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The "Outlook"

While we start the Northern Union Outlook with Volume 1, Number 1, on the date line above, this is not at all the first issue of the official organ of the Northern Union Conference, for I observe from the February 23, 1932 issue of the Northern Union Reaper, which announced the action taken at the 1932 union conference session, to unite the Northern and Central Union Conferences, that it was Number 8 of Volume 27. I do not know just how many more issues were printed that year, but it was only a short time until with the merging of the two unions into the enlarged Central Union Conference, the Central Union Outlook became the Central Union Reaper. And when, at the union conference session in February of this year, it was voted to reorganize the Northern Union Conference, it was evidently thought best not to change again the name of the Central Union Reaper in order to restore the name "Reaper" to the Northern Union, but rather to use the name "Outlook" to complete the title of the official organ for the reorganized Northern Union Conference.

With this brief introduction and explanation for the benefit of those who may not have heard about it, we launch the Northern Union Outlook, soliciting your cooperation and prayers to the end that it may prove to be an efficient and satisfactory medium for the communication of news, announcements, and encouraging articles to the Seventh-day Adventist membership in the Northern Union Conference, who make its publication possible by their loyal support, both financially and otherwise.

While, in our effort to operate the union conference on a balanced budget from the very beginning of its organization, it was planned to start the Outlook as a four-page paper, eight-page numbers will be issued when necessary in order to properly serve the field. In order to handle the publication of the Outlook, the Oak Park Press installed some new type-setting and mailing equipment which necessitated enlargement of their

quarters. This work may not be entirely completed before the first issue is printed, but I trust it will occasion no difficulty or delay in making up or mailing the Outlook.

In case any of our readers have constructive complaints or suggestions, feel perfectly free to send them in, for, as above stated, we will appreciate your cooperation in our effort to make the Outlook all that it should be.

A. R. Smouse.

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The Thirteenth Sabbath Silver Jubilee Offering

A Quarter Century of Achievement

By M. N. Campbell

Twenty-five years ago, in 1912, the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference launched the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan, with a call to our Sabbath schools to give to the establishment of the work in the cities of India. The call was answered with a gift by the Sabbath schools of \$7,674, and workers were sent to India to open work in the cities of India in a strong way. Today churches of European believers will be found in the coastal cities of Calcutta, Bombay, Rangoon, Madras, Columbo, and at interior points, that are a credit and a strength to the work. These churches now contribute yearly more than was given to their establishment in 1912.

Nineteen hundred thirty-seven marks the twenty-fifth anniversary or Silver Jubilee of that first thirteenth Sabbath gift to India. When this anniversary was called to the attention of the Sabbath School Department, the General Conference treasury had already assigned the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of Sabbath, June 26, to India. In view of this, this Sabbath was selected for the Silver Jubilee objective, and plans laid for making it an outstanding event in Sabbath School history.

During the year since the establishment of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan, the Sabbath schools

of this faith have given a total of \$7,100,000 in these offerings alone, or an average of \$71,000 for each thirteenth Sabbath of the twenty-five year period. It is a marvelous record. A goal is set for each thirteenth Sabbath, and a portion of all above that goal goes to the field concerned, in addition to their regular budget. In overflows alone, more than \$650,000 has been raised and distributed. From these overflows schools, publishing house equipment and additions, sanitarium and hospital needs, churches and chapels, mission homes, and other facilities too numerous to list have been provided for mission fields.

Outstanding examples of these overflow helps in mission lands are the Shanghai Sanitarium (\$18,611); Helderberg College Administration Building, South Africa, (\$10,000); a training school in Bolivia and equipment of their hospital; reopening of East African Missions following the great war, (\$38,363); assisting to complete sanitariums in Japan and Korea; chapels in Catholic Europe, China, Korea, the Phillipines, South America, Inter-America, and other lands. Surely the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering plan with its overflow provision has been an unqualified blessing in the advance of this message. While these special objectives have been attained by the overflow gifts, the Sabbath schools have sustained the regular mission program by raising one-half of all mission offerings given.

For the Silver Jubilee a new goal has been set. It is the largest in our Sabbath school history. But this is a special occasion, and should be fittingly celebrated. The goal of Sabbath, June 26, is \$150,000. To make its attainment possible, the individual goal per church member is set at \$2.00, making the Thirteenth Sabbath a Double Dollar Day. Special envelopes have been provided for the occasion, and have been sent out to all Sabbath schools. It is suggested that those who have had the blessings and privileges of the Sabbath school for the entire Jubilee period (25 years), make their gifts outstanding, from ten cents to one dollar for each

year of the period covered, or from \$2.50 to \$25.00 each. This would indeed make it a worthy celebration for them.

Should the goal of \$150,000 for Silver Jubilee Sabbath be attained, it will provide an overflow of \$20,000. Of this, \$10,000 will go to India for special needs beyond their budget calls. The other \$10,000 will be divided equally among the other mission divisions. With hearts aflame with the love and zeal of the Master, and with eager desire to see his work completed in all the earth, let us make June 26 a day long to be remembered by our Sabbath schools in all the world.

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Baptism at St Paul

Sabbath, May 29, thirteen souls united in church fellowship by baptism. In every baptismal class, we have those who are born into the Message under unique circumstances. So also in class, we have those of interesting experiences.

One young girl comes from a Catholic home. Her father was a drunkard, and the mother deserted the family, leaving the care of the home to this oldest daughter. The responsibility of her younger brothers, the continual scarcity of food, the lack of clothing and other needs, and the abuse from a drinking father, brought despondency and despair to this young girl. One day she became very ill. She was rushed to the hospital and was placed in a room with another young girl about her own age who was a member of the St. Paul Seventh-day Adventist church. It was an opportunity for real missionary work, and our young sister soon made herself acquainted. They talked about hope and courage and the loving Saviour who died for both young and old. The young girl received a new vision and her hope in the return of our Saviour brought new life to her despondent soul. She continued to study and when released from the hospital, she became a constant attendant at the Sabbath services. When the call was made for baptism

and complete surrender she, with others, responded.

Our missionary sister remained in the hospital, having a prolonged illness. Nevertheless, another seeker for truth was sent to the same hospital for medical attention, this time a more aged person. Again, this Seventh-day Adventist girl made contact and found a soul reaching for truth. Our Bible worker gave the regular studies on the message, and she too, became a member of our class. When the rewards are being distributed by our Heavenly Father, this young missionary in the hospital will be given her share in winning these souls for the Master.

Another person in the class is a man who a few years ago lost his second wife. Both of his wives were Catholics, but he never united with that faith. For some time he has read various books pertaining to the Message. Step by step the Lord was guiding him into the faith. He, with his cousin, were constant attendants at our night services, and we made several personal visits. He finally decided to sell his home, resign his position at the commission house, and travel west. After discussing the matter with the writer, he agreed that the best place to witness for his Lord was right at home among those who knew what he was, and to let them know what God has done for him. No more beer, no more tobacco, no more cards, no more snobs, etc. To witness for the Master where he is not known would not be at all so effective. "But how can I get off on Sabbath?" was the next question. "How can I have sufficient courage to ask my superior for Sabbath privileges?" However, God prepared the way.

One Friday night a special article was read on the Sabbath question. The spirit of God accompanied the reading. The brother could not sleep that night. It was holy time and how could he be on duty on the Sabbath? These thoughts would not leave him all night. Finally he decided to roll the burden upon the Lord, and he made his decision to keep the Sabbath at any cost. He decided to go on duty in the morning, but present his desire to his superior when he would come into the office about 9 A. M. Our brother went to the office around seven o'clock. To his surprise, his superior came about the same time which was very unusual. Immediately the Spirit said, "Now is the

time to talk the matter over before anyone else comes." So while they were alone, the brother made known the desire of his heart. He said, "Mr. ———, I have a special request and favor to ask of you. I do not want to work on Saturday any more. I would like to be released from Friday noon to Saturday night. I shall be glad to be here on Sunday." To his surprise, Mr. ——— answered immediately, "That suits me fine. We need a man here on Sunday and if you want to do that, it will work out all right. But now let us see what the rest of the men will say. Let us call all the heads of the departments and hear what they have to say." So he wrote a notice on the board and called a special council meeting. The meeting, however, was held ahead of the appointed hour for the men were all present. They locked themselves into a room so they would not be disturbed until they had finished. The manager presented the matter by telling them that they needed a man to look after their business on Sunday. "The commission house has cattle and stock coming in every Sunday, and there is no one here to receive the business. We have a man who is willing to be here all day Sunday if he could have Saturday for himself." From every person came the approval, "That is fine. We are agreed." "But," said our brother, "I want to be relieved each week at noon Friday and not just for a month or two months, but henceforth." "That is all right," was the response. It was then eleven o'clock on Sabbath morning. He was asked, "When do you want to begin?" "Right

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now, this very hour," was the reply. Our good brother walked out of that office the happiest man in the world. The night struggle ended in the morning joy.

C. S. Wiest.

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Wedding

On Sunday evening, June 6, at the Marshalltown Seventh-day Adventist church, Dean C. Duffield of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Katherine D. Riley of Marshalltown, Iowa, were united in marriage, pastor C. H. Miller of Waterloo officiating.

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Iowa Sanitarium News

Among the recent arrivals at the sanitarium are Mrs. R. V. Riggs of Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Jesse Hendrix of Knoxville, Iowa; Mrs. C. H. Miller of Waterloo, Iowa; and Mrs. Roy L. Britain of Cresco, Iowa, who came for surgery.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert enjoyed a visit with Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Talmage of St. Helena Sanitarium, who stopped on their way back to St. Helena from taking post work in the East.

Our business manager, H. J. Perkins, gave a talk on Japan at the Rotary Club last week.

Dr. E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute, visited the sanitarium recently on his way back to Tennessee.

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Centerville

God works in mysterious ways. I arrived in Centerville about April first to help build a church, and hold a series of meetings. Although Centerville has a church membership of fifty or more, they have never had a church home.

We experienced a great deal of difficulty in obtaining the desired location, as it was tax sale property and had to be bought of the county, also our project and lot purchase must have the city council's approval.

About this time the city election was held, which changed its council and caused further delay. However, shortly after we came, one of our brethren at Exline, about seven miles away, asked if I would preach there

in the Gospel Hall, which was in charge of two lady evangelists belonging to an organization called the "Open Bible." I readily assented as I did not think I would be permitted to speak. To my surprise I was invited to speak the following Sunday night and for a week if I so desired. I thought best not to let them know I was a Seventh-day Adventist, but it became known before Sunday night. However, the hall was packed to overflowing, so that many were not able to get inside, and some were sitting on the floor. The following week I spoke also and continued until I had preached for six weeks. The two lady evangelists started to keep the Sabbath, but then they sent for some tracts against us and from that time on their attitude changed.

On May 29 a baptism was held in Centerville, at which time seven were buried with their Lord in baptism and united with the Centerville church. Elder A. J. Gordon from Des Moines came for the Sabbath morning service, also for the baptism. His visit and inspiring sermon were much appreciated. The total cost of the effort was about \$9.00 and nearly \$5.00 of this came in as collections. God blessed our effort with souls, for which we are indeed thankful.

Our building is progressing nicely in spite of so much rain, and we hope to begin our meetings about July 11. We solicit your prayers.

L. P. Knecht

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Work on farm by boy sixteen. Can milk. Floyd Kivett, 2821 Blaisdell Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

WANTED.—Work at once by young licensed driver. Can also drive and repair tractor and do other farm work. Edwin Bisek, Alexandria, Minnesota, Route 3.

WANTED.—An elderly Adventist sister to live with me,—one who is able to care for a heating stove. Will you write for further information? Please write at once. Mrs. J. W. Valentine, Greenfield, Iowa.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 12, 1937

Iowa — G. H. Boehrig, Sec.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
Maxine Bell	RJ	13	3.25	
Glenn Bowes	H	12	12.00	7.50
R. Chamberlain	BR	46	33.50	9.00
Mrs. A. Clothier	RJ	6	3.25	
*E. Halvorson	RJ	69	70.25	
Edna Jeys	RJ	39	35.00	1.25
Beatrice Komoll	GC	25	34.75	.25
Mrs. M.H. Meeker	BL	41	44.50	7.50
Vernon Miller	BR	36	8.25	.25
H. W. Niswonger	H	59	173.65	25.45
DeWitt Osgood	OT	34	19.25	4.50
Gordon Osgood	BL	46	6.50	.75
Glenn Shelton	BR	21	21.00	10.50
			447	465.05
				66.95

Minnesota — C. G. Cross, Sec.

Clare G. Rust	M	48	17.15	17.15
B. O. Engen		43	21.20	17.25
Myrtle Peterson	M	39	23.45	9.45
R. J. Jones	BR	38	33.50	36.25
Miss C. E. Powers	M	38	14.05	14.05
Doone Andrus	M	33	11.65	11.65
James VanDyver	GC	26	26.00	5.50
Virginia Rust	M	22	6.60	6.60
Iva Fleming	M	12	4.50	3.20
Ruth Olson	HP	9	12.35	1.10
H. E. Preston	GC	1		6.75
Mrs. F. Anderson	M		22.50	22.50
*Julia Moen	M	36	34.70	34.70
			345	227.65
				186.15

North Dakota — F. L. Burkhardt, Sec.

G. A. Fandrich	ND	30	.75	7.30
W. Fandrich	ND	26	11.00	15.85
E. Henrich	RJ	58	61.50	2.35
Edwin Kungel	RJ	12	10.00	
Lynn Leas	ND	60	56.50	3.85
			186	139.75
				29.46

*Two Weeks
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Our Largest Harvest Ingathering Gift

By G. F. Enoch

About thirteen years ago Elder T. R. Flaiz approached a Hindu gentleman, the Zemindar of Telaprole, at Nuzvid, South India, asking for an Uplift Gift, as we call Harvest Ingathering out in India, hoping to receive at least 100 rupees. He told the Zemindar of our dispensaries and hospitals and of the unselfish ministry of healing offered to all. The Zemindar immediately offered to give our mission an uncompleted hospital he had begun for a gift to the government whose building had been interrupted by the Great War. He offered to turn this over to us for completion.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, June 22, 1937

Des Moines, Iowa 7:53
 St. Paul, Minnesota 8:03
 Bismarck, North Dakota 8:42
 Pierre, South Dakota 8:28

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News Items

Elder B. A. Scherr, of the Iowa Conference, was a welcome caller at the office last Tuesday.

Elders Oswald, Gant, Gerrard and Reiner have been attending the North and South Dakota camp meetings.

Brother A. R. Smouse has been auditing the Minnesota Conference records so that the audited statements could be ready for presentation at the conference session.

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Obituaries

EVANS: Corintha A. Evans was born October 18, 1854 in Ohio, but came to Iowa shortly after Iowa became a state. Many years ago she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she remained a faithful member to the time of her death, which occurred June 5, 1937, at Clarion, Iowa. Following the funeral service, which was conducted by the writer at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Marshalltown, Iowa, she was laid to rest in Timber Creek cemetery, south of Marshalltown near the home of her childhood.

C. H. Miller.

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MOHR: Laura Challoty Mohr, of Spencer, Iowa, was born November 1, 1858 at Bullsgap, Tennessee, and departed this life Monday, June 7, 1937. She was baptized in 1898. Though Sister Mohr did not always have church privileges, she ever remained faithful to the blessed hope.

DeWitt S. Osgood.

INGATHERING GIFT

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we sending him the bills to pay as needed.

We accepted the offer and the Zemindar has fulfilled his contract. There is today a splendid training center at Nuzvid, with a hospital of forty-five beds, with a fine operating theater and laboratory, three nice bungalows, one for Dr. D. E. Semmens, another for Dr. Emma Hughes, a third for Elder D. W. Hunter, also a building for native nurses, all together costing to date more than \$50,000. Across the road is a Chatram, or guest house, for accommodation of friends of patients in the hospital, built with money provided by a friend of the Zemindar. It is good to report that the interest of the Zemindar in our work has grown through the years and he still enters into "our" plans with great pleasure.

There has developed at Nuzvid a very important center for our work in South India. The only center we have for training nurses and compounders is here. The staff of this institution is at present two foreign doctors, Dr. D. E. Semmens and Dr. Emma Hughes, two American nurses, Miss E. Binder and Miss B. Gore, and fourteen Indian nurses and eleven compounders. As in all mission hospitals they take in many derelicts but the power of God is present to heal and many wonderful recoveries are witnessed. About seventy-five per cent of their cases are surgical. Dr. Semmens reports that last year they lost only three and one-half per cent of their cases. He says they have had at least one case of every disease known to the medical fraternity.

Just to give one sample of the good work done at this hospital, Dr. Semmens reports: "A little girl was brought in with a compound fracture of the leg. As usual she came after being treated elsewhere. She was wearing a poultice of sticky green leaves inside a bamboo splint. There was no way to save her life except by amputating her leg. Her parents refused to have it done and took her away. Later she was returned to us in a worse condition with a temperature of 105 degrees. Finally we amputated the leg and she had a wonderful recovery. She had been so scared by her parents that when she first came she would scream every time we approached her bed. But Dr. Emma Hughes took her under

wing and mothered her. By tender care and love she finally was brought to the place where she would smile whenever we came near her." Just multiply this case by thousands that throng this hospital and dispensary throughout the year and you have a faint idea of what is being accomplished.

Dr. Semmens further reports; "We have the confidence of the people for many miles around the institution. Sometimes it is hard to get patients into the hospital, and later just as hard to get them out. We have worship each day with the patients, excellent Friday night meetings, and our nurses go about the wards singing to them. Many times our church is filled with patients and their friends (non-Christians). Often we are called on to dedicate their babies. We do a large amount of village work, and this has resulted in seven baptisms last year and many interested." An outstation was built about 59 miles from Nuzvid, and a compounder stationed there, and Dr. Semmens makes regular visits. The cash receipts pay for all their medicines and the salaries of all of their Indian helpers. The largest month's receipts during 1936 was \$1,000, as this hospital is located in a very poor section.

This is but one of our hospitals in India, the gift of a fine Hindu gentleman. The work of training our Indian girls as nurses, and our Indian boys as compounders, goes steadily on. Government recognition is not yet ours as they require recognized schools to have 75 beds, we have but 45. Nurse Binder says of her work, "We are so enthusiastic about our work that many times we want to work twenty-four hours a day, and would do so if we could maintain our health."

The evangelistic work carried on from this center is to receive help from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, June 26.

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"The same jolting that causes the small pebbles to go to the bottom brings the large ones to the top."

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"Kindness is catching, and if you go around with a thoroughly developed case, your neighbor will be sure to get it."

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"When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone."