The open air idea took well. The evenings were pleasant, being neither too hot nor too cold. Only twice during the four weeks of meetings were we stopped by rain. Almost every day for nearly three weeks of the time, at about three o'clock, a rain storm would gather in the mountains and come down and drench the tabernacle seats and grounds. However, by time for evening service the seats and graveled ground were dry, and our prayers for a pleasant evening were answered.

From the first the meetings were well attended, and quite an interest was aroused, which we are following up. On Sunday nights the attendance was as high as 375, while the total attendance, during the series of meetings was nearly 3,500.

Having no help but my son, Victor, who had charge of the music, I soon had more interested people than I could properly care for. The meetings were continued in the tabernacle until the weather became too cool, then a short series of meetings was held in the church. Later a baptismal class was formed, and on the closing Sabbath of the Week of Prayer twelve candidates were baptized and taken into the church. Four others are keeping the Sabbath, and we expect to conduct another baptismal class in the near future.

The Week of Prayer proved to be a great blessing to the Cheyenne church, which was especially favored from

Thursday on by the presence of Elder J. F. Piper, and on Sabbath by Elder C. A. Purdom, who on Sabbath afternoon conducted the baptismal service. We appreciate the prayers of our people for the Lord's work in Cheyenne.

F. C. CLARK.

Iowa Conference

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Des Moines

FOR some time the Des Moines church has faced the problem of securing a new church building. Temporary option has been secured on a former Christian Science building located at 927 Eighth Street, about eight blocks nearer the center of town than our present location. This building seats over seven hundred and is in very good condition, but it needs quite a bit of decorating and cleaning. We have secured the option on this place for six months, and have secured the use of the church for the money it costs us to arrange it for worship.

Sabbath, December 15, the first service was held in this new location. Although the weather was very bad, the downstairs auditorium was nearly filled. Professor and Mrs. Hartman brought over some singing talent from Oak Park Academy, and their music was greatly appreciated. Professor Culver and the Oak Park Sabbath school officers took charge of the Sabbath school service, and everybody enjoyed the change in worship. While not completely arranged as yet, the primary, kindergarten, and junior divisions met downstairs in the lower auditorium. Ample room is available for all these divisions. Later on the young people will have their room, but for the present they are meeting in the upper gallery. Professor Hartman took the reading for the closing Week of Prayer meeting, and an earnest season of prayer and consecration closed our first meeting. Everyone rejoiced at the large attendance, for quite a number of visitors and interested people met with us.

Sunday night meetings will begin January 6. The opening lecture will be on the topic, "Modern Science Corroborates the Bible Record," and will be illustrated by sixty very remarkable pictures. If you have friends living in Des Moines, write and tell them about these Sunday night meetings in our new location.

The interest still continues as a result of the meetings held during the summer, and quite a number of new ones are keeping the Sabbath. The work is onward in Des Moines, and we ask the prayers of God's people as we present the message of truth in our capital city.

We are glad that we have a new group of people meeting on the east side. One hundred twenty are attending Sabbath school there, and meetings are also being held during the week. In west Des Moines a group of twenty-nine were in attendance, twenty-two of whom were not of our faith.

The colporteurs are having splendid success in Des Moines. Brother Cass took over \$54 worth of orders one week; Sister Wall, just starting out, sold over \$9.00 worth in one day; Brother Burton sold \$10.50 in three hours. We were glad to have Brethren Collins and Edwards with us in encouraging these new workers.

R. S. FRIES.

Colporteurs' Institute

"VERY much more efficient work can be done in the canvassing field than has yet been done. The canvasser should not rest satisfied unless he is constantly improving."—C. E., p. 43.

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work."—C. E., p. 41.

The reasons for the colporteurs' institute that will be held in Des Moines, December 30 to January 5, are largely to be found in the above statements from Mrs. E. G. White. The following are invited to attend this institute:

1. All faithful, regular colporteurs.
2. Others who have decided to enter the colporteur work and put in faithful time. These will receive room and board at the institute, and their fare back and forth will be paid after three months of faithful work in the field.
3. Any who are interested in the work, and who have thought seriously of joining the bookmen's army. The same conditions apply to this group as to those in group 2.

The following instructors will be present: Elder R. S. Fries, president of the Iowa Conference; Elder D. E. Collins, field missionary secretary of the Central Union Conference; Elder M. N. Skadsheim, pastor of the Des Moines church; R. E. Bowles, manager of the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association; J. H. Nies, secretary-treasurer of the Iowa Conference; P. E. Shakespear, field missionary secretary of the

Nebraska Conference; C. A. Edwards, field missionary secretary of the Iowa Conference.

If interested in the important work of warning a lost world with our literature, write me at once so that arrangements can be made for your accommodation.

C. A. EDWARDS,
734 Main Street,
Nevada, Iowa.

The Colored Work in Des Moines

THIS past summer Elder R. S. Fries conducted a Bible Palace meeting in the city of Des Moines. Many of the colored people of the city attended. It seemed possible that a good work could be accomplished among them, therefore, the Iowa Conference endeavored to secure a minister who could come and work among them. Arrangements were made between Iowa and the Colorado Conferences, and I was asked to spend some time to see what could be accomplished.

After being in the city about three weeks, looking into the situation, a store room was rented and furnished neatly, and a series of lectures was given. These meetings were well attended until the bad weather of rain and snows set in. However, the most interested ones continued to come to hear the messages.

Sabbath, December 1, we held our first Sabbath meeting in the hall, with fourteen present, some of whom were keeping their first Bible Sabbath. This was a joyful day to us.

The president felt confident that something was going to be accomplished, and desired to have a man to take my place when my time should come to leave. The name of Elder R. J. Bradford, of Wichita, Kans., was recommended by our Negro Departmental secretary, Elder T. H. Allison. Elder Bradford made his appearance in the city December 4, and preached his first sermon the following night. December 7 we were blessed with the presence of Elder Allison, who spoke to us on the subject, "Why I Am What I Am." His message was a timely one, and was taken well by the people. It helped settle the people in the truth they were accepting.

Sabbath, December 8, there were eighteen present in the Sabbath school, ten adults having taken their stand for God's holy law and the Bible Sabbath.

The outlook is very pleasing for a strong work to be built up among the colored people in Des Moines. A good foundation has been started, and a man of experience is in the field to further

the work. Let us pray that God may bless the effort.

H. J. MILLER.

News Notes

ELDER R. S. FRIES left the office Sunday evening for St. Louis, where he will attend the ministerial convention, which was arranged by the General Conference for the conferences in the Central and other districts. Nearly all the field workers are attending this convention.

Elder Fries spent last Sabbath with the church at Council Bluffs. In spite of cold weather the church was filled, and he reports the work is prospering under the leadership of Brother L. C. Christofferson and Elder Bresee.

Elder Piper and Elder Fries went to Billings, Mont., where they made final arrangements to secure Elder G. E. Taylor in exchange for Elder J. R. Nelson, of Sioux City. This exchange, voted by the Fall Council, will take effect about the middle of January. We greatly regret to lose Elder Nelson, who has been a successful soul winner in our field for many years. The interest in Sioux City is good, and many additions to the church membership have recently been made. We pray God's blessing upon Elder Nelson as he enters his new field. Elder Taylor will be located in Sioux City for the present.

Station WHO in Des Moines has already given three broadcasting periods to the Penny-a-Dish work. We greatly appreciate this opportunity to present our welfare work to a larger audience.

Dr. John F. Morse, medical superintendent of the Iowa Sanitarium, and Elder K. L. Gant visited some of the church schools in the western part of the state, and spent Sabbath, December 15, with the church at Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Ned Young, of Fort Dodge, is a patient at the Iowa Sanitarium at present. Brother Henry Carskadon, of Gothenburg, Nebr., is also a patient at the sanitarium. He is getting along very nicely and will leave for home before long.

Mr. J. H. Nies, manager of the Iowa Sanitarium, attended a hospital convention in Des Moines on Tuesday, December 18.

Taking Subscriptions for "Health"

IN THE mail received one Sunday morning there were ninety-one single yearly subscriptions for *Health* that were taken by colporteurs or *Health* representatives. This is just suggestive of the success

those introducing *Health* are enjoying, and of the large field for service in every community in the distribution of *Health*.

Many are finding work with *Health* very enjoyable. It is remunerative from the start, and success grows as experience is gained. The opportunities are unlimited for subscription work, as well as for the sale of single copies.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14

	Book	Hours	Sales
NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
William Carver	BPS	34	2.30
Charles Copsey	BR	45	29.00
Herman Higby	BR	47	37.55
Everett Johnson	DR	70	49.00
C. B. Loomer	RJ	39	34.50
Carl Philpott	HP	4	.25
Ralph Sorensen	BR	45	19.00
Evelyn Auxier	BPS	11	17.00
Helga Higby	BPS	7	
Mrs. A. Minchow	BTS	4	2.75
Misc. Sales	Mag	23	6.25
C. A. Pence		27	3.00
Dorothy Perkins	BTS	4	4.50
Anna Rasmussen	Mag	30	13.05
Total		390	218.15

COLORADO: W. G. Herndon, Sec.			
Ramey Good	BR	40	11.50
Mrs. R. Good	Mag	11	1.65
Mrs. Jenkins	BR	18	8.00
D. Marquardt	BR	25	21.00
Mrs. Marquardt	BR	5	5.00
Albert Priest	HP	62	74.30
O. W. Wolfe	BR	6	
Mrs. Curtis	BPS	10	5.00
Mrs. Hartz	BR	20	8.75
Mrs. Ross	Mag	8	4.00
Total		205	139.20

IOWA: C. A. Edwards, Secretary			
H. G. Biggers	Misc	38	19.00
L. R. Burton	Misc	32	11.30
Ed. Cass	BR	41	4.50
Roy Chamberlain	BR	23	23.25
Edwin Coy	BR	43	33.00
John Mayhaad	OD	25	3.25
Katherine Miller	OD	11	.25
Vernon Miller	OD	16	1.75
Ivan Mills	OD	14	10.25
Mrs. Peckham	Mag		4.00
Mrs. A. Walls	BR	16	12.00
Total		259	122.55

MISSOURI: R. J. Thomas, Secretary			
W. A. Burton	DR	28	9.00
G. L. Cooper	RJ	19	6.50
James Donnelly	BR	36	10.25
Arthur Duncan	BR	39	6.00
T. E. Hawkins	BR	11	2.25
Mrs. Johnson	HR		
Floyd Mathews	HR	45	20.50
W. L. Vickers	BPS	20	1.00
Freda Asher	Mag		7.70
Joe J. Maier	Mag	2	1.30
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	33	21.05
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	20	15.70
Mrs. C. Stanley	Mag	15	5.40
Total		268	106.65

WYOMING MISSION:			
L. E. Loomer	HW	97	89.00

NORTH DAKOTA:			
*Beatrice Komoll	GC	24	12.50

*Gladys Wilson	RJ	74	40.75
Solomon Krueger	BR	20	10.00
A. Koenigsfeld			
Albert Schimke			
Mrs. Gaede	Mag	3	6.40
Total		121	69.65

KANSAS: C. M. Norman, Secretary			
Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	18	15.50
R. B. Kramer	BR	17	6.50
J. T. North	GC	15	.10
J. L. Smith	GC	26	11.75
Total		76	33.85
Grand Total		1,416	779.05

* Two Weeks

Obituaries

CHRISTENSEN.—Mrs. Martin Christensen was born in Jutland, Denmark, Dec. 11, 1841, and died at the home of her son near Clarks Grove, Minn., Nov. 28, 1934. She was married to Martin Christensen in 1866. She leaves to mourn their loss, two sons and one daughter, seven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Sister Christensen has been a faithful believer in the Advent message since 1887. She was laid to rest near the little white church where she has been a faithful and sincere worshipped all these years. N. R. Nelson.

MOLGARD.—Luella Jane French-Molgard was born July 12, 1856, in Washington County, Iowa, and passed away at Lake City, Ia., Nov. 29, 1934. On Oct. 19, 1886 she was united in marriage to Jens Molgard. Left to mourn are her husband, six children, three brothers, two sisters, and many other relatives and friends. Early in life she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining a faithful member until her death. She was laid to rest in Forest Home cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, Ia. Mrs. Fred Norman.

SNYDER.—Albert H. Snyder was born in Ontario, June 27, 1859, and died in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 13, 1934. Quite early in life he accepted the Advent message in Nebraska. He gave liberally to God's cause, and was always ready to help the needy.

Besides his wife he is survived by two brothers, two sisters, two sons, and four daughters.

The service was conducted in Colorado Springs by the writer. R. W. Brown.

RICH.—Mrs. Alice Belle Rich was born in Taylor County, Iowa, March 18, 1868, and died in Denver, Colo., Dec. 10, 1934. Since 1883 she has been a loyal and active worker for her Master. Seven children remain to mourn their loss. She is buried at Palco, Kans. A. H. Rulkoetter.

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.

FOR SALE or trade: 20-acre farm near Remer, Minn. Good buildings, near church school. Would trade for good tractor or truck. For other particulars and terms write Earl E. Rohlf, Culver, Minn.

WANTED.—S. D. A. experienced McCormick Deering tractor and automobile mechanic, to work for McCormick Deering dealer. H. E. Glantz and Son, La Crosse, Kans.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, December 28, 1934

Denver, Colorado	4:42
Des Moines, Iowa	4:50
Topeka, Kansas	5:08
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:38
Jefferson City, Missouri	4:54
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:06
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:01
Pierre, South Dakota	5:10
Casper, Wyoming	4:31

Where to Go for Colporteurs

IN MANY fields right now many of our leaders are asking the question, "Where can I secure more good colporteurs?" The answer to this question is that good men and women of the right type may be found in any place. Our churches have talent that can be brought into winter institutes and trained for service.

As I look about among our regular colporteurs whose work I have carefully studied, I find that they come from everywhere, and from every occupation. One of our best men used to drive a locomotive, another was a street car conductor, and one a sea captain. They may come to us from the farm, the bench, the shop, or mill.

The Lord takes men just as they are and calls them to His service. We must not overlook the good women; scores and hundreds of them are in our churches who may become successful soul-winners. One of the field men in the Central West has just written me that the women in his conference are doing the best.

Everywhere there are young people—fine, earnest, consecrated, young men and women who may be encouraged to find in this publishing work a life interest. Sometimes we look far and wide for colporteur talent. What is the old saying about the grass looking greener in the distant pasture? Perhaps right near-by there are men and women with ability which has been lying dormant just awaiting the stimulus that will cultivate it. This talent will be found where it is least expected, but we are confident that

there are scores of men and women who can be encouraged to find their place in this work and succeed. The coming winter institutes will provide opportunity for many to receive a special training for this work.

E. E. FRANKLIN,

Gen. Conf. Publishing Dept.

A Wonderful Testimony

AN influential lady staying at the sanitarium in England was persuaded by one of our workers to read "Desire of Ages." She was not eager to do this, as she was familiar with other volumes on the life of Christ already. But she came back from her reading all aflame with interest.

"Why," she said, "a little people like you ought not to have this book! It ought to be in the hands of the great London publishers so that it could be brought to the attention of all."

Naturally she began to read other books by the author of "Desire of Ages" and was amazed at their wonderful teaching. "That author is inspired," she declared. And she wrote out this testimony:

"After a lifetime studying the religions of the world—the efforts of the human soul to get into contact with the Infinite—I came across a book by Ellen G. White, the very name of which describes its motive, 'The Desire of Ages.' Since reading this truly wonderful book my most ardent wish for this suffering, distraught world is that every man and woman should become, through its pages, familiar with its supreme Subject, and that the mind of every child should be nourished on it. I can imagine no gift to mankind that could help humanity more really to live, for in it are, indeed, the words of eternal life."

Your Book and Bible House can supply you with a copy of "Desire of Ages" on your order. If you do not have a copy why not order at once and have this wonderful book to help you study your Sabbath school lessons for the twenty-one months the lesson will be on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," beginning with the first quarter of 1935? Bound in cloth, postpaid, \$2.25; bound in keratol, limp, postpaid, \$3.25.

Do You Know

—How to solve all the problems with your boys and girls?

—WHERE you can receive experienced advice?

—How to fit yourself for the finer responsibilities of parenthood?

—WHETHER you have been a faithful or an unfaithful steward of your God-given children?

THAT your obligations to your children do not end with board, room, clothing, and even schooling?

—THAT there are three kinds of teachers for your children—Sabbath school teachers, church school teachers, and home teachers?

—THAT though the work of the other teachers may come and go, the work of the home teacher goes on forever?

—THAT the work of parents underlies every other?

—THAT during the first fifteen years of the average child's life, he spends one thousand hours in the church, nine thousand hours in school, and fifty thousand waking hours in the home? In other words, he spends five times as many hours at home as in the church and school combined.

—THAT the teachers in the homes and the teachers in the schools should have a sympathetic understanding of one another's work? They should labor together harmoniously, imbued with the same missionary spirit.

—THAT there is one—and only one—periodical in all the world devoted exclusively to helping parents and teachers in this great work?

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Order from your local Book and Bible House today. Tomorrow may be too late for some boy or girl or some home.
J. B. NELSON.

The Narcotic Evil Exposed

EARLY in December the Federal Government put on a drive against narcotics, making a special effort to apprehend those engaged in this nefarious traffic. Within a few days more than 800 were reported in the coils of the law, some of whom headed organizations to supply and peddle these drugs. A strong effort is being made to break the narcotic ring, which is insidiously and persistently working to increase the number of drug addicts in the United States.

"Battling the Wolves of Society" treats of this evil. It is only 25 cents at your Book and Bible House. Write for rates. Now is a good time to sell this book exposing the "dope" business.