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Our Love For Christ Confessed

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Love to God is manifested in obedience to the truth and love for the brethren. The apostle Paul confessed Christ under most trying circumstances. While under affliction and bonds he declares, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Dear brethren, do you not feel as if you wanted to do something to make the "man of sorrow" a man of joy? Proclaim then everywhere and as often as you can, that you are His friend and that He is your redeemer. Does a wife ever tire of hearing her husband say he loves her? Neither does Jesus ever grow weary of hearing our profession of love and faith in Him. Neglecting to do it, grieves the Saviour and robs Him of exceeding joy. It also robs Him of our influence. We manifest our love for Jesus and the last warning message to the world in our deeds for Him. He has committed a wonderful truth unto us and He desires that we make it known to others. Our profession must not be merely words. A consistent life must testify for the truth that we love and admire. The apostle says, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Men can readily tell whether the love of God is burning within our hearts. "True religion means living the word in your practical life. Your profession is not of any value without the practical doing of the word."

E. H. Oswald.

The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them.—Desire of Ages, p. 668.

North Dakota Conference

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Sheyenne River Academy Faces a Crisis

In the early history of the North Dakota Conference the leading brethren felt deeply impressed with the need of an educational institution where the sons and daughters of Adventist parents might be favored with a Christian education. In harmony with divine instruction the brethren proceeded with plans to establish a Bethel where the youth might find protection against worldly education. In the midst of a crisis the academy was established, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work. Under the administration and guidance of faithful, consecrated, godly instructors, the school has witnessed a steady advancement and growth. A large number of young men and women have been trained and prepared to render acceptable Christian service in connection with the great Advent movement. Some are laboring in the homeland, while others have entered service in the mission field. The results are gratifying. No one regrets his investment represented in the institution.

However, in view of adverse and trying circumstances over which the brethren have had no control, the academy has passed through some very perplexing experiences which have brought a crisis to the members of the board. The constituency, however, have always manifested their interest and loyalty for the academy by rallying to its support. The brethren and sisters of the North Dakota Conference dearly love their school. They are constantly praying that the hand of Providence may direct the boys and girls in choosing their life's vocation.

In recent years because of drouth, the academy has experienced a desperate financial struggle. The laundry building had deteriorated until it was practically beyond repair. The

question of housing the teachers became rather acute as the places which had been rented were sold. The members of the board were brought face to face with a crisis that needed an immediate solution. The need of a laundry building and teachers cottage was imperative, but how could the board proceed without money. In their great need the brethren finally agreed to pay for the improvements out of their operating funds. This was their only alternative. This, of course, leaves the treasury depleted.

The school is now in dire need of financial aid. Accounts with various business firms must be paid, and the only recourse that the school has is to appeal to its constituents. Sabbath, April 2, has been set aside to receive an offering for the purpose of liquidating the deficit in operating. We believe that the brethren of North Dakota Conference will rally to the call and do their very best in bringing an offering for the purpose of helping their school.

E. H. Oswald

Evangelism

Recently I went to Cleveland to see Hans Kuehne who has been holding meetings there. In Cleveland I was told that he and Mrs. Kuehne were out of town visiting a family. It was not far out of town so I drove out to see Brother and Sister Kuehne, since I wanted to talk to him about his work. There was deep snow and it was a bit difficult to get out to the farmer's place, but Brother Kuehne had gone out with his car so I decided I would try it. When I entered the house I learned that Brother Kuehne had just had a season of prayer with the family. Brother Kuehne said, "Elder Wall, we have just had prayer. We were on our knees when you knocked at the door and so you had to wait a little. I prayed and the father of the family prayed. Brother and Sister N. N. want to take their stand for the truth." I was very happy indeed, to find Brother Kuehne on his knees with a family, and happy that this family wanted to take their

stand. The Lord has given Brother Kuehne several souls in Napoleon and we are glad to know the Lord is blessing his labors in Cleaveland.

Brother Theo. R. Torkelson writes a very cheering letter. Two families are beginning to keep the Sabbath and he is very happy over it. Soon there will be a baptism held in Lisbon. This we will announce a little later. He is very busy in visiting from house to house.

Brother Rustad has just sent me his latest handbill announcing his meetings in Grand Forks. He has also been able to continue his broadcasting. A friend had paid for several weeks of broadcasting, and since then he has received money from other people who are interested in truth, to continue his radio work another five weeks. Brother Rustad greatly appreciates the faithful and enthusiastic cooperation of the church members. A number of people are interested and he believes they will take their stand for the truth.

During the week-end of February 25-27, Elder Loewen and the writer conducted a home missionary convention in Bowdon Village. We were glad to see so many in attendance from the Bowdon Village church as well as from other churches. The brethren from the Bowdon country church requested that meetings be held in their church after a few weeks. They have been visiting their neighbors and a number of families are very deeply interested in the truth.

There is much work to be done for the Lord in North Dakota. We must work for souls as we have never done before. This is the time of the latter rain and if we will only seek God for His blessing and work for our friends and neighbors, the Lord will give us a large harvest of souls.

D. N. Wall.

Announcement

A Sabbath school convention will be held in Lisbon on Sabbath and Sunday, March 26-27. On the Sabbath there will be conducted a baptismal service. Brother and Sister Frank Grau, Brother Theo. Torkelson, and Elder and Mrs. D. N. Wall will attend this meeting. It is hoped that all our believers in this district will make an effort to attend it also. The first meeting will be held Sabbath morning at ten o'clock.

We believe the Lord has rich blessings in store for us at this meeting.

Our believers in this district have been carrying on aggressive soul-winning work during the entire year and we believe the work here will continue to grow.

D. N. Wall

Offering for our Academy Sabbath, April 2

Several of our brethren have already come forward with liberal gifts for the academy, without waiting for April 2 when the offering is to be taken. We rejoice to see this spirit of sacrifice and we pray that this same spirit will lead every believer in North Dakota to give to the limit of his ability on Sabbath, April 2. It will mean sacrificial giving on the part of all to help the school pull through the crisis in which it finds itself. I profoundly believe the Lord will pour His blessing upon the North Dakota Conference as each one helps lift the school out of its present situation. We confidently believe all will help shoulder the burden and we thank you in advance.

D. N. Wall

News Items

Elder D. N. Wall is conducting the spring Week of Prayer at the academy this week.

A very successful colporteur institute has just closed at the Academy. Elder P. D. Gerrard, our union conference secretary, spent the entire time with us. A large number of the students attended all the classes throughout the institute.

Nearly every mail brings in some subscriptions for the SIGNS OF THE TIMES. All those who haven't placed their subscriptions, either in the club or single, should do so while the subscriptions may be had at the special rate.

The Liebelt-Schroeder male quartet, from Cleveland, North Dakota, broadcasts over KRMC, 1370 kileycles, Jamestown, each Sunday evening at 5:30 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. Their broadcast is made up of gospel songs in both the English and German language.

We still have some of the VOICE of PROPHECY tracts on our shelves. A number of societies have placed their order. This is the tract that is used this year in systematic tract distribution. The price is \$3.00, post-paid, for 1200 tracts.

The following is gleaned from a letter written by an interested SIGNS

reader: "I received the SIGNS OF THE TIMES and enjoy it very much. I look for it more than any other paper I get. I thank you more than I can tell you for it. I miss it when it does not come when I expect it." The SIGNS has taken first place among all the papers that may be received in many a home.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED is the title of a new book just off the press. It contains 200 questions and answers in classified topical arrangement. The price is only \$1.45 in the cloth binding. Order from the Book and Bible House.

Watchman Week

Calleas is another term used for ancient city watchman. In all established towns the Lord made provision to have these men on the job. If an enemy should steal upon the city the watchman were to arouse the people to their danger.

In modern times the Lord saw fit to have established with this people a monthly journal known as the Watchman. It truly serves as an interpreter of the times, ringing its trumpet-like appeals to all who are in danger. Every month the news, which makes history quickly nowadays, is traced to its position in the fulfilment of prophecy. Without question, every reader can clearly see where we stand in regard to God's prophetic clock.

This magazine finds its way into the hands of people in all walks of life. Many of our members are successfully selling single copies of this magazine in business sections and residential districts. Others go out seeking subscribers. Some churches use the Watchman for missionary work. Through these and other channels it receives a wide circulation.

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F. L. Burkhardt.

S. R. A. News

At this writing we are all enjoying a spiritual feast, the Week of Prayer conducted by Elder Wall.

Brother B. L. Schlotthauer recently paid a brief visit to the academy.

Last Saturday night Brother Brand furnished the entertainment with songs and recitations pertaining to farm life.

The new house is just about completed. By the time this OUTLOOK reaches its readers, Misses Harder and Meeen, Professor and Mrs. Fowler, and Stacia Alexenko, will be nicely located there. Professor Lang and family occupy the house vacated by Professor and Mrs. Fowler.

A number of boys are systematically distributing tracts at Harvey each Sabbath. Beginning Saturday, March 19, the members of the Seminar and Elder Milchalenko will conduct a short series of meetings at our church there. We solicit the prayers of the OUTLOOK readers in their behalf. This will be a new experience to many of the students. They have entitled this series of meetings, "The Voice of Youth."

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Campmeeting Cafeteria

For the past several years our camp meeting cafeteria has been operated on the Sabbath. This has made it necessary for those who worked in the cafeteria to miss almost all of the Sabbath meetings. Many hearts have been troubled as they have seen long lines of people being served in the cafeteria during the sacred hours of the Sabbath.

At the time of our conference session last year the writer asked for a straw vote of those who believed that

it would be better to close the cafeteria on the Sabbath, and nearly every hand was raised. It was a positive evidence to our conference committee that the great majority of our conscientious believers in the conference feel that it would be better for the doors of the cafeteria to remain closed on the Sabbath.

At a recent meeting of the Minnesota conference committee it was unanimously voted that only visiting ministers, who have no adequate means of preparing their meals, shall be served in the dining room on Sabbath this year. All of our people who are camped on the ground will arrange on Friday so that they can have all of their Sabbath meals in their own tents. Those who drive in from neighboring churches on Sabbath morning are requested to bring their lunches with them.

We believe that this will be more pleasing to God and will be more in harmony with true Sabbath keeping.

V. E. Peugh

Maplewood Academy News Items

New flooring will be laid in the main lobby and the library during the next few days.

The academy farm will have an opening early in April for a mature boy of country experience, who needs to work the most of his way through school.

The third annual girls' contest recital was given Sunday night, March 13, in the chapel. A week later, after the boys' recital, the etching which was awarded to the boys two years ago and to the girls last year, will be given to the winners, in whose dormitory it will hang the coming year.

The craftshop has shipped out approximately 400 chairs and 200 ironing boards during the last three weeks. The boys in this department have used three carloads of lumber since the first of August. An order for a carload of oak stock and another of ironing boards, has just been placed for early shipment.

The academy colporteur institute was held March 13 to 19 under the direction of Mr. Gerrard and Mr. Cross. The chapel hour and the last half of the evening study period was given to definite study of methods for successful soul winning through the sale of literature. A real interest has been shown in this work by the faculty and students. It is hoped

that a goodly number of the Maplewood students will follow the example set by Melvin Ward and George Nielsen, who each earned a scholarship last summer.

As a climax to the "Keep Clean" contest sponsored by the freshman class, prizes were awarded the rooms which were kept the best for the week. In the boys' dormitory, Joie Reynolds' room had first place Hyman Douglas; second; and the room of Frank Dutcher and Richard Russell, third. In the girls' dormitory, Elizabeth and Doris Swearingen's room received the first prize; Eileen Hendrickson's and Margaret Jean Johnson's room, second; and Gladys Brown's and Merlyn Johnson's third. The classrooms and library also were graded each period by the freshman.

A Pleasant Occasion

On Sunday, March 13, the Gilchrist church met in the home of Brother and Sister Iver Hilde, near Camp Lake, in honor of their birthday. Sister Hilde was eighty-three on March 8 and Brother Hilde was eighty-eight on March 10. A program was given in the afternoon consisting of prayer, songs, and short talks, after which lunch was served.

Brother and Sister Hilde are of the old pioneers in the truth. Brother Hilde is well known as he has been active in colporteur work for about half a century, and has not yet retired from missionary work, as he is using his time by sending out papers and writing missionary letters.

They are both fairly well and rejoicing in the truth. He attends Sabbath school regularly and sometimes he walks. May God continue to bless them through the rest of their life's journey.

Mr. & Mrs. Ole T. Jacobson.

Happy Days

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the efforts of our faithful colporteurs during the first two months of this year. We have made an increase of 35.8% in orders and a 46% increase in deliveries over the corresponding two months of last year.

Several recruits are studying canvasses and prospectuses, busily preparing to enter the colporteur work immediately. There remains a great work to do. What holds you from entering the colporteur division? Would you like to increase

the number of souls baptized? Would you increase your personal usefulness to God this year? Why don't you join our ranks?

C. G. Cross.

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Relief Campaign

My recent visit to the Iowa Conference in District No. 7 brought inspiration and courage to my soul. Elder Bernhard Petersen and the writer spent two days visiting our dear believers in their homes. In practically every home that we visited, we enjoyed a season of prayer together. The Spirit of God touched the hearts as the voices were lifted to heaven in behalf of the great needs. The brethren of western Iowa have experienced hardships and financial difficulties because of drouth. They are of good courage, however, and when the needs in connection with our institutional relief were presented, they responded gladly and did their very best to help.

Information received from Elder Osgood concerning the progress of the institutional relief, indicates that the brethren of the various districts are rallying to the cause. Their interest in the institutions is manifested by their liberal support. "Truly, God is good to Israel." His Spirit is directing the work in all the earth. He gave His only begotten son for our salvation. Our love to God and His work is manifested in giving ourselves to the Lord and of our means to support His cause. No one is urged to give beyond his ability. This is a freewill offering, and the divine instruction reads: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:6, 7.

Every donor should make this a matter of prayer. This is God's work, and the decision should be reached only after earnest prayer and meditation. The Lord will direct the minds and hearts, and impress them with the amount that should be given. We appreciate the liberality and the kindness of God's people in support-

ing most heartily His work in the Iowa Conference.

E. H. Oswald.

Victory Week

"To the day!" is Japan's meaningful slogan. It inspires the fevered military; it motivates the frenzied armament race. The conquest of the Asiatics is but a part of a gigantic program. The Nipponese have decreed, "The white folk must go!" Armageddon looms!

"To the day!" Every individual of every church should be pointing toward the day—"Victory day!" Next week is "Victory Week" and April 2 is "Victory Day!" Let's rejoice together in a great Institutional Relief triumph.

Hail to Newton, Boone, Guthrie Center, Cherokee, Grinnell, Lake City, Waukon, and Carroll—the latest churches to go "over the top" in the Institutional Relief campaign.

Sabbath services at Newton were greatly enjoyed. Sister McDowell showed me a fine basement room where every Sunday evening a film strip Bible lecture is presented to an average audience of 25. Delton McDowell is putting into practical use some of the instruction he received with the Oak Park Academy student effort at Marshalltown. There were about 12 people not of our faith, present at the Sabbath service. The Institutional Relief was quickly over-subscribed.

Grinnell deserves special mention. They have an enthusiastic Sabbath school. The Institutional Relief was reached in a hurry.

Boone is "conference-minded!" Besides almost doubling their "Signs of the Times" goal, they went away over the top in the Institutional Relief.

DeWitt S. Osgood.

Victory Day

"It can't be done!" wailed the faithless at Kadesh-Barnea. Results, —two million were turned back into the wilderness for forty years!

Have you heard that the "Debt" giants are in the land? Are the needs, like the cities of Canaan, walled up to heaven? Do you disparagingly minimize your strength? Israel saw themselves as grasshoppers. Let us appropriate the lesson. May God help us to courageously say, "We be well able" to possess the land!

Do you know that if every Seventh-day Adventist in Iowa would do his full share toward debt-reductions, he would give \$27.68? The Institutional Relief Fund needs some substantial gifts—it needs them now! Appreciating the great need, I would like to invite 99 others to join me in pledging \$27.68 (each individuals share of Iowa's total debt) to the Institutional Relief. How many will join me in this? Won't you?

Frankly,—we hope each church will put forth heroic efforts to reach their full quota on "Victory Day", April 2. What a joyful satisfaction comes with triumph? But we do not wish to convey the impression that the Institutional Relief Campaign is over unless the goal is reached. The needs which necessitated the campaign and led to the setting of the goals, are so urgent that the drive cannot be relaxed unless the victory is reached. Let us now, in our pledges, be "conference-conscious," as well as "church-conscious" and "mission-conscious."

DeWitt S. Osgood.

Watchman Week

"What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13:37. Watch by keeping your finger on the pulse of world situations. Watch with the Watchman. Libraries, ministers of popular churches, school teachers, and friends should be supplied with the Watchman that they also may watch. The alarm must be given. We stand on the threshold of events that will rock the world. Watch! March 26-April 2 has been designated as Watchman Week.

DeWitt S. Osgood.

Oak Park Academy News

March 9 we had as a visitor, Elder Archbold from Sioux City, Iowa. He spoke at the chapel exercises. We appreciated his talk and extend to him an invitation to come again.

Milo E. Smith of Riceville, Iowa, also stopped at the school on March 9 to visit his daughter Margaret.

Among other recent visitors were Mrs. Nida Hadden of West Des Moines, and Hazel Leitner of Sioux City, Iowa.

In the new contest, after two weeks, the blue side is ahead of the reds. If you remember, this is a contest in the reading of books, Instructors, and the Bible. There is always a chance for the other side to win, and

Announcing---

A Great Event During 1938

WATCHMAN-MESSAGE WEEK

March 26 to April 2

READ!

PLAN!

ACT!



**Elder E. H. Oswald, President
of the Northern Union,
says:**

WE ARE living in perilous days. Satan is marshaling his forces for the last campaign against the church. He transforms himself into an angel of light and appears as a minister of righteousness. By his subtlety he has so concealed himself from view that many fail to realize in his suggestions and presentations the spirit of deception and error. He has been successful in distributing pernicious literature, thus disturbing the minds and the hearts of the people to the extent that they find it very difficult to distinguish between truth and error.

In order to enlighten the public and set before them clearly the message for this generation, it is of great im-

portance that we place within their reach truth-filled literature.

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE contains present-day messages which will be beneficial in leading people to the third angel's message. We appeal to our readers in behalf of the recommendation passed at the recent Autumn Council: "That we suggest to each church organization that at least one of its members engage continuously in the colporteur literature ministry with our books, and that at least one of its members be a magazine worker and that these missionary workers be given the encouragement and moral support of the church organization."

The magazine workers have been greatly blessed in various portions of the field as they have distributed THE WATCHMAN and THE MESSAGE. We feel satisfied that more should engage in this line of work and bring the truth to their neighbors and help to prepare them for the soon coming of Jesus.

Portentous Events



About present times the servant of the Lord has written: "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."—"Testimonies," Volume 9, page 14. It has been predicted by the noted Colonel E. M. House, the former confidential adviser of Woodrow Wilson, that in this coming universal conflict the United States will assume war leadership. And that reflection brings us to the realization that perhaps the most significant signs for the church in America are those which we see appearing right here in our homeland. "We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude."—"Testimonies," Volume 9, page 11.

What better could illustrate the assertions concerning "the unsettled state of society" than the observation that, despite the efforts of the G-men to improve conditions, we still have an underworld army of 4,300,000 criminals. I quote again: "Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails."—*Ibid.* Years ago I used to marvel at the statement: "Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of . . . little children," but no one can sit at the editor's desk and see the parade of pictures of sex criminals who attack little children, which are sent in by the commercial photographers every week, and fail to be startled into

the realization that here is a direct fulfillment of a definite though heretofore unexplainable statement made when such crimes were practically unknown.

Ninety millions of our population attend the movies each week, the films of most of which are not pitched above the age of the moron. In addition, 70,000 amateur groups are entertaining the public. When ancient Rome could no longer be entertained, that government collapsed, for society had already bogged down.

During the year 1937, 4,017 strikes occurred. These cost the country a total of \$5,000,000,000, or added between \$160 and \$175 to the maintenance cost of each family in the United States last year. Nothing like such frequency has ever before occurred. We have never even approximated such a large number of strikes, and despite the fact that our government has been more friendly to labor than any before elected to office, the solution of the problem confronting capital and labor is as distant as at any time in the past; for concerning our national officials' efforts the Lord has said: "They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis."—*Id.*, page 13. "Through the working of trusts and the results of labor unions and strikes, the conditions of life in the cities are constantly becoming more and more difficult."—*Id.*, page 90. No wonder then that we have a recession! No wonder that the last survey discloses more than 10,000,000 unemployed, and the assertion has gone unchallenged that we have as large an army of unemployed as we had five years ago.

Can we turn to the nominal church for help at such a time? Let us quote

again from the servant of the Lord: "Even the church, which should be the pillar and ground of the truth, is found encouraging a selfish love of pleasure. When money is raised for religious purposes, to what means do many churches resort?—To bazaars, suppers, fancy fairs, even to lotteries and like devices."—*Id.*, page 91. That these things are seen in the church today needs no proof, and lotteries have become so popular that the public conscience no longer reacts unfavorably against gambling. In fact, one great religious weekly has said: "America is afflicted with a mania for gambling such as has not previously existed in this country except in the mining camps of frontier days." It then goes on to point out that the church has a definite responsibility for this condition, and cites the arrest of a prominent clergyman for misuse of the mails in promoting his "Miraculous Medal as a bait for his garden stakes." A great Catholic weekly suggests that these conditions arise from "piffing preaching," which would be corrected by a return to the Holy Scriptures. Surely Protestants should not be outdone in the advocacy of Bible teaching by their Catholic brethren.

There are those who believe that moral decadence will be corrected by religious legislation. Doubtless this occasioned the introduction of three dangerous bills into the Congress of the United States during this session,—bills which threaten the overthrow of the sacred liberties of the American people. The reform calendar with its blank days has been offered, despite the fact that it has just been rejected by the League of Nations. No Seventh-day Adventist need be told the dangers inherent in this bill which must almost insure the loss of the continuity of the weekly cycle and the identity of the seventh-day Sabbath. Another bill imposes a fine of \$5,000 or two years' imprisonment upon anyone who advocates or teaches principles of government based in whole or in part upon opposition to or discrimination against individuals of any particular race or religious creed.

The third bill would prohibit, under penalty of a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years, the sending of any "papers, pamphlets, books, pictures and writings designed or adapted, or intended to cause, racial or religious hatred, or bigotry, or intolerance."

While all three bills are dangerous, the last two most definitely abridge both civil and religious freedom. Should either of these pass, freedom of the press, of speech, and of soul would be at an end.



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Perhaps all these bills will be defeated. Seventh-day Adventists should pray and work to this end, but some day some such bill is going to pass, which will make it a criminal offense not only to print literature which by bigots will be declared to be "intended to cause racial or religious hatred, or bigotry or intolerance," but to pay for the printing of such literature, to belong to an organization that prints or pays for the printing of such literature, or to sell or distribute such literature. Strangely, one of these bills singles out the native-born citizen. According to its provisions, an alien or a naturalized citizen would not be affected. The naturalized citizen or the alien could print and circulate anything that he pleased, but only those native born, who have descended from those who founded here a nation without a king and church without a pope, would be affected by its provisions.





Controversy," page 587. Crimes of the most revolting character will be laid at our door because we do not favor religious laws. The rapid changes seen in America offer us no assurance that years must pass before such intolerance will be seen here. Certain it is that our publishing houses will be the objects of attack when that day arrives. Our literature will be proscribed, and those who offer it for sale or free distribution will be arrested and imprisoned. By

such omens of a terrible day should we be admonished to put forth greater efforts than ever in the distribution of our message-filled literature. By these developments would we urge that you make WATCHMAN-MESSAGE Day all that it should be to you and your church, and that you make possible the wide circulation of the message-filled pages of these magazines among your neighbors and friends.

JAMES EARL SHULTZ, *Editor*

“And after these things . . . The earth was lighted”



The opening phrase and practically the last words of Revelation 18: 1 attract our attention. For long years Seventh-day Adventists have believed that this verse provides the prophetic setting for the great-

est religious awakening of modern times, the loud cry of the third angel's message.

It takes no more than a casual survey of the happenings among the nations of earth at this present moment to convince us that the time of trouble is right upon us, and that we are near the end. Racial and international animosities fanned to feverish heat, military preparations of gigantic proportions in prospect of another universal cataclysm, nations moving rapidly within the shadow of dictatorial and despotic leadership of unprecedented severity, both civil and religious liberty slowly being strangled under the rising tide of despotism,—all these crises of human origin and devising combine to complete the tragic picture portraying the final collapse of human civilization.

With this side of the picture we are all too familiar, and for present purposes we find a desirable source of comfort and cheer in the other aspect of the story. “And after these things . . . the earth was lighted with his glory”—the glory of God. To the faithful, believing child of God there is a marvelous significance attached to this inspired expression. Long years ago, in one of her first visions, the servant of the Lord saw this great awakening in all its glory, and presented it in the following words: “At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.”—*Early Writings*, p. 27.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are moving into the scenes of the last act of the drama of earthly affairs. “The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock, and view the glory of God. The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn.” — *“Testimonies,”* Vol. 9, p. 231.

In this inspired comment the setting of the stage presents two important considerations. On the one side is Satan “bringing in his masterly power”; and on the other side our smaller message-filled publications, “scattered like the leaves of autumn,” will “call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock.” And this brings us to a brief analysis of an essential act in this



Well will it be if our people are definitely aroused by the provisions of these bills which directly threaten our most sacred rights. Sooner or later a Sunday law is going to be enacted. Then will the character of the dragon mentioned in Revelation 13 be manifest in a nation founded upon and dedicated to the principles of civil and religious freedom. Opposition voiced or published against such Sunday laws will render one subject to the penalties of such a bill as the foregoing, and the public conscience will be inflamed to inflict its penalties by charges of bigotry directed against us by the clergy. Notice the following: “Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called ‘Christian sabbath,’ and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society.”—*Great*

great closing drama: utilizing our literature to reach the masses with the truth of God.

Practically thirty years have passed since a very definite message came to this people from One who spoke with authority, urging that our publishing brethren in Nashville begin to print a journal that would present our distinctive doctrines to the masses in every section of the country. Answering that inspired counsel THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE soon made its appearance, and has continued its onward march through the years as a full-message journal of unique distinction. Following this excellent missionary adventure, and in answer to an urgent need of something of a similar nature for the colored race, THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE entered the field less than four years ago, and during this short span of its existence has created an enthusiastic response in every direction of the compass. During the past two years alone there has been an average of practically one hundred copies of these full-message journals placed in the hands of judgment-bound souls every hour of time, day and night. In this, as in other great adventures in the proclamation of the third angel's message, we are constrained to exclaim; "What hath God wrought!"

THE TRAIL OF SOUL-WINNING CONQUEST

One of our home missionary workers in New York state recently related the following experience: "In my work from door to door I met a Mrs. Blank, whose grandmother was a devoted Adventist. As soon as she learned I was a Seventh-day Adventist she immediately asked for a copy of THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE, as she remembered her grandmother was a regular subscriber. I was glad to have a copy of the current issue, which I placed in her hands. Discovering she was interested in the truth, I endeavored to cultivate this interest by delivering a copy of THE WATCHMAN to her each month. She seemed much interested in the state of the dead, since a member of the family had joined the Spiritualists. Naturally she was anxious to learn all about this subject in order that she might be able to dissuade her relative from falling a victim to this great deception. I studied this subject with her briefly, and invited the entire family to attend one of the lectures on the subject by our pastor. They attended the meetings faithfully, and finally began to attend the special Bible study each Monday night. I visited the family recently, and found they had subscribed for THE WATCHMAN, and that they had

been paying tithes for some time. On a recent Sabbath four members of the family, including the mother and her daughters, were buried with their Lord in baptism. The father, an ardent reader of THE WATCHMAN, was present at the service. He was a theatrical manager for a number of years, but is now very much interested in the truth."

In similar vein, stories of thrilling adventure with THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE come to our attention from time to time. Only recently one of our faithful sisters in St. Louis, who has been doing most commendable work with THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE, sold two copies to a pullman porter at the Union station one morning. He took one copy with him to his lodging place, and left the other with the wife of a Baptist minister next door, who received and read it most graciously. A few days later the minister inquired of the porter from whom he received the copy where he could subscribe for it for an entire year. The minister stated that he had preached from the magazine with practically no changes in the material.

Time and space forbid an extensive rehearsal of a wealth of experiences with our full-message journals constantly flooding our office from every section of the country. It is sufficient for us to say that, in a unique sense, these journals have been ordained of God to occupy an essential place in the closing drama which will lighten the earth with the glory of God. This is evidenced, not only by unusual circulation records, but also the soul-winning results that follow along the trail of our WATCHMAN and MESSAGE magazines.

The times call to a prayerful consideration of some factors that will open

before you a door of opportunity for more fruitful soul winning.

1. *Subscribe for The Watchman or Message Magazine* for yourself and those for whom you are burdened. A careful perusal of the journal of your choice for an entire year will keep you in touch with the world situation in the prophetic mold, and will also provide an excellent and effective approach to individuals on your prayer list. A special subscription rate is now available. (WATCHMAN, 60c a year, or 3 yearly subscriptions for \$1.50; MESSAGE, 35c a year, or 3 yearly subscriptions for \$1.00.)

2. *Make a liberal contribution to an offering during this special week, March 26 to April 2, to be used by your conference in placing THE WATCHMAN and MESSAGE magazines in the public libraries for an entire year.* Thousands frequenting the reading rooms of these institutions will thus have access to these full-message journals.

3. *Dedicate your talent to the work of selling WATCHMAN or MESSAGE MAGAZINES in your community.* If you cannot devote all your time to this inspiring type of literature ministry, endeavor to spend at least a few hours each week selling or taking subscriptions for the magazine of your choice. Thus you will be making your happy contribution to the finishing of the work of God.

Let us determine to avail ourselves of the appeals of this special Watchman Week, and to utilize the facilities thus provided in our full-message magazines to direct anxious truth-seekers to our wonderful faith,—earth's most alluring hope amidst the tragic scenes of this mighty hour.

H. K. CHRISTMAN,
Circulation Manager

ORDER BLANK

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

Dear friends:

I desire to take advantage of the special WATCHMAN WEEK offer, and am inclosing \$..... for which you will please send THE WATCHMAN (MESSAGE) (cross out one not desired) for one year to the following addresses:

Name.....

Address.....

Name.....

Address.....

Name.....

Address.....

NOTE: Any number of yearly subscriptions, your own included: WATCHMAN, 60c each; 3 for \$1.50. MESSAGE, 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

[] Please send me copies of the current issue of THE WATCHMAN (MESSAGE)

at the special rate of 5c a copy. \$..... inclosed.

Please send me information concerning WATCHMAN (MESSAGE) worker's rates, selling instructions, territory, etc. I desire to devote at least hours each week to this work.

Name.....

Address.....

we believe it is a laudable contest.

One of the most important events of the school year has faded into memory. Sunday evening, March 13, the girls gave a reception for the boys. High lights of the events were a program of songs, readings, and a dialogue. Red roses, nut cups, and colorful crepe paper streamers lent their beauty to the occasion, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Again we hear of the recreational committee and its activities. They have furnished new equipment in the way of balls, bats, and nets. Teams have been organized. Basket ball and volley ball courts have been graded and prepared, also a baseball diamond has been made. We are greatly enjoying them. For us there shall be both work and play. The weather, too, has been in our favor of late.

Sanitarium News Items

Sister Josephine Clark, now of Pannonia, is with us for treatments.

Among our recent surgicals are Mr. Lafayette Langland of Cambridge, and Miss Mildred Dunlap of Maxwell.

Other recent arrivals are Miss Myrtle Golly, Zearing; Mrs. Frank Stultz Ames; Mrs. Kate Doege, Algonia; Mrs. Brown, Wells, Minnesota; Mr. Henry Henrehan, Mrs. Earl Prescott, and Mrs. Sim McConnell of Nevada.

We were pleased to have visit us last week, W. B. Ochs, president, and H. A. Shepard, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Union Conference.

Cedar Rapids Convention

On the beautiful Sabbath morning of February 26, representatives of the Dubuque, Iowa City, Oelwein, Marshalltown, Waterloo, and Waukon churches united with the Cedar Rapids church in an officers' convention.

At the regular time of 9:30 A. M. the Sabbath school convened, and we all joined in praising God by repeating the twenty-third psalm. The superintendent, Mrs. R. L. Mantz, had a well organized program, which held our interest during the entire time. The allotted time passed all too quickly, yet we indeed felt the benefit of spiritual study in the school.

An excellent discourse was given by Elder DeWitt S. Osgood at the morning service. His subject was, "The Elijah Message". Our hearts thrilled as we listened to the comparison drawn between the message of Elijah the prophet, and the last mes-

sage that is being carried to the world which has turned from the true God. To be true to that message and its proclamation, was the dedication and reconsecration that every one entered into as the sermon was concluded.

The afternoon was given over to the problems of church officers. We were favored by having a fine group to lead in the discussion. From the conference office we had the help of Elders Osgood, Scherr, Tucker, and Brother Woesner. Doctor Mantz, elder of the local church, gave valuable help. Elder W. A. Howe and the writer were from the two districts represented. Special music was given by Mrs. Woesner and Mrs. Minesinger.

The group plan was adopted for the discussion period. After the group discussion, a representative from each group gave a summary of their round-table conclusions. The meeting was dismissed at 5:30 P. M.

Many expressed their gratitude for the opportunity given to learn greater efficiency in church administration. As these principles learned are put into practice, we pray that the church will become a greater soul-winning body.

We thank the Cedar Rapids church and every one who took part, for making the convention a success.

R. T. Minesinger.

South Dakota Conference

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District Meeting at Huron

The church at Huron, South Dakota, has appointed a special convention for Sabbath and Sunday, April 2 and 3. All believers in and near Huron are invited to this special series of meetings.

As you make plans to come, kindly pray for the Lord to pour out His special blessings upon this important gathering.

J. H. Roth.

Watchman

WATCHMAN! What an appropriate name for a paper that carries the message for this hour. The title in itself is sufficient to attract attention, but the contents much more. The WATCHMAN has always claimed its large number of interested readers

in our public libraries. Most of our churches have subscribed to it for the libraries and I trust that from March 26 to April 2 these subscriptions will be renewed, also that wherever the library does not receive the WATCHMAN at the present time, I trust that our churches will supply it.

J. H. Roth

Colporteur Saves Boy From Flu

In a recent weekly report, Miss Genevieve Bovee writes, "I have enjoyed every bit of the work this week. I met one of my subscribers who had cured her boy of stomach flu by using the treatments in Dr. Donaldson's articles... I am praying that my light will shine forth to every soul I come in contact with and will draw them closer to Jesus... One lady who had taken HEALTH for one year, gave me a two-year subscription."

Robert Brown.

The Gentiles Come to Thy Light

Surely the time has come for the Sioux Indians to walk in all of the light of the Advent message. More and more of them are studying this glorious truth under the leadership of Elder and Mrs. Smith.

When having Sabbath school in the home of a large family, the adult members of which were baptized in October, 1937, the children brought their penny offerings and gave them to Elder and Mrs. Smith; then came the father of the family and gave Elder Smith \$28.20 saying—"This represents one-tenth of all the money that has passed through my hands this winter."

Dear Brethren, the Lord has many faithful and honest children among this long-neglected people. They are stretching out their hands for light, and responding as it shines into their dark and saddened hearts. Can we deny them the light? Pray for these people and for Elder and Mrs. Smith, that God may use them as instruments in His hands to reach this benighted people.

J. H. Roth.

The Indian Work

Elder Calvin D. Smith, our worker among the Sioux Indians, writes that several new families are deeply interested in the message and are almost

ready to step out. He says there are more calls coming than they are able to answer. Two Indian ministers of other denominations are studying present truth, and one of them is teaching it in Sunday school through the use of back numbers of Sabbath school lesson quarterlies.

Let us pray for Elder and Sister Smith, who are overcrowded with calls for light on present truth. It seems as though the hour has struck to begin the work among the Sioux people in earnest.

J. H. Roth

Efficient Soul Winning

An Adventist sister in Clark wrote in to the office a few days ago that she wanted to contact the people there with the WATCHMAN. This is a splendid example. In addition to being one of the very best means of bringing the message to the people, it is an excellent way of making contacts for future personal work. There is a great work to be done in this way which we have barely touched with our fingers.

Both local and world conditions call us to greater missionary activity. Experience has repeatedly shown that selling the WATCHMAN by both single copies and subscriptions, is a very profitable and efficient way of doing missionary work. Those who are following this plan are enjoying a precious experience. The WATCHMAN wins souls. For information write to—Robert Brown, Box 36, Watertown, South Dakota.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1938

Minnesota—C. G. Cross, Sec.			
Karl Evenson	DR	52	140.70 21.05
Virginia Rust	Mag.	49	13.35 13.35
William Greer	GC	46	40.75 6.00
Mrs. Paul	HR	42	15.25 3.00
Clare Rust	Mag.	41	13.20 13.20
*R. J. Jones	BR	77	37.05 21.70
Miss Powers	Mag.	35	11.45 11.45
Darlene Maves	BTS	33	16.75 3.25
H. W. Franklin	HP	31	14.75 6.00
J. G. Thompson	GC	27	23.50 12.25
Alf H. Aas	BR	24	36.15 4.75
Christopherson	Mag.	24	7.65 7.65
H. Santini	Mag.	20	17.10 12.60
G. Ytredal	DND	20	15.00 1.50
N. Magnuson	BR	20	7.75 8.50
Alvin Hanson	BR	15	
J. Dufstrom	Mag.	8	6.45 1.95
Ruth Ytredal	Mag.	7	5.75 5.75
			571 422.60 153.95

Iowa—G. H. Boehrig, Sec.

R. Chamberlain	HP	46	16.75 9.25
Mrs. Kroll	Mag.		3.25 3.25
H. Messenger	BR	35	14.30 8.45
H. W. Niswonger	H	52	194.55 124.65
Mrs. Pockham	Mag.		1.10 1.10
Mrs. Snovel	Mag.		1.50 1.50
H. Strickland	BR	30	30.75 3.75
Mrs. Tabler	Mag.		6.90 6.90
Elva G. Wilcox	GC	30	11.80 1.65
			193 280.90 160.50

South Dakota—R. H. Brown, Sec.

G. Bovee	H	36	7.70 7.32
Peter Nick	BR	57	11.45 6.70
Orville Poore	HP	41	60.80 .90
*Charles Root	BR	83	82.20 29.20
Thelma Bovee	H	34	8.70 1.58
*G. Torkelson	Misc		48.75 48.75
Helen Hardin	Misc.		3.50 3.50
			251 223.10 97.95

North Dakota—F. L. Burkhardt, Sec.

Art Liebelt	RJ	19	18.00
Edith Alson	DP		1.50 1.50
Mrs. Johnson	Mag.		11.20 11.20
			19 30.70 12.70
Total for Union		1034	957.30 425.10

* 2 Weeks

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Wanted:—Young man for farm work. Also, at once, girl for housework. State experience and wages expected. Mrs. A. E. Pfeiffer, Alexandria, Minnesota.

Wanted:—Employment by young married man, experienced automobile tractor mechanic, machinist, acetylene welder, fifteen years farm experience. Farm work with separate house preferred. Best references. W. D. Carlin, Lakota, North Dakota.

Position Wanted:—Young couple want work on farm. Can be caretaker or manager. No children. Experienced and dependable. The State does not matter. Can furnish reference. Jake R. Disleny, Butte, North Dakota.

Wanted:—Man or boy to work on general farm. Must be able to milk. Farm equipped with electricity. Jens P. Broderson, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

OBITUARIES

Ward—Callie Solomon Ward was born at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, February 5, 1883, and passed to her rest at Hot Springs, South Dakota, March 4, 1938, at the age of fifty-five years. She spent her girlhood in Tennessee. When a young woman she went to Missouri and later to California. In the year 1914 she went to Denver, where she met E. W. Ward, to whom she was married the following year. For the greater part of the past twenty-three years she, with her companion, has lived on the ranch near Custer, South Dakota. In the year 1917 our sister embraced the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. She became a devoted Christian, willing to spend and be spent for her blessed Lord. Being a

graduate nurse she always stood ready and willing to help the sick. She responded to calls for help from friends, neighbors, and strangers, night or day, winter or summer. What greater tribute could be paid to this beautiful Christian character? She leaves to mourn, beside her loving companion, her mother, two brothers, two sisters, other relatives, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted from the community church in Custer, South Dakota, by the writer. Our sister was then laid to rest in the Custer cemetery to await the call of the blessed Life-giver.

R. F. Bressee

Baldwin—Robert Earl Baldwin was born in Staples, Minnesota, May 21, 1919, and died February 6, 1938. His death was due to complications resulting from a fall in the high school gymnasium. He was a junior student in the high school, and much beloved and respected by all for his high ideals and clean life. His death has caused great sorrow not only in the home and church, but also in the whole community. Left to mourn are his father, mother, two sisters, and one brother, also many other relatives. Words of hope and comfort were spoken to a very large gathering by the writer at the funeral service held on March 10, 1938.

David K. Olson

Bowlby—Mrs. N. W. Bowlby, nee Etta Francis Marion, was born January 5, 1871, in Louisa County, Iowa, and died February 16, 1938, at her home in Davenport, Iowa. Spending her early life in Louisa County, she was married January 21, 1891, to Norman W. Bowlby and soon moved to Davenport. After a long illness she lapsed into a coma and peacefully passed away. A faithful member of the remnant church for many years, she died as she had lived, in a steadfast hope of the glorious resurrection. Services were conducted by the writer at Davenport, and she was buried in Muscatine.

W. A. Howe

Lockwood—Mrs. Elizabeth Lockwood was born April 24, 1866, in Louisa County, Iowa, and died March 11, 1938, at her home in Muscatine. Her husband preceded her in death a little over eleven months, and she had since then been in poor health. Suddenly stricken with pneumonia, her heart was unable to stand the strain. She had been a faithful member of God's true church for over thirty years, and truly she went to sleep "in Jesus." Services were held at Whittich Funeral Home in Muscatine, and interment was made in the Greenwood Cemetery.

W. A. Howe

Sunset Calendar

March 25, 1938

Des Moines, Iowa	6:31
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:30
Bismarck, North Dakota	7:02
Pierre, South Dakota	6:49

"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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