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A NEW YEAR GREETING

According to the human calendar this is the last issue of the Reaper bearing date in 1931; therefore, we pass the usual greeting "Happy New Year" to our family of readers.

We have a new calendar upon the wall, which is a reminder that another year has passed with its record to come later in review before the Judge of all mankind. One cannot think along this line with his mind enlightened by fulfilled and fulfilling prophecy without feelings of profound solemnity.

We feel that attention to a few of the danger signals would not be improper. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led astray with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness." 2 Peter 3:17. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Heb. 3:12, 13.

I feel impressed to suggest the admonition of our Saviour recorded in Matt. 5:23, 24, as a starting point for the new year, and in view of the warnings quoted above. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." We should carry no grudges over into the new year. It is written, "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned; behold the Judge standeth before the door." James 5:9. May God help us to put them away.

I assure you, my beloved brethren and sisters, that your faithfulness the past year has been appreciated your cooperation has made possible all that has been accomplished in our Northern Union, and we feel grateful to you and to our God for such a loyal band of men and women.

Before another year passes our union quadrennial sessions will have been held. Important transfers will be made in these meetings; fields of labor will be changed; new associations will be formed. But the cause is one and God is at the helm. His hand is upon the lever of future events. His cause will triumph.

Let us renew our consecration to God, and determine that to the full extent of our abilities we will push the work at home, and contribute liberally to the triumph of the cross abroad; and thus move forward with the message, keeping pace with the movements of God in the earth during the coming year.

Charles Thompson.

"REVIEW AND HERALD"

As a special inducement the "Review and Herald" will be sent for 14 months for the regular price of 12 months to persons subscribing during the month of January, 1932. This offer is good for renewals as well as new subscriptions, and applies to the Big Four or to the "Review" alone. For \$3 the "Review and Herald," "Life and Health," "Liberty," and "Present Truth" will come to your address for 14 months. If you desire only the "Review and Herald," it will cost you \$2.50. This exceptional price is good only until Jan. 31, 1932.

The important place the "Review and Herald" holds as our official church organ has often been emphasized.

"The 'Review' is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers." "Testimonies." Vol. IV, p. 598.

May the circulation of this good paper be greatly increased by this special offer and as a result may our people receive the blessing of spiritual strength needful at an hour such as this.

V. G. Anderson.

It's not doing the things we like to do; but liking the thing we have to do, that makes life blessed.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

Williams, Minn.

Dec. 16, 1931.

Dear Brother Campbell:

I will today relate an experience I had during Harvest Ingathering that I think will be of interest to you.

One Sunday in October when we were out Harvest Ingathering for missions, we came to a place out in the woods. I knocked on the door, but didn't get a reply; so I looked around and saw a man coming from the barn. I went to meet him, and after exchanging greetings, I told him my mission, at the same time showing him the "Watchman" magazine. He told me to come into the house. He went into the next room, but soon returned with fifty cents which he handed me with these words, "Here is fifty cents. It isn't much. I wish I had more to give you." I thanked him for the money, and then looked around the room. Next to the window stood a little table, and on top of the table lay "Great Controversy" by Mrs. E. G. White, in Norwegian. That is a wonderful book, isn't it? I asked him, "Yes," he said. "It is a wonderful book. I have read it through twice, and I'm now reading it through for the third time. Yes, I like that book. If a person could only live as that book is written, he would be just about perfect, wouldn't he?" We talked a little more about Mrs. White's writings, and then I had to go as it was just about sun down, and we had about fifteen miles to travel on our way home.

Before leaving I told him I would bring him out a few copies of "The Gospel Messenger" in Norwegian, which he said he would be glad to get. A month later I went to see this brother again, and I took along about twenty copies of "The Gospel Messenger" for him. He was working when I got there, as it was Sunday. When he was through with the job, he asked the man that was helping him with the work and myself to come in and have a cup of coffee. When we got to the table I told

him I didn't drink coffee, but I would take a cup of warm water if he had it handy. So he gave me the water, and we sat down to eat our lunch. While we were eating he asked me if the papers I had brought him were Adventist papers. I said they were. "That's good," he said. "I'm going to be an Adventist now. I have kept the Sabbath for about a month, and I have quit using tobacco. It has been a hard struggle as I have used tobacco since I was a little boy. I'm going to quit coffee, too," he said. There is a man that wants to follow Jesus all the way. I asked him how he got the "Great Controversy." He told me he got it from a person who had moved away who didn't have any use for the book. "I'm glad they gave me the book," he said. "I wouldn't sell it for any money. And think of it, if I hadn't read that book, I wouldn't have found out about the Sabbath." In parting that day, I told him to be faithful to the end and the promise is ours for eternal life. He told me he would never give it up. There is one more soul won to the truth by reading one of our good books.

May God bless you, Brother Campbell, and the rest of you faithful colporteurs in your good work is my prayer. From your brother in the Lord, Julius G. Thompson.

Evidently some colporteur sold this book, and not being wanted it was passed on into other hands. Surely this is an example of the Lord's watchcare over the seed of the truth. One sows, another waters, but it is God who is bringing the increase. Who was this colporteur who sold this Norwegian "Great Controversy" way up in northern Minnesota? Another star in his crown whoever he is, if faithful.

The foregoing is one of many experiences coming from the field in these days. Is not the Lord finishing His work and cutting it short in righteousness? This is another tribute to the work of the Harvest Ingathering, and indicates how it complements the work of the colporteur. Brethren, let us use every means God has given us to save souls. Many are needed to carry our good literature to the homes of the people. Is God calling you to the colporteur work?

Geo. A. Campbell.

True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them. —"Prophets and Kings," p. 486.

A WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION

During the last few months we have enjoyed the largest and most blessed camp meeting season ever experienced in this Division. At least 40,000 people attended these various gatherings in our six Union Mission fields. Elder O. Montgomery was with us during most of the meetings and his ministry was deeply spiritual as well as very practical. While it was a pleasure to be associated with the workers and lay-members attending these annual convocations, it seems good to be home again and have a breathing spell, as it were, after an absence of more than five months from the office.

Now upon my return, it is heartening and encouraging indeed to find so many splendid reports concerning the Harvest Ingathering in North America. Every Union paper upon my desk reveals the fact that both workers and lay-members are doing their utmost to make the Ingathering endeavor a great blessing to our missionary program world-wide, and as I read these various reports, I find springing up in my heart such a feeling of appreciation for what is being done in behalf of foreign missions, that I just want to pass along a word of gratitude from Africa.

Really, we who are out at the far flung corners of the earth do feel profoundly thankful for all that our dear people are doing by way of sacrifice to keep the missionaries at their post of service. We know that the general depression has greatly affected our people financially, and yet in spite of it all, the funds do come in, in a wonderful manner. Then, too, the way the public give to our work during the Ingathering campaign is but another evidence that God is with us, and this great movement cannot fail. The portion of the gifts sent on to this Division is helping us to win annually about 3,000 converts.

You will be pleased to learn we have just closed our campaign here in southern Africa. Because of this country being so hard hit by the depression, both our laborers and lay-members looked forward to the endeavor this year with real misgivings. Nevertheless, all adopted the motto, "Hard work kills hard times," and with a will they went to work. The result is that the Division goal of \$25,000 has been exceeded by a splendid margin. Scores and scores of people responded to our appeal, while they refused to give to other calls. Again and again we were made to feel the Divine leadership of God,

hence we do thank Him for what was achieved.

Our people in Africa, both European and native, are doing their best to support the cause of missions. Our giving is a marvel to other societies. They stand amazed at it all. Some of their leaders ask us how it is that we ever get the natives to pay tithes and give mission offerings. We always answer that it is because of the spirit of the message they have espoused.

Well we are indeed pleased to tell you that the work is onward in this field. Depression cannot hinder it. We know this will bring courage to our believers residing at the home base. And again we want you each to know that we deeply appreciate, far more than human words can express, what you are doing to help "hold the ropes and strengthen the stakes," through your prayers and gifts to missions. Be assured that if we are faithful a little while longer we shall share together in the rich reward which the Master will grant to us at His appearing.

J. F. Wright.

INCREASED MESSAGE EXPANSION

Times of depression naturally mean message expansion, because the general public is more inclined to read and to seriously think when unemployment is common and times are hard; but, the expansion can be greatly increased if the churches conserve their reduced income through the use of the cheapest effective message teaching literature, which will enable them to reach more people with less money. Reduced finances force reduced expenses; but increased energy with the cheapest literature will produce greatly increased message expansion in times of depression.

D. W. Reavis.

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THROUGH CANADA

Since Elder Alonzo L. Baker, "Signs of the Times" editor, returned from his Canada liquor investigation trip, there is a great demand for the information he has. He is kept busy lecturing almost every day and night to clubs, ministerial associations, and churches. Every address brings more invitations, and he has appointments for weeks ahead. Fifteen hundred people crowded the First Baptist church in Oakland last Sabbath, among them many prominent men and women of the churches generally, the W. C. T. U. and other organizations. The pastor of the First Baptist church served as chairman, and paid a high tribute indeed to Seventh-day Adventists for their splendid service in temperance work.

It is recognized that the truth about Canada, and the operation of her liquor laws, is of significant interest and importance to the people of the United States just now. Wet propagandists would have our citizens believe that the adoption of the Canadian system as a substitute for prohibition would solve all our problems. The average person does not know the facts, and many are yielding to the arguments.

The "Signs of the Times" will carry this story, beginning with the first issue in the new year. In the series of articles that Brother Baker is writing, you will go with him into the conditions as they are in Canada today after eight years of their "government control" plan. You will share his interviews with government officials, liquor control board members, educators, judges, social workers, business men; you will visit the courts, and get the inside picture of the home, the influence of the system upon the youth, and all about it.

This series, which will come within the limits of three months' time, should be introduced to leaders of other organizations. It will make opportunity for fine contact with people who will greatly appreciate the information. To encourage our people in using these articles in advancing the cause of temperance and prohibition, the "Signs" offers to send the "Signs" for the three months to lists of five or more names and addresses (in the U. S. A.) for 40 cents each. Let us suggest, too, that additional copies can be added to church clubs at regular club rates. This is just the beginning of the splendid help that the "Signs" will be all through 1932 in behalf of temperance and prohibition.

J. R. Ferren.

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A GOOD EXPERIENCE

The other night there came into our meeting a gentleman who manifested a good deal of interest in the Bible. A little visit with him revealed the fact that he had been a Catholic for a number of years. Later he became a Protestant. Now he is interested in present truth. As we visited together he drew from his pocket a copy of the "Signs of the Times," saying "Are you acquainted with this paper?" Having assured him that I was, I asked him where he got the paper. "I go to the depot each week and get a copy from the Reading Rack," was his reply. "I love this paper for I believe it teaches the truth of the word of God." It still pays to have the reading rack, clean and well filled with free papers and tracts containing the truth for today. Do you have a reading rack in the depot of your town? There are other places in your town, rest rooms, hotels, bus depots, etc., where the reading rack could do soul winning work.

A. A. Dirksen.

"SIGNS" "SIGNS" "SIGNS"

Elder Alonzo L. Baker has recently returned from an extended trip in Canada to investigate the system of liquor control in that country. On this trip Elder Baker gathered much valuable information, which will be published in a special series of articles in the "Signs of the Times" during the next three months. To make possible a large distribution of the "Signs" containing these articles the publishers offer a three months' subscription for forty cents when five or more subscriptions are ordered at one time to either the same or separate addresses. You may send your order in right now. This affords a splendid opportunity for a special campaign in each church. Our dear isolated believers could also launch a campaign in their own communities. A liberal use of the "Signs of the Times" will not only bring enlightenment in the liquor question but will bring the truth into thousands of homes, winning precious souls to Christ. We hope each church in the conference will plan a strong "Signs of the Times" campaign right now. If you desire further information, write the Book and Bible House, or the undersigned.

A. A. Dirksen.

A REPORT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS ENGLISH SABBATH SCHOOL

It was my privilege to be one of the many visitors of the Minneapolis English Sabbath school on December 5. As I entered, the officers were in their places, for it was exactly ten o'clock. Being a frequent visitor, but only of the senior division, I accepted a hearty invitation to visit the different divisions; so after the opening exercises in the main auditorium I was shown to the junior division.

As I entered, my attention was first drawn to the Junior pledge which reads as follows: "This 5th day of December, 1931, I do of my own free will give myself and all that I am, and have, entirely to Him, whom having not seen I love, and on whom I believe. Bought with a price I give myself to Him, to be used as He shall see fit, sealed by the Holy Spirit, filled with the peace that passeth understanding. To Him be all glory, world without end. Amen." After a few moments observation I decided that their pledge fully expresses the sentiment of the heart of every boy and girl in the division. A deeper Christian experience would be ours if we would but realize this pledge to its fullest extent in our daily life. I recognized almost immediately that the winning personality of the superintendent, added to her untiring efforts in service for these youth, is undoubtedly the means of their being drawn closer to the Master.

Being impressed by the predominating reverence, I quietly took my departure and entered the youths' division. Here I found a large group of wide awake, consecrated young people eager to grasp the truths being presented. In the absence of the superintendent, Miss Ilo Swenson was in charge. As I listened to the various parts presented so inspiringly, it brought to my mind the text in Eccl. 12:1 which says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and felt sure that this warning had been carefully heeded. Consequently we can praise God for a promising group of young men and women preparing themselves definitely for His work.

Passing on to the primary department I discovered about thirty boys and girls intensely interested by the mission talk which was very skilfully presented. These little lives have perhaps just reached the age where they realize that sincerity in all things is essential in the life of a Christian. A great deal of enthusiasm was manifest in every feature of the program but especially in their songs and the mem-

ory verse drill. A goodly number will soon be entitled to pins for being able to repeat the memory verses for the year.

Last I was introduced to the kindergarten room where a program suitable to the age of its members was being conducted by Miss Mitchell. The teachers in this division are very capable, and hold the interest of these tots intense as they relate the Bible stories in a simple manner. Every mother who has visited there evidently knows that her child is under the molding influence of Christians. To encourage their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering a tiny stocking was given to each child, and on that day they were to hang these on the mission tree.

Each division has a goal chart, arousing greater zeal in not only striving for the financial goal but also perfect records in lesson study and attendance.

From all evidences the main object of this school as a whole is found in 2 Tim. 2:15—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Mrs. Mabel McClay.

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

January 20 is the opening date of the second semester. It is not too late to plan to come to Maplewood.

New Year's greetings to friends and patrons of Maplewood. May the year of 1932 bring to you much joy and many blessings!

President and Mrs. M. L. Andreasen and Prof. Stanley Ledington of Union College were guests of the school last week.

Among the graduates who visited at the school last week were Jennie Lindquist, Ruth Nelson, Edna Purdy and Clarence Carnahan.

Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served to the students in their respective dormitories at the worship hour Tuesday evening, December 22.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter gave a very interesting talk to the students at the chapel hour Monday, December 21. He pointed out many of the opportunities that are ours and spoke of the importance of seizing them.

A program of marching and games was enjoyed in the dining room Wednesday evening, December 23. One of the games especially interesting was "poison circle." Buttered popcorn was served at the close of the evening.

The Maplewood students again this year have the privilege of receiving our young people's paper, the "Youth's Instructor". A copy is placed in each room of the dormitory every Friday so that the students may spend some time on the Sabbath in reading the valuable articles which are always found in the "Instructor".

Christmas vacation finds the students widely scattered, only seven girls and twelve boys remaining at the school to keep "the home fires burning." The first evening of the vacation was spent very enjoyably in decorating the dining hall. A gaily decorated Christmas tree, a cozy fireplace, a carpet, easy chairs and piano converted one end of it into a pleasant living room. After finishing the decorating a group of teachers and students sang Christmas carols at the teachers' homes.

Christmas dinner was served at 12:30, Friday to the students remaining here and all the teachers. The miniature Christmas trees for favors at each plate, and centerpieces of pop corn balls, fruit and nuts made the table very attractive. The menu of riced potatoes, gluten roast, cranberry sauce, celery salad, buttered buns, ice cream and cookies had been carefully prepared and was most delicious.

On Saturday evening a program was given in the dining hall. The other days will no doubt be filled with occasions such as these, so the students who are remaining here really have no time to think of being lonesome.

FOURTEEN MONTHS

Now and until Jan. 1, 1932, if you subscribe for, or renew your subscription to the "Review," you will have its weekly visits to your home, for fourteen months for the price of twelve months which is \$2.50. You may now have the "Review," "Life and Health," "Liberty Magazine," and "Present Truth," all four, fourteen months for only \$3. Why not subscribe now? You cannot afford to be without the good old "Review," if you hope to keep pace with the progress of the threefold angel's message. If you cannot pay the full subscription price of \$2.50 at once, but would like to have the weekly visits of the "Review" during the year 1932, please write the undersigned or the Book and Bible House, 1854 Roblyn Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

A. A. Dirksen.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

We wish for all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Next Sabbath, January 2, the offering in the church service will be for home missionary work in the local churches as is customary on the first Sabbath of the month.

Sabbath, January 2, will be another 100 per cent day in our Sabbath schools. Let us try to follow, all through the year, this plan of daily study of the lesson and being on time at service every Sabbath.

A baptismal service was planned for at Mankato last Sunday night, following the series of meetings conducted by Elders Wolfe and Dirksen. We will probably be able to report definitely next week just how many were baptized at this service.

Miss Erma Crook, R. N., formerly a Bible worker in the Minnesota Conference and recently graduated from the Boulder Colorado Sanitarium, was a welcome visitor in the Twin Cities last week. She is to be employed in connection with the hospital at Fairmont.

Seven primary girls of the St. Paul English Sabbath school made a large family of poor children happy last week by giving them some dolls newly dressed and toys which they had carefully reconditioned. They greatly enjoyed the preparation of the gifts and the delight with which they were received.

When this was written we had received more requests for copies of the Week of Prayer "Review" from those who did not have it, than we could supply. So if there are still others who are willing to relinquish their copies in order that some may read them who have not had the privilege, please mail them to the Minnesota Conference office. Thank you.

Mrs. A. Wickham, superintendent of the Richville Sabbath school, has reported their interesting Investment program. All the returns had not been handed in, but to that time they amounted to \$10.50, which will be a great help in the advancement of the work in foreign fields. We believe those who had a part in this work feel they have received a blessing.

It was planned to organize a Sabbath school last Sabbath at Bethel in Anoka County, where Elders Haysmer and Hiatt have been conducting an evangelistic effort. It has been held in the township hall and a Sabbath school

was conducted for several weeks previous in order to ascertain the extent of the interest. The attendance was encouraging and we hope that as the result of this effort a church also may be organized there in due time.

calculated and the floors scrubbed and reoiled. The office rooms and all of first floor halls with parts of second and third floor halls together with the stairways have been redecorated and revarnished. This work is being carried on by some of the students under the supervision of Professor Hartman.

and "Present Truth." This offer is good only until Jan. 31, 1932. The "Review," \$2.50; Big Four, \$3 per year.

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As a result of the meetings conducted at Watertown by Elder Niermeyer and Brother Bringle several new members are attending our Sabbath services. There are some who are deeply interested, and we hope that they will join us in a short time. Elder Niermeyer will continue Sunday night meetings and also his regular radio services four times a week.

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PETERSON—SCHUTTLE

Mr. Norman Peterson of Emery, S. Dak., and Miss Ethel Lorraine Schuttler of Farmer, S. Dak., were married at the Madison church at two o'clock, December 21, the writer officiating.

Brother Peterson is a former Plainview Academy student and is now in business in the little city of Farmer. Sister Peterson was a baptismal candidate at our last camp meeting. They are active workers in the Alexandria church.

The announcement stated, at home after December 28 at Farmer, S. Dak. Gorden Oss.

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The second six weeks period grades were passed out in chapel Thursday morning. In averaging the grades it was found that the girls are in the lead by one per cent. Those having all A's for this period are: Lysle Gratreaks, Elizabeth Watt, Walter Kiesz, Theresa Adams, Leon Pederson, Florence Unterseher, Beatrice Root, Edna Malone, Albert Bauer, Robert Brown, Burton Babcock, Floyd Dufoth, Vivian Strang, Claribel Babcock. Those having all A's but one are: Lola Levison, Vivian Bagley, Florence Hash, Arvilla Grabinski, Dena Hoeger, Dorothy Thrall, Blanche Wightman, John Claridge.

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SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Elder C. M. Babcock met with the Leola church the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

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Alten Bringle, who has been assisting Elder Niermeyer in the Watertown effort, spent the week-end at the academy.

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Elder J. C. Stotz of Burke has been visiting the Alexandria, Mitchell and Olivet churches during the Week of Prayer.

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The new Sabbath school Training Course book entitled "Bible Manners and Customs" is now in stock. Order it now. Price 95 cents.

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Elder L. E. Niermeyer met with the Watertown and Florence churches, and Brother Nies with the Clark company, the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

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Suggestive gifts: Life that Wins, Alone With God, Christ in Song, limp, or an Oxford Bible. These books are all listed in the holiday circular at especially reduced prices.

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Elder Oss returned to the office the first of the week from the Black Hills district where he met with the churches during the Week of Prayer. Last Sabbath he met with the new company at Sturgis.

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Special "Review" offer!—fourteen months for the price of twelve months' subscription. Applies to renewals as well as to new subscriptions; also to the Big Four—"Review," "Life and Health," "Liberty,"

PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

John Claridge and Arthur Holweger together with Mr. Betts are taking care of the farm work during vacation.

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On Thursday evening, December 24, the academy family attended the program given at the State School and Home at Redfield.

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Second semester begins January 20. We will be glad to receive any inquiries regarding school, and will be glad to welcome any new students.

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The young men's Seminar had charge of the eleven o'clock meeting Sabbath, December 19. James Webber and Sam Reinholtz were the speakers.

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On Christmas day a delicious dinner was served to the academy family. Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Hartman, F. M. Carr, Willis Mohr, and Dena Hoeger were guests at the dinner.

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There are sixteen students and five teachers at the school during vacation. They are improving their time in a number of ways. Some are studying, some reading, sewing and the like.

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Don Cole, Deputy Sheriff of Spink County, gave a very interesting discourse in chapel Thursday morning. He told us of his experiences in discovering some Indian relics in the vicinity of Redfield.

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Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Watt are having the privilege of entertaining relatives during the vacation. Those visiting them are: Mrs. J. C. Watt, Irma Watt and Henry Ostermiller of Bayard, Nebr. and Mrs. Long and C. A. Long of Denver.

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Those returning to school after the holidays will be surprised to find that all the classrooms, library, and laboratory have been re-

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S. R. A. NEWS ITEMS

Professor Lang proved to us in chapel one day that the Bible is a scientific book.

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The chapel has received a new coat of colors, which greatly adds to its appearance.

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Myrlo Hilde, Katherine Lang and Elrone Hmelevsky enjoyed visits by their parents, brothers or sisters.

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Miss Rubendall in her chapel talk said when speaking of the human mind, "No one can become a success in life who has not acquired the habit of attention to what he is doing."

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We were glad that Prof. M. E. Cady could spend a few days with us. In speaking of the voice, he said, "It should be the ambition of every Christian to rightly use his gift of voice."

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UNION MEETING AT CRESCO, IOWA

The morning of Sabbath, December 19, dawned gray and foggy, and there was a large sized doubt in the minds of several as to whether there would be much of a meeting on the date and at the place advertised. We were happily surprised, however, for as the hour for Sabbath school drew on, cars began to arrive from various directions, and soon there were gathered into our little chapel at Cresco representatives from Waukon, Hawkeye, Fredericksburg, New Hampton, Oelwein, and Sumner. The little band of believers at Cresco appreciated very much these visitors. Hastily these were formed into classes and the Sabbath school lesson was studied together with interest. Following the Sabbath school a sermon was delivered at 11 a. m. At 1:30 the meeting again came to order and an interesting program was given consisting of speeches by some of the little ones and testimonies by the older ones. The meeting was closed by the reading of the regularly prepared article for the day, a consecration service, and the receiving of the Annual Offering, which amounted to nearly \$40.

Perhaps one of the most delightful items of the day was that in the afternoon the fog lifted, the sun shone out brightly, and all felt that the Lord especially favored us. As we separated it was with the feeling that we had enjoyed a good day.

T. H. Jeys.

IOWA ITEMS

Miss Gladys Searle of the conference office left Nevada on Thursday evening of last week to spend Christmas and the week-end at her home in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Laura Chapman of the Nevada church is visiting her daughter in Chicago and will go on to New York to visit her son, George V. Chapman and his family.

Elders V. G. Anderson and J. C. Christenson will conduct a home missionary convention in Waterloo, January 1-3. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 on Friday evening. The neighboring churches are invited to attend. The Friday evening service will be of interest to all church officers. Also ways and means will be discussed for en-

listing every church member in soul-winning service. Plan to spend all day Sabbath at this convention.

Elder McVagh was at Oskaloosa, Knoxville, Hampton and Council Bluffs during the Week of Prayer. Elder H. A. Fish was with him at Hampton. He met with the Osceola church on Sabbath, December 26.

Cedar Rapids heads the list of churches that have more than reached their goal. They are now \$207.72 over their goal. The singing bands helped in Cedar Rapids. Try this method during this Christmas vacation and watch your church climb.

Mrs. Signe Oster Martin, has written from Hatboro, Penn., where her husband is teaching science and mathematics in the intermediate school, and also acting as preceptor. They were planning to spend their holiday vacation in Washington, D. C.

The annual social gathering of the conference workers living in Nevada was held at the academy dining room on the evening of December 27. An early cafeteria supper and a program with games and general sociability were characteristic features of the occasion.

Elder J. C. Christenson returned Sunday, December 20, from an eight day tour of some of the churches in District Number 2. The churches and companies visited were Sioux Rapids, Spencer, Ruthven, Algona, Humboldt and Ft. Dodge. Elections were held in most of these churches during his stay.

We are glad to acknowledge that the Riceville church has made its Harvest Ingathering goal, and has raised \$28.85 more than it did last year. Now we can announce that Elder A. G. Christensen has all the churches in his district over the top. Eighteen churches now have reached or exceeded their \$10 per member goal.

Mrs. L. C. Christofferson of the Council Bluffs Sabbath school writes this of the 1931 Sabbath School Training Course: "Others will write of their study, but I will write for myself and my husband. A few of us have met each week and we have enjoyed the study very much. It has been full of timely information and helpful suggestions, which if heeded, and the instruction followed by earnest workers, would greatly increase Sabbath school efficiency in soul-winning and this, it seems to me is the outstanding point to be cultivated. Teachers who are reverent, full of faith and earnest students of the Bible, as well as students of human nature, are needed to make

a soul-winning Sabbath school. The study of this past year has been full of interest and it is our intention to pursue the Training Course study during the coming year."

G. A. Nystrom of the conference office spent the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the little company at State Center. Miss Virginia Nystrom and Mrs. Dorcas accompanied him and enjoyed the Sabbath school and after service with the friends there.

Elder Christenson and his family spent a few days in the western part of the state last week. He was with the Lake City church on Sabbath, December 26. Mrs. Christenson and Jackie Dean spent the time very pleasantly with her parents and other relatives at Ute.

Word came to the office on Wednesday morning of last week, of the death of Mrs. Anna Marshall of Monroe on Tuesday evening. She had been failing for several months and had been confined to her bed for about three weeks on account of heart conditions. Elder H. A. Fish of Marshalltown was called to conduct the funeral service which was held at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Among those registering at the sanitarium for examination are Jane King of Nevada; Henry Metge of State Center; and S. T. Sampson of McCallsburg. Mrs. Emily Miller of Grinnell who has been a frequent patron returned for a short stay. Christ Miller of Meletti, S. Dak., came for a check up. We are glad to find him improving since we saw him first a month ago.

Mrs. Langland of Zearing came for relief for an infected finger. She is improving rapidly. M. A. Hauskins of Zearing came for removal of his tonsils to relieve neuritis. Mrs. Alvin Sowers of Story City is here for rheumatism and is considerably better. Keith Cooper, a student at Iowa State College, Ames, is here for relief from sciatica which was interfering with his school work. He reports improvement with the few treatments he has had.

We were pleased to have Brother I. G. Ortner with us for a few days.

George Swenson of McCallsburg, who had the misfortune to freeze both feet so that all the toes were lost and was under treatment here four years ago, came back threatened with blood poison from a small wound from a piece of glass in his left foot. The improvement is so marked that he will be dismissed in a few days.

Mrs. Mullen of Nevada entered the maternity department. Mrs. Josie Alton came with her mother, Mrs. Natalie E. Fairchild, for a few weeks' treatment. Mrs. Anton is much improved since her treatment here two years ago. She has been busy nursing in Eldorado, Iowa.

Mrs. Florence Oswald Ames left Tuesday night in response to a telegram telling of her mother's serious illness from pneumonia. After spending some months here in Nevada Mrs. Oswald returned to her old home at Hazelton, Pa. A number of the nurses are at their homes for a vacation. Misses Esther and Marie Larson are visiting their parents.

The sanitarium family enjoyed a program of Christmas music, dialogues and recitations, and were pleased with the kindly remembrance sent to each member of the family.
John F. Morse.

OAK PARK NEWS

Only two dormitory students remained over the vacation.

Wyota Eliot is spending her vacation with Bernice Peterson.

This week the Week of Prayer readings have been read during the chapel hour.

Skating is now enjoyed by many since the pond froze over nicely a few days ago.

Mrs. Frederica Anderson, the matron, is spending her vacation with friends at Hutchinson, Minn.

During the recreation hour Saturday night, December 12, the students and teachers sang Christmas carols and exchanged gifts.

At the weekly meeting of the Elite Club, composed of the boys of the dormitory, E. J. Moore and Miss Fern Shelton, of the Sanitarium, entertained. The girls were invited to attend.

Senior class officers are as follows: Lowell Reish, president; Gladys Heim, vice-president; Dorothy Akins, secretary; Deo Root, treasurer; Russell Hoffman, sergeant-at-arms.

The Noteable Girls entertained the Boys' Glee Club Wednesday evening, December 16. The time was spent in playing games and listening to a program. Refreshments were served.

OBITUARIES

Anderson.—Adah Axelina Anderson was born in Brooklyn, New York, Nov. 7, 1890; and passed away at Frazee, Minn., Nov. 29, 1931. While she was very small her parents moved to Edenburg, N. Dak., and in 1892 they located at Lake Eunice, Minn., where she resided until her death. In 1920 she gave her life to God and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Lake Eunice, of which she ever remained a faithful member. She leaves to mourn, her mother and father; two sisters, Bertha and Dorothy Engberg; one brother, Albert, also other relatives and many friends. She was laid to rest in the Lake Eunice church cemetery, where a number of like faith are sleeping, awaiting the voice of the archangel and the trump of God to awaken them at the first resurrection.
E. G. Sauer.

Sorenson.—Mrs. Anna Frederickson Sorenson was born at Soby, Fyeni Island, Denmark, on February 21, 1845; and passed away at Exira, Iowa, Oct. 1, 1931.

She came to this country in the year 1864 and made her home with her sister, Bertha Kistene Jensen at Raymond, Wis. There she met Jens Sorenson, and about a year later they were united in marriage. To this happy union were born five children, three of whom survive. Until 1869, she with her husband made their home in Wisconsin, after which they located on a farm north of Walnut Iowa. In 1880 they moved to the Exira vicinity and here Mrs. Sorenson made her home until the time of her death. Her husband passed away about eighteen years ago, and since that time she has made her home with her son, Adolph.

She and her husband accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists under the labors of John G. Mattisen and united with the church to which she remained a faithful member until the time of her death. She had not been well physically for a number of years but complications set in about three weeks before her death, and

brought an end October 1. She was a loving mother and good neighbor and her passing brings great sorrow to many loved ones and friends. She leaves to mourn their loss, two sons, Adolph of Exira and Louis of Toms River, New Jersey, one daughter, Mrs. P. L. Anderson of Atlantic, Iowa, together with nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren, also a host of friends. She was laid to rest in the Seventh-day Adventist cemetery near the church about six miles west of Exira. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.
J. C. Nixon.

Cornwell.—Mrs. F. E. Cornwell, nee Merickle, was born in Mapleton, Minn., Feb. 5, 1885; and died at her home in Mankato, Minn., Nov. 30, 1931.

She was married to Dr. Cornwell Aug. 5, 1908 and to this union were born four children, Dorene, Elmer, Fern, and Valgene, and they also reared Wilbur an adopted son. These with her husband, her parents, two brothers, and three sisters are left to mourn their loss. The deceased labored for years assisting her husband in treatment of the sick. When in suffering and in much misery she looked forward to the day when rest would release her and the resurrection restore her to that life which shall know no suffering. She left behind compilations of poems filled with the consecration she felt with the rest she at times longed for, with the hope of victory over the curse, and special lessons meant for those she left behind. Her last words to the writer were, "The Lord is my only hope."

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Adventist church in Mankato. Interment was in the Mineopa Cemetery. Today she sleeps in Jesus, waiting His coming to receive His jewels.
O. W. Wolfe.

God reaches for the hand of faith in us to direct it to lay fast hold upon the divinity of Christ, that we may attain to perfection of character.—"The Desire of Ages," p. 123.

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 December 19, 1931						
Anderson, Fred	HW	26	1	5.25	6.75	23.15
Biggers, H. G.	Misc.	31	14		19.50	23.00
Engen, B. O.	Hope	27	1	9.95	13.10	13.45
Evenson, Karl	BR	10	3	1.50	23.00	2.75
Peterson, Mrs. C.					16.00	16.00
Rust, Clare G.					30.00	30.00
Totals		94	19	16.10	108.35	108.35

THE JUNIOR SONG BOOK

It affords the Missionary Volunteer Department much pleasure to announce that the new Junior Song Book is now ready for circulation. For many years young people's workers have felt a real need for a volume of this kind, and last year a committee was appointed by the minority committee of the General Conference to compile songs for such a volume. Very careful consideration was given to the matter by this committee, and after some months of study the contents for this new book were submitted to the publishers.

We believe in this little volume we have the very best song book for young people and juniors which has ever been printed, and we recommend it heartily for use in our Senior and Junior Missionary Volunteer Societies throughout the field. One of our union Missionary Volunteer secretaries makes the following comment on this little volume:

"Returning home the other day I found a parcel in the mail that was decidedly worth opening. It was the new Junior Song Book, and I want to say to you right here that I think it is the best collection of music suitable to young people, including the junior interest that I have seen for a long time. I forgot a number of things that ought to have been accomplished during the evening as I sat at the piano running through a number of the new and old songs in its pages, and before the evening was half gone the whole family was enthusiastic.

"We certainly thank the publishing department and also the committee that worked so long on this book for the excellent thing they have given us, and we will do our best to make the volume of sales bring you some returns for the low price at which you are endeavoring to sell it."

Another union secretary makes the following comment:

"I have never been at all interested in the little song books previously brought out for the young people, but as soon as I examined this latest book, I said 'We at last have a book that is worthy of our fine young people, and suited to their needs.'"

The proprietor of a large outside publishing house from whom a few of the songs were purchased makes the following interesting comment:

"We wish to acknowledge the receipt of your Junior Song Book, which you have just published, and to compliment you on its attractiveness, especially the type you have used for printing the music and the words.

"The pages are the most attractive the writer has ever had the

privilege of inspecting, and the contents of the book are so well chosen that I am sure it will have a large sale—it deserves it."

We feel certain that you will be just as enthusiastic as those from whom we quote in this little article when you examine the book for yourself, and trust that you will secure your copy at your earliest opportunity from your Book and Bible House. C. Lester Bond.

CHAMPIONS OF FAITH

The "Home and School", our denominational magazine for parents, teachers and all who are interested in the problems of education and the home, appears beginning with the January issue in a new dress.

For some time the General Conference Educational Department and the Home Commission have felt that this important publication should enjoy a wider circulation in Seventh-day Adventist homes and schoolrooms. There is a great need among our people for just the help that "Home and School" can give.

So the General Conference has moved the magazine from one of our college printing plants to the Southern Publishing Association, at Nashville, Tenn., where it will now be published beginning with the January issue.

The magazine is being enlarged. It will be more thoroughly illustrated. It is the hope of the editors to make it bigger and better.

At the same time, the General Conference will continue its direction of the paper. Mrs. Flora H. Williams, who has so ably edited the magazine in the past, continues as editor, with Arthur W. Spalding, secretary of the Home Commission, as one of the associate editors, and Clifford A. Russell, associate secretary of the General Conference Educational Department, as the other associate.

To some this may seem an inopportune time to make so important a change, but as Elva Zachrisson says in the January "Home and School", in an article all should read, "We Need Champions of Faith" just now. And our far-sighted leaders are just such champions.

"Home and School" will continue with its same subscription price of \$1.50 a year, although it is being enlarged. Single copies are fifteen cents. We have confidence that our people will respond readily to this opportunity to better fit themselves for the Christlike training of our children and youth.

Address all correspondence relating to editorial matter to Mrs. Flora H. Williams, editor, "Home and School", General Conference, Tokoma Park, D. C. Any communications relating to changes of address, or subscriptions, should be addressed to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

Place all orders with your Book and Bible House. L. L. Skinner.

LET'S READ

We all love the story of Ruth. From the instant you open the Book and read the first words of the first verse of the first chapter—"Now it came to pass in the days when the Judges ruled"—down to the very final—"And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David,"—there is a fascinating unfolded panorama of joy and sorrow, success and failure, want and plenty, journeying and sojourning, hope and disappointment, courage and faith, and trust, and rich reward together with a thrilling romance, as its characters march across the pages. You have read it often by yourself, of course. But now would you not enjoy reading it with Elder E. Kotz and listening while he comments, draws lessons, and points out special things worth thinking about, as you follow the text verse by verse?

This is to be the privilege of the readers of the "Youth's Instructor" for several weeks at the beginning of the new year. You will not want to miss a single study, so do not neglect to send your subscription, or your renewal, to your Book and Bible House early. It will cost only \$1.75 for the whole twelve months, and there are just innumerable good things on our year's schedule. In fact, why not mail your order today?

THE 1932 SABBATH SCHOOL WORKERS' TRAINING COURSE

The 1932 Sabbath School Workers' Training Course begins the first week of January. Each Sabbath school should form a class, with a capable regular leader, to meet at the most convenient hour each week.

Those taking the Course should consist of all Sabbath school officers and teachers, any prospective or supply teachers, and any others who are interested in this form of self-improvement or who wish to study our interesting textbooks with a class.

The textbooks are "Bible Manners and Customs" by Mackie, published by Revell Company, and the "Sabbath School Worker". The special price of the book is ninety-five cents if ordered of the Book and Bible House; and of the magazine, seventy-five cents each in clubs or ninety cents for a single subscription.

All progressive Sabbath schools provide for the Training Course. All forward-looking officers and teachers take the Course.

J. C. Thompson.