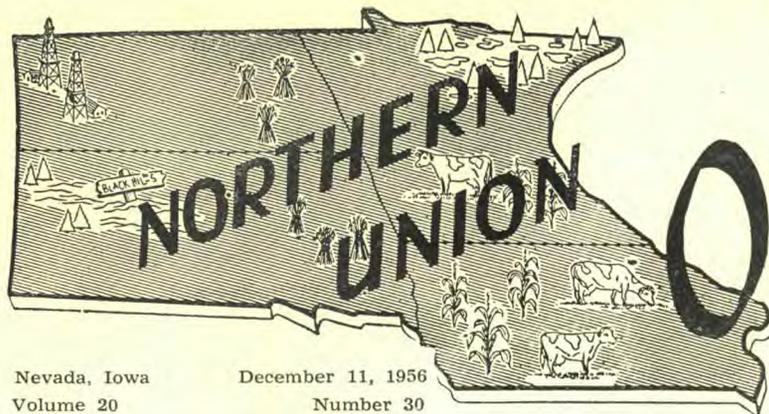


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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me: because He hath anointed Me to preach good tidings . . ." Isaiah 61:1.

Evangelism at Fargo

By R. M. WHITSETT

The readers of the OUTLOOK will probably be interested in having a report of the union evangelistic campaign now in progress in North Dakota's largest city, Fargo. It has been our happy privilege to be associated with some outstanding men in this effort.



R. M. WHITSETT

A. M. Matar, the pastor of the Fargo church, and his faithful companion, Mrs. Matar, have been of great value to us. Mrs. Matar officiates at the organ and Elder Matar is our platform chairman.

The North Dakota Conference has also been kind in sending another one of their workers to Fargo, W. P. Lawrence. He has been in charge of our public address equipment, our organ, the electronic supplies, and the stage in the auditorium. Elder Lawrence is a valuable man to have on your staff not only for his ministry and visitation of the interested people but for his great skill in dealing with electronic equipment. We are certainly glad to have Elder and Mrs. Lawrence working with us.

Sister conferences have sent in some very fine workers to be associated with us. From Iowa it has been our privilege to have C. E. Larson, who proved to be most valuable in visitation and teaching of the Bible class.

From South Dakota for a period of six weeks H. E. Preston was

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A Year of Blessings

R. H. NIGHTINGALE

As we come to the end of another year of precious blessings we might well ask, with the Psalmist, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" Psalms 116:12. He gives us the answer in verses 13 and 14: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."

You will notice that he not only accepts the plan of salvation but says, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord." One of the vows that every one of you should have taken when you accepted Christ and this message and joined the church was to be faithful in tithes and offerings. The plain command of the Bible is "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." And notice the promised blessing. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The plan of salvation teaches us

to put Christ first in all things. In the little book, *The Legion of the Tenth*, by Carlyle B. Haynes, this principle is illustrated by the example of a little girl who had been given ten new pennies. "She held them all in her hand admiringly. Then she took one and laid it aside. 'This,' she said, 'is for Jesus.' She took a second and said, 'This is for you, Mummy.' A third, 'This is for you, Daddy.' And on to the tenth, 'And this is for Jesus.'

"Her mother said, 'You forgot, dear; you have already given one to Jesus.'

"I know," she replied, 'but that belonged to Him; this is a present.'

As we near the end of this year we invite all our members in the Northern Union to close the year right by having their tithe paid up to date.

I wish to express my appreciation for the faithfulness of our members in their support of God's work. May each one of you enjoy the blessing as promised in the word of God for your faithfulness.

Ingathering

By R. H. NIGHTINGALE

Encouraging news is reaching this office concerning the results of Ingathering caroling. It appears that some of our churches are experiencing phenomenal results. No doubt many of our churches will reach all or most of their goal by Christmas time or the end of the year.

We urge all our members to enter wholeheartedly into the Ingathering and caroling program and make this an outstanding year in behalf of the world-wide mission program.

Those Who Invest

"The Saviour of the World has presented a most profitable business, in which rich and poor, learned and unlearned, may engage. All may safely lay up for themselves 'a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.' This is investing their powers on the right side. It is putting out their talents to the exchangers." *Testimonies*, vol 5, p. 259.

Inventory Time

BY C. L. TORREY, *Treasurer*
General Conference

Well I remember, when I was connected with one of our large medical institutions, spending several weeks annually taking inventory, consisting of furniture, equipment, and supplies. It was a long tedious task and I was always thankful when the job was completed.

I have remembered many times those weeks of taking stock which was so necessary to a full understanding of the financial status of that institution.

Inventory time is still the order of the year in respect to every business organization. And it ought to be inventory time with the Christian, especially Seventh-day Adventist Christians, when we calculate our losses and gains to ascertain our spiritual standing, so necessary to the accomplishment of the purpose for which we dedicated our lives when we accepted Christ and gave ourselves to the finishing of the work.

We need to examine our hearts also and learn anew if the purpose at our conversion to work for God and the extension of His cause has been altered with the passing of time. We are living in a busy world. The cares of this life often crowd out the most essential things and considerations. Some are thinking perhaps of how they can make more money to buy things for their comfort; others of pleasures of this life, etc. Winning souls may perhaps have been dimmed by

the absorption in these material things.

I believe that our master ambition will determine the character of each one of us and what our achievements shall be as we now enter upon another year. It takes concentration of thought to accomplish our highest purpose. For example, it is concentrated electricity that strikes; it is concentration of purpose that conquers opposing forces. There is enough energy stored up in fifty acres of sunshine, it is said, to run all the machinery in the world. Unquestionably in multitudes of human lives there is enough moral force and enough wisdom to make possible the achievement of tremendous results if this moral force and wisdom were but brought to bear on great matters for the highest ends.

The chief ambition of Columbus was the discovery of a new continent; hence his face was set westward like a flint. Napoleon's master purpose seemed to be self-aggrandizement; hence his domineering and tyrannous career. Livingston's master passion was the opening of a dark continent to civilization and Christian influence; thus his heroic and persistent missionary zeal. Paul's master ambition was Christ and Christlikeness for himself and for all men; therefore his unequalled devotion to Christ and his sublime character, rising above that of ordinary men

like some great and towering mountain.

These things we need to consider especially now that we are rapidly approaching the close of 1956 and about to step over into the new year 1957.

The physical stock of the pioneers was small indeed. They had little of this world's goods. We read of their constant trials and sacrifices, yet their master ambition never dimmed. They were determined men and women and even though the way seemed long and their path strewn with many difficulties, perplexities, and privations, they were determined to win through.

The tiny candle they lighted back there has become a blaze of light and glory spreading from nation to nation by God-fearing men and women until today this message is being preached in nearly every country of earth.

That same master ambition must continue with us until the work is finished. We all know that we are living in the time of the end. The task is great. There is so little time left. Shall we not renew our consecration to God and our dedication to this great cause and as one man go forward from victory to victory and finish God's work?

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EVANGELISM AT FARGO

(Continued from page 1)

with us in Fargo and when he was suddenly recalled to become the pastor of the Sioux Falls church he left a valuable list of names, some of which will surely join the church.

From Minnesota Elder and Mrs. E. R. Colson have been assigned to the Fargo campaign and Mrs. Colson and her lovely voice have been welcome additions to our staff. Elder Colson has confined his activities to the city of Moorhead which lies across the river in Minnesota, and we are happy to say that several from that city either have already been baptized or soon will be and will become members of the Fargo church.

In addition to these regular workers we have been made happy by the frequent visits of members of the union staff, especially R. H. Nightingale, and the North Dakota Conference staff including K. D. Johnson, S. E. White, and R. D. Steinke. Before leaving Minnesota E. R. Osmunson paid us a visit and O. T. Garner always drops in during the course of our evangelistic campaigns. Other workers from both North Dakota and Minnesota have been in attendance at some of our meetings. We are always glad to welcome such visitors.

On Sunday night, December 2, we presented the "Mark of the Beast." I never cease to be amazed at the number of people who come out to hear this stirring message. We had the largest crowd of any so far with the exception of the opening night and on that occasion many Adventists drove in from 200 or 300 miles distance to be with us on the opening night, so actually we had more non-Adventists present on December 2 than ever before.

It is thrilling to note how many people come to an Adventist meeting for the first time to hear this sermon on the "Mark of the Beast" and then go all the way with us to ultimately join the church. This has proven true in my ministry in many parts of the country and since I have been in the Northern Union the trend continues.

Thus far six have been baptized but our larger fruitage will come at

the end of December and during the month of January. As this is being written we are planning for two baptisms, on December 15 and 22 respectively. After the holidays we will go into the church for meetings for a period of three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Cook, Mrs. Whitsett and I will then move to Bismarck for a three-week program. Elder and Mrs. Robert Link will continue in Fargo and assist Elder Matar as meetings are conducted through the month of February. Shortly after that we will be transferring our union evangelistic staff to the South Dakota Conference but Elder Matar will continue meetings in the church.

We need your prayers for we are in the midst of the climax of the Fargo campaign. Please pray that God will give us a rich fruitage and that the Holy Spirit will press home the truth upon the hearts of these interested people, making it so attractive and so important for these climactic times that no one will be able to resist the appeal to become members of the remnant church.

"I Have Been a Robber"

Seldom are people as frank in speaking about themselves as is a Faith for Today viewer who wrote, "Your lessons have convinced me that I have been a robber. My very next pay check God shall get ten per cent of my gross earnings. I am convinced that I have been cheap about this, but no more."

When computing income from TV viewers only the donations to the work of the telecast are counted. This amounts to a most generous total each year. For this we thank God.

But we thank Him, too, for the increase in tithe from TV viewer converts which goes directly into conference treasuries. This is an expanding flow of means for the advancement of our general church work whose volume is known only to God. For this, too, we thank Him.

Evidence that TV viewers appreciate the tremendous sacrifice of our members in providing the

Faith for Today TV series comes in the daily correspondence. A Pennsylvania student expresses his sentiments in the brief statement, "My sincere thanks and appreciation to a well organized church, which has done so much for so little in return."

We thank God also that the returns to the "well organized" Seventh-day Adventist church are steadily mounting, swelled by uncounted tithes and offerings from TV viewers.

Basic Training for I-A-O's

On various occasions word has come that our young men who have been drafted into the Army are to receive their basic training, or a part of it, at the various Army installations, and not at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. When such a report reached me recently I called the Pentagon for specific information. I was told that, in harmony with A R 615-203, all men classified 1-A-O and drafted into the Army are to be sent from their induction centers direct to Fort Sam Houston for their basic training. Any other assignment is improper, and usually results in trouble for the man involved.

The only exception to this procedure is in connection with the man not classified 1-A-O by his draft board but who claims to be a conscientious objector. Such a man may receive all or a portion of his training at another Army installation while his claim is being verified. Then he, too, is to be sent to Fort Sam Houston for further training, or to complete his training.

If your serviceman is classified 1-A-O, and is sent to any place other than Fort Sam Houston for his basic training, ask your War Service Commission Secretary for help in getting him properly assigned.

GEORGE W. CHAMBERS, *Secretary
General Conference War Service
Commission*

Our TV Children Thank You

Faith for Today's Junior Bible School wishes to thank each one of you for your kindness in sending

us such a generous supply of the children's magazine *Junior Guide*.

This magazine extends the influence of Seventh-day Adventists into the homes of thousands of TV viewers. The half hour telecast is limited to the presentation of Bible, doctrinal and inspirational topics. When *Junior Guide* goes into the home, Faith for Today's Bible topics are augmented by mission, character building and nature stories, the Sabbath school lessons, and in addition, a wealth of suggestions for worth-while junior activities.

We urge you to remember these Faith for Today TV children each week, and send all the copies of *Junior Guide* you can spare to:

Faith for Today

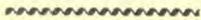
Junior Bible School

Box 8, New York 8, New York

We are confident that your generosity in supplying us with your copies of *Junior Guide* will help to stem the rising trend toward juvenile delinquency.

May God bless this fine little magazine as you make it available to Faith for Today. It can proudly stand with our other denominational literature as a soul-winning journal—not only for Adventist youth, but for others across the land.

FAITH FOR TODAY



A New "Signs" for a New Day

Celebrating its eighty-third anniversary during 1957, *Signs of the Times* happily announces a dramatic adventure into a new field of journalism. For a number of months its publishers and promoters have joined in study and counsel with our denominational leaders in an endeavor to enlarge its sphere of service, both as a missionary agency for our church members, and also for distribution by our full and part-time colporteurs.

Word has just arrived in the *Signs* office from Washington presenting the action of the recent Fall Council of the General Conference Committee. We quote here with part of the recommendation relating to our denominational missionary paper—*Signs of the Times*.

"We recommend, 1. That the publication of the weekly *Signs of*

the Times be temporarily suspended at the close of the 1956 volume; it being understood that the Pacific Press shall retain the right to produce a weekly journal should circumstances so demand in the future, and authorization be given by Autumn Council action.

2. That a 36-page monthly *Signs of the Times* including a four-color cover, be published beginning January 1, 1957.

3. That the price of the monthly *Signs of the Times* be the same as *These Times*, as may be agreed upon by the two houses.

4. That this monthly journal be circulated as a missionary and sales journal in the territory allocated to the *Signs of the Times*."

The territory allotted to the personal and direct promotion of *Signs* includes the "North Pacific, Pacific, Northern, and Central Unions, and the Alberta, British Columbia, and Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conferences."

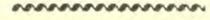
In harmony with the traditional custom of recent years the 1957 *Signs* crusade will be conducted during the month of February, with the special crusade price for sponsored missionary subscriptions continuing through the month of March. The established price will be \$1.50 for single subscriptions in quantities of one to seven mailed anywhere in the United States or its postal zones. Also in quantities of eight or more at a cost of only \$1.25 each.

On the supposition that many of our people in the *Signs* territory would like to sponsor gift subscriptions for their relatives, friends, and individuals on their prayer lists, during the coming holiday season, we are dispatching this announcement through every available channel without delay.

The unfolding scene on every horizon of a troubled world prompts us to anticipate history-making developments that will hurry us along to the close of human probation. For this reason we share a definite conviction with our leadership that the time has come for us to unify our forces and consolidate our efforts for the distribution of our missionary literature on a much larger scale. We know our believers everywhere will enter in-

to enthusiastic fellowship with us in carrying out the recommendation of the council.

Our every facility will be made available to our people in a united endeavor to accomplish heaven's purposes in sounding the loud cry of the third angel's message, and to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord.



Who Will Bring Them Back?

Smoke drifted lazily skyward above the blurred grey of the African bush as I stood endeavoring to warm myself in the morning rays of the feeble winter sun. I had been bitterly cold in the temporary grass hut built for the visiting speaker and I watched the round red sun rising above the bush with more than mere aesthetic interest.

Soon, from somewhere at the outskirts of the near-by village a gong sounded, followed shortly by the pleasing harmony of African voices singing Advent hymns, and I made my way to the thatch-grass enclosure prepared especially for camp meeting.

Veteran African worker, James Malinki, was already there when I walked in and I sat down beside him so that he could interpret the message that Evangelist Lesaka would present for this early morning worship.

Presently, during a pause in the singing, Pastor Malinki leaned near



The two women who approached Pastor Malinki about their children, as it actually happened

and asked, "Do you hear that noise?"

I listened carefully. From deep in the village came a penetrating, mournful rumbling sound, rising and falling with doleful monotony. It made a strangely unpleasant impression upon me.

"What is it?" I asked.

"That is a heathen maid. For six months she is shut up in a hut with nothing to do but play the instrument that makes that noise. She has reached puberty and must be fattened and prepared for marriage."

Once more the singing began and the heathen maid's call was swallowed up in the hymn "Jesus Is Coming Again" sung joyfully by faithful Adventist members who had been literally "called out of darkness." But the penetrating call of the African girl was a solemn reminder of the work still to be done.

When Evangelist Lesaka had concluded his talk in the Tonga language, he called for testimonies.

What testimonies can these people give, I wondered. Few have Bibles, many cannot even read. They know little or nothing of the Spirit of prophecy. They have no church building and their pastor cares for a district that covers some 2,300 square miles where there are scattered over 1,000 villages and 27

church companies. What could they find to say?

I soon learned.

A woman stood to her feet. Her voice was too subdued to hear what she said, for we were sitting right at the back, but Malinki whispered, "That mother has walked thirty-six miles to come to camp meeting." There was a responsive "Amen" as she sat down again, and a young man stood to his feet. Malinki leaned near and interpreted.

"I was a herdboyc herding cattle, but I heard that Jesus was the Great Herdman. He has called me and I am happy that I belong to Him. He leads me where there is good pasture and I want to stay with Him."

Another stood.

"I thank God for bringing me to this camp meeting. I thank Him for calling me, for I was a heathen in my village. But still my heart is crying because so many did not heed the call. I am so happy for God's servants who came from far away to tell me of Jesus. They do not know how much their work has meant to me and my people. I thank God for what Jesus did for me and I accept His sacrifice."

Now an older man stood to speak.

"The message came to my village when I was a heathen. I accepted the invitation of Jesus but my

No Outlook December 25

In harmony with our usual practice we are not publishing the issue of the NORTHERN UNION OUTLOOK that would normally be printed on December 25.

brethren did not. I decided that like Abraham I and my family would go out without them. Now God has blessed me and my family. My brethren can see the change that Jesus has made in me. Please pray for my brethren."

"These seem a happy people, Pastor Malinki," I remarked after the service was over.

"Yes, they are happy because they love the Lord, but nevertheless, their hearts are heavy."

"Oh, why?"

"You see, we used to have a school for their children, but we had to give our school to the government or accept complete government supervision. The government supervised the school for about a year, but now they have given it to another mission society which does not mind receiving government money and complete control of their teaching staff. Now these people say that if their children go to school under these foreign missionaries they will be taught wrong things."

As if to reinforce what the old Pastor has just said, two women came up and knelt African fashion before him. "Ah, Baba Malinki" I heard as they began to talk earnestly to him in Tonga.

"What did they want?" I asked when they had gone.

"They came to talk to me about their children. They asked: 'Why can't we have a church school? If our children go to this other mission school, they will leave the church and when they are old, who will bring them back?' Their hearts are very heavy."

"What did you tell them?"

"Ah, Umfundis, what could I say? Just that there is no money. We have the teachers. Many of our African teachers who are now in government service would come



Adventist children on the road they take to school in Northern Rhodesia

back to us if they were sure we could have our own church schools. But there is no money."

During the camp meeting I learned a little more of the predicament of these faithful believers. Adventist teachers had been teaching in the local government school, but now, to save supervision costs, the Education Department was thinking of, and had already begun to, give the government school, attended mostly by Adventist children, into the control of another mission society. Already pressure had been brought upon some of our people. One of them, a teacher, had asked permission to enter his little son in the lower grades of the school.

"I will accept your child on one condition," replied the missionary, "you and your child must become members of the ——— church."

The teacher refused, but what was he to do? His child must have schooling and this school was the only one available. Must his little boy grow up without the education that all Africans crave?

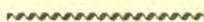
The situation faced by the teacher reminded me forcibly of a statement in *Great Controversy* in the chapter entitled "The Impending Conflict:" "The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honour Sunday." This is what is happening in this section of the BaSala reserve today.

Sometimes the church appears wealthy. Large sums of money are sent to different parts of the world and there is the temptation to argue: "The church is rich today, I am struggling, why should I give liberally of *my* small income!" But those large sums of money are not unlimited. As the funds are spread over vast territories the volume decreases until there is a need, a real heart-rending need as there is in the BaSala reserve.

"Ah, Baba Malinki, if these foreign missionaries take our children when they are young — who will bring them back when they are old?" And when those voices are quiet, there comes from beyond the mournful call of the yet unsaved heathen maid.

"Ah, Umfundis, what can we say, but that there is no money?"

By LYNDON K. McDOWELL



An Interesting Report on The Voice of Prophecy

The Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast carries with it a tremendous interest on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist believer. Behind the broadcast, however, is a well-organized Bible correspondence school which is doing its part in bringing men and women to a decision for the truth that we know and love so dearly. A few days ago we received some comments from workers and ministers who have followed up interests of the Voice of Prophecy School. These follow-up workers have given a report of the interests that they found and the results of the work of the Voice of Prophecy.

"There was great rejoicing when we buried one of your students in baptism last week. Several thoughts came to mind: God is drawing those who shall be heirs of eternal salvation; the Voice of Prophecy is a God-sent institution; the sincere hearts will accept the truth before it is too late. This man was a minister in the Baptist Church for many years. After completing your lessons he spent two or three years in the valley of decision. He realized that in order to be saved, he must obey; but he was pastoring two churches and his wife was not in harmony with his beliefs. He told me that many men who are now preaching were baptized by him. Just recently I spent several hours talking with him, and he was still in the valley of decision. I whispered a prayer to the Lord, and as quick as a flash, he said: 'I am willing. Where is your robe?' I know that all heaven rejoiced along with us."

"You will be interested in learning how this lady and her husband started coming to Sabbath school. It was her birthday and her husband asked her where she would like to go to celebrate. Their little three-year-old boy spoke up and said: 'Well, I guess we ought to go to church. That would be the

best wouldn't it?' They have been attending ever since and the mother has now been baptized."

"I was too late in visiting this student. (The contact was made four and one-half years after the name was sent to the conference.) I had a good visit, but she had forgotten what the course was about and too busy to be interested in taking another one. She had lost all interest."

"This is one of the finest interests I have ever had. It is wonderful to see a young person whose parents are not members step out for the message. She is really a princess of a person and will soon be baptized."

"Only six weeks ago I visited this family for the first time. I never before in my thirty-eight years of ministry met a family who was so thoroughly indoctrinated in the message as I found this family to be. Your course did it. I was the first Seventh-day Adventist they ever met. The Voice of Prophecy did a good job in getting them ready for church membership. All three are now baptized."

"This lady and her eight-year-old son are preparing for baptism. Her brother and wife have also asked for baptism and are attending church with their four children. This lady has two more children attending church, and there is another brother and family who are prospects."

ORDELL R. REES,
Radio and Television Secretary
for the Northern Union
Conference



Moving Time

Some of the early disciples were accused of turning the world upside down. Today, modern disciples may move the world for God.

This will only be accomplished when we move forward in perfect unity and fellowship (two fellows in the same ship), guided by the Master whom we profess to serve. This guidance will dictate one purpose—the giving of the Gospel in this generation.

The sale of Seventh-day Adventist literature holds out tremendous

possibilities for the accomplishment of this objective. Your publishing department secretary is anxious to join hands with you in order that this objective may be realized. Why not write him today?

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 221.

C. A. EDWARDS



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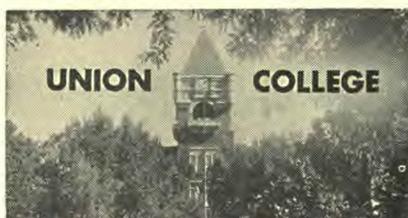
Loma Linda Labels Being Missent

Our Loma Linda Food Company reports that hundreds of Loma Linda labels and box tops are being missent to the company's main office in Arlington, California. This is causing needless confusion and delay.

As a Sabbath school officer or member, you are reminded that each label saved for your Investment project should be turned in to your conference Sabbath school department. All Loma Linda labels are worth one cent each toward your Sabbath school Investment Fund, but in order that they be given proper credit to your Sabbath school, they should be counted and reported through your conference Sabbath school department.

Since this plan began in 1940 more than \$80,000 has been contributed to missions by your church-owned Loma Linda Food Company through this label-saving plan. Can you imagine what that much money has meant to our missionaries? A thousand dollars in Central America will erect a church building; in South America it will build three village schools; in Africa it will support five native evangelists, or in Free China it will treat 100 patients for a month!

Don't throw away your Loma Linda labels. By all means save them because they are worth pennies and pennies mean dollars for new mission work. But be sure to send them to your conference Sabbath school department for proper credit!



News Note

At its annual meeting held on Friday, November 30, at the College of St. Mary, Omaha, Nebraska, Harvey C. Hartman was elected president of the Nebraska Association of Church-Related Colleges for 1957.

This organization, of which Union College is a member, is represented by twelve church-related colleges located in Nebraska.

It was voted that the next annual meeting in the fall of 1957 be held on the campus of Union College.



Ministerial Training Program

The 1956 Autumn Council of the General Conference unanimously approved a five-year ministerial training program. Four years of this training will be spent in our colleges and the fifth year in the Theological Seminary.

D. E. Rebok was assigned to visit each of the colleges in the North American Division to make a survey of the ministerial potential in

our colleges; to interview ministerial students and to study the training program now in operation, visiting classes and counseling with the teachers.

Elder Rebok was president of the Theological Seminary for about nine years, and is very much interested in young men who are looking forward to a life of service in the ministry of this denomination.

He was on the Union College campus from November 30 to December 8.

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South Dakotans to Mission Field

Joseph William Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lehman of Sioux Falls visited in his hometown before boarding ship December 14 for the Belgian Congo, Africa, where they will be busy in soul-winning service for the next six years.

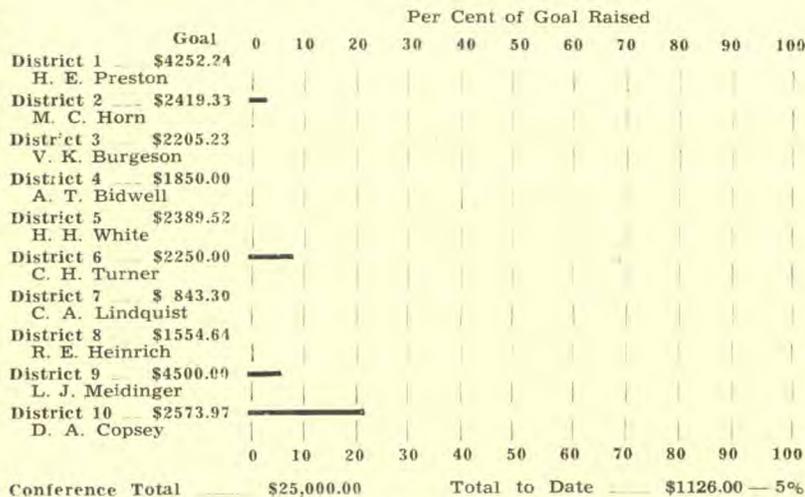
Elder Lehman was recently appointed to the post of station director of the Rwankeri Mission of the Congo Union Mission by the foreign mission board. He left Sioux Falls about December 1 for New



Elder and Mrs. J. W. Lehman and Nona Clare

DISTRICT COMPARISONS
1957 SOUTH DAKOTA INGATHERING

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York where he will board the S. S. Morgenster bound for Capetown, South Africa. Accompanying him will be his wife, Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Picasso of Sioux Falls and their five-year-old daughter, Nona Clare. Elder and Mrs. Lehman both were born and raised in Sioux Falls and attended grade school and graduated from high school there.

During World War II Elder Lehman served in the USAF Air Transport Command. "It's a strange thing," mused Lehman, "but after 65 missions flying the 'hump' from Assam, India, to various airports in China I can't remember the slightest desire to ever return overseas for any reason, and now we can't seem to wait to get to equatorial Africa to start our new work."

Elder Lehman received his ministerial training at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, graduating in 1951. Since then he has served churches in San Antonio, Houston, and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Their new station wagon will go with them on shipboard and they will motor north from Capetown some 3,000 miles to the town of

Ruhengeri, visiting mission stations and Union headquarters along the way.

Although living but three degrees below the equator, they will enjoy a near perfect climate and an abundance of fresh milk, fruits and vegetables. Mrs. Lehman is looking forward with pleasure to the immediate benefits of a garden already planted for them by missionary neighbors.

DONALD D. HAWLEY
Press Secretary,
Sioux Falls Church

IMPORTANT

Every one of us needs help from God. It is imperative that we have spiritual counsel, guidance, and divine strength to meet the small and the large problems that confront us continually, if we are to be saved. Especially during these ominous days should we sense anew our great need. We must take time to put first things first. The salvation of every soul is in the balance. Should we neglect any influence that would help us?

"Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation

of the *Review*. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have this paper. And if they would deny themselves their darling luxuries, . . . many who do not now have its weekly visits might pay for the messenger of light to come into their household. Almost every family takes one or more secular papers, and these frequently contain love stories and exciting tales of villainy and murder which injure the minds of all who read them. Those who consent to do without the *Review and Herald* lose much. Through its pages, Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them as the bread of life." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 599.

Each year the brethren of the *Review* put forth a supreme effort to increase its circulation. That campaign is on at the present time. If you are not a subscriber, perhaps you have been receiving the color editions. We hope that those who have been getting the *Review* each week will renew their subscription and those who have received, free, the color editions will subscribe.

The sermons from our leading brethren, the mission reports from the ends of the earth, all the good things of the *Review*, should not, must not, and I hope will not be passed up.

Subscribe for and read the *Review*. Read it each week!

O. T. GARNER, President

Vacation Bible Schools

A concentrated Vacation Bible School program was carried on in South Dakota for the first time in 1956. The reports are now all in and an examination of the records indicates that the program was an unqualified success and a real blessing in each place.

Seven Vacation Bible Schools were operated this past summer with a total enrollment of 197. Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Tolstoy, Watertown, Bowdle, Bison, and Huron

all report successful and inspirational sessions. Rapid City and Sioux Falls share honors for operating the largest schools, each with forty enrolled.

Plans are being laid, we understand, in each of these centers for a bigger and better Vacation Bible School program for 1957. Enthusiasm ran high in each school and the teachers report they are determined to continue this inspirational evangelistic program. Several centers unable to operate a Vacation Bible School in 1956 are planning to carry on such a program in 1957.

As an evangelistic avenue the Vacation Bible Schools have proved an outstanding success. Contacts are made that may be missed through the normal missionary program of the church and interest is developed through this means that goes unreached otherwise. By way of illustration, it was most encouraging to note that of the 197 enrollees, 68 were from non-SDA families. This is a most encouraging report and as an evangelistic challenge, this interest should not remain uncultivated.

If your Sabbath school did not operate a Vacation Bible School in 1956, please begin making your plans for a strong program in 1957.

J. N. NOBLE,
Sabbath School Secretary

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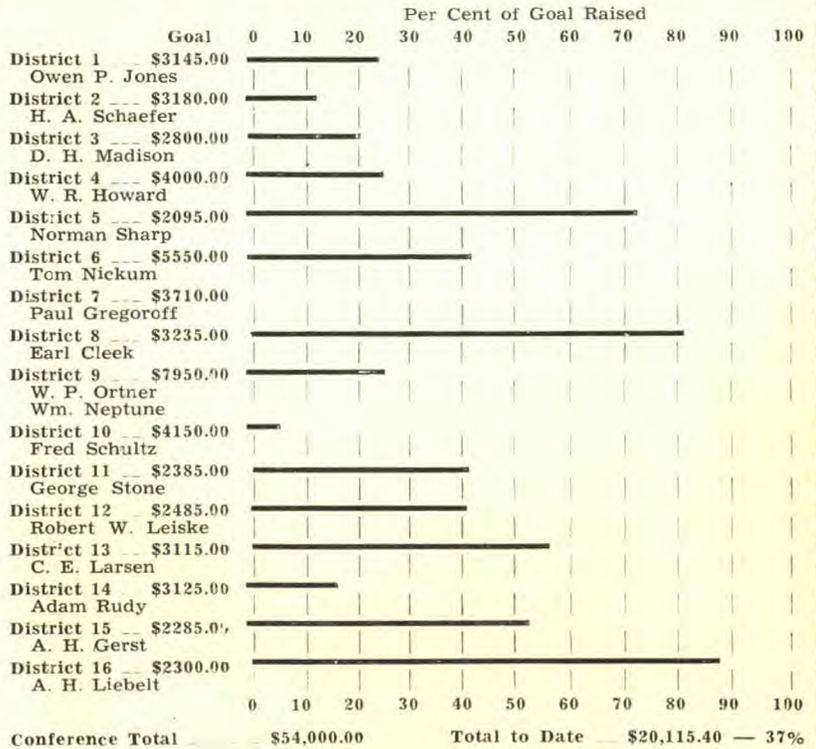
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Ingathering Success

You people of Iowa will be happy to learn of the progress of the Ingathering. Every district is hard at work and it appears that we shall have two or three districts over their goal by next report. We are most happy to add the ATLANTIC, GRINNELL, KNOXVILLE, and OSKALOOSA churches to our Victory column. Many more of them are very close to being over and

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we shall keep you informed from week to week.

Watch the graph that will be appearing from week to week. This will help you to visualize the progress being made in your district. Your district will go forward to increasing success only as you help to make that goal realized. Many hands will make light work. If you cannot go, be sure to give. What you give will help to spread the message of the soon-coming Saviour to all mankind. The Lord is depending on you. I know that you will not fail Him.

E. T. GACKENHEIMER

speaking for them the rich blessings of Heaven as they continue their missionary activity.

E. T. GACKENHEIMER

Personnel Changes

Recently the Northern Union Conference Committee voted to call Mrs. Marie Cook, who has been our Bible Instructor in Des Moines, to join with our union evangelistic team now located at Fargo, North Dakota. To fill the vacancy in Des Moines we have called Mrs. Elsie Albertson, who is not new to the folk in Des Moines nor the Iowa Conference, since she has labored here before. We appreciate having Mrs. Albertson back as the Bible Instructor in Des Moines and we wish her every blessing and success in her work with W. P. Ortner and the Des Moines Church.

Cedar Rapids Covering Linn County

The Cedar Rapids church is going forward in a strong way in their literature ministry. They have covered their city proper and are now working on all of the rural homes throughout their county. We be-

NOTICE

The Iowa Conference office
will be closed December 24.

Several months ago A. M. Ragsdale, our M. V. and educational secretary, resigned from departmental work stating that he was desirous of going into district work. In harmony with this Elder and Mrs. Ragsdale will be leaving Iowa to assume the pastorate of the Phillipsburg, New Jersey, church. Elder and Mrs. Wallace Wellman from Phillipsburg, New Jersey, will be coming to take up their new responsibilities in the Cresco district. The Wellmans will have located in their new district by the time this has reached the field and we would like to take this opportunity to extend a cordial welcome to Elder and Mrs. Wellman and their children.

At the time of Elder Ragsdale's resignation from the department, an invitation was extended to George P. Stone to become our educational and M. V. secretary of the Iowa Conference. Elder and Mrs. Stone and children will soon be moving to Des Moines where Elder Stone will assume his new responsibilities.

Elder and Mrs. A. H. Gerst and family will be transferring to the Council Bluffs district.

We know that our believers are always interested in changes that are taking place and we earnestly pray that the Lord will bless these men and their families as they take up their new responsibilities.

D. C. Butherus, *President*

Farewell

After more than thirty years service in the educational and Missionary Volunteer departments, I have requested employment in another type of service. During the last three pleasant years that we have spent in Iowa, there has come to me a growing conviction that

the change should be made. Mrs. Ragsdale, who has enjoyed her work in the Bible school, shares this feeling with me. We left Iowa, Sunday, December 2, to assume the pastorate of the church at Phillipsburg, New Jersey. This new type of service is a challenge to us, and we invite our friends and fellow workers to join in prayer with us that our ministry may be acceptable to the Lord, and fruitful in souls for the kingdom.

As we leave Iowa we recognize that we will miss the friendly constituency of church members, the loyal group of young people, the devoted corps of Christian teachers, and the splendid group of workers and conference officers. We shall remember our service in Iowa and the friendships formed here. We have enjoyed our fellowship and service. Our prayers shall continue to our God that the Iowa Conference may prosper and increase, and be made ready for the coming of the Lord.

ELDER AND MRS. A. M. RAGSDALE

Square-Up Month

We are now entering into the last month of the year 1956. The

Union Conference Committee recently set aside the month of December as SQUARE-UP month for 1956. No doubt, there are outstanding pledges both for missions and evangelism and perhaps also for Oak Park Academy, that are due by the end of this year and you may also wish to take an inventory of your assets to determine the amount of your tithe for the year. Remember the tithe is sacred and holy and it is our sacred responsibility to render unto the Lord the tenth.

Perhaps it would also be well for us to take an inventory of our spiritual assets, so that when the books are closed for this year we can make sure that our account with God is in balance. Have we made progress spiritually during 1956 or have we fallen back? Remember, we cannot stand still. We must either go forward or else we will drop backward.

So as we come to the close of 1956, shall we not reminisce a moment to see what we have done so far this year and, if necessary, establish ourselves spiritually and then make sure that our account is in balance with the Lord.

D. C. BUTHERUS, *President*

Attention: Christmas Shoppers

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H. R. TROUT

Should You Be There?

Some time ago I heard a good layman preach a sermon. For his closing appeal he sang that well-known song, "I Wonder, Have I Done My Best for Jesus?" As he sang with great earnestness the congregation seemed hushed in introspection. Everyone was very still as there rang out the words, "How many are the hearts that I have lifted? How many are the chained I've helped to free? I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus, since He has done so much for me?" The answer to the question in my own heart came clear indeed as my mind grasped a glimpse of the Lord's broken body on Calvary.

Yes, it is only through a soul's realization of what Jesus really has done on his behalf that there is kindled within his heart that burning flame of Christian zeal giving the courage to send up the cry, "Here am I; send me."

Recently, I asked a man, "Why did you become a literature evangelist?"

The essence of his answer was simply, "Because I was not doing enough for Jesus."

Since then this man has received a written testimonial from the mother of an entire family who has taken their stand for the truth because of the literature she bought from him. Her testimony was, "We are so thankful to God that we have found the light. We have never been so happy in our life."

Beginning December 28, the annual Literature Evangelism Institute will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska. Book workers from nine states will be assembled for inspiring fellowship and instruction in the art of gospel salesmanship. Some of our most capable leaders will be in charge. It is a time when both new and veteran workers give diligent study to finishing the work of God. Perhaps you should be numbered among this group.

Dear friend, it may be that you are under conviction. Perhaps you too feel very small when you say, "I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus?" You have given your

heart to the Lord; have you offered Him your life? Write us a letter. "The Lord hath need of thee."

MELVIN R. LYON

Baptism in District No. 1

Sabbath, November 10, was a high day for eight individuals in the district. You see, it was the day when they witnessed to a large group gathered in the Spencer Church that they had put off the "old man" of sin and desired to walk in a new way. The baptismal font was nicely decorated with potted palms. As the candidates walked into the water, the congregation sang appropriate hymns. Five of the candidates were from Adventist homes, and three had been in contact with Adventists for some time. At the close of the service the congregation stood renewing their baptismal vows to God. Pray for these new members as they now start their new life with the Lord. Five joined the Ruthven Church and three the Spencer Church.

OWEN P. JONES, *District Pastor*

News Notes

* Recently it was our privilege to have Elder and Mrs. H. R. Coats with us in the Iowa Conference. Elder Coats spoke to the believers at the Albia Church on Sabbath, November 17. His message was much appreciated and we welcome him back to Iowa again.

* D. C. Butherus, president of the Iowa Conference, met with the Des Moines Church on Sabbath, November 14, speaking at the 11 o'clock service.

* H. R. Trout has been conducting a number of book sales in various churches throughout Iowa and he is reporting good sales wherever he has been. Saturday night, December 1, he conducted a book sale at the Waukon Church in connection with the Youth Rally there.

* E. T. Gackenhimer has been very busy in the field during our caroling season. Some places have been having difficulty with caroling permits and Elder Gackenhimer

has been trying to straighten out some of these difficulties. It seems that the Cedar Rapids City Council is not permitting us to carol in that large city under any circumstances, which is a real blow to the Cedar Rapids church.

* L. H. Netteburg, our union secretary-treasurer, met with the Centerville and Albia churches on Sabbath, December 1. His message to these churches was very much appreciated.

* Recently, R. H. Nightingale met with the Burlington Church and on Sabbath, December 1, he met with the Waukon District where he spoke at a Youth Rally.

* The men of the office have been busy out in the field in caroling and business solicitation for Ingathering. This is one program in which everyone is interested and every effort is being put forth to reach the conference goal by December 31. We appreciate the sincere efforts put forth by our ministers and laymen in this worth-while endeavor at this time of the year. Let us earnestly work for our respective goals. Those that cannot work perhaps would like to give their Minute-Man goal of \$23.11, so that we might reach our conference objective by the end of the year.

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Temperance Program in Staples Well Received

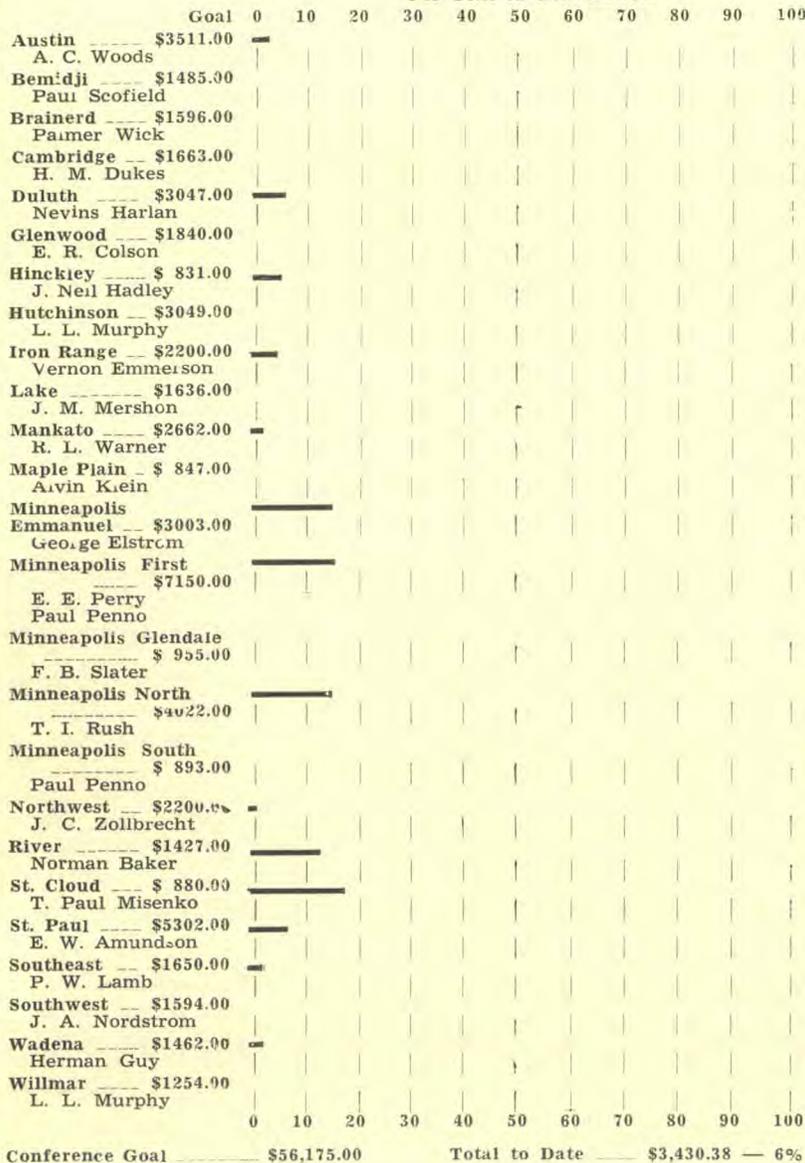
The local churches in Staples united in a temperance program on Sunday evening, October 28, with Pastor Bushendorf of the Methodist church, Pastor Wilfong of the Church of Christ, and Pastor Guy of the Seventh-day Adventist church, all assisting.

H. L. Maddox, temperance secretary, of the Minnesota Conference, was present and made a few remarks and supplied free literature to those present. E. F. Finck also attended the meeting.

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Per Cent of Goal Raised



Special Notice from the Minnesota Book and Bible House

As this article is written there are only 17 shopping days until Christmas! This is leaving out Sabbaths only. When you receive this week's OUTLOOK there will be only about 10 to 12 days left.

For your convenience and last-minute shopping the Book and Bible House will be open every night until 9 o'clock in the evening beginning December 16 through December 13 excluding, of course, Friday, December 21, and Sabbath, December 22. Friday we close at 2 p.m. so as to get ready for Sabbath. During that time a special sale will be held where many items will be drastically reduced to clear shelves for inventory. These savings are available only to those who stop in in person and pick up their merchandise!

Come and visit our bargain basement.

K. I. Foss, Manager
Minnesota Book and Bible House

Between the Book Ends

Orders by the dozens are pouring in at our office for the *Desire of Ages* special at \$1.00 per copy! Do you have enough to care for your needs this Holiday Season? This book should be scattered by the thousands while it is available at this low, low price! Gift cards are available for each book free of charge. Remember, when 10 copies, or more, are purchased at one time to one address, they are sent to you *postpaid*. When less than 10 copies are ordered to one address, kindly add 15 cents for the first book and 5 cents for each additional volume. When books are sent direct to individual addresses, kindly send 15 cents for each book.

Why not send the Missionary Volunteer Book Club for 1957 to someone this year for Christmas? For the senior youth there is the Senior Book Club consisting of the following books: *Burning Bushes*, *Smoke in the Sky*, *Michibiki*, *The Morning Star of Wittenberg*, and *Pioneer Stories Retold*. The full set

The program consisted of music, both instrumental and vocal, readings, a playlet, and the showing of the film "Vicious Circle" from the WCTU.

Besides this program films were shown at the High School, normal, and grade schools. About 700 people saw these films.

Most of the films were secured from the Visual Education Depart-

ment of the WCTU. The film, "Drug Addiction," was brought by Brother Maddox. This film was previewed by our superintendent of schools and was pronounced very good. It was shown to over 200 high school students.

This program was arranged by Mrs. Nellie Emerson and Mrs. Mabel Hunsinger.

is valued at \$16.25 but the special club price is only \$13.95. Postage on the full set would be 35 cents.

The Junior Book Club consists of *Keepers of the King's Gates*, *The Wright Brothers First to Fly*, *Campfire Tales from Africa*, and *Mexican Nuggets*. Retail value is \$10.75. Special club price only \$9.75. Postage on the set comes to 30 cents.

The Primary Book Club has the following books in it: *Patty Jo in Happy Valley*, *The Bible Story, Vol. 8*, and *This is How it Happened*. Retail value is \$10.75. Special club price is only \$7.75. Postage charges come to 25 cents. Circulars have been sent to everyone on the OUTLOOK list from Minnesota with descriptions of these fine book selections. If you would like another copy, kindly let us know.

Best wishes to you from the Book and Bible House for a very happy Holiday Season.

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Hurdsfield Church School

The church school children of the Hurdsfield Church have set a worthy example in the Ingathering. Every pupil reached his Minute-Man goal. We appreciate the fine leadership of Joann Davis, the church school teacher, and the cooperation of the church members.

Let us all do as Hurdsfield has done—go over the top, and still keep working. R. D. STEINKE,
Home Missionary Secretary

Over the Goal in One Day!

S. E. White made an appointment with the Bowdon Country Church group to go Ingathering on Novem-

ber 28. He left early in the morning and returned late that night. Results—the church was over the top in their Ingathering in one day. The goal was \$325.00 and \$327.49 was raised.

How was this done? It was accomplished by vision, prayer, and hard work. The cooperation of the friends in the community and the church members was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations, Bowdon Country, and thank you, Elder White, for your leadership.

What Bowdon Country has done, others can do! R. D. STEINKE,
Home Missionary Secretary

**Ingathering Honor Roll
For December 3, 1956**

NAME	AMOUNT
Wilbur Zapara	\$100.00
Adolph Vietz	51.00
Ray Bechthold	50.00
Jake Beck	50.00
J. F. Davis, Jr.	50.00
E. Grasser	50.00
Mrs. Wallace Carlson	45.00
Clenton Horob	30.00
Leo Widicker	30.00
Mrs. Frank Davis	25.00
Mrs. Charles Geier	25.00
Alden Unterseher	25.00
Edna Unterseher	25.00
Herman Widicker	25.00
Mrs. Wilbur Zapara	25.00
N. J. Liebelt	23.11
Hugo Tebelius	23.11
Alvina Unterseher	23.11
Phil Warner	23.11

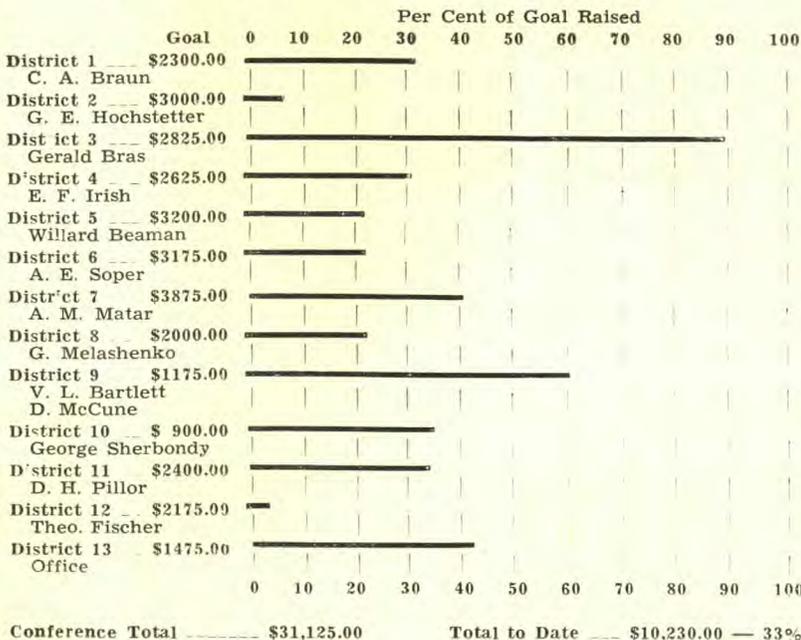
"The people had a mind to work."
Nehemiah 4:6

**The Annual Institute for
Literature Evangelists**

Literature evangelists of the Northern and Central Unions will meet at the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, from December 28 to January 2 for the Annual Institute. Those who desire to know more about the meeting should write or call me at the North Dakota Conference Office.

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Tithe Corner

"Not only does the Lord claim the tithe as His own, but He tells us how it should be reserved for Him. He says, 'Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.' This does not teach that we are to spend our means on ourselves, and bring to the Lord the remnant, even though it should be otherwise an honest tithe. Let God's portion be first set apart." *Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 81.

Please pray for the success of the Institute and please pray that more of our members will answer, "Yes" when God calls them to become literature evangelists. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Matthew 9:37.

A. F. LAYMAN,
Publishing Secretary

The Rewards of Student Canvassing

From the experience of Jesus it is made clear that one is not accepted by his own. These words kept going through my mind as I was traveling in the Union College

bus on the history tour. It had weighed on my mind for some time after I had decided to go on the trip instead of finishing my canvassing in my appointed field. This meant I had to put in at least 48 hours when I returned so as to have the necessary hours in the field. The question kept going through my mind, should I complete my hours in my home town where I was well known? In most small towns everyone knows everyone else, as was the case here. I finally decided I would canvass at the home of friends, neighbors, and even relatives. The words of Jesus were fulfilled. Yes, I was accepted very graciously—"You're Grace Lehman aren't you?" We talked and visited, but alas no sales.

"Come work around my home," was the invitation of a good Christian soul. "You are welcome to stay at my home and I will help you all I can." So it was decided that I would go to this little town and help spread this wonderful message. I might say in this town there are only two Adventist ladies who have been letting their light shine forth.

The reception I received in the homes was simply wonderful. It seemed indeed that angels of God were leading and guiding me all along. I shall never forget the homes I visited in this town. I feel God had planned that I should not be able to finish my hours before going on the trip for I would never have thought of going there. The first lady I called on said she was too busy to see me then but if I wanted to come—I felt impressed to go back.

After I had talked with this lady for awhile and had showed her *Bible Stories*, she said: "Oh, I am so glad you came back. I didn't miss out on these lovely books. Have you gone to see the people living at (and she named the street). That's where I work and I know they would want them."

Yes, they did want them. I later found that the man was a former Adventist who knew our books and seemed to like them. It was more like delivering books than selling them, for I delivered over half as

I did in the other 252 hours. I did not make a so-called outstanding delivery record but I was in the place God wanted me to be, which gave me the confidence that God could use me in His service.

GRACE LEHMAN

A Personal Experience

In September 1955, Cecil Bromfield arrived from Jamaica to enroll as a student at Union College. At that time he was not a Seventh-day Adventist, but through the influence of Christian teachers and students he was quickly drawn to the Master, and in January, 1956, he was baptized into the church.

About the first of March the publishing department secretaries were at the college recruiting literature evangelists for the summer months. Cecil was interviewed and encouraged to enter the literature ministry.

Cecil is studying to become a doctor. We feel sure he will make it. This summer, from June 3 to August 30, he delivered over \$3,000 worth of our truth-filled literature and spent about 500 hours working for the Lord. He tells how he feels in the following paragraphs.

We pray that God will send more of our energetic, consecrated young men and women into His vineyard to help finish the work.

A. F. LAYMAN



Grace Lehman making a delivery



Cecil Bromfield

Prior to the afternoon of March 12, 1956, I had no intentions of becoming a literature evangelist. My faith in the Lord was weak and I believed that success in the realm of canvassers was not intended for me. I began praying about it and soon my faith was increased and my enthusiasm began to grow.

So enthusiastic did I become that immediately after school closed I reported for duty in the North Dakota Conference. There I observed the guiding hand of God leading me more and more each day.

I have enjoyed every bit of my work and have had many wonderful experiences which will always linger in my mind. Not only have I been successful financially but my faith has been greatly strengthened.

Today I am enjoying the results of a summer well spent in the ranks of God's literature evangelists.

CECIL BROMFIELD

A Loving Tithe

On the wall beside my desk hangs a barometer that is not only interesting but useful. I can detect the changes in atmospheric pressure that are the forerunners of changes in the weather scene. When the barometer is high, it is most usually fair weather. When the barometer is low, it warns of a change or storm.

We as a people have a sure barometer that indicates to us the spiritual condition in our own lives. That barometer is the paying of the tithe. When we are returning to God His rightful amount, it surely indicates a "high" in our spiritual experience. When we are slack or careless in tithe paying, it is a warning sign of a falling in our spiritual life. Indeed, it is a sure warning of storms ahead and even disaster. Friend, how is *your* barometer today? It is a faithful indication of the Spirit of God within us. "One reason why there is so great a dearth of the Spirit of God, is that so many are robbing God." *Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 734.

A certain lawyer tempted Jesus with the question of what he should do to inherit eternal life.

The reply, found in Luke 10:26 was, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" I sometimes wonder how we read the word of God. He has promised to pour His rich blessing down in great abundance upon His faithful people. We all want the blessings but so often we fail to show a willingness to believe what God has said. But, the real reason for tithe paying, or tithe returning, is *love*. A demonstration of faith and love by giving to the One that has given so much for you, that which is rightly His. Surely, we have freely received from the Father of Love. Let us freely return to Him, with our love, the small portion that is His. Just as surely as we demonstrate that we can faithfully be trusted, God will give to us in greater measure; both in this life and the life to come. We have shown then that we can be trusted and that we will be happy with God's way of life, which is eternal.

A tithe, returned with love. Parents do appreciate the children showing their love, and hearts are broken when that love is withheld. How God loves to see and hear love expressed by His children.

Let us examine our hearts as this year rapidly approaches an end. Let us count our blessings, recall to mind the number of times God has shielded and rebuked the devourer in our behalf. Let us be sure that the tithe is returned—returned with our love. We hear of an honest tithe, a faithful tithe, but I present to you a loving tithe. See if the Lord will not "open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

EUGENE F. IRISH,
Pastor Beach District

OBITUARIES

REYNOLDS.—Walter W. Reynolds passed away at his home November 3. He was born at Bluffton, Iowa, on October 5, 1866, and was 50 years of age at passing. He was laid to rest in the Wadena Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. He was united in marriage on December 8, 1897, with Susan Doo'ey and to this union were born 5 children: Melvin of New York Mills. Mrs. Joe Russell of Hewitt, Mrs. Ezra Russell of Wadena, Marlin of Fergus Falls, and Joie of Spokane, Washington. Surviving him are

his wife, 5 children, 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. The writer officiated at the services held in New York Mills, Minnesota. G. Herman Guy

BERG.—Bertha Berg was born in Norway on November 19, 1872, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 11, 1956. She became a member of the church in 1919 under the ministry of Christian Edwardson and remained a loyal member of the Emmanuel church in Minneapolis until her death. Fellow members especially remember her great love for our world-wide mission program which she supported sacrificially. She is survived by 5 nephews and 3 nieces. Services were conducted in Minneapolis by the writer. Interment was in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis. G. R. Eistrom

JOHNSON.—Mrs. Clare A. Johnson was born Hazel Alta Chamberlain on a farm south of Fort Pierre, South Dakota, on May 18, 1910. She passed away after several month's illness at Pierre, South Dakota, on Friday, October 26, 1956, at the age of 46 years. She was united in marriage with Clare A. Johnson on October 29, 1937 at Pierre, South Dakota, where they made their home. To this union were born seven children who are all living: Marvin, 18, Irene, 16, Dwayne, 15, Mildred, 14, Eleanora, 10, Martha Ann, 9 and Clarence, 7. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Clare, her seven children, one brother, Guy Chamberlain of Fort Pierre, and one sister, Mrs. Earl Lee of Shevlin, Minnesota. Funeral services were conducted by H. H. White from the Fort Pierre Congregational Church and interment was in the Scotty Phillips Memorial Cemetery near Fort Pierre. H. H. White

MOSES.—Frank Moses was born March 15, 1885 in Russia and passed away unexpectedly November 7 at his home in Kief, North Dakota, having lived over 71 years. In 1890, at the age of five, he came to the United States with his parents and settled first in Virginia, later moving to the Tower area in North Dakota. On March 28, 1916, he was united in marriage with Anna Karpenko. She preceded him in death by four months. Mr. Moses accepted the Lord and was baptized in 1951, joining the Butte Seventh-day Adventist church. He was a loyal and active member of the church serving as deacon and a member of the church board. Surviving are: two sons; Vern-dale of Minot, and Clifford of Kief; two daughters: Mrs. Phil Evanenko and Mrs. Arnold Tarsenko of Butte; also three brothers and three sisters living in Canada. Mr. Moses cherished the hope of the glorious resurrection of the righteous dead to life immortal at the glorious advent of the Lord. He now rests in peace awaiting the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken by G. E. Hochstetter and the writer.

George Melashenko

CHRISTENSEN.—Adolph Christensen was born in Bancroft Township near Clarks Grove, Minnesota, on July 23, 1880. At the age of 11 he moved to the farm at Bath where he lived until the time of his death. In his early twenties he was baptized and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. On January 3, 1907, he was united in marriage with Agnes Elvina Nelson at Toledo, Oregon. Adolph Christensen passed away on November 1, 1956, at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; three sons: Raymond and Leroy of Bath, and Marvin of Freeborn; one brother, Marius, of Monitor, Oregon. There are also three nieces and twelve grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the SDA cemetery at Bath where he awaits the call of the Life-giver. Arlan C. Woods

JUHL.—Donna Vernet Juhl, daughter of Vernon and Ellen Juhl, was born at Spirit Lake, Iowa, March 22, 1955 and passed away September 8, 1956. Her life was spent under the doctor's faithful care as from birth it was known that her earthly stay would be short. She was a

bright, beautiful child; so helpless in fighting the battle but so happy and so patient. Her little life and sweet smile preached many an unspoken sermon that brought many lessons to all who met her. God gave her to us for such a short time, then in his wisdom he took her. Our hearts are made grateful to know that she is not suffering any more and will be whole when Jesus comes. Kenneth Juhl, Bible teacher at Mapewood Academy, an uncle of the deceased, preached the parting message of hope, assisted by the local pastor, Owen P. Jones. Surviving are the parents; a sister, Glee Ann, at Oak Park Academy; a brother, Duane, at home; besides a host of relatives at Spirit Lake, Iowa, and paternal relatives (the Juhls) at Bowsmont and Carrington, North Dakota.

DICKENSON.—Mrs. R. E. (Minnie) Dickenson, of Hibbing, Minnesota, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Edwell, at Cresskill, New Jersey, on October 23, 1956. Funeral services were conducted at Hibbing and she placed to rest by the side of her husband who preceded her in death in 1902. Mrs. Dickenson had a heart attack several months previously but appeared to be making a good recovery when she suddenly had a recurring attack and fell asleep. Left to mourn her passing are three daughters: Mrs. E. R. Edwell of Cresskill, New Jersey; Mrs. W. S. Sova of Duruth, Minnesota; Mrs. Betty Parker of Backauk, Minnesota; one son, Stanley Dickenson of St. Cloud, Minnesota; nine grandchildren, and a large number of friends. The Hibbing church members will long remember her inspiring leadership and devotion to the service of her Lord and Master.
V. W. Emersonson

BUCKLEY.—George Warren Buckley was born April 9, 1872, at Windsor, Canada, and died October 31, 1956, at Lincoln, Nebraska. Death came suddenly and unexpectedly while he was being examined by a physician. Mr. Buckley was united in marriage with Mabel Sneton in 1909, who preceded him in death. He became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in August, 1954, in answer to the prayers of his wife for 40 years. Survivors include three sons: George, Jr. of Seattle, Washington; Harry of Minneapolis, Minnesota; James of Lincoln, Nebraska; and two daughters: Mary McCauley of Detroit, Michigan; Betty Buckley of Fort Worth, Texas; eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Minneapolis. Earl W. Amundson

CHRISTENSEN.—Ane Marie Oisen was born in Denmark, January 1, 1876 and passed away at Elk Horn, Iowa, November 8, 1956. One of several children born to Laurits and Ingrid Oisen, she came to this country in 1898 and shortly after, on December 3, 1898, she was united in marriage with Ole A. Christensen with whom she became acquainted in Denmark. In 1904 she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained a faithful member throughout her life. She and her husband lived in Fiscus, Iowa, for three years, east of Audubon, Iowa, for one year, and then two miles south of Fiscus for forty-six years. In 1948 they moved to Elk Horn, and about six months ago they moved into the Salem Old People's Home at Elk Horn, Iowa, which is a Danish Lutheran Home for the Aged. Surviving are: her husband, one daughter, Nora, of Denver, Colorado; two sons: Jens of Council Bluffs, and Arthur of Silver Springs, Maryland; two grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers in Denmark; two nieces and one nephew live in Minnesota. Three daughters preceded her in death. A brief devotional service was held in the Salem Rest Home in Elk Horn by Henry Hansen, a Lutheran minister and chaplain, and the regular funeral service was held in the Extra Seventh-day Adventist church, where she was a member, by the writer, assisted by Pastor Hansen. Burial was in

the Jacksonville, Iowa, cemetery, where she awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Earl M. Cleek

PETERSEN.—Erik Petersen was born in Denmark on October 19, 1865, and passed to his rest November 15, 1956, being 91 years old. He came to this country at the age of 17, and worked as a farm hand near Harlan, Iowa, for three years, after which he settled on a farm northeast of Kimballton, Iowa. He was united in marriage with Barolena Mogensen, October 10, 1889 and to this union several children were born. They retired from the farm in 1936 and his faithful companion passed to her rest in 1946. Mr. Petersen became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church after coming to this country. Survivors are: three daughters: Mrs. Harriet Petersen of Harlan, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Petersen of Kimballton, Iowa; and Mrs. Lillie Rasmussen of Harlan, Iowa; four sons: Henry and Dan of Kimballton; Elmer of Burbank, California; and Silvanus of Sunland, California; one sister, Mrs. Katie Thyssen of Audubon, Iowa; two brothers: Spurgeon Petersen of Austin, Minnesota; and David Petersen of Albert Lea, Minnesota; 23 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Two sisters, three brothers, and two sons have preceded him in death. Mr. Petersen passed away in the Danish Lutheran Salem Old People's Home at Elk Horn, Iowa, where he lived the past five years. Services were held in the chapel of the Home and burial was in the Jacksonville, Iowa, cemetery where he awaits the call of the Life-giver.
Earl M. Cleek

HIRSCHKORN.—Dennis Hirschhorn was born November 21, 1931 at Manfred, North Dakota, and resided there all of his life with the exception of the time he spent in active service for his country. He served nearly 17 months in Korea. He received an honorable discharge from the

service on November 5 and on November 17 met his untimely death in a car accident. He leaves to mourn: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Hirschhorn; a sister, (Darleen) Mrs. Harry Blum of Berwyn, Illinois; one brother, Wesley, who is in the Navy stationed at San Diego, California; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rcsina Glaser of Cleveand, North Dakota; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Otilia Hirschhorn of Harvey, North Dakota; and a host of close friends and relatives. Funeral services were held in Fessenden with R. Dale McCune and the writer officiating. Burial was in the Manfred Church cemetery.
K. D. Johnson

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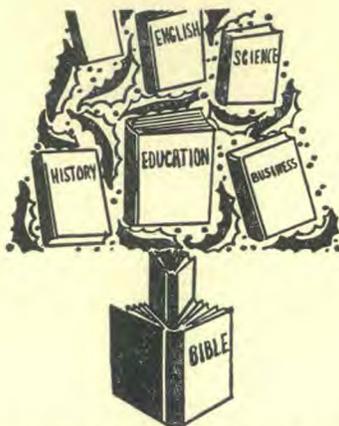
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