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Columbia Waiting

One of the most promising mission fields in all the earth is Colombia in South America. In a letter just received Elder L. V. Finster, Superintendent of the Columbia-Venezuela Union Mission, he writes as follows:

"The Lord is opening up things here faster than we can fill the calls. When Elder Baxter arrived in Bogota the first Sabbath there were some five or six delegations there to beg him to come to their place to instruct them so they could be baptized. He writes that in one place, through the efforts of a lay member, there are one hundred twenty-four awaiting baptism as soon as they can be instructed. There are scores of small groups back in the Llamas where they are keeping the Sabbath. When I visited him the other day in Ibague we found a large number there who are awaiting baptism. In a nearby town we also met with another group of over forty who are keeping the Sabbath. Up in the mountains nearby there are many families who are interested. We are arranging for Brother Carlos Plata to locate at Ibague. He will be kept busy a long time preparing those who are now interested for baptism.

"Brother Kinzer just made a trip back in the interior of Bolivia to baptize some that were ready for the rite. Delegation after delegation came to him for someone to go to their place and hold meetings. He says that if they could have a worker to send back there, in a short time they could have five hundred members. He also writes that a colporteur has just returned from La Goajiar—most Northern part of South America—and reports a group there keeping the Sabbath, and that they were sending in their tithe and offerings. Brother Gonsales, our field man for that mission, has just returned from the upper Choco province and found many there interested in the Truth. He was the first colporteur to enter that part of the country. Brother Kinzer writes: "But what can I do to these calls?" He is now holding an effort in a suburb of Barranquilla. In his letter he said that they had one hundred three last

Sabbath at their Sabbath School.

"The church of Malaga interestea some people in Capitanejo, some twenty-five miles distance, and they soon grew to be a larger church than the mother church. After a while they interested some people in La Bricha, some two days journey distance; and they soon grew larger than their mother church. I just received a letter from there saying that three of their men had just returned from a four day trip over the plateau where they have another interest and are calling for help."

Elder Finster pleads for a small training school, which is so greatly needed, and for more missionaries. He urges stronger that Colombia, the third largest county in South America, should wait no longer. Brother Finster also expresses his gratitude to all in America for their faithful Harvest Ingathering work on behalf of foreign missions. Surely the fruitage of this work is abundant.

L. H. Christian

Victory Over Drink

Every Protestant minister and hundreds of prominent laymen in the state of New York receive regularly "The Civic Bulletin," published in Albany. In the August issue, the Rev. O. R. Miller, D. D., state superintendent of the New York Civic League, voluntarily writes up the Temperance issue of the Signs of the Times, under the caption, "Victory over Drink." He says:

"A great new educational campaign is demanded. The cold bare dreadful damning facts must be made known. The country must be aroused from end to end. Christians everywhere must rise to the challenge. Education alone is not enough. Slaves of Alcohol must be shown the way of escape.

"To meet this need a special 16 Temperance issue of the Signs of the Times, devoted exclusively to this subject, may be secured at the very low rate of \$2.00 a hundred copies—still lower in lots of a thousand. Single copies 5 cents, one dozen copies, 35 cents. Write (gives Book

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J. R. Ferren.

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An Excellent Start

The churches of Minnesota are not waiting for the official opening date for the launching of the Harvest Ingathering. The following churches, have already reached their goals: Detroit Lakes, Willmar, Pipestone, Good Thunder, Eagle Bend, Richville, Bemidji, Hibbing, and Beacon Light. Many others are all but over the top. Brother A. L. Bietz reports that the Mankao church has passed the five-hundred-dollar mark, and expects to reach the full goal within a few days. They had raised only twenty-two dollars by September 9 last year.

Our district leaders are very courageous and optimistic and they are organizing their forces to put every church over the goal within just a few weeks. The very motto of the conference men seems to be, "The

Late Hour Demands Haste". Surely the Lord blesses a united, consecrated effort when every member steps in and does his part.

Fifteen persons have already reported that they are on the Minute-Man Roll. What a wonderful thing if every member could raise at least \$11.49 and thus keep the work of God in all the world moving for one minute? It is our God-given opportunity.

The St. Paul and Minneapolis singing bands are working hard and are having excellent success. Many other places report very good work by their singing bands.

It will pay every member to watch the reports in the future. God is in this movement and now is the time for every Seventh-day Adventist to volunteer for service.

V. E. Pengh.

Albert Lea Dedication Postponed

Telegraphic information has just reached us to the effect that the Albert Lea church dedication has been postponed. Further announcement will be made as to the exact date.

Editor.

News Items

Elder A. J. Lockert reports the baptism of seven at Willmar on Sabbath, August 28. Also one person was taken into the church on profession of faith. This has brought courage to the workers and church members at Willmar.

This fine report came today from Elder D. K. Olsen: "I have just baptized fifteen more precious souls in my district.

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Our young people all over the conference are looking forward to the opening day of school. We expect to see Minnesota well represented at Union College and at Maplewood Academy this year. Many other churches that have not had a church school are hoping to soon be able to have one for their children. "Every Seventh-day Adventist child in our own schools", should be our constant slogan and endeavor.

Annual Colporteur Institute

We expect to hold our annual colporteur institute early this fall. A large number have already expressed their desire to attend and learn how to sell our books and periodicals.

A person cannot sell shoe strings or skyscrapers and make a success if he is unprepared. Even though God has assured us of success again and again in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy, yet success is dependent upon our willingness to learn and to follow counsel. Fourteen new recruits were present last year. How many will attend this time?

Watch these columns for further announcements as to date, place, and accommodations.

C. G. Cross, Field Secretary.

The Fork Of The Road

"Stop! Look! Listen!" Dear parents and young people, another school year is nearly here. Just what are your plans? Signs on every hand plainly indicate that we are living in the closing days of earth's history. In view of these conditions, are you doing all that is within your power to give your children the education God would have them receive in order to prepare them for the coming conflict?

I believe that when the Lord inspired Paul to write, "Come out from among them, and be ye separated," he did not expect S. D. A. parents to send their children back into the world to be educated by the world. Some day the Great Judge will ask, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" May God help each parent to answer the question aright and recognize the part Christian education plays in helping to answer the question. Give your children an education that will help to fit them for a life beyond and not merely for this present life.

Young people, as you stand at the "Fork of the Road", are you hesi-

tating as to which way you should take? I appeal to you to do everything within your power to secure a training such as is given at Maplewood Academy, where your faith in God and this message will be strengthened rather than weakened.

The present prospects are for the largest enrollment that Maplewood has had for many years. The Lord has greatly blessed each department of the school this summer. The farm crops are good and the bindery has done exceptionally well. The craftshop recently purchased two more cars of lumber and another car has been ordered for delivery the first of November. Miss Barber and her girls are busy canning for the coming year.

If you are undecided as to whether you should attend high school or Maplewood, pray that the Lord will help you to make the right decision, and I am sure September 13 will find you at Maplewood.

Paul Ford.

House To House

"We made a round trip with a hundred per cent delivery. I am of good courage and looking forward to a big week next week."

"Am of good courage. My only trouble is in getting books fast enough."

"At one place I stopped I just began the canvass when the lady asked the price. I told her, and she said that was the very book she had been looking for. She wanted one for her children. She gave me a dollar down payment."

"Back to work again! I've been working among practically all French Catholics this week. They are hard customers, but Christ died for them as well. One man said after I had canvassed him for "Bible Readings", "That is just what I have been looking for."

"My courage is good and am striving for increased victory in my life and work."

There is a great need for more colporteurs in Minnesota. Have you prayed about this fact? Soon now we shall hold a ten day institute designed to train colporteur evangelists. "A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?" C. E., p. 42.

C. G. Cross.

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Sanitarium News Items

Iowa Sanitarium News Notes
 Sister Edith Ortner recently returned to her home in Aplington, Missouri, feeling much improved from her stay at the sanitarium.

The field secretary of the Kansas Conference, Brother Edwin Coy, together with his wife, called at the sanitarium on August 24.

Miss Evelyn DeBooy, who worked at the sanitarium while completing her academic course at Oak Park Academy, left on August 23 to take up work at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

The work on the first section of the boiler house is still progressing satisfactorily, and when completed will be a great improvement in that department.

Miss Ruth Cheesman, who has spent many months as a guest at the sanitarium, was recently called to her home in New York State, by the serious illness of her father.

Caroline Schultz of Avoca, Iowa, who spent some time at the sanitarium last winter and spring, has returned for additional sanitarium care.

Brother Herman Staff is in Chicago completing a technician's course. This month is being devoted to laboratory and x-ray procedure. Brother Staff has rendered very faithful service here at the sanitarium during the past years, and we feel very happy that we are able to give him this opportunity for additional training and study, which will also be a great asset to our institution.

Brother and Sister H. L. Malone of Merriman, Nebraska, have come to join our staff. Brother Malone is taking Brother Staff's place in the treatment rooms during his absence, and is rendering very efficient service. Sister Malone is working on the floors, which is helping us out materially, as we have been very busy and greatly in need of more nurses.

Now is an opportune time for those to come to the sanitarium who are needing their tonsils and adenoids removed. A special price is made to Seventh-day Adventists of \$15.00 each for a group of two, and \$12.00 each for a group of three or more. This includes the operation, operating room

charges, and twelve hours in the hospital. Our regular rates for rooms are from \$28.00 to \$38.50 per week, from which a discount of 10 per cent is given to all Seventh-day Adventists.

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**Evangelism In
 North Dakota**

Good reports continue to come in from our evangelists. At Kathryn, where Elder Rhoads and Brother Torkelson are continuing evangelistic meetings, ten people have definitely taken their stand for the truth and quite a number of others are under conviction. We believe that a new church will be established in Kathryn.

From Rolla the report comes to us that several people are taking their stand for the truth.

Elder J. C. Michalenko, writing from Max, says that many people there are interested in the truth and he is continuing meetings every night. Speaking of the fine interest, he says he has never seen anything like it. The whole town talks about the evangelistic meetings conducted by the Seventh-day Adventists.

On Sunday, August 22, five souls were baptized at Butte, where Elder S. Demchuk has been leading out in the meetings. Elder Michalenko says that they are planning another baptism on September 5.

The open air dome meeting in Grand Forks closed Sunday night, August 29. When the call was made for persons to rise their hands who were willing to keep the Sabbath, five hands went up. Seven people have been baptized and Elder Skedsheim and Rusted are planning for another baptism to be held the first week in September.

The Harvest Ingathering work is well under way. Very encouraging reports are coming in.

D. N. Wall

"Those who would be workers together with God must strive for perfection of every organ of the body and quality of the mind."—C. O. L. p. 333.

For The Thirtieth Time

This year will mark the thirtieth annual Ingathering endeavor for Seventh-day Adventists. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the great victories which have been won in these few years and we have every reason to expect that the Lord will abundantly bless in this great soul-winning endeavor. The fields everywhere are ripe for the harvest and the reapers are ready to go forth.

"A greater work in a shorter time" is the great object, and we hope to shorten the campaign by at least two weeks this year. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

The problem of foreign missions belongs not only to the mission leaders, but it belongs to the entire home church. The church, family or individual that does not believe in a foreign mission program will sooner or later lose out. The work at the home base must not be neglected, and it is very important. These interests will be blessed and benefited all the more by our giving strong support to foreign missions.

"The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working actively to supply the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the source of all power." Testimonies Vol. 6, page 27.

Our message can fulfil its divine mission only as it is given successfully in all the world. If we could only lift up our eyes and view the need as it really is, there would be a decided forward move.

Geo. Loewen
 Home Missionary Sec.

**COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR
 WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 1937
 Minnesota—C. G. Cross, Sec.**

	Bks.	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
K. Evenson	Misc.	59	115.15	25.90
R. J. Jones	BR	53	40.25	27.50
B. O. Engen	Misc.	46	20.75	20.75
C. G. Rust	Mag.	41	18.05	18.05
C. Merickle	DND	39	8.75	3.75
V. Rust	Mag.	38	9.40	9.40
A. Gerrard	Mag.	37	7.50	3.00

Frederickson Mag.	35	5.50	
G. Ytredal DND	34	19.85	4.60
M. Peterson Mag.	32	11.60	12.60
Iva Fleming Mag.	31	22.05	12.15
Miss Powers Mag.	24	5.60	5.60
B. Prettyman GC	30	43.25	1.50
Mrs. Paul BR	20	3.35	
N. Magnuson BR	15	14.60	21.35
*J. Dufstrom Mag.	22	17.30	8.80
H. Santini Mag.	11	9.30	10.80
Christopherson Mag.	6	3.00	3.00

573 381.25 188.75

Iowa—G. H. Boehrig, Sec.

Chamberlain BR	40	50.25	3.25
V. Miller BR	40	12.75	5.25
H.W. Niswonger H	53	188.75	188.75
H. Strickland RJ	30	5.00	1.75
Chamberlain Mag.	1	1.50	1.50
Mrs. V. Miller H	7	.30	.30

171 258.55 200.80

South Dakota—R. H. Brown, Sec.

M. Babcock DND	16	44.00	7.00
Belle Brown H	28	19.50	8.75
Darrell Holtz BTS	17	15.75	4.00
Adele Dorland H	30	13.90	9.40
Mrs. B. Sanford W	35	13.25	4.25
Charles Root BR	54	11.75	47.25
Betty Claridge H	35	12.20	7.70
Sam Brenneise BR	44	4.50	.50
H. Kunsman BR	11	2.25	2.25
L. Rittenbach BR	15		85.10
O. L. Poore BR	39		35.00
G. Torkelson H		12.50	12.50
Donovan Ritchie H		3.00	3.00

324 152.60 226.70

North Dakota—F. L. Burkhardt, Sec.

Alvina Beck DND	79	12.50	
Edwin Kungel RJ	2	5.50	
Esther Krein RJ	20	39.00	
L. Sepchenko RJ	9	8.25	

110 65.25

Union Totals 1178 857.65 616.25
* 2 weeks

Obituaries

McCartney—Mrs. Emma McCartney was born in Illinois, May 8, 1875, and died in Sioux City, Iowa, August 24, 1937. On June 1, 1929 she was baptized by Elder F. W. Johnston and united with the Sioux City Seventh-day Adventist church. She remained faithful until her death. She leaves to mourn four brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted from the Harry Christy Funeral Home by the writer, assisted by Rev. Leon Hilton. She awaits the Life Giver in the Graceland Cemetery.

W. R. Archbold

Carlson: Maggie Moran Carlson was born February 10, 1878, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and died August 26, 1937, at her home in Duluth, Minnesota. She was united in marriage to Emil Carlson, August 11, 1897, and to this union were born two sons, Emil Jr., and Osear, both of Duluth. Mrs. Carlson has been a resident of Duluth for the past forty years.

Tithing

"It is as wrong to violate the law of the Sabbath as it is to lie, steal, or kill. The law was written by the Almighty into the structure of the universe."—Religious Digest.

These plain facts are very clearly set forth in the Holy Scriptures and every honest seeker after truth may understand them. The Sabbath was made, not by man, but for man. God, who declares in His word that the Sabbath is the Lord's and that it is holy, also declares in equally plain language which cannot be misunderstood, that the tithe is the Lord's and that it is holy. It is equally true that as the Sabbath was not made by man, so also the tithing system did not originate with man, but was given by God. Long before God wrote the Sabbath into the Decalogue, He made it and gave it to man. Likewise, long before Moses wrote about the tithe, the Lord acquainted His servants with the sacred obligation of tithing, and therefore we read in the Bible that Abraham and Jacob paid tithe.

If God, who declares the Sabbath to be holy, also declares the tithe to be holy, who would want to claim that the tithe is less holy than the Sabbath, and that withholding the tithe is a sin no less grievous in God's sight than the desecration of the Sabbath.

God plainly calls the withholding of a part of the tithe robbery. (Malachi 3:8—10) He does not call it stealing. There is a distinct difference between theft and robbery. A thief will secretly take that which does not belong to him, in a manner that is unperceived by the one whose goods he steals. The robber, on the other hand, takes that which belongs to another in the very presence of the owner. If a person withholds a part of the tithe, he does so in the presence of a Holy God whose eye beholds the sinful act; therefore, the Lord calls it robbery. Withholding a part of the tithe is sin, and we

must not keep silent on the vital truth of sin. Sin is a most dreadful disease which has its roots in the heart of man.

E. K. Cox, in his book "The Answer By Fire" says: "Right and wrong have become feeble words in our vocabulary. We have spoken softly about sin so that its meaning has become shallow . . . the feeling of guilt has faded out. Along with it has come the persuasion that sin is really not bad at all, and that entirely too much has been made of it. Sin is called a relic of ignorance, an atavism we will outgrow."

And yet sin is sin, and right and wrong should ever remain strong words in the vocabulary of every Seventh-day Adventist.

As I have recently visited the churches a number of people have come to me and inquired if they should pay tithe on this or the other income. The tithe is a principle. The Lord declares that "all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30)

It matters not from which source we receive an income; the tenth part has been reserved by God for a holy use and He declares that "all the tithe" shall be brought into His storehouse. The Lord has promised rich blessings to those who will prove Him in this respect.

D. N. Wall.

Sunset Calendar

September 10, 1937

Des Moines, Iowa	6:33
St. Paul, Minn.	6:33
Bismarek, North Dakota	7:06
Pierre, South Dakota	6:53

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

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