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An Industry in the Making

Most of our readers, I think, are not acquainted with the fact that there is, at Union College, a bookbindery, much less are they acquainted with its history and organization.

Back in the summer of 1932, the writer, and Russell Nelson, now preceptor and history teacher at Enterprise Academy, came to Union College to begin what is now known as the Capital City Bookbindery. There was not much to begin with as far as equipment and supplies were concerned, although in former years, some binding had been done. There were at the college, a large standing press, a sewing bench, and a few other miscellaneous items. Soon, due to purchases made by A. W. Johnson, then business manager of the college, there was added to our meager equipment, a Bochner stamping machine, and other miscellaneous equipment, besides supplies of glue, paper, cloth, thread, etc. We were in the land of beginnings, and our start was small. At the close of the first year our equipment inventory was but \$410.91. Our present equipment inventory is about \$1000.00.

The bindery began in the rooms which formerly housed the pecan factory, but which originally were the men's treatment rooms in the hydrotherapy department of the old sanitarium. One large room and an office was the extent of our space for three years. Each year our condition became more crowded. In the spring of 1936 it was found necessary to enlarge our quarters. To do this, a partition wall was removed, giving the shop twice the floor space. This improvement helped a great deal to alleviate the congested condition, and made it possible for work to be carried on more smoothly.

For some time there had been considerable talk about moving the bindery to new quarters. This contemplated move was accomplished in November 1937. Our new home took us to the old home of the Christian

Record Association. We are glad for our new quarters, for in nearly every respect they are in superior arrangement to the old. The bindery is, in every respect, a business establishment comparable to that of any other of the colleges.

We believe that the bindery, along with the other industries of our school, has played an important part in furnishing employment to worthy students. Since it was established, six years ago, there have been in its employment, eighty-five students, most of whom worked the greater share of their way through college. These, in the aggregate, have earned \$17,026.72 toward school expenses, an average of \$200.31 each.

The workers are doing their best to make this year a successful one in our department. We have been blessed with a good season, and every indication is that the school year will continue to be a busy one. Thousands of volumes were bound this past summer, and our hopes are good that many hundreds more will be bound before the close of our fiscal period. During the last year, ending June 10, our volume of business reached the sum of \$8,566.00. Forty-two per cent of this amount, or \$3,566.78, was expended in student labor. This season's record is well on the way to more than equal that of the 1937-38 school year.

There has been a corps of fourteen workers employed in the bindery since last summer, representing almost every state of Union College territory. These workers at Union, who help to keep the wheels of industry moving, are receiving a training invaluable to them. To the majority, it is their first experience at shop work involving skilled manual labor.

We cannot expect to prosper, except as God in His goodness blesses us. It is our prayer that it may be an abundant blessing.

Elmer E. Hagen, Superintendent
Union College Bookbindery

Union College Laundry

May I be permitted to tell you about the Union College Laundry? I suppose many who read this are not even aware that Union College has a laundry, for we don't talk much about ourselves, and we try to keep our customers so satisfied that they won't have anything ill to say. But those of us who work here believe we have as fine an industrial department as any.

A year ago our plant was completely overhauled. The building required a new floor, and we had already planned to install some new machinery to replace those which were worn-out; so while this was all in process, we took occasion to reorganize the entire set-up. The flow of work through the plant was carefully studied, and the new machines were placed in the location that would be productive of the greatest efficiency. The results have been most gratifying. Not only have we had the pleasure of working with new machines in a new arrangement, but we have made savings that will more than offset the depreciation due to a greater investment. The results have far surpassed our expectations.

One of the prime objectives of our department is to maintain a business enterprise for the sake of young people who cannot attend college without the financial aid such a department gives. Of course, this must be done without a financial loss to the institution. To show what success we have in attaining this objective it will be interesting to note that nearly 250 different young people have worked for all, or a part, of their school expenses in this department during the past fifteen years. Some have stayed year after year with their work, while others have stayed for possibly only a few months. And during this time we have operated without an average yearly loss.

Another objective is to train our students in habits of good workmanship, along with giving to those interested a knowledge of this trade

that will enable them to earn their livelihood by it, if necessary. Like all such objectives, results can not be measured immediately. Few of our workers go into life to serve society through the laundry industry. Some have followed the trade intermittently and without question what they have learned here has stood them in good stead. By far the greater number of our workers have looked upon their work here as the means to some other end. They have become teachers, home-makers, ministers, farmers, secretaries, accountants, mechanics, clerks, salesmen, and saleswomen. Many have completed their college work, and have gone on with higher training for larger service. Just how much their work in this department has contributed to their success in the station of life in which they now find themselves, can not be determined until a day of reckoning. We endeavor to hold a high standard of workmanship, to train in habits of accuracy, carefulness, honesty, dependability, alertness, skillful efficiency, and all other qualities of good character building. We trust that our efforts have not been in vain, and I do not believe they have been, for it is with great pleasure that we look at our former workers as fine friends, useful citizens, and Christian men and women.

It is our studied purpose to maintain all high standards, to enable as many students as possible to avail themselves of college training and a manual art. The past years have been good ones for us. We have entered another new school year with its new friends, new joys, new problems, and another opportunity to work as a part of "Old Union" in fulfilling her mission of service to this denomination.

Vernon S. Dunn,
Superintendent of Laundry
Union College.

A Home in the Country

Doubtless many of our readers were interested in the article by Elder Reiner entitled "Out of the Cities" and published in the Outlook of January 24. And many others living in the large cities should be sufficiently interested in it and the admonition along that line given us through the Spirit of Prophecy, to give the matter of planning for a home in the country rather than in the city, very careful consideration.

Our recent Sabbath school lessons

have also emphasized the advantages of a home in the country. Several quotations from "Ministry of Healing," pages 183-190, were so pertinent and also, we believe, so helpful as to be well worth reprinting here.

"In God's plan for Israel every family had a home on the land, with sufficient ground for tilling. Thus were provided both the means and incentive for a useful, industrious, and self-supporting life. And no devising of men has ever improved upon that plan. To the world's departure from it is owing, to a large degree, the poverty and wretchedness that exist today."

"Within the vast boundaries of nature there is still room for the suffering and needy to find a home. Within her bosom there are resources sufficient to provide them with food."

"The tilling of the soil, the employment that God appointed to man in Eden, opens a field in which there is opportunity for multitudes to gain a subsistence."

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A Soul Winner

I believe that one of the very best agencies we have for the winning of souls is our weekly periodical, THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES. Many, many of our most faithful believers in the truth of God were first led to study the message by a careful reading of the SIGNS.

This paper especially appeals to thinking people today, because it deals specifically with present world conditions and the meaning of these things.

The serious time in which we live demands that we double our efforts to win souls. It has been suggested that every church in the conference increase its SIGNS club at least ten per cent over that of last year. Elder Hutches, the pastor of the Duluth English church, reports that they have increased their club thirty per cent over last year.

Yes, the SIGNS is a winner of souls. Be sure and send us a report of your church as soon as it has reached its goal.

V. E. Peugh

"If the poor now crowded into the cities could find homes upon the land, they might not only earn a livelihood, but find health and happiness now unknown to them."

In order to help in a practical way those who desire to establish such homes in the country, one of our brethren at Elgin, Illinois, is publishing a very interesting and helpful little magazine entitled "Three Acres and Security," setting forth in a detailed way plans for intensive agriculture on a small acreage in order to make it profitable. We believe this brother is doing a good work which should be appreciated by a great many of our people. This magazine is published monthly at the low subscription price of \$1.00 a year; or a sample copy may be secured for ten cents, by addressing "Three Acres and Security" Magazine, Room 8, Professional Bldg., Elgin, Illinois. Send in your subscription or at least for a sample copy of this interesting magazine. A. R. Smouse

Duluth First Church

Duluth First English church is first again. A card from Elder Hutches, the pastor, says: "We took up the matter of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES club last Sabbath (February 4) and secured 150 subscriptions, which is something over an average of one per member. We plan to take up this work in each church in the district soon."

How happy we were to receive this good news. The Duluth club has increased each year for several years, and this year's club shows a very substantial gain.

The district leaders and pastors are putting forth a faithful effort to

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increase the SIGNS subscriptions 10% in their districts. This excellent magazine is receiving a wonderful reception in the homes of our friends, because it explains and interprets so accurately the world events and conditions of today. Let us speed this message on to hundreds of new homes through the SIGNS this year. You can spend a few dollars in no better way than to invest in five or ten subscriptions to your friends, or to business men who have contributed liberally in the Harvest Ingathering. Isolated members should send their orders direct to the conference office. A short time ago someone sent \$100 tithe to the conference, after reading the SIGNS. Since then this friend has made several fine contributions to our work.

Do what you can, and God will bring the results.

J. C. Christenson

Lightbearers

A large envelope just came in our mail, containing a summarized report of the colporteur work for 1938 in Minnesota. It is headed "Minnesota Lightbearers." As I read it, I wished that every Seventh-day Adventist in Minnesota could know the facts that it contains. Sixty-nine "watchmen and messengers," who were "laboring for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, assisted in giving the last warning to the world" by actually totaling 963 weeks and 24,892 hours of active work, here in Minnesota last year.

We are told that angels weigh the motives and listen to the words of the colporteur and that the faithful servant is assured of divine assistance. This is evidenced in the report which states that literature valued at \$13,715.14 was delivered to the homes of the people, and twenty-nine souls were won for Christ. The Lord's blessing upon this work is shown in the growth and progress cited in the comparative statement for 1938, 1937 and 1936. Last year almost doubled the work of 1936.

Last week our teachers in the junior division of the Sabbath school were invited to a city-wide convention of religious instructors for the youth. There they saw books and papers of many denominations, but none were to be compared with the publications of Seventh-day Adventists. One sister said afterward, "Don't you just love our publica-

tions after seeing those others?" We need a deeper appreciation of our truth-filled literature. Once I had the privilege of baptising a man and his wife who had purchased a copy of "Great Controversy" thirty-three years before. They read, believed, and lived its message to the best of their ability all those years without being able to join a church.

Truly this "missionary work of the highest order" is rewarded by the laborers seeing souls converted. This type of evangelism is "to be carried forward with increasing success as long as probation continues." "Many can accomplish more in this line than in any other, in bringing the truth before the people." Where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred."

There are, no doubt, many who could be engaged in this great work if they could be led to see its importance. I wish there were a sufficient number to make it possible to reach every home in our district this year. No one would question that the colporteur is called to face obstacles equal to those in any other line of work. And so, we want you to know, our prayers are with you of the literature ministry, and we shall hope that with God's continued blessing you may make a new record this year.

G. E. Hutches

Staples Youth Rally

Even though heavy snow covered central Minnesota, over one hundred gathered to share in the blessings God showered on His children at Staples on Sabbath, February 4.

Sabbath school was held at 10:00 a. m. and the 11:00 o'clock service was conducted by Elder C. H. Lauda, following which many bore their testimony as to how God had very definitely answered their prayer for healing, protection and special help in both major and minor troubles.

At 2:00 p. m. all gathered at the city hall to discuss youth's problems. Friendship and association being the topics, namely: how to be a friend; characteristics of a true friend; how to choose friends; and how to hold a friend. All present were much benefited by the free discussion.

At 7:30 p. m. an investiture service was held when those from the Hewitt society were invested as Master Comrades. They were: Mrs. G. H. Ward, Mavis Ward and Nina Cates. Nine from the Staples society were

invested as Friends.

A happy social gathering with games, marches, and relays, followed by light refreshments, closed this long-to-be-remembered day.

We wish to thank Elder Lauda and Brother Leon Russell for their efforts in making this a blessed coming together for all, and hope it may soon be repeated. Representatives were present from Brainerd, Hewitt, Wadena, New York Mills, Eagle Bend, and Maplewood Academy.

Ruth Olson

News Items

Excellent reports are still being received regarding the series of meetings being held by Elder E. A. Piper at International Falls.

Elder H. A. Vandeman has just begun a series of evangelistic meetings in the Woman's Assembly Hall in Minneapolis. He had an excellent attendance at his first meeting Sunday night February 5.

Elder Harder has just opened a series of meetings in the Townsend Hall at Nymore, Minnesota. His first meeting was well attended even though it was 36 degrees below zero.

Elder A. L. Bietz reported that 700 people were in attendance at the auditorium in North Minneapolis last Sunday night, and that the large majority were not of our faith.

In 1938 Minnesota colporteur evangelists took orders for and delivered more books, Bibles, and magazines than any other single year in a long time. The average orders taken per hour were \$1.14. Twenty-nine souls were won as a result of literature sold. May God bless our literature ministers and prompt more intelligent, God-fearing men and women to make a success of the work in 1939. Be a colporteur booster!

Methods For Harvest Ingathering

There are many of our ministers located in districts which contain several small churches or companies of believers, where singing band work is rendered difficult, or impossible because of lack of membership or musical talent in the church. These churches, with good leadership perhaps, are raising the goal set for them by solicitation of the business places, but are missing a fine source of revenue in failing to solicit the residential sections. To such ministers the following experience may be helpful as a suggestion.

A week before Christmas I put my portable public address system into the car and brought two dollars worth of Christmas carol records for it. With four solicitors we worked portions of two streets. When we counted our results after two and one half hours of work, we found that \$17.00 had been collected from the same town where our singing band previously had been able to get only from \$2.50 to \$4.00 for even longer hours of work.

I sincerely feel that God has blessed this method of work for His kingdom, and that He is calling us to swell our goals in these last closing days of earth's history.

H. V. Reed

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M. V. RALLY

WHEN?

Sabbath, February 18, 1939
Sabbath school 10:00 A. M.
Preaching 11:00 A. M.
Youth's Rally, 2:00-4:00 P. M.

WHERE?

408 Second Ave. West, Willmar
COME! COME! And enjoy this Youth's gathering. Near-by churches, companies and isolated youth are urged to join us in these services.

A. J. Lockert, District Pastor

C. H. Lauda, M. V. Secretary

Next Rally
February 25
Brainerd

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"Signs Means Souls"

Again and again we learn of persons who became interested in the truth through the reading of our periodicals. Right here in Jamestown a lady became interested as a result of reading the SIGNS OF THE TIMES which she found in the depot of the Northern Pacific Railroad. She not only became interested but read her way into the truth, and several months ago we had the joy of baptizing this sister and taking her

into the church. Thus once again it has been demonstrated that "Signs means souls."

Not long ago a letter was received from a lady at Lawton, North Dakota, in which she writes in the Norwegian language concerning her appreciation of our Danish-Norwegian missionary paper, "Evangeliets Sendebud." Here is her testimony:

I should like very much to have the name of the party who is sending me the Sendebud week by week. I thought sure it was my sister in Grafton, but she says it is not. I can't imagine who is so concerned about my soul's salvation that he is willing to subscribe to the paper for me, but I do appreciate it very much. I seldom get to a church, so I spend my time reading your paper till my soul is satisfied, and then I send it out to those who read Norwegian—both both to the east and to the west. There is too much good in the paper to keep it all to myself, so I want to pass the word on to others that they, too, may enjoy it."

We have many Danish-Norwegian and German-speaking people in North Dakota and we should try to reach them through the respective periodicals in these languages, namely the "Evangeliets Sendebud and the "Zeichen der Zeit" just as we use the SIGNS for the English-reading public.

Our goal this year is a ten per cent increase over last year for the circulation of these three periodicals. The number of subscriptions last year for these three papers was 682. Our goal this year is 1010. May I appeal to every believer in North Dakota to do his very utmost to help make the SIGNS campaign a real success.

D. N. Wall

M. V. Activities

Six girls of the Missionary Volunteer Society at Lisbon were invested as Friends in an inspirational service there Sabbath, January 28. Just about one year ago this society began its work under the leadership of Mrs. Rolf Christianson, and this first investiture service is justly considered by them a real anniversary triumph.

Music for the service was furnished by the members of the class. Their determination to render devoted service to the Master was voiced in their singing of the beautiful hymn, "I Will Follow Thee."

Other members of the class who were not quite ready to be invested now are continuing in their preparation for the next investiture service; and a new class is being started to begin work on the Companion requirements.

Theo R. Torkelson

Home Missionary Convention

We are happy to know that at least twenty-eight churches had a missionary society organized during 1938. Two years ago there were only twenty. But, dear home missionary officers, are we satisfied? No, we are not. With fifty-two churches and ten companies, we should have more societies organized. With this in mind we plan to hold the following home missionary conventions, and we solicit your prayers.

Jamestown	February 3-5
Harvey	February 10-12
Grand Forks	February 24-26
Manfred	March 3-5
Streeter	March 17-19
Golden Valley	April 14-16
Minot	April 21-23

Come! Come! And enjoy these conventions. Near by churches, companies, and isolated members are invited to join us in these meetings.

Geo. Loewen

Missionary Volunteer Convention

Bowdon	February 17-19
Lehr	March 10-12
Valley City	March 24-26
Beach	March 31-April 2
Turtle Mt.	April 7-9
Max	April 28-30
Lisbon	May 5-7

We wish to extend an invitation to the nearby churches, companies, and isolated youth. Come and join us in these services. We appreciate what the young people did in 1938 but we must look for greater things in 1939. Don't forget the above mentioned dates.

Geo Loewen

South Dakota Conference

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A Stirring Letter

The following letter was so good that I felt I must pass it on in order that others may enjoy its inspiration.

"Dec. 16, 1938"

"Dear Brother Brown:

"I have surely had a goodly number of fine experiences this week. I stopped at the home of a lady to whom I sold a 'Big Six Set' last year, and was invited to spend the night with them. After supper we had a Bible study. At the close of the study I read a few pages from the last chapter of 'Great Controversy' and handed the prospectus to the young man. He went through it carefully from start to finish and then merely said it surely was easy to understand. The lady wanted the book but could not buy without her boy's paying for it. I knew that it would not be wise to say much to him, but prayed much. When his mother left the room he glanced up from his paper saying, 'That would be a fine Christmas gift, wouldn't it?' I agreed that she would appreciate it from him; he paid for it and took the book right then. I believe he will read it too, as he was very interested in the Bible study in what I read from those wonderful closing pages of the book.

"Another man who bought a 'Big Six' from me last year asked if I had some more like them. 'They are the best books I have ever seen. Every word is truth,' he said, adding, 'I'm waiting to see a Doctor of Divinity for I have some questions to ask about the Sabbath.' While I was writing his order for more books, he asked when he could get them. 'When would you like them,' I asked. 'Right now is not too soon for me,' he said, so I left them then. He asked me to come back again soon so that he could get some more books from me.

"This morning I stopped at the home of a young couple to whom I had delivered a 'Bible Readings' last week. They ordered a \$3.75 Bible, paid for in full. They have a great burden to work for others. The Lord must have called them home from Bible School so they could find this truth. We had prayer together before I left.

"I wish some other of our brethren could have been with me this week and really see how God is pouring out His Spirit upon some. Words cannot adequately describe this colporteur work. I do not see how my loving Heavenly Father could have bestowed upon me a greater privilege.

"Sincerely your brother in Christ,
Charles Root"

What Readest Thou?

From some recent surveys it is apparent that many of our mature young people have never read the Bible from cover to cover. We have issued a large number of Bible Year Awards in the past few months and are truly glad for this. The pathetic facts are that so few of these are being sent to young people of the Junior and Senior ages. Most of them are called for by the older church members. Young people, why should we let our parents have the blessings? When we find our way into this golden wonderland of God's love, we shall be lamenting the fact that we neglected this grandest of all books, the Holy Bible.

J. H. Rhoads

An Inspiring Visit

It was the happy privilege of the writer to spend a recent week-end at Union College. I wish it were possible for me to convey to every individual in our union the rich blessings my soul received from this visit.

I was particularly impressed with the spirit of devotion and consecration to this movement which pervaded the school. It seemed as though the angels of God were hovering all about the place. Union College has been a mighty factor in the world-wide advance of the advent message, and I am certain that its work will play a large part in the final scenes and triumph of this message.

The sacrifices that many of the people in this field are making to send their children to Union are more than justified. Would that many more of our young people were receiving the priceless training for Christian living and service which it offers. We have every reason to be proud of our college.

Robert H. Brown

"Signs" Brings Results

The following is a testimonial from a church missionary secretary reporting some of the results obtained through faithful distribution of SIGNS Magazines for several years:

"I believe the SIGNS is the greatest soul-winning magazine we have, and all can have a part in circulating it. We may not all be able to go from door to door each week, but we can all give a few to our friends. We live on the farm so we mail some SIGNS every week. As a result, we have sixteen Sabbath-keepers; eleven of these are baptized mem-

bers. We have lost two of these in death, but they are resting in the assurance that at the coming of the Lord they will rise in the first resurrection. Three of these new believers are now sending forty-one yearly subscriptions of the SIGNS to their relatives and friends. Let us not be 'weary in well-doing' but let us sow the seed beside all waters.'—Church Missionary Secretary, Mitchell, South Dakota.

From the above experience we all should rally in a special way to see that more SIGNS Magazines are distributed in South Dakota during the year 1939. "More SIGNS, more souls"—let this be our slogan.

W. H. Hanhardt

"On the Trail of the South Dakota Colporteurs"

In the summer of 1932 while canvassing in Brown County, Olive and Lucille Redmon called at a farm north of Frederick. While the girls were talking to the people of the place, Mrs. Conolly, who was working there during harvest, looked over their small books, selecting those which appealed to her most: Signs of Christ's Coming, Steps to Christ, All the World Under One Flag, Bible Footlights, and The Marked Bible. When she asked to buy them, everyone was surprised, as they had scarcely noticed her during the canvass.

The next spring she moved back to Aberdeen. About three years later Paul Kemper, then a student of Plainview Academy, called on her while he was canvassing during the summer vacation. He sold her a book and gave her Bible studies until he had to go back to school. That fall she started attending the Aberdeen church where she is a member now. Mrs. Conolly says that she cannot thank Brother Kemper enough for what he has done for her. She was baptized by Elder A. V. Rhoads at Redfield, October 30, 1937. Sister Conolly at the age of 72 is literally rejoicing in the blessed truth.

Robert H. Brown

News Items

Appearing in this issue of the OUTLOOK is the first of a series of the experiences of a number of well-known South Dakota believers in accepting this message. The experiences are interesting and heart warming. You will not want to miss a single chapter of "On the Trail of the

South Dakota Colporteurs."

Elder J. H. Rhoads met with the Mitchell church on Sabbath February 11. He will be conducting an M. V. Rally with the Brookfield, Ash Grove, and Colman churches at Madison the week-end beginning Friday evening, February 17.

Brother Robert Brown returned from the Pacific Press Regional Convention to spend the first three days of the month in the office. He will be spending the next five weeks working in the field with the colporteurs and visiting some of the churches on Sabbaths.

Elder A. V. Rhoads returned from the West February 3. He and Sister Rhoads arrived in Watertown from Sioux Falls on the sixth, and the same day Elder Rhoads left for Huron to conduct the funeral services of Mr. Gross. From there he went to Tolstoy where he was in charge of the funeral services of Brother Jacob Nies, Sr.

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An Encouraging Report

At a recent conference workers' meeting at Nevada, the treasurer, Brother Woensner, presented a very encouraging financial report. Through persevering efforts and strict economy in operation, the brethren succeeded in a very substantial reduction of institutional indebtedness. The Debt Relief campaign launched in January 1938 proved a decided factor in reducing the financial obligations. The churches and workers throughout the field responded willingly to the appeal for liquidating the debt burden of the Iowa Conference. The counsel given in the Spirit of prophecy directed the brethren to operate within their income. We are told by the servant of the Lord that we are to guard ourselves "as with a fence of barbed wire against the inclination to go into debt. Let them say firmly: 'Henceforth we will advance no faster than the Lord shall indicate and means in hand shall allow, even though the good work has to wait for a while'."

In harmony with the instruction given, a new plan was introduced at the workers' and church officers' meeting which will aid greatly in

bringing further reduction in the financial obligations of the conference. The two-per-cent plan was launched and approved of by those present at the meeting. An earnest appeal was made for this plan to be promoted in all the churches in an endeavor to secure the support of every member. The two-per-cent plan has proved a great help and blessing in many conferences struggling with financial burdens. We appeal most sincerely to the brethren of the Iowa Conference to give this plan prayerful consideration and respond willingly to the appeal for wiping out the indebtedness. Surely the Lord is displeased with an indebtedness burdening the cause. His blessing will be richly bestowed upon His people as they endeavor to roll away the reproach and share in the outpouring of the Spirit of God that has been promised to all who are faithful in their spiritual activities. May God greatly bless the brethren of the Iowa Conference in doing their very best to build up the work in that field.

E. H. Oswald

Signs Means Souls!

You may profitably ponder the truthfulness of the slogan "More Signs, more souls." Reflection tells us that this denominational missionary paper, with heaven's blessing, has been the medium that has brought to a great many a saving knowledge of this wonderful message. The timely, up-to-the-minute, informative, inspirational articles are happily appreciated. But thoughtful contemplation, of itself, never saved anyone. During this special season while the "Signs of the Times" campaign is on, we must translate all our good wishes into good actions,—actions that call for sacrifice. Beloved, let us join hearts and hands in a united effort to reach the full Iowa Conference subscription goal of two thousand by March first. Let us ever bear in mind the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void."

DeWitt S. Osgood

Wedding

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Reuel Pelton of Fredericksburg, Iowa, when Mr. and Mrs. Pelton gave their daughter, Gladys, in marriage to Mr. Rodney Britain of Sumner, Iowa. Many friends wish them happiness as they start out together their married life.

B. A. Scherr

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER RALLY—District No. 1

February 18—Cherokee, Iowa

All the young people from the following churches are invited to this rally: Sioux City, Onawa, Hawarden, Smithland, Ute, Modale and Castana.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER RALLY—District No. 2

February 25—Algona, Iowa

All the young people from the following churches are invited to this rally: Forest City, Humboldt, Fort Dodge, Lake City, Rockwell City, Ruthven, Spirit Lake, Terril and Sioux Rapids.

W. A. Howe

Not Room Enough

Recently while visiting at the home of Brother I. H. Wernick, elder of the Lake City, Iowa, church, I heard of an experience which I think is worth passing on. In the course of conversation, the subject of tithe-paying was mentioned. Brother Wernick is a faithful and conscientious tithe-payer. I noticed his eyes light up at the mention of tithing and soon there came from his lips a wonderful account of how the Lord had blessed him in a very signal way. It was back in the year 1913 that this remarkable experience came to him. I set it down as he gave it to me.

"I was working at the time by the month on a farm in this vicinity and had managed to save about \$300.00. I decided to go into the bee business on the side, to see if I couldn't in time become independent. So I bought my supplies and put up forty colonies of bees.

"About this time the advent message came to me, and because it was the truth and I was endeavoring to be a Christian, I decided to unite with the Adventist people. Among other things which were brought to my attention was their belief in tithe-paying. I accepted it with the rest, for I saw clearly that it was the gospel way of financing the church. However, all my money was tied up in the bees, but I promised the Lord that if He would give me success, I would not only give Him the tithe, but another tithe besides.

"It was a beautiful spring and bid fair to give a bumper crop. The bees were humming and stirring impatiently, waiting for the flowers to begin

to blossom so they could go to work. I felt sure that the Lord was on my side; things looked so favorable. However, just at the time the bees could begin in earnest to make honey, the drouth came. And it was so dry that the grass would break off and crumble as you walked through it. It looked as though my forty colonies of bees were doomed to forced idleness. I wondered just how the Lord would work out the situation for me. But is it not a true saying, 'Man's extremity is God's opportunity'? Well, it certainly was so in my case.

"The bees became suddenly active, and from where they got it is a mystery to me, but the honey started to pour in, as it were, and it was not long before I had to remove the honey from the hives. In a remarkably short time the hives were full again, and again I emptied them; and again they were full. I just could not keep up to those bees. They went under the hives and made more honey. I took some stones and made a shelter over them. Still they came and deposited their load of honey. I filled up all my big extractors, washboilers, and tubs, and still more honey came. I borrowed from the neighbors all their available empty utensils, and filled them. I tell you, there was honey around my place! And it was still dry."

His unusual experience came to the ears of the leading bee men in that part of the country, and they came to see if what they heard was true. They were deeply impressed and exclaimed that it was a truly remarkable output. I saw the picture they took of him and the forty colonies of bees.

He remembered his promise to the Lord and paid what he had vowed. He said to me, "Brother Gackenhaimer, the Lord says in His word that if we are faithful, He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This man knows that faithful stewardship pays rich dividends.

Brother and Sister Wernick have since gone into the poultry business, and the Lord continues to bless them. They have been able to keep their four fine boys in our schools, and I am confident that some day they will all find their place in the Lord's work. They believe firmly in Christian education. Agan I say, Faithful stewardship pays rich dividends.

E. T. Gackenhaimer

Tune In

"From Everlasting to Everlasting" will be the theme to be discussed by the writer in the radio broadcast over WHO, Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday morning, February 19, between 11:00 A. M. and 12:00 M. Not only should all our church membership tune in, but we urgently request that you invite your friends and neighbors to listen in. These hour programs, as you know, are courtesy programs, and we feel that a word of appreciation is due WHO. We hope you will all heartily respond to this special request and that everyone who tunes in will send a postal card to the station, commenting on the program. Please do not fail us in this, for there should be many hundreds of postal cards and letters sent in this way. We're depending on you. Thanks.

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Obituaries

Swanson.—Ray Gustav Swanson was born December 28, 1915 at Sycamore, Illinois, and passed to his rest at the University Hospital in Minneapolis Minnesota, October 16, 1938, after a prolonged illness. He, with his parents, moved to Benson, Minnesota, March 16, 1917. He gave his heart to God while he was young, was baptised and joined the Gilchrist church, of which he was a faithful member at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swanson; four brothers, Robert, Elmer, Mervin and Floyd; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Flower and Elveria; all of Benson. The funeral services were conducted from the large Lutheran church in Benson which was filled with relatives and friends. We believe our brother rests in the blessed hope and will come forth with those whom Jesus says are "blessed". May God comfort those left to mourn and be permitted to prepare them for the day when Jesus shall come for His people.

N. R. Nelson

Brink.—Nettie Brink was born in Boras, Sweden, December 29, 1865, and passed away at the Burlington Hospital, November 15, 1938, following an extended illness. She had never married, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frank Shellburg, of Bloomfield, Iowa, eight nieces, and three nephews. She has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist faith for the past forty years and was faithful unto death. She now awaits the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Robert Kepkey.

L. P. Knecht

Wiley.—Henrietta Florence Rothchild, the daughter of Egert and Anna Mann Rothchild, was born November 9, 1872, in Atchinson County, Missouri, and passed away November 20, 1938, following a short illness. On July 20, 1892, she was united in marriage to William W. Wiley, and in the spring of 1895 they moved to Van Buren County, Iowa, settling near Birmingham, where they lived until her death. She is survived by her husband and five children: Mrs. Lura E. Parrott, Doubs, Iowa; Mrs. Lela E. Wharton, Deer Lodge, Tennessee; Clare E. Wiley, Birmingham, Iowa; Mrs. Mabel A. Johns, Fayette, Iowa; and Lester S. Wiley, Birmingham, Iowa. She is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Silvanus Rothchild, of Mankato, Kansas, and William Rothchild, of Nebraska; also three sisters, Mrs. Hannah Whitted, of Idaho; Mrs. Mattie Brown and Mrs. Bert Haggart, both of Mankato, Kansas. Shortly after coming to Birmingham, Iowa, she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained faithful until her death. Besides her immediate family, she leaves a host of friends who had learned to love her because of her cheerful, loving, and willing ministry to others. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at the Birmingham Methodist Church, and

burial was made at the Maple Hill Cemetery. She now sleeps to await the call of the Life-giver
L. P. Knecht

Davis.—Clifford Gene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, was born September 17, 1938 at Bemidji, Minnesota, and passed away at the Lutheran Hospital at Bemidji, December 21, 1938. He leaves to mourn his death, his parents, two brothers, one sister, and other relatives. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.
J. C. Harder

Larson.—Gustav Theodore Larson was born in Sweden, January 13, 1857, and died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 23, 1938. He is survived by his wife and one son. Funeral services were conducted in the Advent Christian Church at Maple Plain and interment was made at St. Cloud. We are confident that our faithful brother will rise in the first resurrection.

Adrian R. M. Lauritzen
West.—May West, nee Chappel, was born in Delaware, Wisconsin, on November 21, 1872 and passed away at her home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, January 22, 1939 at the age of 66 years. She came to South Dakota as a child and has long been a resident of Sioux Falls. She is survived by her husband, Mahlon West, seven children and one sister. Many years ago Sister West accepted the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. Although she has been hindered by long illness from attending church services, she has kept the faith. The evening before her death she requested visiting friends to sing "God Be With You." She sleeps in the blessed hope. Burial was made in the Hills of Rest Cemetery at Sioux Falls.
J. H. Rhoads

Oman.—Mrs. John Oman, nee Grant, was born in Cambridge township Minnesota, May 11, 1886 and died at her home near Grandy, Minnesota, December 13, 1938. On December 24, 1907, she was united in marriage to John Oman of Grandy. To this union were born: one daughter, Marjorie, and one son, Earl, who are both residing at home. Sister Oman was baptized November 4, 1916 by Elder Carl Swenson, and joined the Grandy S. D. A. church, where she remained a faithful and esteemed member until she passed away. She has left to mourn: her husband and the two children; one brother, Andrew Grant, at Turlock, California; many cousins and a large number of other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted from the Stanchfield Baptist church by the writer, assisted by the local pastor.
August Anderson

Cox.—Mrs. Rae Kirby-Cox, of Keene, Texas, was born October 27, 1885, in Chicago, Illinois, and passed to rest December 11, 1938. In early youth she gave her heart to the Lord and united with the South Side Seventh-day Adventist church in Chicago. She received a well-balanced education in a Christian school at Hinsdale, Illinois. Her exemplary life as a Christian and mother has been of far reaching influence. She was faithful unto death and leaves to mourn their loss, her husband and two sons. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by J. A. P. Green. She was laid to rest in the Keene, Texas, cemetery to await the call of the Life giver.
J. B. Hampton

Phillips—Grace Lulu Arnett-Phillips, daughter of Frank and Hattie Arnett, was born June 12, 1896, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and passed from this life January 3, 1939, at Iowa City at the age of forty-two years.

When a child of five years, her parents moved to Nevada, where she attended

church school, and later Oak Park Academy. She was baptized at the age of twelve and joined the Nevada church.

On December 12, 1916, she was united in marriage to Wendell R. Phillips, to which union one child, Rollen Lloyd, was born. Those surviving besides the husband and son are: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Arnett, of Lincoln, Nebraska; four brothers—Frank, Archie, Ernest, and Earl; four sisters—Mrs. Avis Johnson, Mrs. Murial Luther, Mrs. Ruth Phillips, and Mrs. Thomas Evans. Sister Phillips was a loyal and faithful wife and mother, devoted to her home and loved ones. She loved Jesus as her Savior too. In one of her last letters to her mother she gave expression to her hope of being home with Jesus. We believe she awaits the call of the Life-giver.
Alfred J. Gordon

Pierson.—Mrs. Anna Pierson, nee Thompson, was born at Wannaska in Northern Minnesota, November 19, 1896, and lived there until she was united in marriage to Aaron Pierson in June, 1927. Their home is located near Gatzke, Minnesota. The knowledge of the truth came to Sister Pierson by reading our literature. She accepted it and became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1925. At the time of her death, January 2, 1939, she was a member of the Middle River church. She leaves to mourn; a loving husband, five children of tender age, five step children, her mother, four brothers, and two sisters. The funeral service was conducted from the home January 11, 1939, where the writer spoke words of comfort to the many relatives, church members, and friends of the community who had assembled to pay their last respects to Sister Pierson. She was laid to rest in the little community cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.
David Gulbrandson

Aurness.—Nikoline Elene Erickson was born October 18, 1850, at Haajem, Norway, and passed to her rest January 19, 1939 at her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was united in marriage to Ole Aurness in October 1876 at Aalsund, Norway, and came to America with her family in 1905. She has been a resident of Minneapolis since 1907. She is mourned by two daughters and one son, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, also a brother. Mrs. Aurness united with the Adventist church in 1920 through the labors of Elder C. Edwardson. She was always a loyal member and did what she could to help the work of God. She was one of God's children, and rests in the blessed hope of a soon-coming Saviour. The writer conducted the service from the Sundseth Funeral Home in Minneapolis, and Sister Aurness rests at the Crystal Lake Cemetery.
N. R. Nelson

Colporteur Report

P. D. Gerrard

Union Field Secretary

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1939

		Bks.	Hrs.	Orders	Del.
Iowa—G. H. Boehrig, Sec.					
William Betts	HR	39	17.59	2.36	
Roy Chamberlain	BR	48	38.50	8.75	
A. E. Johnson	Misc.	43	16.25	16.25	
Ray T. Kroll	HP		3.00	12.00	
Haz-l A. Messenger	H	32	16.95	16.95	
*H. W. Niswonger	Misc.	78	291.88	291.88	
Glenn Shelton	BR	31	14.00	3.50	
G. W. Smith	Mag.		3.95	3.95	
Howard Strickland	BR	32	16.50	16.50	
Elva G. Wilcox	Misc.	13	4.70	4.70	
Total			316	423.23	377.98
Minnesota—C. G. Cross, Sec.					
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	51	19.85	19.85	
H. E. Preston	BR	44	66.35	16.25	
Karl Evenson	BR	42	108.65	27.75	

Virginia Rust	Mag.	42	15.80	15.80
R. J. Jones	GC	41	39.10	9.00
William Greer	GC	40	22.75	4.75
Carl A. Klein	HG	34	33.75	.25
Gwendolyn Judd	HG	35	17.10	3.90
Myrtle Peterson	BR	31	9.25	18.25
C. E. Powers	Mag.	29	10.15	10.15
Judith Dufstrom	Mag.	19	14.70	15.20
Harold Santini	Mag.	15	3.50	5.10
Mrs. A. Paul	HR	12	1.50	1.50
Fred E. Reeve	BR	9	11.00	5.70
Mrs. J. Porwoll	Mag.	8	2.75	2.75
Mrs. Pearle Lequier	Mag.		2.25	2.25

Total 452 378.45 158.45

North Dakota—Roger Baker, Sec.				
A. H. Liebelt	RJ	42	48.25	
Edith Olson	HG	35	17.65	5.80
Mrs. A. Scofield	HWS	24	7.20	4.90
C. A. Lindquist	H	4	3.00	3.00
Total		105	76.10	13.70

South Dakota—R. H. Brown, Sec.				
Norman Peterson	BR	7	1.50	1.50
Orville Poore	HG			3.30
Total		7	1.50	5.30
* Two Weeks				
Total for Union		880	879.28	555.43

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Sunset Calendar

"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."

February 17, 1939

Des Moines, Iowa	5:49
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:43
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:10
Pierre, South Dakota	5:57

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