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THE OMAHA COUNCIL

We are cognizant of the fact that some sensational reports have been circulated through the columns of the newspapers regarding the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee recently held in Omaha. Therefore, I will give the readers of the Reaper a few of the outstanding points adopted, which will shape some future policies of organization.

Our General Conference officers held a council meeting preceding the Council proper. From their meeting some recommendations were presented to the delegates when they met for action. The first recommendation was regarding the tenure of office for general, union and local conference officials. The recommendation suggested for General Conference officers a tenure not to exceed twelve years; for union officers, eight years; and for local conference, not more than six years. After discussion and consideration the delegates voted to adopt this as a future policy.

It is believed by many church organizations, as well as our own, that long and continued leadership by the same person or persons is not the most conducive to spiritual growth and aggressive evangelism. Warnings have been given our people from a source accepted as authoritative upon this point; therefore, the delegates felt clear to adopt such a policy for the future of our denominational organization. This coming winter being the time for the quadrennial sessions of our union conferences to be held, many changes will need to be made if this policy is put into effect. For this reason the "public press reporters" gave out the thought that many of our accepted leaders were to be retired. While we recognize some will not be transferred for various reasons, we are free to say to our readers that the object of the recommendation and the vote of the delegates were not intended for retire-

ment, but for greater strength and efficiency in our work.

The second recommendation coming before the delegates was to so change the boundary lines of our union conference territories as to provide eight union conferences in North America where we now have twelve. The proposed change recommended the merging of the territories of the Northern Union and Central Union. This recommendation, like the other, was adopted; and the executive committees of the two unions, with General Conference counsel, voted to hold a joint session of the two unions in the city of Omaha, January 20-30, 1932, to consummate this recommendation and have one union where we now have two, thus eliminating overhead expense and releasing some men now burdened with administrative responsibilities to do aggressive evangelism. Similar recommendations were made concerning other unions, which space forbids mentioning here.

It is believed that the Northern and Central Unions can unite, and by so doing gain much and lose nothing. Union College is the college for both unions. It is believed she will be strengthened in her work by the merger of the territory rather than to continue acting separately. The Pacific Press Publishing Association serves our field, and has been for a number of years sending her supplies through one branch house located in the city of Omaha. We believe the publishing interests will be strengthened by uniting the territory.

It is also believed that one organization can efficiently administer what a union conference should do in its field of endeavor, and thus transfer some men from administration to evangelism, and at the same time release the funds for meeting the expense of the same, thus enlarging our constituency through preaching the gospel in places where it is now unknown. Therefore, all our readers can see that no effort is anticipated in this

policy to retire men who are efficient.

We are glad to say to our readers that these actions, with other major recommendations adopted concerning standardizing, and accrediting our training schools, with our enlarged efforts through the interne plan of utilizing more of our consecrated and finished product in soul winning efforts, brought a most hearty response from the delegates assembled at the Council. With early Union conference sessions and a cooperative spirit the new policies will be in action, and time, with experienced leadership will iron out all the wrinkles, real and imaginary in the plan, so everything will run smoothly and we believe more efficiently.

The greatest factor needed aside from the direct blessing of the Lord is the cooperation of all our believers, both clergy and laity. God is calling His church to advance through the open doors of His providence with a saving message for those perishing in their sins. Let us therefore "go forward."

Charles Thompson.

YOUNG PEOPLE RESPOND TO SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

It is estimated that we have, in the North American Division alone, not less than 74,000 youth and children of school age who are either church members or held to the church by family ties, say nothing of the thousands outside of this Division. What a grand and noble army of young people! This denomination from its very beginning has launched various and sundry plans for the purpose of carrying this message to "all the world in this generation." These heavenborn plans have proved successful through the years, and at the present time this people has a well defined and well organized mission program which recognizes the potentialities of this youthful army.

Not a single campaign is launch-

ed, not a drive is made, not a new mission outpost established, but what this army of young people is called upon to share either directly or indirectly, individually or collectively, in the undertaking. And nobly do they respond!

Thus we do value this army of young people in campaigns and drives, such as Harvest Ingathering, Week of Sacrifice, Big Week, etc., but we should also sense, as never before, the importance of leading each one of them into a deeper spiritual life. This responsibility rests with conference workers, church and Missionary Volunteer leaders, and fathers and mothers.

These are the months during which time, institutions, and churches will foster weeks of prayer and other devotional features for the young people. Let all stand ready to support such noble and timely undertakings.

The supreme need of our young people is spirituality, as revealed in the following message: "I saw that unless there is an entire change in the young, a thorough conversion, they may despair of heaven. From what has been shown me, there are not more than half of the young who profess religion and the truth, who have been truly converted."—"Messages to Young People," p. 131.

The church surely recognizes this, for ample is being said about the awful situation of the youth—their lack of spirituality and their worldliness. Thus it would be unwise to say more about this deplorable situation, but it would be timely to do more by precept and example to remedy the condition.

More and more of our young people are beginning to feel their need of a deeper spirituality. Their hearts are longing for a good sanctifying religion—the kind which comes into the lives of our young people and children as a result of our praying earnestly, our working diligently, and our living consistently, but seldom by our talking continuously.

In Sister White's last message to the young people, during her last illness, the following statement was made: "Our young people need to be helped, uplifted, and encouraged, but in the right manner; not, perhaps, as they would desire it, but in a way that will help them to have sanctified minds. They need good, sanctifying religion more than anything else."—"Messages to Young People," p. 287.

"I exhort my brethren to encourage the young ever to keep the preciousness and grace of God highly exalted. Work and pray constantly for a sense of the preciousness of true religion. Bring in the blessedness and the attractiveness of holiness and the grace of God. I have felt a burden regarding this

because I know it is neglected."—*Id.*, p. 239.

How frequently we have experienced that our young people stand ready to respond to any well planned spiritual program in their behalf. They are ready and eager to follow a deeply spiritual leadership. They long to experience that sanctifying grace in their hearts to live constant Christian lives—lives of victory over every besetment and sin. Repeatedly we have observed that during special revival efforts, the majority who enter into the spiritual blessings and consecration of heart, are young people.

Shall we not, during these fall months, put forth special effort to lead our young people into a deeper and more lasting spiritual life by planning wisely for our Week of Prayer and devotional occasions in our institutions and churches, by living consistently before them and by praying earnestly for them?

We have the following full assurance: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isaiah 49:25.

D. A. Ochs.

ANSWERS TO 1500 PERTINENT BIBLE QUESTIONS

Somebody has said that any one can ask questions but it takes a wise person to answer them.

In reading the Bible many questions arise in one's mind,—questions about natural features of the Holy Land; questions about the people, their dress, habits, customs, institutions; questions about the climate, weather, seasons.

It indeed takes a wise man in things Palestinian to answer all such questions that occur to every Bible reader. Only one who has lived in the Holy Land, traveled about, mingled with the people and learned them intimately, can assay to answer these interesting and pertinent questions.

For twenty years G. M. Mackie was a missionary of the church of Scotland at Beyrout, Syria. He has studied the land and the people of the Bible at close range for these many years. In a splendid book of 175 pages, "Bible Manners and Customs," he gives much valuable information about the land of the children of Israel, and answers many of our persistent questions. Five hundred texts are cited and illustrated in connection with his discussions.

This book ordinarily sells at \$1.25. But Revell Company, the publishers, have given us a special price, enabling our Book and Bible Houses to sell this volume at ninety-five cents postpaid. The present is the

best time to order, as these good agents of ours have just stocked "Bible Manners and Customs" to supply those who take the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course during 1932. This book, together with the "Sabbath School Worker," forms the basis of our studies the coming year.

All progressive Sabbath schools have a Training Course class, and all growing officers and teachers take the Course. We invite any who wish to study "Bible Manners and Customs" with our Sabbath school workers to join the Training Course class.

J. C. Thompson,
General Sabbath School Dept.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

Verlin Burgeson, of South Dakota, sends in the following experience that indicates how our colporteurs are used of God to reclaim the backsliders.

"One man I met used to be an Adventist in Ohio. He went to one of our schools there, was a colporteur there, and was instrumental in winning forty souls to Christ in one place. He backslid and gave up everything. Lately he was hoping he could meet an Adventist soon and receive some encouragement. I was the one. We had a very nice time together, and he is now going to surrender all to Jesus. There are many such souls, and the only way to reach them is while engaged in the colporteur work. Next summer I am going out and stay by it no matter what comes up."

Hoping he could meet an Adventist! I wonder how many there are here and there, with whom the Spirit of God is working, who are hoping that some one will come to help them? Come and join the colporteur army and hunt them out. Is God calling you?

Geo. A. Campbell.

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COLLECTION FOR REAPER EXPENSE

Sabbath, November 7, has been set aside by all the conferences in the Northern Union as a day on which a collection is to be taken to apply on the expense of sending out the Northern Union Reaper. We are sending the Reaper to each family in the Iowa Conference, as far as we know, and each subscription costs the conference fifty cents. We make no regular charge and are glad to have the Reaper go into every home in the conference.

However, we had hoped in the past that enough money would come in through the regular offerings that are taken from time to time to pay at least the greater part of this expense. However, I find that the expense so far this year has amounted to nearly \$500, and only about \$70 has been received to apply on this expense. You can see that there is a large deficit and it means that over \$400 has been paid out for this that might have been used for other purposes. I am sure that all appreciate having the Reaper come into their homes, so I hope that November 7 will be kept in mind and that a good, liberal offering will be given on that date.

G. A. Nystrom.

MANY MANIFEST INTEREST

Our church at Creston was well filled on Sabbath afternoon, October 17. In fact, it was the largest Sabbath attendance I have ever seen there since coming to this district nearly three years ago. Most of those present were young people. An excellent spirit of attention was manifested as a study was given emphasizing the various points of our faith. Five candidates for baptism responded to the call to come forward for examination. These were received into the fellowship of the Creston church. The baptism followed immediately at the beach in McKinley Park. Several visitors from nearby churches were present to rejoice with us on this solemn, happy occasion. These new members are from the Grove Chapel vicinity where we held a series of meetings two years ago. Those who accepted the truth at that time have faithfully continued with their Sabbath school and weekly cottage meetings, and this addition to the

church has been made possible largely as the result of the faithfulness of our new believers there.

One sister who with her married daughter was baptized a year ago had the pleasure of seeing her two sons received into the fellowship of the remnant church.

We now have a goodly company in the Grove Chapel neighborhood attending the weekly services held alternately at the different homes. It is probable that another baptism will be held in the spring.

Several are keeping the Sabbath at Osceola as a result of our summer's work. They are all meeting with intense opposition, but we are praying that they may be steadfast, and that we may see some from this place rejoicing with us in the blessed hope.

We ask the continued prayers of our brethren in behalf of the work in this part of old Iowa.

J. H. Rhoads.

IOWA ITEMS

Mrs. Dorcas spent Sunday night at the C. W. Smouse home in Mt. Pleasant and had the pleasure of a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smouse of St. Paul, whom she accompanied as far as Ainsworth.

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The Ft. Madison and Mt. Pleasant Sabbath schools were quite fully represented at the Burlington convention. The Keokuk friends, being detained by other appointments, planned to attend the Dav-
enport convention on October 31.

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Brother and Sister A. R. Smouse of St. Paul, Minn., spent Sabbath October 24, at Keokuk, where they had planned to meet relatives and old friends for a visit over the week end. They also spent Friday night and Sunday night at the Smouse parental home in Mt. Pleasant.

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Mrs. Rose Van Tuyl and Helen Van Tuyl of the Middletown church walked four miles over bad roads to get to the paving to go with Mrs. Emma Brunken, Hazel Brunken, Walter and Herbert, and Esther Brunken-Campbell to attend the afternoon services of the Burlington convention.

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One good faithful sister of the Burlington church raises from fifty to seventy-five dollars each year for the Ingathering fund, by soliciting in the residence district spending many days of many weeks in the effort. Surely this is a worthy example of the enthusiasm and perseverance necessary to make a success of any work. Many more with such interest and determination would guarantee reaching the goal in Iowa.

ANOTHER VICTORY

Of all the dark spots on the map, we had anticipated Carroll, Iowa, as being one of the hardest places to reach with our campaign. Carroll is a strictly Catholic town. Its largest bank closed a month ago. Every drive known had gone before us. I am glad to tell you, brothers and sisters, that the little Carroll church rejoices because its goal is reached and because it has a splendid opportunity to make a gain over last year's record.

I have spent two of the most pleasant days ingathering here in Carroll and vicinity. The depression and hard knocks make people more sober and more willing to bank in heaven where rust, moths, and robbers do not destroy. May we all forge ahead regardless of the dark outlook. God is with us!

H. N. Bresee.

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NOTICE

We would like to inform our people of the dates of some very important meetings that will be held in the following churches. Elder Lester Bond, General Conference Missionary Volunteer Associate Secretary and Prof. H. J. Sheldon of Minneapolis will hold conventions at these places:

Sheyenne River Academy: Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10.

Newhome: Wednesday and Thursday, November 11 and 12.

Valley City: Friday, Sabbath and Sunday, November 13 to 15.

I am sure that all our people who live in the vicinity of any of these churches will want to attend these meetings. Many will remember that Elder Bond was the man who conducted the state young people's convention at Sheyenne River Academy several years ago. All young people's officers who live close enough should attend. Professor Sheldon needs no introduction to our people. B. A. Scherr.

NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Sunday, October 25, ten souls were baptized and the Medina Village church was organized. Brother Fred Reile is the elder of this new church.

Elder B. A. Relle and Brethren Fred Reile and Dan Harr were callers at the office this week.

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Elder Meyer returned from the Fall Council at Omaha on Thursday.

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Elder Leiske has been spending some time at Devils Lake in the interest of the church there. He called at the office Thursday.

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Brother Christian Roesler was a caller at the office this week. He has been spending some time in the hospital at Jamestown but expects to return to his home at Napoleon soon.

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Have you secured your copy of the new book, "The Cigarette as the Physician Sees It"? This is a splendid little book and we should do all we can to give it a wide circulation. Price 25 cents per copy; 10 for \$1.25 plus postage.

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The general meetings in the German churches began Friday evening, October 30, at Kulm, N. Dak. The month of November will be devoted to a number of such meetings.

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A WORD FROM MAPLEWOOD

Already six weeks of another school year have passed. It hardly seems possible, yet as we stop to take a retrospective view as it were of what has been accomplished so far this school year, then we can readily realize that it is true.

In spite of the depression and unfavorable financial conditions that exist in general, which has meant a lower enrollment in many of our schools, we are glad that we can report not only a larger enrollment on the opening day of school this year than was the case last year but that our enrollment to date still holds a little larger than for the corresponding date last year. Another interesting phase of the enrollment is that out of the 153 matriculated students, 157 of them are in actual attendance today. This means that only one student has dropped out during the first six weeks of school. And it so happens that that student was an outside student, that is, one living in the

community and was not in the school home. Every room in both the boys' and the girls' dormitories is taken and the school is literally "full." The above enrollment will, of course, be considerably higher for the school year since a number of students always join us at the beginning of the second semester while a few for various reasons must drop out.

Not only is our attendance encouraging for such a year as this but the quality of our student body is what is especially gratifying. The fact that students in the majority of cases were required to put forth greater efforts than usual in order to return to school seems to have brought out in many cases the best.

This spirit was especially marked during our fall Week of Prayer when students and teachers consecrated and reconsecrated their lives to the Master and His service. Your hearts would have been cheered could you have been present at the Friday evening service and have listened to the more than 170 testimonies given by students and teachers voicing their loyalty to Prince Immanuel. Battles were fought and victories were won. In addition to those who spoke there were some who indicated their determination to accept Jesus as their Saviour by standing, making the response of the entire school almost a unanimous one. The services of Elder Halswick of the Norwegian-Danish church of Minneapolis, and Elder Garner of the St. Paul English church were greatly appreciated.

Following the Week of Prayer a call was made for those interested in study and baptism, and twenty-two young people responded, one of these for rebaptism. This class is now meeting from Sabbath to Sabbath studying the important questions connected with the sacred rite of baptism.

The school experienced comparatively little of the usual home sickness among new students and all early applied themselves to the regular program.

Elder Dirksen's and Brother Melendy's assistance in the school field day for Harvest Ingathering served as an encouragement to all and in spite of the rather unfavorable weather that day at the evening meeting the chapel once more echoed the good experiences and reports that were given by students and teachers.

As a school we do feel that we have much for which to be thankful. We thank God for our school, for its splendid, earnest, sincere student body and its consecrated teachers. We thank Him for you parents and loyal school patrons who are working and praying for the success of the school. Yet we

realize that the work is not completed, it is only begun. We realize that the enemy of all unrighteousness is making his great assault upon the youth of today. May God help us to successfully resist this onslaught of the enemy that we may all be overcomers with Him.

Alvin W. Johnson.

(NOTE: This article was written for last week's issue)

HARVEST INGATHERING

For Week Ending October 24, 1931

Church	Number working	Amount this week	To date
Stillwater	5	\$155.08	\$185.13
*Hibbing	9	66.50	205.35
Gilchrist	17	59.55	200.44
Mankato	58	52.81	528.84
Hutchinson	55	39.05	259.31
Mpls. Eng.	202	38.00	1634.89
Conference	56	29.35	469.70
Duluth First	30	25.49	295.21
St. Paul Eng.	153	20.91	1973.52
Pine Island Co.	2	17.70	17.70
Good Thunder	10	17.50	97.65
Senjen	2	17.00	19.00
Eagle Bend	9	15.35	74.61
Duluth Scand.	21	14.15	219.39
Hewitt	7	9.95	25.73
Wells	2	8.75	59.75
Anoka	12	7.87	198.90
Bemidji	14	6.00	235.90
Faribault	20	2.50	226.66
Remer	13	2.25	23.87
Roseau	6	1.25	59.55
Previously Reported			10657.23
	703	607.01	11264.24
Year ago	883	1223.49	13392.15
Losses	180	616.48	2127.91

We were hopeful that the report this week would again show a gain over the same week last year, but the report a year ago was unusually good for the week as will be observed from the figures given above; so our loss so far this year as compared with last, has been increased by about \$600, leaving us more than \$2000 short of last year at the same time. Shall we not put forth a special effort this coming week to retrieve this loss? Word has just been received from the Autumn Council at Omaha that it was felt necessary to make a still further reduction of 10 per cent in the mission appropriations for the coming year. A letter from Elder Watson brings the following appeal: "We appeal to each of you, workers and members, to toil on in the Harvest Ingathering work until your church and conference have reached the full goal. The mission treasury must have \$800,000 through the Ingathering campaign this year, else the cut of 10 per cent must be increased. God has marvelously blessed His faithful people, and still blesses as they press on with the Ingathering work. Last year there was a wonderful re-

sponse to our appeal for one more determined Ingathering effort, and a quarter of a million dollars was gathered in November and December. We are confident of even a greater response to this appeal. Shall not each worker and member, each boy and girl, come up to the help of the Lord in this hour of soul-winning opportunity in all the world?"

We are glad to report that the Hibbing church has now reached its \$10 per member goal. Which church will be the next to reach it? A goodly list of names has been reported for the various band goals and we trust the church treasurers will continue to faithfully report them.

Centurion Band: Elder O. W. Wolfe.

Gold Crown Band: Mrs. N. T. Goulet.

Silver Crown Band: H. E. Sheldstad. Mrs. R. E. Dickinson. Mrs. H. M. Hiatt. Mrs. Bertha Howell.

Blue Ribbon Band: Mrs. Emma Stearns. Mrs. E. Johnson. Mrs. Antonette Bloomquist. Bertha Carlson. Mrs. C. B. Sargeant.

Loyal Legion Band: T. L. Dickinson. M. J. Thompson. Mrs. Nellie Freeman. Wm. Finch. Mrs. H. A. Salton. Mrs. Marjorie Smith. Mrs. Laura Smith. Mrs. Pete Nelson. A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

THE WADENA CONVENTION

From Friday, October 23, to the following Sunday a very successful convention was held at Wadena by Elders A. A. Dirksen, T. J. Bierke and V. G. Anderson. The weather was ideal, which made possible a good attendance from near by churches.

The Friday evening meeting consisted of first a song service, then a sermon by Elder Dirksen, which was much enjoyed by a large congregation representing the Wadena, Hewitt, Staples and New York Mill churches, also there were a few from other places. The Sabbath services were also well attended, twenty-nine cars being used by those present at the Sabbath afternoon meetings. Questions of importance were discussed relative to the duties of church officers and the means to be employed for awakening and retaining interest in Sabbath school work. Other matters of interest were also presented.

As the meetings progressed the interest seemed to grow and the last of the feast was best of all. Many were heard to express regret that the meeting was not to be prolonged and hopes were entertained that another opportunity might soon present itself to enjoy another meeting of this kind.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting many questions were asked and answered which we believe will re-

sult in benefit to all who participated. The Sunday evening service was conducted by Elder V. G. Anderson, the text being, "Whither Goest Thou?" John 16: 5. A deep impression was made and all felt the importance of shaping destiny rather than dwelling on our past history. At the close of this service people lingered to express their joy at being present and hoping for another convention in the near future. J. O. Peet.

NOTICE

There will be a convention at Brainerd, Minn., November 13 to 15. The first meeting will be Friday night at 7:45. Sabbath and Sunday meetings will be held in the forenoon and afternoon. An invitation is extended to our people in the vicinity of Brainerd to attend all or part of these meetings. The workers who will lead out are Elders V. G. Anderson and A. A. Dirksen. The preaching services in the evening will be advertised, so invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

I. J. Bjerke.

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

On Saturday evening, October 24, the students assembled in the dining room where marching, games and contests were enjoyed.

Martha K. Johnson, a member of the class of 30, who is working in Minneapolis, was a welcome visitor at the school Thursday night, October 29.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weisner and their family of Farmington visit the school Sunday, October 25. Mrs. Weisner who said that she had often wished to see the school spoke of the attractiveness of the students' rooms and the buildings and grounds.

"How to gain an education" was the subject of Professor Mc Comb's chapel talk, Monday, October 26. Some thoughts presented were: Persistence without method does not bring education; Distinction should be made between reading and understanding; Concentration is an aid to understanding.

Elder G. F. Eichman, president of the South Texas Conference, who had been in attendance at the Fall Council at Omaha, spent Thursday visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. Hein, and his family. It was a privilege to have him speak at the assembly hour Thursday morning.

Elder Varner Johns, pastor of the Minneapolis English church, conducted the week-end services at the school. "Remember now thy

creator in the days of thy youth" was the theme for the Friday evening meeting and a large number responded in the testimonial meeting which followed. On Sabbath Elder Johns remarked upon the admonitions and warnings of the book of Malachi before a large congregation.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Jonah and the Whale. A very interesting and thrilling story by Elder C. G. Bellah. The book contains 96 pages. Single copy, 25 cents. Ten for \$1.35, postpaid.

It is expected that Professor Hiatt will speak in the church at Morgan the evening of the 6th. On Sabbath, the 7th, convention work will be carried on after Sabbath school in the morning, and through the afternoon.

Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing. The Sabbath school lesson help for this quarter. Do not forget to include this in your order. Paper binding, 25 cents. Cloth binding \$1.

Elder H. P. Evens, who is director of the West Visayan Mission in the Philippines, is visiting relatives and friends in Minnesota for a short time during his furlough in the homeland.

The Cigarette as a Physician Sees it, by D. H. Kress, M. D. This new book should be in every home, school and church library. Single copy, 25 cents. Ten for \$1.35, postpaid.

Elder J. A. P. Green of the General Conference has been spending a few days in Minnesota since the Autumn Council at Omaha, and it was arranged for him to visit such of our churches as he could during the short time his services were available.

Elder Wolfe reports the baptism of four at Winona on Sabbath, October 17. Another also desired baptism which was planned for on Sunday, October 25; and there were nine who wished to become members of a baptismal class there, looking forward to baptism in the spring.

It is customary that an offering be given in our churches twice a year to help defray the expense of supplying the Reaper to our people. The offering in the church service next Sabbath, November 7, is for that purpose. We feel confident that all of our people appreciate the weekly visits of the Reaper and that the offering next Sabbath will be a liberal one.

To follow up the interest resulting from the county-wide literature effort conducted in Anoka County by the Anoka church, a series of evangelistic services is being held in a hall near Bethel by Elders Haysmer and Hiatt. They will greatly appreciate the prayers of our people in behalf of these services.

H. E. Shelstad of the Good Thunder church has worked long and faithfully in his Harvest In-gathering efforts in some of the Scandinavian communities to the west of Mankato. Not having a car he has done practically all of his soliciting on foot. He has received \$40 from his efforts thus far and rejoiced in being able to secure that much for the support of our mission work.

As we make plans for bringing our offerings to Sabbath school at the time of the Investment program November 14, let us remember that if we do not have complete returns from our year's efforts we may hand or send offerings in later as they may be received. It is not too late even now for any who

have not invested this year to do so. A substantial addition to the Investment offerings may be realized in a short time in some instances. We believe all our members will rejoice with us if we are able to reach our \$4,000 Investment goal this year.

Elder Carscallen, who has been located at Duluth, has been desirous of a call to labor in a warmer climate, so recently accepted a call to the Inter-American field. He and his family plan to leave in a short time and we feel sure that their many friends in Minnesota and North Dakota will wish them a safe and pleasant journey, also a large measure of the Lord's blessing as they go to a new field of labor.

Golden moments are thrown away in unimportant conversation, in indolence, and in doing those things which are of little consequence, that ought to be used every day in useful employments that will fit us more nearly to approach the high standard.— "Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers." p. 194.

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SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

We are pleased to have Elder Perry of Texas and Elder Dave Reimer of Canada spend a few days in the state, en route home from the Fall Council.

Elder C. D. Hein writes that he started a series of meetings south-east of Gettysburg. So far four families are attending regularly and seem to be deeply interested.

Elder Cord Scriven and his father, C. M. Scriven of Colman, visited our office at Watertown, October 29. Elder Scriven is now the president of the New York Conference.

Brother J. A. Estey is holding a few meetings a week near Buffalo.

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also studying with those who are showing an interest. He writes that many are interested, and expects some to take their stand for the truth.

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Brother Leslie McKinley, our field secretary, spent a few days last week in Sioux Falls assisting those who are selling the Home Workers books. Quite a few of our people are selling these books now and are having splendid success.

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Elder C. M. Babcock spent one day in the office. He also met with the Watertown church Sabbath, October 31, in the forenoon, and with the company at Clark in the

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OBITUARIES

Richert—Peter Richert was born March 12, 1865; and died of cancer Oct. 21, 1931. He was united in marriage March 12, 1889, to Elizabeth Sperring, who with eight children mourn. Brother Richert lived near Marion, S. Dak. He had resided in this community since his boyhood days. He was a patient sufferer, and sought a deeper experience for himself and his family during his illness. Funeral services were conducted at his home and the Swan Lake church. He was laid away in the hope of the first resurrection.

Gorden Oss.

McHenry.—James Olin McHenry was born Dec. 4, 1924, and fell asleep Thursday, Oct. 15, 1931. What more could be said of a stay so short on this earth, than that it was filled with earnestness, love, purity, and obedience. It is worthy of mention that James Olin, though at so young an age, had won the hearts of both old and young. His cheery smile and sunny disposition have written in our minds memories that time can not efface.

He liked to go to Sabbath school and his questions and answers were of interest to all. He leaves to mourn, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Purly McHenry and one brother, 9, besides many other relatives and friends. The little body was taken to Missouri where funeral services were conducted near Lavana by the writer.

R. F. Bresee.

Peterson.—Erlwin Sigfried Peterson, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Peterson, was born in Heidelberg, Germany, July 9, 1909; and died as a result of an automobile accident Aug. 3, 1931. He was baptized in 1926 while attending the Seminary at Hutchinson, Minn., where he finished the church school and academic course while his father was head of the English department of the Seminary. In 1928 he went with his parents to Pacific Union College where he continued his education.

Knowledge of how he lived, of his contacts with others, and of his Christian experience gives those who knew him the confidence that it was well with him at the last hour. His parents, to whom he was so tenderly devoted, bow submissively to the will of God and find sustaining strength and comforting balm in the promise of a soon-coming Saviour. There is the hope that in that brighter hour when the Life-giver shall come their only son will be restored to them.

Dillree.—Frank Albert Dillree was born at Fargo, St. Claire County, Mich. Sept. 1, 1866; and passed away at Lewistown, Pennsylvania Sept. 16, 1931. He was married to Thora Hendrickson in 1896. To this union eleven children were born, eight of whom are living. For twenty-seven years they made their home at Washburn, Wis., and later at Ashland, Wis. While the family made their home at Ashland, Mr. Dillree, his wife, and one daughter, accepted the truth and were baptized by Elder Post. During the last two years Brother and Sister Dillree made their home with one of their sons at Lewistown, Pa. A few weeks ago they learned of the serious illness of their daughter, Marie, who was in a Minneapolis hospital. Mrs. Dillree came to her bedside, and while there received news of her husband's sudden sickness and death. Thus, we are reminded again of the uncertainty of life.

Those left to mourn are his dear wife, five sons, three daughters, seven grandchildren, one sister, one brother, other relatives and a host of friends. Words of comfort were spoken from Heb. 11:13-16 by the writer, at the Swedish Seventh-day

Adventist Church in Minneapolis on Sabbath, October 3. A loving husband, kind father, and a dear friend will be missed until that day when there will be no more partings.

Aug. S. Anderson.

ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale.—Four room house. Two lots, city water and lights. Paving. Six blocks from Union College. \$1075. Terms. Samuel Anderson, College View, Nebr.

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In everything that makes up our character, the things we do today have a way of reaching out into our future. The prayer that springs up naturally in our hearts, the joy we feel when a new day breaks the darkness of the sky, the courage with which we face a hard task, the joy we feel in a child's chatter, the kindness we show to a stray dog, all these and countless other things water the garden of our souls so well that the flowers of Christian character bloom even until the frost of death.—Hayward.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary						
Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Week Ending October 24, 1931						
Anderson, Fred S. (3)	Hope	62	2	30.50	38.00	59.50
Anderson, Mrs. F. S.	Hope	15	1	17.25	21.25	10.25
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. F.	Hope	31	2	11.25	19.25	5.50
Biggers, H. G.	Misc.	26	17	3.50	29.00	21.50
Engen, B. O.	Hope	35	3	15.36	26.61	9.46
Ferguson, Karl A.	BR	27	13	16.75	95.75	5.50
Keenan, Ben. L.		31		13.25	13.25	14.25
Totals		227	38	107.86	243.11	125.96
IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary						
Weeks Ending October 16 and 23, 1931						
Shelton, Glenn	BR	95	3	50.00	67.50	50.00
Wilcox, Elva	OD	67	4	16.95	27.95	8.95
Hanson, Anna	BR	33	2	5.15	17.65	11.40
Ogren, John	OD	58	1	9.00	11.50	
Olsen, Myrrhine	BTS	14		9.00	9.00	2.63
Jank, Mary Iona	BTS	23		5.50	5.50	.29
Bresee, Mr. and Mrs. N.	HP	90				316.00
Totals		350	10	95.60	169.10	333.23

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afternoon. His visit at Watertown was greatly appreciated.

Sister Lena Hawley, home missionary secretary of the Sioux Falls church, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, writes that she is greatly improved and hopes to be able to do her own work again very soon.

Elders G. W. Wells from the General Conference and Elder Gorden Oss will be well into the Swan Lake church meetings when this item is read. They invite our people even from a distance to drive in when they can.

We have two slightly damaged "Bible Readings" in the cloth binding, regular price \$5.50. We are offering these now at \$1.90 post paid. We also have a copy of "Ministry of Healing," small edition, that we are offering at \$1.60 regular price \$2.25. All of these books are just as good as new ones, only the covers are a little soiled.

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HOW TO KEEP EVERY MISSIONARY AT HIS POST

A way to accomplish the above has been found and is within the bounds of a possibility. Here it is plainly stated:—"One week's sacrifice by our workers in North America would amount to about one hundred thousand dollars. If we could add to that a similar amount from our people who are not employed by the denomination, it would enable us to hold every missionary at his post."

In 1922 our first Week of Sacrifice averted a crisis. It is confidently hoped that our 1931 offering will accomplish the same. Already enthusiastic support has been sounded by some in our conference. We know that it will mean real sacrifice for many, but that's the way of the cross and victory.

Recent word from Geneva is soul cheering. In the calendar reform issue before the League of Nations our brethren were mightily used of God in turning the strong tide of opposition. Let's be thankful in a practical way as Thanksgiving week approaches, for all our blessings. Prayer changes things. Will you join us in praying that the

Lord will help us all to find a way to measure up to the needs of this time of challenging opportunity so every missionary may be kept at his post?
Gorden Oss.

PLAINVIEW ITEMS

Professor C. C. Engel, Professor Sterling Gernet and Miss Clayoma Engel of the Union College music department, will give the first number of our lyceum course on the evening of November 7. We know this will be a program of unusual talent and we cordially invite our patrons and friends to be here.

H. H. Schmunk of Hot Springs stopped at the school Thursday evening to visit with his daughter Dorothy. He was on his way back from Oklahoma to Hot Springs.

At 7:30 Saturday evening, October 31, all were called to the dining room for a social hour together. Marches and games were the features of the evening. Elder Bond led out in several new games which were especially enjoyed.

Our school was fortunate in having Elder Cord Scriven, president of the New York Conference, and his father of Coleman visit our school Wednesday, October 28. Elder Scriven spoke in joint worship Wednesday evening and in chapel Thursday morning.

Elder C. L. Bond, associate secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, and Professor Sheldon are leading out in the special Week of Prayer at our school October 31 to November 7. We feel it a privilege to have Elder Bond with us and we are sure his visit will prove a real blessing to our school.

**NORTHERN UNION HARVEST
INGATHERING**

Including Week Ending Oct. 24, 1931
(As reported by church treasurers)

Conference	Gathered	Total
	Last Week	To Date
Iowa	919.30	8980.78
Minnesota	839.39	11072.59
North Dakota	150.00	2688.10
South Dakota	187.50	5194.94
Union	2096.19	27936.41

We are glad to see many of our churches still working. Don't expect your church elder or district leader to raise your full church goal without your cooperation.

"Think not a leader can alone achieve,

He needs the help of others who believe

The Cause is just. No worthy fight is won

Without the 'rank and file' to see it done.

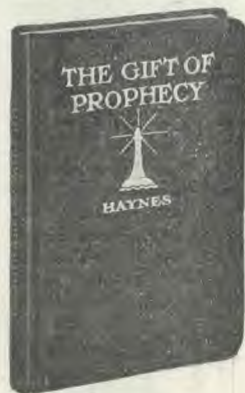
Great tasks demand that back of him who leads,

Stand many helpers eager with their deeds."

Here's an encouraging statement from page 210 of "Testimonies to Ministers:" "Times are growing hard and money is difficult to obtain, but God will open the way for us from sources outside our people."

Have I given God the chance to open the way for me? Have I done my part in keeping the missionaries at their posts? Let us gather in all the Ingathering possible before the year closes.

V. G. Anderson.

The Gift of Prophecy

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