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"THE GIFT OF PROPHECY"

There has come to my desk through the courtesy of the Southern Publishing Association, a book entitled "The Gift of Prophecy." This book is written by Elder C. B. Haynes. It is a cloth bound volume of one hundred seventy-seven pages.

The author reviews the scriptural basis for the "gifts in the church," and the purpose thereof. The gift of prophecy is exalted to the place it occupies in the New Testament teaching. In the last chapters of the book, Brother Haynes makes the connection between the scriptural setting of the prophetic gift, and the life and work of Mrs. E. G. White as connected with the worldwide work of Seventh-day Adventists.

This little volume is both complete and replete, with the subject suggested by the title. It is also very readable. The believer will be edified, and the unbeliever interested in the perusal of this book. It is sold through the Conference Book and Bible Houses, and the price is \$1.25.

We hope this little volume will find a place in the reading of both workers and laity, also among those not of our faith.

Charles Thompson.

HARVEST INGATHERING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

My first Harvest Ingathering experience in the South Dakota Conference was at Huron recently. The first man we solicited smiled as he said, "Well, I have beat you to it. I've read that paper clear through already. There are some wonderful things written in there." He soon handed us his check for ten dollars. We found that one of our faithful lay members had been to his home and solicited his wife, receiving a dollar donation; and thus he had read the paper.

The business section of Huron netted practically the same amount as last year. The total amount raised by the church so far is \$190.

At the Sabbath service the Harvest Ingathering covenant cards were presented, and practically every member joined the Loyal Legion Band setting his goal at ten dollars, while others joined bands of higher amounts. Brother Courser, the local church elder, stated that he was sure the Huron church would raise more than last year. Definite plans were laid for the coming week to solicit nearby towns and business places yet unworked.

We are glad for this spirit of earnestness and determination. May every church in the Union set out

GOALS

AT LEAST—

\$10 per member.

10 hours of service.

1 soul won to Christ.

to raise more than last year. If you have not signed one of those Harvest Ingathering covenant cards, do so at once. This is none too early to do your Harvest Ingathering. Many are already in the field. It pays to get an early start.

V. G. Anderson.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

Our colporteurs sell books to bootleggers occasionally, as the following experience, as told by Miss Bessie McCumsey of South Dakota, indicates:

"At one place in the country where I took an order, the lady warned me that the next family were bootleggers, that the place had been raided the week before and that the authorities intended to visit once a week. She advised me to stay outside if I called there, for fear officers might come while I was there. When I called at the

house, the lady invited me to sit on the porch, as she had a fire in the kitchen baking bread. The husband and children came out also to see the books, and they ordered one set for the children."

Bootleggers have souls to be saved, and our colporteur work is an agency God is using to reach them. Is God calling you?

Geo. A. Campbell.

BIBLE READINGS

At our recent camp meetings quite an interest has been taken in the new set of prophetic symbols consisting of 20 charts on Daniel and Revelation. They are of great help to our people who wish to give Bible readings, selling at 50 cents a set.

At a home missionary convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last February, the following paper by Mrs. Mable Hess was given, which, I am sure, will be of assistance in connection with these new charts. The article is entitled, "The Art of Giving Bible Readings"

"The plan of giving Bible readings was brought to the attention of Seventh-day Adventists by the Spirit of God at a camp meeting held in California in the year 1882. The Bible work is considered an indispensable part of our evangelistic ministry. Many thousands of the lay members of our churches should give special attention to this line of work and prepare themselves to engage in it, beginning with those in their own neighborhood and then reaching out after relatives and friends.

"It is important that we know the Bible for ourselves. The psalmist declared, 'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.'

"There are a few absolute essentials. With these you are assured of success:

"1. Prayer—Without travail of soul no sinner will be born into the kingdom. Pray for needed courage, wisdom, and strength to teach the truth to others. Perseverance in prayer has been made a condition

of receiving.' 'Steps to Christ', p. 102.

"2. Consecration—We must know the way to Christ ourselves before we can lead others to Him.

"3. Passion for Souls—Christ had such love for souls that He left heaven and came to earth to redeem man.

"4. Patience—'The servant of the Lord must strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.' 2 Tim. 2:24.

"5. Tact—The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All of the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and power will come as we put the armor on.' 'Testimonies' Vol. VI, p. 333.

"6. Perseverance—First we must find people who are interested in the study of the Bible.

"There are many ways of securing readers: Through literature—distributing 'Signs of the Times', 'Present Truth,' and tracts; by helpful ministry in times of sickness—the medical missionary work is the entering wedge for all of our work; by manifesting a neighborly, friendly spirit—seek to be a friend in every time of need, and you will have many opportunities for speaking of the truth.

"Arrange for a definite hour to hold the Bible study. It should consist of more than six or eight questions and not last over 45 minutes. The teacher should arrive at the place a few minutes before the time set for the opening of the reading, in order to have a few minutes' social chat. Offer a short, simple prayer, requesting the Holy Spirit to take the things of God and reveal them to the understanding. Begin the lesson immediately.

"Keep the mind and conversation constantly directed to the topic under discussion. If questions arise, say, 'We will study that line of thought at some other time.' The Bible worker should ever maintain the attitude of being a learner with the reader; as he opens the sacred pages he will learn more of its contents. Always say, 'Let us see what the Bible says on this point.' Do not say, 'Let me show you.' It is necessary to read and speak distinctly. Let the Bible do the talking and make Christ the central theme."

(To be concluded in the next issue)
V. G. Anderson.

"Mary Kennedy's Victory" is the title of a new book just from the press written by George A. Campbell. This pamphlet is written for the direct purpose of appealing to those of Catholic belief whose minds are open or may be opened to a study of the true Protestant belief and the Sabbath. Excellent to loan to your Catholic friends. Paper bound, egg-shell paper, 92 pages, fifty cents postpaid.

"I WANT TO, BUT I CAN'T"

Do you ever say these words? How badly do you want? And how sure are you that you can't?

Our schools are about to open their doors for another year. As always, there will be young people who desire to attend, but lack the means required for doing so. In this year of financial depression, this class will presumably be larger than usual. What are you going to do about it?

Some will say, "No use," and put their minds to bed. Others will not be blocked by "hard times" in their efforts to obtain an education. If every plan for reaching one of our academies or colleges fails, they will study at home. Adverse financial conditions cannot kill the spirit and aspirations of forward-looking youth. The very next thought after hope of academy or college fades is—Home Study Institute. This is our largest educational institution. Its credits are accepted at full value by all our schools. A postal card costing one cent may bring to you worth while information of unmeasured value. Write today, and address Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, D. C.

We anticipate that there will be more calls than usual for some advanced work to be given in our church schools. This should be undertaken with the greatest caution, and never until standards for the conducting of such work are met, and the work has been authorized by the Union Conference Board of Education.

Rather than to load the teacher down to the point of doing a low grade of work, while at the same time running the risk of having these secondary credits refused when presented to some academy, why not encourage students desiring work beyond the eighth grade to take this work by correspondence? In some instances, no doubt, such students could have a seat in the school and thus pursue their studies in the atmosphere of the schoolroom, with quietness, and regularity. The Home Study Institute allows a discount where work is taken under the supervision of a teacher. Under such circumstances, there would be no question regarding the acceptance of credits.

Once more, that postal card. You will be interested in its results.
C. A. Russell.

"The cause of God needs efficient men. Education and training are rightly regarded as an essential preparation for the business of life; and how much more essential is thorough preparation for the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the world."

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HARVEST INGATHERING ENCOURAGING IN FARGO

"O! ye of little faith" is what I have been saying to myself ever since day before yesterday when I started to launch out in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This is the time when we fired the opening guns in the 1931 campaign. You know the word "DEPRESSION" is a magic word and it seems to get a hold of us some way. I must confess I got the bug also. I was beginning to think that we could not get any money in what they call the drouth stricken state of North Dakota. Oh! how I was happily surprised.

When one is under such impressions it is always good to call upon a very busy person to help you. I have found that those who do not have much to do in life generally find excuses for not wanting to do the Lord's great and important work. But the people who are busy in their own enterprises and are thrifty and make success are the ones that the Lord can use for success in his work.

In opening the campaign in Fargo I called upon such a busy person to assist me in launching the campaign. This was none other than Sister J. L. Camp who, as you know, runs a Maternity Hospital in Fargo. We started out with the anticipation of getting much less from the business men than the year before. (Just think of that.) It wasn't long before we were

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ashamed of ourselves. One business man after another received us courteously and soon the tens and fives were rolling in, and would you believe that in just three hours we had \$100?

The next to enlist in the campaign were two more busy people. Brother A. Momb, a carpenter, and Sister Johnson joined our ranks and in another day and a half we received \$132. This made \$232. We have just a good start, and within another week we shall solicit the balance of the funds, as we go to Jamestown next week to start the campaign there.

What a willing happy crowd we faced on Sabbath as we related our experience to the Fargo church members. We did not have to make much of an appeal before almost all took cards to sign up for the campaign. One signed up to raise \$100; three signed up to raise \$50; four for \$25; and the balance for ten dollars. Watch Fargo go over the \$500 mark. We will do it. Fargo for us.

B. A. Scherr.

WORK AND PRAY FOR THE HARVEST INGATHERING

It is always pleasing to one to know what prestige you have in your own community; and if you want to find this out, all you have to do is to go out in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. With a good deal of courage that we picked up at Fargo, we started forth in Jamestown. Our hearts are touched, we must confess, at the generosity of our splendid business men. Realizing the depression that is on, they also realize that the needs are greater and tell you so and contribute accordingly.

We went into one business office and the man told us that conditions were not so good as ordinary but asked us how much we received from him the year before and we told him ten dollars. He said, all right, and began to write on the solicitor's card. He looked up with a twinkle in his eye and said, "O! I made a mistake and wrote fifteen, so I guess I will have to let it go." Now he did this intentionally just to help our work.

The writer had the pleasure to work with Brother Montanye and Brother Wentland in Jamestown and the business men certainly were kind to us. In two days we had \$300. Business men would sit down and chat with Brother Montanye and me about our work and our camp meeting, and it was a real pleasure to meet with them. What a joy Harvest Ingathering work is. It gives us a point of contact with the world and gives us a chance to talk to them about our message.

In one place we explained to a

business man all about the new calendar and when we left him, he said, "This has been really educational to me. I did not understand this before." I think we have been asleep in regard to enlightening our business men on the different phases of our important work. They are interested in it. This is a fact, not just talk. We have been so impressed with it this year that we are laying plans to ask our churches to help us in the Home Bible Study League this year to see that all these business men get the "Signs of the Times" for a period. Will your church help us do this?

Jamestown has great chances now to go over the \$500 mark. We will do it. We solicit your cooperation in doing your best for the Master in your community.

B. A. Scherr.

WHERE WILL YOU GET YOUR EDUCATION?

This is an age of education. Never before has so much money been spent on schools. Never before were schools and colleges so crowded. Yet never has the value of the product of education been more in doubt. Why is this? There must be a reason for it.

The results are really not so surprising when we realize that God has been taken out of the popular system of education. Young people are taught to set aside the eternal moral standards given us by the Creator, and they are allowed to set up and follow their own code of ethics. What will be the end of such a course?

Many have the idea that an education consists merely in the acquisition of a few scientific facts, and that, therefore, the education gained in a popular school is just as good as that obtained in a school which is conducted after God's order. What is education? It is not the accumulation of a vast store of facts. It is not the mastery of items of information. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. "It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." True education is the perfection of character into the perfect likeness of God which sin has marred. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." An education which lacks this element will perish with the possessor. A brilliant young scientist left on record his judgment of the supreme values of education. He wrote: "During the last twelve months I have undergone an upheaval. The whole bias of my life has gone across from the intellectual to the ethical. I know now that goodness is the chief thing."

Does it make a difference where your boy gets his education? Does it matter what kind of education he acquires? Dear Christian father and mother, you will agree with us that it makes all the difference in the world. The one may mean eternal death and ruin for your child and the other eternal life and salvation. Which will you choose for your child?

It may mean a little more sacrifice on your part to obtain for your boy or girl the kind of education which is honored and approved by Him who causes His servant to write the words, "The knowledge of the Holy is understanding." We stand ready to cooperate with you in every way possible, so that it may be possible for you to give your children a Christian education to which they are entitled. Write us about your problems. We shall be glad to study them together with you. S. R. A. opens October 7.

R. R. Neuman.

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JOYS OF A COLPORTEUR

Not all the joys of a colporteur are found in booking orders. Some days the Lord allows us to minister to souls, who are dead in sin, and feed them with the Bread of Life. There are many who are poor in the knowledge of the Lord and His message of truth. In this district there are several families who we know are contemplating joining the Seventh-day Adventist church. Thus the work of a canvasser results often in souls as well as sales.

While canvassing a lady the other day she said: "Are you the young man who called on my brother, Mr. Stansbery? He is just all excited about you Seventh-day Adventist people and can talk of nothing else. He has been telling me about it all. I believe that we should be keeping Saturday." Her Bible was on a table close by and of course I made good use of it. Finally in leaving she said that she thought some day she would join our church.

But we have even more interesting experiences than these sometimes. One evening I stayed with the superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, and nothing would do but that I take some of the time to give a little talk. I explained that our beliefs were different and that I was an Seventh-day Adventist. Nothing, however, would change them, so I talked,

and, although, no denominational points were touched we hope that much prejudice was broken down and some seed sown. You can well imagine my chagrin as I walked down the isle to the accompaniment of much applause. The conduct in some churches is indeed strange. However, "There is no limit to the usefulness of one, who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart."

Harold Graham.

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PLAINVIEW ACADEMY AND UNION COLLEGE

Never have we witnessed a more enthusiastic attitude for Christian education than in our recent rounds among many of our people with Professor Hartman. There are some perplexing financial problems that place some of our young people at the crossroads. What will they do? Have we as church members any responsibility in this matter? Before me lies a letter from one that some one took an educational interest in some years ago. He has made good, and as a result is a young doctor and is ready for the mission fields. He is anxious to go. Such investments pay. A helpful word or a little financial encouragement works wonders with our young people. To every young man or woman who stand at their educational crossroads, I would say, keep your eyes on the straight and narrow way. Christian education will be your greatest asset in the coming days. Plainview Academy is anxious to help every academic student, and Union College offers the best in college training.

Gorden Oss.

HOLWEGER—ESTEY

On August 17 Brother Alvin Estey and Sister Olga Louise Holweger were united in marriage, the writer officiating. The ceremony took place in the presence of many friends in the Norbeck schoolhouse, where Brother Estey has been holding meetings the past year.

Brother Estey is well known in the conference circle, having spent several years in conference work. Sister Estey has been teaching church school in Iowa for the past five years. As they unite their efforts, we pray they shall have much success as they glean for the Mas-

ter on our western plains. They will be at home in Harding, South Dakota, for the present.

Gorden Oss.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Brother and Sister William Lenz of Eureka took their little girl to the Chamberlain Sanitarium for a tonsillectomy August 17.

Brother Jacob Nies Sr., of Tolstoy, is much improved healthwise from his three weeks' treatment at the Chamberlain Sanitarium.

Elder and Mrs. A. W. Kuehl are visiting for a few days with friends in Minnesota, and will be back to Sioux Falls the latter part of the week.

Dr. W. T. Lindsay of Madison, Wis., recently stopped at the Chamberlain Sanitarium on his way back from a three weeks vacation in the Hills.

The interest at Hecla is very good. Elder Babcock plans on starting an effort in the city of Hecla just as soon as he is through with the Ingathering in the Aberdeen territory. He writes he has also been at Leola in the interest of the church school there.

Brother Leslie McKinley assisted Brother Hohensee in his delivery at Aberdeen the first of the week. He reports they had a very successful delivery. From there, Brother McKinley went to Colman where he will assist in the Ingathering for a few days.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer and Brother J. H. Nies have called on the business men in Watertown in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. In two days they raised nearly \$200. Very few of the business men reduced their annual allowance toward this work.

Elder J. C. Stotz writes that he is having a good interest at Murdo, that three have definitely decided to keep the commandments of God, and several families are deeply interested. He is hopeful that these will also take their stand for the truth. He plans to start another effort there as soon as the Harvest Ingathering is over.

Elder Gorden Oss returned to the office Wednesday evening, August 19, from his trip with Professor Hartman in the interest of the academy. He reports that the outlook for the school is very good, and it is hoped that all the young people who are planning on attending the academy, can work out their financial problems so they can do so.

Professor Carl Mock spent Sabbath, August 8, at Chamberlain.

Sister George Reuer of Tolstoy is a medical patient at the Chamberlain Sanitarium this week.

Professor Stanley Ledington of Union College was a visitor at the Chamberlain Sanitarium last week. He conducted vespers on Sabbath evening and favored the Sanitarium folks with several piano selections that were much appreciated.

Elder C. D. Hein and Brother John Mertz of Bowdle have been working some of their Harvest Ingathering territory. They report that the donations compare favorably with other years. We appreciate those good reports and hope all of our people will begin at once, if time permits, and finish up their territory.

Brother O. R. Gilbert of Huron, traveling salesman for the Kelley-How-Thompson Company of Duluth, called at our office last week. While here, he supplied himself with a dollar's worth of tracts which he uses in connection with his work. We always appreciate having Brother Gilbert call on us when he is in the city.

Beginning with August 1 a general reduction in salaries of conference workers and Plainview Academy teachers will take effect in our conference. This matter was taken up with the executive board by correspondence and they were all in favor of a cut on account of the shortage of funds at this time.

THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" AND THE PROPOSED CALENDAR

Three million signatures of opposers to the proposed revised calendar plan may be gathered among "Signs" readers and friends during September. The first issue in September will carry a strong article by a "Signs" editor, accompanied by a petition with ten places for signatures.

In the second issue will be reproduced the memorial to the League of Nations setting forth reasons why it should not adopt the proposed calendar. Again the petition appears with instructions as to using it in gathering names of ten opposers. Likewise, the next two issues in September will carry additional articles and the petition blank.

Many of our people, perhaps unable to go out with regular petitions, can effectively use this blank among their regular "Signs" readers and other friends nearby.

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COME TO MAPLEWOOD TO TRAIN FOR SERVICE

Just the other day, I was talking to a young man, an Adventist, about today's conditions. He made the remark: "There's just one thing to do—get ready to give the last warning message."

Believing as we do that these grave times will find repetition until the end, we agree with the young man above quoted and urge our young people to seek every source of spiritual strength and development that is available, in view of the times.

We find many who are coming to Maplewood for definite training in the Lord's work. We find many who are coming to benefit by the environment and association that is found in a school such as the Maplewood teachers and students constitute. We find many who are coming definitely to strengthen their Christian experience.

Into whichever group you may feel your motives place you, be assured there is a place for you here, with participation in the educational and spiritual opportunities that are available. We believe that here you will widen your circle of friendships, broaden your view of life, increase your knowledge and deepen your spiritual life and your conception of the vital work the three-fold message is doing in these important times. Come with us and we will do you good.

Frank H. Yost.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

The week-end meetings conducted by Elder Thompson and Miss Hopkins, at Eagle Bend brought renewed courage, hope and determination to the believers at Eagle Bend and others who came from nearby places. Monday it was the privilege of the writer in company with Brethren Hendricks and Tope to spend a few hours in a Harvest Ingathering effort. We were very kindly received by the business men, \$17.35 being the amount received. Some who gave one dollar last year gave two dollars this year, others raised their offering from fifty cents to one dollar. The brethren felt that the field yielded even better than last year. We did not get to call on nearly all the business

men. Monday evening we spent with the believers of the church at Wing River. The Lord came very near to us as we studied the surety of the advent movement.

Early Tuesday morning the writer went to Staples. After a season of prayer, Brother Peet and the writer went to call on a few business friends. After dinner Sister Emmerson and the writer continued the calls. By noon, on Wednesday we were happy to find that \$69 had been gathered for the cause of missions. It is marvelous how the Lord does work upon the hearts of business men and others. May we as children of God take courage and press on. "If every volunteer in the army of the Lord will do his best, the Lord will do the rest."

Wednesday evening we enjoyed a blessed season with the believers at Wadena. We look for good Harvest Ingathering results at all of the above places.

A. A. Dirksen.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Elder H. O. Olson of the Swedish Department and Elder August Anderson of LaGrange, Illinois, called at the office on Friday of last week.

When this issue of the Reaper reaches you the St. Paul English church will have gone well over their first \$1,000 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Several Harvest Ingathering remittances have been received from the Conference church members, and we are glad to know that many are starting early in this important work.

If you or any of your friends are interested in the purchase of some good farm land in central or northern Minnesota at a very low price, please write the Minnesota Conference office for information regarding that which they have for sale.

A report from the Winona church gives this encouraging note. "We plan to finish by September 5. People responding nicely." Good for Winona! Thus far they have gathered more than \$165. We hope that other churches will determine to finish their work early as has the Winona church.

Next Sabbath is the fifth Sabbath in the month, so the offering in the church service is for the Needy Poor Fund. This offering should be an especially liberal one for in all probability the needs in this respect will be greater this year in nearly every community than in former years, and we ought to do all we possibly can to alleviate suffering on the part of those who are

less fortunate. Remember that in giving to the poor, we lend to the Lord.

After the mission appeal was made at camp meeting a good sister left a diamond ring at the office to be sold for missions but she did not give her name or address. Recently we were able to realize \$60 from the sale of the ring, and we will be glad to give this sister credit for it on our records if she will communicate with Brother Smouse at the conference office. This was indeed a worth while contribution and much appreciated. We wonder if there are not others who have jewelry they would be willing to sacrifice at this time in order to help the missionaries in their fields.

A letter received recently from Mrs. William Smestad of Granite Falls enclosed a remittance of \$27.35 Harvest Ingathering funds which she said represented about eight hours work. That is fine indeed, and she says she is going to continue her efforts for which we are glad. In addition to this she wrote as follows, "I find so many interested and good people, I just love to do this work. I wish I could devote more time to it and was a little stronger, but I shall do the best I can. I received \$5.60 yesterday in about three hours in the residence district." It is in the residence section where the home missionary phase of the Harvest Ingathering is of greatest value, and every house in every city and town should be visited in the Harvest Ingathering this year. If it is hard for you to solicit from house to house try the envelope plan described in last week's Reaper. Order a few of the solicitor's envelopes and give the plan a trial in your community. The Lord will bless your efforts and you may in that way find some honest souls hungering for the bread of life.

A WARNING

We should like to warn our people to be careful about giving money to strangers who visit our churches and profess to be Seventh-day Adventists. We have just had a visit from some here in Duluth. Two men, one woman and a little girl are traveling through the country asking help from our people. The woman claims to be an Adventist, while the men do not. The one man passes as the woman's husband, the little girl as their daughter, and the other man as the woman's brother.

The man and wife passed as Mr. and Mrs. Randall here in Duluth, but just before they arrived here they were traveling as Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. They are not leaving the best impression behind them,

and we want to warn our people to be careful about giving them money.

A. A. Carscallen.

THE A. C. S. COLUMN

"Christ has purchased us by the price of His own blood. He has paid the purchase money for our redemption, and if we will lay hold upon the treasure, it is ours by the free gift of God. 'How much owest thou unto my Lord?' Luke 16:5. It is impossible to tell. All that we have is from God. He lays His hand upon our possessions, saying, 'I am the rightful owner of the whole universe; these are My goods. Consecrate to Me the tithes and offerings. As you bring these specified goods as a token of your loyalty and your submission to My sovereignty, My blessing shall increase your substance, and you will have abundance.' God is testing every soul that claims to believe in Him. All are entrusted with talents. The Lord has given men His goods upon which to trade. He has made them His stewards, and has placed in their possession money, houses, and lands. All these are to be regarded as the Lord's goods, and used to advance His work, to build up His kingdom in the world. In trading with the Lord's goods, we are to seek Him for wisdom, that we may not use His sacred trust to glorify ourselves or to indulge selfish impulses. The amount entrusted varies, but those who have the smallest gifts must not feel that, because their talent of means is small, they can do nothing with it. Every Christian is a steward of God, entrusted with His goods. Remember the words, 'Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.' I Cor. 4:2. Let us be sure that we are not robbing God in any jots or tittles; for much is involved in this question. All things belong to God. Men may ignore His claims. While He bountifully bestows His blessings upon them, they may use His gifts for their own selfish gratification, but they will be called to give an account for their stewardship."—"Testimonies." Vol. IX, pp. 245, 246.

"Ambition is the spur that makes man struggle with destiny. It is heaven's own incentive to make purpose great and achievement greater."

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Plan to be at Maplewood for the opening day, September 16.

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Louis Thayer of Minneapolis has arrived to assist with the work of the Press.

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Elizabeth Anderson is spending some time at her home in Eden Prairie before the opening of school.

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Guy Nelson and Elmer Hagen spent Sabbath, August 22, in the Twin Cities.

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Myrtle Swisher and her mother of Litchfield attended church service here Sabbath, August 15.

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Kenneth Nelson and Albert Peterson visited their brothers, Russell and Warren, over the week-end.

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Orton Steele and William Dirksen visited friends at the school for a short time Wednesday afternoon when returning from Duluth to Mankato.

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Mrs. Green and Mrs. Larson of Minneapolis were at the school Wednesday, August 19, to look at rooms for next year for their boys.

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Mrs. Wharton and her daughters, Ethel and Colletta, came out to the school Thursday, August 20, to reserve a room for the girls. The members of the freshmen class will be glad to welcome these two students to their group.

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Elder and Mrs. Yost and Donnie returned from a very pleasant trip to the northern part of the state, where they have been visiting prospective students, Sunday, August 16. They report that the interest in Christian education is good. Elder Yost left again the following Wednesday to continue his work.

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Only three weeks are left for us to perfect all plans and arrangements to be at Maplewood September 16. It would be well for all those who are coming for the first time to send their transcripts of credit before the opening of school. We are looking forward with pleasure to seeing all of you.

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The members of the Hutchinson Sabbath school enjoyed a picnic at Belle Lake Sunday, August 23. Though the weather did not seem at all favorable early in the morning, it cleared up later on and the outing was a pleasant occasion for all who participated. Sabbath school members met at the school about noon from which place they went to the lake and they returned at six o'clock.

OBITUARIES

Rud.—John Rud was born in Smoolede, Norway, in 1853; and died in Portland, N. Dak., on July 19, 1931, after many months of severe suffering.

In 1878 he was married to Elisabeth Bur, and in 1903 they came to America, settling in Hillsboro where the family has resided since.

His wife and their five children are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Brother Rud fell asleep with the full assurance of a home with Jesus beyond the sorrows of this life. Interment was in the Hillsboro cemetery.

D. K. Olson.

Cheney.—Jaye Jule Cheney, son of Adelbert and Ruth Cheney, was born at Arlington, S. Dak., June 3, 1921; and died at the Madison Hospital July 22, 1931. He died from ptomaine poisoning which snatched his life in a few short hours.

Jaye possessed a sweet, sunny disposition and will be missed by all who knew him, especially in his home circle. He was much interested in the lessons of the Sabbath school. He attended Sabbath school regularly and was a bright, active pupil.

He leaves to mourn his father, mother, two brothers, Jack and Jim, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and many schoolmates and friends. The writer with Elder P. G. Stanley officiated at the funeral service, and he was laid to rest in the Madison Cemetery beside two sisters, who preceded him in death.

L. E. Niermeyer.

Beaman.—Mrs. Anna Jacobsen Beaman, was born near Casey, Iowa, April 21, 1871; and died near Osceola, Iowa, Aug. 11, 1931. With her parents she came in 1873 to Shelby County where she lived until she was about thirty years of age.

In 1901 she was united in marriage to Hoyt Beaman of Des Moines, and two children came to bless the union. Soon after this union they removed to Shelby, making their home on nearby farms almost continuously until her death.

She has left to mourn their loss her aged mother, her husband and son Leonard, a grandchild, four step-children, three brothers, three sisters, two foster children and a large number of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Beaman was always a good mother and a kind and patient wife, one that endured all things patiently and without murmuring. In early life she united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, living a consistent Christian life as

a member of that church until her death. Services were conducted in the Methodist church at Shelby by the writer assisted by the Methodist pastor. C. F. McVagh.

Kolstad.—Jorgen H. Kolstad was born at Lisja, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, on Jan. 1, 1853; and died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ludvig Larson, at Gilchrist, Minn., on July 30, 1931.

In the year 1875 he was united in marriage to Sophie S. Belle. This union was blessed with three children. In 1882 the family moved to America. Two years later sorrow was brought into this home by the death of the mother.

In 1888 Brother Kolstad was united in marriage to Carrie Iverson. Three sons were born to this marriage, two which survive their parents, and also a foster son. He is also survived by twenty-six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

About thirty-one years ago Brother Kolstad came in contact with Seventh-day Adventists through Elder Louis Johnson. He accepted present truth and united with the Gilchrist church of which he remained a faithful and honored member until the day of his death.

The funeral was conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larson where a large number of relatives and friends were gathered. Elder Edwardson and the writer had charge of the funeral. Our Brother was placed to rest in the little cemetery by the Gilchrist church, there to await the call of the life-giver. Brother Kolstad was a kind and loving father and an earnest Christian. We are certain that he will come forth in the first resurrection. May the Lord comfort those who are left behind and help them to make the necessary preparation to meet their father when Jesus comes.

N. R. Nelson.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted.— Any kind of work by a steady young man, twenty-nine years of age. Experienced in electrical, laundry and other kinds of work. Ralph E. Hartzell, 309 N. Main St., Montevideo, Minn.

For Sale.— Six acres of land across street from Maplewood Academy. Barn, silo, two chicken houses, garage and ice house. A bargain if taken at once. Mrs. Albina Saunders, Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Wanted.—Work by a girl who is high school graduate. Good cook and seamstress. Prefers work with elderly people. Will be at Iowa camp meeting. Write Mrs. Roy Priddy, R. F. D. 2, Orient, Iowa.

Pogue.—Mrs. Serina Pogue was born in Fountain County, Ind., Aug. 13, 1846; and died at Anoka, Minn., Aug. 7, 1931. In 1862 she was married to John W. Pogue and shortly after their marriage the young couple moved to Hutchinson, Minn., where they continued to live until Mr. Pogue's death in 1888.

At the age of twelve our departed sister gave her life to her Master, and in 1877 she and her hus-

band united with the third angel's message. As a true Christian she was ever considerate of the comfort and welfare of others and was faithful in her fidelity to her Lord.

Eight children were born to this family, six of whom are still living. Besides the children twenty-six grandchildren and thirty-five great grandchildren mourn their loss.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending August 15, 1931						
Campbell, Bennie	Hope	40	6	1.75	26.75	
Crofoot, F.	Hope	39	4	16.00	35.00	2.00
Colporteur, A.	Hope	41	1	.50	4.50	.50
Evenson, K.	BR	46	10	68.25	136.75	1.50
Furst, B. (2)	Hope	93	5	31.00	51.00	
Hanson, Donald	Hope	32	10	12.00	52.00	
Keenan, Ben L.	Hope	31	4	7.25	29.25	10.75
Nelson, Alice	Hope	32	12	10.25	57.00	2.25
Plinke, K.	Hope	36	3	11.25	23.85	1.50
Plinke, W.	Hope	36		3.00	3.00	
Rustad, Geo.	Hope	43	16	12.10	96.10	
Wedde, Theo.	Hope	41		13.50	13.50	13.50
Totals		510	71	186.85	528.10	18.50
SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE, L. L. McKinley, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending August 8, 1931						
Brewer, T. K.	OD	49	15	11.50	64.00	
Hilliard, Lewis	GC	49		5.00	13.00	
Kunsman, Herbert	HW	26		7.50	7.50	
Pietz, Edward	GC	17	1	14.60	20.85	3.75
Totals		141	16	38.60	105.35	3.75
Week Ending August 15, 1931						
Anderson, E. C.	HP	22	3	3.00	22.50	
Brewer, T. K.	OD	41	6	33.50	54.50	
Hilliard, Lewis	GC	53	1		1.50	6.05
Pietz, Edward	GC	33	3	15.60	34.35	4.85
Stroup, W. H. (2)	DR	70	2	10.35	21.85	6.10
Totals		219	15	62.45	134.70	17.00
IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending August 15, 1931						
Shelton, G. A.	BR	48	10		70.00	
Nethery, Wallace	RJ	27		55.00	55.00	4.25
Bresee, Mr. and Mrs.	HP	50	7	1.50	42.50	
Stringer, Wayne	RJ	41	9	11.00	41.00	
Burkhardt, Fred	OD	35	8	9.00	26.25	
Stringer, John	RJ	40	1	23.25	21.00	
Frimml, Edith	RJ	20		21.00	18.00	
Luke, Iona	RJ	21		18.00	16.15	3.00
Wilcox, Elva	OD	30	2	7.25	15.45	7.65
Thake, Alice	Mag.	30	2	15.45	13.85	15.45
Hanson, Anna	BR	28		12.85	13.75	13.85
Wooten, Carl	RJ	47	3	2.50	11.25	
Wise, Ronald	RJ	45	1	7.50	10.75	
Ogren, John	OD	38	2	4.75	8.00	.25
Ahlstrom, G. E.	OD	19	2	3.00	6.00	
Johnson, S. E.	HW	42	1	3.00	4.50	1.25
Graham, Harold	RJ	50	1	1.50	2.75	
Nixon, Mrs Thomas	Crisis	41		2.75		
Nelson, Greta	RJ	27			3.75	38.75
Kendall, George	RJ	5				32.30
Olson, Myrrhine	RJ	18				28.75
Totals		704	47	204.05	426.95	145.50

PETITION THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

For four issues, beginning September 1, the "Signs of the Times" will carry a petition addressed to the League of Nations with a regular form and blank spaces for signatures.

In the first of these issues a strong article by Elder G. Dalrymple, of our "Signs" staff, will thoroughly discuss the whole proposed calendar revision question, and an appeal will be made for use of the accompanying petition in getting signatures against it.

Then in each of the three succeeding issues a brief statement will accompany the petition blank. This makes available 300,000 petition forms for signatures which "Signs" readers will be encouraged to use in opposing this so-called calendar reform. Call the attention of as many as possible to this.

J. R. Ferren.

COMPELLED TO SWITCH OFF ON THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH

"I have gotten more truth out of your paper, so I am compelled to switch off on the seventh-day Sabbath." This is the opening sentence of a letter that came to us from an Oklahoma town in February. It continued, "There is no such church here in this country, so I am distressed to know what to do. Can I live out of the church and be all right? I don't feel that I found the message any too soon."

We corresponded with this woman, asking more information about herself and how she came to learn about the message. Several weeks later came a second letter:

"I do not intend to burden you people. But as you know, it would not do any good to ask any of my church officials. They would tell me to get back where I belong. I will never do it. I know it is an awful thing to trample on the Holy day. I have the light on that now, and I am going to stay by it.

"You were wanting to know how I came to be acquainted with the "Watchman" magazine. My father was a Methodist, and I a Free-Will Baptist. He died not long ago and in his trunk I found 'The Change of the Sabbath' and a lot of Adventist books and papers. I began to read them and subscribed for the "Watchman" in November. Since I accepted the seventh-day Sabbath I really feel like a new Christian experience has come to me."

We sent copies of these letters to the conference officials. They made contact with this sister. They not only found her keeping the Sabbath, but also found a strong interest in the community. A series

of meetings is being held, and while it is in a country section, there have been from 200 to 250 people out each night. It seems there is a golden opportunity ahead. Do you think it pays to circulate the "Watchman" when we get results like this?

L. L. Skinner.

MAKING FRIENDS

How pleasant when out in the Ingathering work to meet those who know what Seventh day Adventists believe, and what they are doing. Through the years there has been opportunity to note the influence on the Ingathering work of systematic distribution of the "Signs." "Oh yes, I know your work. I read your 'Signs of the Times.'" Did you ever hear that statement? And have you noticed how often in such cases you are given an offering? One business man in the last campaign made exactly this reply, and then wrote a check for \$50. In another case the careful use of the "Signs" in connection with and following one gift resulted in the payment of the balance of a church debt, amounting to more than a thousand dollars.

Every "Signs" reader, of course, will not be in a position to give you \$50, or pay your church debt, but when you find a "Signs" reader you usually find a friend. Some of our leaders are so impressed with this that they are encouraging systematic work with the "Signs" to make friends and prepare the way for the Ingathering. One member having thirty homes in her territory ordered thirty "Signs" a week for a few weeks. With these she visited these families and became acquainted. When she came with the Ingathering paper, the people knew her, and most of them were ready to give. Brother A. E. Taylor, who wraps our "Signs" packages here at the Pacific Press, has gone

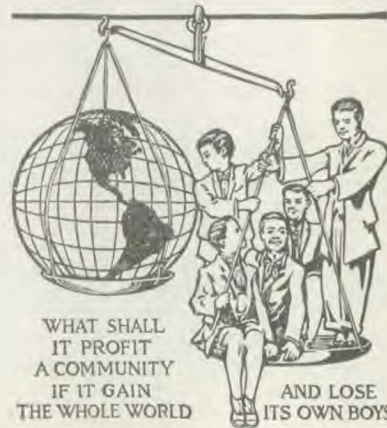
for several years over a residence section in a nearby city giving out 75 "Signs" a week. He goes to the same homes for his Ingathering donations, and the amount grows larger. For the past year he collected something over \$160.

And during your work, when some interested person says, "How can I learn more about this, and what your people believe?", think of the "Signs." "We have a paper that will give you that. It is very helpful in Bible study, and explains the prophecies that are being fulfilled in the conditions we see in the world now. I'll be glad to see that you receive it for a time. It is a very live weekly paper, the 'Signs of the Times.'"

By making openings for the "Signs" to carry its message, you will strengthen the spiritual results of this year's work, and be laying the foundation for success next year.

J. R. Ferren.

"Missionaries are wanted to go into towns and villages and raise the standard of truth, that God may have His witnesses scattered all over the land, that the light of truth may penetrate where it has not yet reached, and the standard of truth be raised where it is not yet known."



STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

January 1 to July 31, 1931

Conference	Mem.	Quota	Received	Short	Per Mem. Per Week
Iowa	2579	46,422.00	15,170.50	31,251.50	.196
Minnesota	3288	59,184.00	21,999.66	37,184.34	.223
North Dakota	2125	38,250.00	8,439.86	29,810.14	.132
South Dakota	1461	26,298.00	10,613.22	15,684.78	.242
Union	9453	170,154.00	56,223.24	113,930.76	.198

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

January 1 to July 31, 1931

Conference	Mem.	Received 1930	Received 1931	Per Week Per Mem.
Iowa	2579	12,373.25	11,083.31	.143
Minnesota	3288	16,947.54	16,325.69	.165
North Dakota	2125	7,414.17	6,502.70	.102
South Dakota	1461	8,138.63	8,180.44	.186
Union	9453	44,873.59	42,092.14	.148

I. G. Ortner, Treasurer.