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## THE TURNING OF A NEW LEAF

There are times in one's life when the thought of resolving presses conviction upon the mind, and the making of such resolutions is what we term "turning a new leaf."

While we recognize the lack of power in a human resolution to accomplish the thing resolved, yet we believe there is great good in making resolutions. In the American Standard Revised Version of the Scriptures we read, "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself." John 7:17. This verse is an inspired guide to the interpretation of the teachings of Christ. "He shall know of the teaching," is the promise of the Saviour. Who shall know? "Any man that willeth to do." The question has often come to me, "Why should I know if I have no will to do?" This, dear reader, may be the reason why you find such difficulty in understanding the Scripture. Perhaps if the insubordination in your heart were routed by a determined resolution of your own will to do, the understanding would be clear concerning the teaching.

In the parable of the prodigal son, when the lad found himself in the hog pen feeding with the swine, the record is "He came to himself;" and viewing his surroundings, comparing them with former days, and knowing the abundance he left had not wasted away, "he resolved" to return unto his father. When he made the resolution, power came to him to carry it into effect. I am persuaded had he not resolved, he would not have turned the new leaf.

I have met and associated with people who seemed not to understand the plain teaching of the Scripture upon tithing; hence, they paid none. I have also observed some such people resolve to be honest with God, and refuse to associate with robbers, and "will to do His will;" and the whole question of stewardship came clear to their

understanding, and they "turned a new leaf" to the end that they became faithful supporters of God's church and cause, and became prosperous in business and blessed in every way.

The same observations have come to us upon Sabbath keeping, baptism and other of the teachings that are obscure and misunderstood by the willfully disobedient.

Therefore, we urge all to make a New Year resolution. If it is a resolve in righteousness, the Lord himself will provide the power of accomplishment in the life; hence, a new leaf will be turned, not because we have power within ourselves to change our natures, but because we choose to do righteousness. He who is righteous furnishes the power. So with the dawning of a new year according to human reckoning we ask our readers to make definite resolutions for the living of a better life through the year to come. That pledge you made last camp meeting, resolve to pay it with the first money that can be spared. The questionable doings upon the Sabbath, resolve to "keep it holy." Neglect of any known duty, resolve to reform; and through placing your will with God's will give Him a chance to make you a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Charles Thompson.

## "SIGNS" EXPERIENCE

While holding meetings recently at Chamberlain, S. Dak., it was my privilege to visit a new Sabbath-keeping family in the country about nine miles from our church. Upon inquiry I found that this family had been getting the "Signs" for about a year and had been visited by one of our nearby Adventists; and as a result they had been keeping the Sabbath for a month when I was there. They were very eager to hear the truth and asked many questions about our message.

A brother of the husband of this family, who lives with them, told

me that he had been much interested in spiritualism, and had taken two courses from a concern in Los Angeles and was taking the third course when he began a special study of the Bible on the state of the dead, and also read articles in the "Signs of the Times" about spiritualism. Three weeks before I talked to him he had a bon fire and burned up twelve of these spiritualist books.

The annual "Signs of the Times" campaign will soon be here. The money spent is small when we see converts won to this truth. May the Chamberlain church and all our churches continue this good work.

While holding these meetings at Chamberlain a good spirit prevailed, and we had an excellent attendance. A baptismal class of six was organized and will be conducted by Brother George Tucker, elder of the church there. I greatly enjoyed the hospitality of the sanitarium family and the church as a whole.

V. G. Anderson.

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The General Conference Executive Committee on Dec. 7, 1931, passed the following important recommendation relative to the Bicentennial Celebration of the birth of George Washington:

"Whereas, The Congress of the United States has created a Commission to arrange a fitting nationwide observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington in 1932; and,

"Whereas, The Commission so created, composed of the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, four members of the United States Senate, four members of the House of Representatives, and eight citizens appointed by the President of the United States, is charged with the duty of planning and directing the celebration; and,

"Whereas, The high purpose of the event is to commemorate the



life, character and achievements of the most illustrious citizen of our Republic and to give every man, woman and child living under the Stars and Stripes an opportunity to take part in the celebration which will be outstanding in the world's history; and,

"Whereas, The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, desiring the full co-operation of the people in the United States, has extended a most cordial and urgent invitation to our organization to participate in the celebration; therefore,

"Be it Resolved, 1. That the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, acting for its churches in the United States of America does hereby endorse the general plan of observing the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to be carried out from February to November, 1932; accept with appreciation the invitation of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission; and agree to cooperate with the United States Commission in this celebration, in order that the ideals and precepts of Washington's exalted life and character may be impressed upon the minds of all and thus help to perpetuate the principles of the American Republic; and be it further

"Resolved, 2. That in cooperation with this plan a program be prepared for setting forth the ideals held and advocated by George Washington with respect to civil and religious liberty, to be used in all Seventh-day Adventist churches in the United States of America, and we designate Sabbath (Saturday), Feb. 20, 1932, for the carrying out of this program.

"Resolved, 3. That this resolution be incorporated in the official proceedings of this meeting and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

"We further recommend, 4. That Sabbath, February 20, be substituted for Sabbath, March 5, as Religious Liberty Day in 1932."

In harmony with the above Resolution passed by the General Conference Committee upon invitation of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission the Religious Liberty Department has prepared a special program fitting for this occasion. The Director of the Bicentennial Commission has requested the writer to prepare a sermon upon the topic "George Washington—The Champion of Religious Liberty." This sermon was prepared and submitted to the George Washington Bicentennial Commission and it has pronounced it one of the best that has been submitted out of more than 200 sermons that have been written and submitted

to the Commission. The Commission hopes that this sermon may be presented not only in the Seventh-day Adventist churches but in the Jewish synagogues and churches of other denominations.

We hope all our pastors and church elders will remember Sabbath, February 20, as Religious Liberty Day for 1932, and will faithfully carry out the program that has been prepared for that memorial occasion.

C. S. Longacre,  
General Secretary.

### KEEPING ABREAST OF THE TIMES

We are living in a world of uncertainty. Great changes are taking place all about us and we know not what a day may bring forth. Governments are being overthrown by revolution and kings are being deposed, while others are being placed in power only to be deposed again. The earth's surface is being shaken by earthquake, and thousands of people perish without the slightest warning.

It is estimated by the Industrial Conference Board that there are 7,300,000 men and women walking the streets in the cities of our country in search of work but unable to find it; and that there are at least 5,000,000 people employed for only part time at reduced wages. Add to these figures the number of dependents in the families represented, and we find that about 50,000,000 or nearly one-half the entire population of North America, are affected by the present financial depression, which is more severe and far reaching than at any previous time.

In the midst of these times of perplexity, when we see "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," when it is apparent that the agencies of evil are combining their forces for the great final attack in the hope of destroying those who are loyal to God, the "children of light, and the children of the day" are given the vision which penetrates the darkness, and by faith they become firmly anchored on the Rock of truth, with "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

It is in such a time as this that we appeal to our people everywhere to avail themselves of the weekly visits of our church paper, the "Review and Herald", whereby to keep understandingly informed concerning the changing world conditions and their meaning to God's people, and to keep abreast with the rapid development of the message throughout the world.

A very attractive offer is being

made to those who subscribe or renew their subscription to the "Review" before Jan. 31, 1932. If in need of further information concerning this offer, inquiry should be made at the Book and Bible House.

L. E. Christman.

### NOTICE

The eleventh session of the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Omaha, Nebraska February 3-13, 1932. Among other important matters to come before the delegates will be the recommendation of the General Conference Fall Council of October, 1931, recommending the uniting of the territories of the Northern and Central Union Conferences.

The first meeting of the session is hereby called to convene at 11 a. m., Wednesday, February 3, in the Crystal Hall of the Rome Hotel located on the corner of 16th and Jackson Sts., Omaha, Nebraska.

Charles Thompson, President.  
I. G. Ortner, Secretary.

### NOTICE

The regular quadrennial meeting of the Northern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists Incorporated will convene at 10 a. m. Friday, February 5, 1932, in the Crystal Hall of the Rome Hotel located on the corner of 16th and Jackson Sts., Omaha, Nebraska.

Among other important matters to come before the delegates will be the recommendation of the General Conference Fall Council of October, 1931, recommending the uniting of the territories of the Northern and Central Union Conferences. All accredited delegates to the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in session at that time and place members of this association.

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**SOLID FOUNDATIONS NEEDED**

The doors of our training school have again swung open to admit some twenty young people who have come to train as nurses. Many others have applied for admission who could not be invited to enter the class. In not a few cases these were just as worthy and apparently as good Christian youth as are those accepted. Some may question, "Why discriminate?"

There was a time when young people of thorough consecration and even meager education were accepted for training, and were eventually graduated from our sanitarium schools of nursing; but that time is past. With the passing of time, educational standards have materially elevated in the medical profession as well as elsewhere. In order to become a well-qualified nurse or doctor, more is now required than merely a preliminary education such as will allow the student to "get by". Some who are failing to pass the increasingly difficult State Board examinations are free to acknowledge their failure as due to an inadequate educational foundation.

Instructors as well as students must realize that sanitarium training is now equivalent to regular college work; and, as far as the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium Training School is concerned, it is admitting only those students who have thoroughly demonstrated their scholastic ability, and whose grades average 85 per cent.

We feel very sympathetic with those worthy young people who are turned back from our doors each year; but we trust that other opportunities may be afforded to them for useful service in the Master's vineyard. We are told that not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."

May our young people in the various schools making up our whole educational system strive for excellency of attainment. Of Daniel it was said, "An excellent spirit was in him." He ever sought to excel in every good thing; and God richly blessed him in the time of Israel's great crisis. And the Lord will as surely use every young person today who will thoroughly train his mind and consecrate his heart for the service of the Lord.

W. M. Andress, Chaplain,  
Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

There is no danger that the Lord will neglect the prayers of His people. The danger is that in temptation and trial they will become discouraged and fail to persevere in prayer. "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 175.

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**OUR NEED OF CONSECRATED LEADERS**

The time has come when the churches elect their officers for the new year which is a task of utmost importance. If our churches ever needed the guidance of the Holy Spirit at one time more than another, it is when they select the staff of officers who are to lead out in the work of God in the church and its community. When the people are earnest and sincere, politics cannot enter, and never should the man seek the office but always should the office seek the man. Every earnest, consecrated Christian has been given a work to do in God's great harvest field and we should earnestly strive to find that place which the Lord wants us to occupy. And while certain intellectual capabilities are necessary for the carrying out of any responsibility in connection with our Master's work, intellectual ability alone should never be the deciding factor in choosing a person for church work. The necessary qualifications of an elder or deacon in the church are stated in more than one Bible passage and are repeatedly brought to the attention of our people in sermons, convention talks and in our literature, therefore we should not be forgetful of these things when the time has come to apply them in a special way. It would certainly be time well spent if a nominating committee before making motions and voting on them would first read all such passages as Titus 1:5-14; 1 Tim. 3:1-13, etc.

These items have often been prayerfully considered when representative council meetings have been held by the denomination. Ministerial standards have been adopted and are being carried out. However we must not stop by adopting standards for conference laborers; it is just as necessary to have standards for our local church officers because no matter how hard and efficiently a minister may labor, his entire work can quickly be undone by disloyal, negligent church officers. Therefore:

Church officers, in whatever capacity, should be persons who are in harmony with our denominational principles in word and deed. How can any church consistently elect a person to lead out in church work when it is known that the individual in question is not in harmony with the teachings of the

church and the work in which he or she is to lead out? Nobody can lead another person any further than he goes himself and here the saying of Jesus applies that when "the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch."

Conditions in our churches are in many places not what they ought to be and while the conference workers certainly carry a heavy responsibility toward the work and the churches, yet a heavy responsibility rests upon every local church officer to hold up the denominational principles, which we claim and believe to be taken from the word of God, and help to advance the work along all lines.

Especially during these days of distress and perplexity, every member should rally to the work because the time has come when it is to be finished in all the earth. And we must not only be willing to give the work our moral support; at this time it certainly needs our financial support as never before. The matter of tithe paying is stated in our denominational working policy as follows:

"1. The tithe is to be held sacred for the work of the ministry and Bible teaching, including the carrying forward of conference administration in the care of the churches and of field missionary operations. The tithe is not to be expended upon other lines of work or in church or institutional debt paying or building operations.

"2. While tithe paying is not held as a test of fellowship, it is recognized as a Scriptural obligation which every believer owes to God, and as an essential in claiming by faith the fullness of blessing in Christian life and experience.

"3. Conference workers and church elders and other officers and institutional leaders are to recognize it as a principle of leadership in God's work that a good example be set in the matter of tithe paying, no one being continued as either a church officer or conference worker who does not measure up to this standard of leadership. (April 6, 1925)"

A good deal more might be stated along the line of leadership, but we trust that these lines will find their way to the hearts of our people. Let nominating committees do earnest, faithful and consistent work in presenting their report before a church and if any persons have not been fully in harmony with the teaching and practices of the denomination, such should earnestly try to step into line and work harmoniously with the denominational program and if they do not want to do this they should let some one else more fitted and faithful than they, take the office.

H. J. Meyer.



## S. R. A. NEWS ITEMS

Leora VanAllen, who has been ill for a couple of weeks, is again able to be about.

Professor Michalenko in his chapel talk told of the "Tragedy of Waste." Waste consists in doing work which is useless or harmful. Much advertising, for example, is deceptive. For every dollar spent in the United States for advertisements, only seventy-five cents is spent for education.

Saturday night, December 19, a program preceded by a supper was given by the girls. The theme of the program was the Indian. In song, speech, dialogue, musical reading, and recitation, as well as in setting and costume and supper menu, much of interest and benefit was learned of Indians and their life. "Hiawatha's Childhood," by Longfellow, part in music, furnished much of the program. The girls enjoyed giving this program, and the rest enjoyed it with them.

## NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elders Reile and Seibel were at the office on Thursday.

Brother Fred Reile was an office visitor one day this week.

Do not forget to send in the list of new officers to the office as soon as they are elected.

Brother George Williams was a caller at the office this week and he brought with him an offering for the Lord.

Miss Esther Graff of Cleveland, N. Dak., was the first Sabbath school secretary to get her report in at the close of the last quarter.

Brother Wentland has been spending the week at the office outlining his work for the new year and getting out his instructions for the new officers.

Please be sure to remember to send in your reports for the past year as quickly as you can, so our records can be made up for 1932.

Do not forget to take advantage of the special "Review" and Big Four offer now on until Jan. 31, 1932. If you do, you will get these papers for fourteen months at the price of a year's subscription.

Elder Scherr has been in the office getting his work outlined for the new year. He has his instruction leaflets all ready for 1932, both for the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer.

The "Sabbath School Worker" has been increased in size with more pages per month than in the past and yet the price is just the same, 90 cents a year or 75 cents each if two or more come to one address. This paper is needed to help make your Sabbath school work a success.

## DEERING INVESTMENT

The following letter was received from the superintendent of the Deering Sabbath school.

"Our Investment is in the past. While we did not have any crop here this year, our investment was better than last year, that is, we were able to take in more cash, for which we thank the Lord, the giver of all good gifts.

"We are sorry that we could not keep our pennant last quarter but we will win it back again this quarter and with the Lord's help I am sure that we can keep it."

Brethren how does this sound to you coming as it does from the drouth section of North Dakota? The Red Cross is in this part of the state doing what it can to help those starving for want of food. We cannot but praise the Lord that He has blessed our people with the necessities of life and a little more together with a love for His truth and a spirit of sacrifice which is the wealth of this denomination. Surely we can be rich in the Lord.

H. Wentland.

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## SPIRIT OF PLAINVIEW

To our people scattered throughout the state of South Dakota there is no school that means as much to them as Plainview Academy.

Many times my thoughts go back to the time the school was established as told by Elder Babcock conference president at that time, and also others who were here. Our people sacrificed that they might have a school like Plainview where they could send their young people to receive a Christian training. Our school was established as a result of sacrifice, and the same spirit has shown itself since the year 1910.

As we look out across the seas we find this same spirit permeating the lives of individuals who have graduated and gone from her doors. Such missionaries as Elder John Oss, home missionary secretary of the China Division, Leo Oswald,

educational and home missionary secretary of the Northern European Division, Floyd Bresee, superintendent of Lake Titicaca mission, Manley Tucker, Alice Flatten-Christensen, and Dolphy Jensen Goransson of South America, and many others that could be named.

In the home field we find C. A. Scriven, president of the New York Conference, D. E. Reiner, president of Manitoba and Western Ontario Conference, T. L. Oswald, president of Arizona Conference, and Elder Gorden Oss, president, J. H. Nies, secretary-treasurer, Leslie McKinley field missionary secretary of our own conference. There are scores of others who are engaged in different lines of work or continuing their training that could be mentioned. I am sure when we can see visible results like these in the twenty-one years the school has been established we can say the sacrifice has not been too great.

This same spirit is manifest in our present school year. When we consider the financial condition that exists around us, and then stop to think that ninety-three have been enrolled in our school this year, it shows a loyalty and willingness to sacrifice on the part of the patrons of South Dakota. This enrollment is somewhat above the average for recent years. We thank our patrons for this degree of confidence they have placed in Plainview, and we shall continue to do our best in building Christian characters in the lives of your boys and girls.

In the school itself, the teachers and students are all working hard to make this one of the best years Plainview has yet had. There is a spirit of unity and cooperation which aids greatly in making our work a success. For the last few years our school has been accredited with our own educational association and also with the state. This has aided our graduates in transferring their credits without any loss. Then the development of the spiritual phase of education is considered of greatest importance at Plainview. Difference methods are used to promote this. The young men's ministerial seminar is doing a good work in our school this year.

Plainview's second semester begins January 20. The spirit of sacrifice that permeated the establishment of our school is with our graduates, and is present in our school now. Prospective Plainviewites, if ever there is a time that sacrifice is necessary, it is at the present time. History proves that the best and greatest things have been accomplished as a result of sacrifice. Why not join Plainview's well qualified faculty, splendid stu-



dent body, and loyal patrons for the second semester, which begins January 20?

H. C. Hartman, Principal.

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### SABBATH SCHOOL FLASHLIGHTS

Mrs. Goldie Key, secretary of the Sharpsburg Sabbath school, has written this: "Our Annual Offering in the so-called 'depression times' was \$60 for thirteen members. We had a little Christmas tree on the thirteenth Sabbath. Each one hung his offerings on the tree. There were twenty one dollar bills and one change. This was our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to carry this blessed message to those who are pleading so earnestly for it. May the Lord bless in this work."

Mrs. Mary Rice, superintendent of the Grinnell Sabbath school, writes: "We had our Investment program last Sabbath and the Lord surely blessed our efforts. We had \$21.06. We were 100 per cent for Investment, as every one had a part, and a visitor gave fifty cents."

Mrs. C. G. Kendall, of Osage, has written: "I thought you might be glad to hear that we went to Sabbath school at Riceville these last two Sabbaths and surely enjoyed it. I thought at first it would be rather hard to go and try to keep the baby quiet, and I was all tired out, too but the children enjoyed it and one could feel God's presence." It pays to make some effort to attend Sabbath services, to assemble with others of the same faith. God has promised to be present on such occasions and that will surely bring blessings to all.

Mrs. Amy C. Fox, of Missouri Valley, writes, "All the church I have is right here at home, but do not think that I neglect that for one day, even when I am sick I never forget and I always thank the Lord for all His goodness and loving care he has given me in providing me with the necessities of life. I was seventy-eight years old on October 20."

Mrs. Rebecca Thompson, of Iowa Falls, writes, "The Lord is my all, in Him I trust for all things. I have my papers, read my Bible, and I have my Quarterly and study my Sabbath school lesson, and I enjoy it all. I know that the Lord did stop that Calendar work. I know it should be left as he made it. I thank the dear Lord that it is left as it was in the beginning. I am

alone, but I know God is here with me and so I am not alone. The cross is my only hope."

Mrs. Dan Yaberg, of Milford: "I do not always have a chance to go to church so I will order my Quarterly from the Book and Bible House, then I will be sure to get it in time. I am interested in gardening and have had fairly good success. I sold \$3.80 worth of chrysanthemum bushes. I had very nice ones for I raise the plants from sprouts of the big bushes, so they don't cost me much. In that way I earn my offerings. Investment money and Sabbath school money also. The last two springs I sold tomato plants. I can spend my spare time in the fresh air in garden work, which I love to do."

It would be well to make a list of things that may be done for offerings or Investment, adding to it as you come to items as this last, so you will have a list of suggestions to select from next spring when you begin such work—however, some begin raising investments for the next year just as soon as a year's work is finished. That is a fine way to do unless you are depending upon garden products for your effort. Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

### IOWA ITEMS

Mrs. Dorcas has, by request, been with the sanitarium Sabbath school the past two weeks.

Brother I. G. Ortnier spent several days at the Nevada office last week, auditing books.

Miss Gladys Searle returned to Nevada early on Monday of last week after a very enjoyable visit with her parents and other relatives at Minneapolis.

The first day's returns at the quarter's close brought in Sabbath school reports from Ft. Madison, Clinton, Winterset, Shelby and Sharpsburg. Do not forget to send your school report soon.

Elder and Mrs. Christenson and their son returned to Nevada on Sunday of last week. Elder Christenson was with the churches at Lake City and Castana for their annual election of officers.

Carl W. Shafer, a church school teacher from Kansas, stopped at the office on Tuesday of last week for a visit with Elder Nixon, our educational secretary. He had been visiting relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. Charles C. Wall, formerly Miss Ida Vaughn of Des Moines, has written from her home at 216½ So. Ditman St., Los Angeles, Calif. Her husband is a doctor and she is

sometimes on duty at the hospital, making good use of her nurses' training in special cases, although her eight months old son, Charles Vaughn, is demanding a great deal of interest and attention.

### IOWA SANITARIUM NEWS

The Cotton Blossom Singers of the Piney Woods school gave a program on December 30 in our dining hall.

Miss Helen Stoner spent a little of her vacation time at the sanitarium having a boil treated.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thomas of Maxwell are the parents of a boy born at the sanitarium on December 26.

Mrs. U. E. A. Fairchild, of Eldora, and Mrs. Marcia Marlin, of Huron, S. Dak., entered the sanitarium for treatments on Christmas day.

A series of sanitarium treatments is really a very wise gift either for yourself or some of your relatives or friends at any time.

Mrs. Freeman Conoway, of Ames, Mrs. Pauline Welke, of Ackley, and John Larson, of Boone, entered the sanitarium December 26 for treatments.

Walter Larson of Mankato and his sister, Mrs. Floyd Yaeger, accompanied their mother, Mrs. Olaf Larson, to the sanitarium on Monday where she submitted to several examinations. They returned home Wednesday morning.

Mrs. R. L. Kurtz of Grundy Center and Mrs. Anna Nott of Colome, S. Dak., entered December 30 as medical patients.

The following of the employees spent some time at their homes during the holiday season: Miss Agnes Nordstrom at Algona, Miss Doris Burghart at Sleepy Eye, Minn., Miss Burlette Thompson at Forest City, Miss Esther Sorenson at Pelican Rapids, Minn., Miss Marion Hollnagle at Mankato, Minn., the Misses Esther and Marie Larsen, at Morton Minn.

Miss Ada Terwilliger of the conference office will be our Sabbath school superintendent for the coming year. She will be associated in this work with Esther Sorenson, Elsie Morin, Dr. Morse, Myrle Morgan, Burlette Thompson and Esther Larsen.

"Money has great value, because it can do great good. In the hands of God's children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, and clothing for the naked. It is a defense for the oppressed, and a means of help to the sick. But money is of no more value than sand only as it is put to use in providing for the necessities of life, in blessing others, and advancing the cause of Christ." "Christ's Object Lessons," page 351.



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### SPECIAL OFFER

A special offer on the "Review" or the Big Four is being made during the month of January. The publishers inform us that a fourteen month subscription may be obtained for the regular twelve month rate. This special offer applies on renewals as well as new subscriptions. It does not matter when your subscription expires, a renewal will be accepted on the special rate. We are indeed anxious that every home in the conference might receive the help that this weekly visitor brings. It seems that it is more essential than ever that we keep in touch with the rapidly expanding providences of our Divine King. May we suggest that your subscription or renewal be sent to the office of the local Book and Bible House.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

### MINNESOTA ITEMS

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, January 9, is for local church expense, as customary on the second Sabbath of the month.

Elder Andreasen was a very welcome visitor at the office when he called on Sunday of last week, while visiting friend; in Minnesota during the holidays.

Elder Bjerke of Brainerd made a pleasant call at the office on Tuesday of last week while attending the meeting of the Danish-Norwegian workers in Minneapolis.

Dr. F. E. Cornwell and his family, of Mankato, made a pleasant call at the office last Friday while visiting friends in St. Paul.

Mrs. Mary Kelsey, who is teaching the church school at Homer, visited friends in the Twin Cities during the holidays. She, with her friend, Mrs. Mickelson of St. Paul, called at the office on Friday, December 25.

A letter from Elder Dirksen at Mankato brings the welcome news that eleven were baptized there on Sunday night, December 27, following the series of meetings conduct-

ed in the Mankato church for some weeks by him and Elder Wolfe.

We were sorry indeed to receive word last week regarding the death of Carrie Peterson, which occurred on Christmas eve at the hospital in Benson where she had been confined to her bed for some weeks with a broken hip resulting from a fall. Funeral services were conducted by Elder N. R. Nelson at the Gilchrist church on Thursday, December 31. Sister Peterson had long been a faithful member of the Conference church.

C. A. Thorp of Brookfield, Ill., and A. L. Thulin of Granite Falls, Minn., accompanied Elder N. R. Nelson on a visit to the conference office Friday afternoon, December 25. Brother Thorp was in the Twin Cities to attend the meeting of the Danish-Norwegian workers held in Minneapolis, and Brother Thulin, one of the new members at Granite Falls, was on a holiday trip to visit relatives in Minneapolis.

Mrs. N. T. Goulet of Olivia sent in a nice remittance of \$15 more Harvest Ingathering funds last week, making a total for her of \$65 in this year's campaign. Her list of donors contained the names of 171 who had contributed as the result of her faithful efforts. What a great amount of good she has accomplished through such loyal service, only eternity will reveal.

When this was written on New Year's morning and all the out-of-doors was covered with a mantle of newly fallen snow, we were reminded of the clean, white page which each of us has in the books above for our record of the new year; and also of the promise that the record for the past year, even though it may be blotted by many mistakes, can also be made as white as snow by the precious blood of Jesus if we confess our sins to Him and seek Him for grace and strength to forsake them. May we each and every one become more like Him day by day during the new year. Then this cannot help being a happy one, both for us and for those with whom we associate.

Some of the December church treasurers reports which had been received when this was written contained encouraging Harvest Ingathering remittances and there were many others from Conference church members, all of which are greatly appreciated. The Faribault and Owatonna church treasurers both report that these churches have reached their respective \$10 per member goals and they are to be congratulated for that accomplishment. We hope that other

treasurers reports will show that still other churches have reached their goals during December. The following names should be reported here in connection with the various band goals.

Quadruple Centurion Band, Elder A. J. Haysner.

Blue Ribbon Band, Hansine Sorenson.

Loyal Legion Band, Mrs. C. M. Laursen, Mrs. A. L. Bratt, Mrs. Grace Rude.

The two very good Investment reports listed below show what can be done with the Lord's help. Just think of this \$117.87 to pass on to our needy mission fields. Surely the efforts made were worth while. Brainerd: Elder and Mrs. I. J. Bjerke and Merit, \$5; Brother and Sister G. C. Maddock, Sabbath morning's milk, \$15; Mrs. S. N. Perkins, pennies saved, \$3; Mrs. Etta Sundine, same, \$4; Mrs. Delia Schilb, money from baking, \$15; M. Wadsworth, \$1; Donna Wadsworth 50 cents; Brother and Sister Fred Wels, \$10; Mrs. R. J. Wetherbee and Burton, chickens, \$6.45, offering at time of program \$8.70, total \$55.37. Anoka: Pennies saved: Mrs. E. J. Freer, \$5.74; Richard Paetzel, 25 cents; Mrs. George Sanders, \$1.36; W. W. Le Bard \$3.54; Mrs. Ferguson, \$5.63; Mildred Engle, \$1.35; Mrs. W. W. LeBard, eggs laid on Sabbath, \$3.57; Brother and Sister Whitnack and Robert, potatoes, \$15, sweet corn \$5; Mrs. G. B. Epps, \$1; C. K. Le Bard, per cent from closed bank, \$1.48; Marjorie Mitchell, sewing, \$2; Mrs. Singley, pop corn, 30 cents, the following cash: Mrs. C. B. Sargeant, \$3.03; Lottie Townsend, \$2; Billie Townsend, \$1; Mrs. Hiatt, \$1; Olive Engle, \$1; Brother and Sister Richardson, \$5; cash offering \$3.25, total, \$62.50.

### MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Miss Theodora Wirak spent from Thursday until Saturday night of last week as the guest of her sisters in Minneapolis.

Roy Christensen, a former student, visited at the school a few days last week. He sang at the Friday evening meeting which was conducted by Miss Hartzell.

Miss Lina Seppala, school nurse, entertained for several days last week her sister, Nancy of Virginia, and a friend, Arbin Carpenter, of Minneapolis.

Miss Rose Syverson of Hutchinson entertained the following students at dinner at her home on Sunday evening December 27: Misses Ethel Hartzell, Lina Seppala, Elizabeth Wester, and Salisbury



Zytoskee, Thomas Dokken, and Gerald Young.

The Missionary Volunteer officers for the second semester which were elected recently are as follows: Leaders, Albert Peterson and Nina Dahl; secretaries, Bernard Furst and Claire Grimstad. The Sabbath school officers for the senior department for the new year are: Superintendent, Mrs. Ray Fowler; assistant superintendent, Arthur Stewart; secretary, Roland Olbrick; assistant secretary, Margaret Hanson.

Before vacation closed many of the students had returned to join those who remained here. One girl who returned early in the week said that she had always felt sorry for those who were unable to go away for their vacation, but, she said, after seeing how contented and happy every one is here, she enjoys being here herself. The time has been well spent in study, work, and play. Each day and each evening there has been sufficient entertainment for all. They welcomed the return of the students Sunday evening with a taffy pull for all in the dining hall.

### THE BIBLE AND DEPRESSION

When the days are dark, men need its light.

When the times are hard, men need its comfort.

When the outlook is discouraging, men need its confidence.

When despair is abroad, men need its word of hope.

There are luxuries that may well be spared. There are even necessities that can be curtailed. But the Bible, indispensable at all times, is still more indispensable in times like these today.

The Bible is not a book of political maxims of economic theories. It is not a book of maxims at all. It is a book of living principles. Its spirit is the spirit of brotherliness and good will. It is a summons to helpfulness: "Bear ye one another's burdens." It is a summons also to self-respecting independence: "Let every man bear his own burden." It teaches charity, but also justice. It calls to the giving and serving which the strong owe to the weak, and those who have to those who lack; but it also strikes straight and clear at the moral defects in individuals, which are responsible for a large part of the poverty and suffering of the world; and also at the moral and economic defects in society, in business relations, and in distribution of the common resources of the world which are responsible for the remaining part.

Christ is the only hope of indi-

viduals and of society. And the Bible is the only book which tells His story. It alone preserves His words, which are spirit and life. It alone records His deeds by which He saved the world, and would save it now if we would obey Him.

The best thing men can do is to spread the Bible and to get it read and obeyed. This would be the end of hard times, of poverty, of unemployment, or injustice, or wrong, or war.

Robert E. Speer.

### OBITUARIES

Thompson.—Mrs. John Thompson, nee Miller, was born at Camanche, Iowa, July 15, 1868, and died at her home in Camanche, Iowa, Dec. 26, 1931.

In 1890 Miss Libbie Miller was united in marriage with John Thompson. To this union two daughters were born, Olive, who died in infancy, and Mrs. Bert Kirk of Camanche, Iowa. The husband, daughter, and one sister Mrs. Robert Tallman, of Camanche, are the near relatives who survive.

With the exception of nine years in Minnesota, and two years in Denver, Colo., all her days were lived in Camanche.

In early life Sister Thompson gave her heart to God and united with the Methodist church. In 1893 she accepted the truths of the third angel's message and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She ever lived a faithful Christian life, loved her Saviour and the services of the church. She was a devoted companion, a loving mother, and a considerate friend and neighbor.

Sister Thompson longed for the finishing of the gospel work and the coming of her Redeemer.

Services were conducted by the writer and we laid our sister to rest awaiting the summons of her Lord.

A. L. Miller.

Hanson.—Herbert Duane Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hanson, was born Oct. 22, 1931; and died at his home in Exira, Iowa, Dec. 25, 1931.

The baby was perfectly well except for a little cold until the eve-

ning of December 24 when he suddenly took very sick. The doctor was called. All was done that seemed possible. The child passed away about 1:00 p. m., Christmas Day. The doctor pronounced the illness as intestinal flu.

He leaves to mourn their loss his father and mother and one brother, a little over two years old. The child was laid to rest in the Seventh-day Adventist cemetery near the church at Exira.

J. C. Nixon.

Pederson.—Mary Ann Mortenson Pederson, daughter of Robert and Caroline Mortenson, was born in Denmark, September, 1875; and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. W. Wheatley, eight miles northwest of Atlantic, Iowa, Nov. 22, 1931.

In the year 1894 she was united in marriage to R. P. Pederson and to this union were born eight children, seven of whom survive.

About twenty-five years ago she accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists and to this church she remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, three daughters four sons, three sisters, and six brothers.

She was laid to rest in the Brighton Cemetery near Marney.

J. C. Nixon.

### ADVERTISEMENT

Wanted.—A Seventh-day Adventist single man with team to farm twenty-eight acres of good corn land, and board and room with old couple on the farm. Address C. D. Speed, Ackworth, Iowa.

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## 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 26, 1931						
Anderson, Fred	HW	27	2	10.95	14.45	3.95
Biggers, H. G.						19.75
Evenson, Karl	BR	9	4	32.50	56.00	91.75
Heath, Mrs. Ethel		14			11.75	10.25
McMakin, Mrs. H. M.					3.50	
Totals		62	6	43.45	85.70	125.70



### "HOT HEARTS" NEEDED

A missionary recently writing to a friend in the home land said: "We need men of cool heads and hot hearts to give our message to this needy people." The friend replied: "These needed elements are in as great demand in the home land as in the mission fields. They constitute the great need of the church everywhere. It was the Master's desire that His followers should be 'hot.' Being lukewarm was repulsive to Him. It was better to be cold than tepid. 'Hot' is the desirable temperature in the Christian life everywhere."

The story is told of a train remaining at a small station longer than usual, and a passenger asked the porter what was the matter. "Are you short in water supply?" "Oh, no sir, plenty of water," was the prompt reply, "but it ain't b'ilin'—no steam." This is a good illustration of our greatest trouble today in the home land. We have enough members, the organization is complete, everything is ready except the motive power—the spirit of the message. The love of souls is not burning in the hearts of message believers as it should. We need to heap on the fire, message zeal, not merely passive belief in the doctrines, but burning enthusiasm in the intensive proclamation of the soon coming of the Lord, and vigorous, continuous effort in the salvation of souls, the baptism of the Holy Ghost as with fire.

If all who now believe the message possessed "hot hearts" the work of warning the world would soon be done, and the Lord would hasten His coming. It is the lack of zeal in the message teaching and message living, in all its phases, that is delaying the coming of the Lord.

D. W. Reavis.

### "A BOOK A MONTH" (In 1932)

If our people everywhere fully realized the evangelistic value of the timely literature we are publishing, and if they would read and help circulate this literature with as much zest and urgency as the lovers of cheap and unwholesome literature read and recommend their favorites, there would be a surprising increase in the output of our publishing houses, and a corresponding strengthening of the things that make for the kingdom of God.

The necessity for a wide distribution of our attractively prepared literature suited to the hour, message-filled and soul-winning, is greater than in any former period. We live in the closing chapter of time. Unrest and uncertainty prevail everywhere. The paramount question today is, "What is the

meaning of it all?" Seventh-day Adventists can give the answer to the world. That is our business here. God's people have a tremendous duty in this respect.

During 1931 some of our lay members here and there felt impressed to make an effort to sell "a book a month" to a neighbor, a friend, a merchant, or to a stranger. They have succeeded. The books are doing their work, and only eternity will reveal the far-reaching influences of these simple endeavors. The idea is growing. Others are planning to sell "a book a month" in 1932. Will you join this splendid effort? Sell a small book or a large book. There will be joy in it for you, and also some profit. Write your Book and Bible House secretary with reference to it. He will be glad to cooperate with you.

Ernest Lloyd.

### REDUCTION IN PRICE OF "MARY KENNEDY"

The circulation of any piece of literature published, determines to a great extent its price. The large circulation given the book, "Mary Kennedy's Victory," has absorbed the first edition and encouraged the publishers to print in larger quantities, thus enabling them to reduce the price from the previous rate of fifty cents each, to thirty cents per copy, postpaid.

It is quite evident that this book is filling a long felt need, intended as it is, strictly for our Catholic friends. Now that the book is available at almost one half its former price, many thousands should be circulated.

Order from your church missionary secretary or Book and Bible House.

### CALENDAR ISSUE NOT DEAD

Elder C. S. Longacre, general secretary of the Religious Liberty Department, just back from Geneva, and the League of Nations Conference on the proposed change of the calendar says in the January "Watchman": "While the calendar reformers were badly routed in this first international skirmish, we must not conclude that the calendar-reform issue is dead. These men have discovered their weak spots, and every effort will be made in the near future to form a new battle line and to carry the issue to success. As they renew the battle and lay new plans of strategy, we must inaugurate a center-movement of public enlightenment and education, so the people may know what is involved in this God-defying calendar plan of blank days."

Now is the time to start, and the January issue of the "Watchman", containing Elder Longacre's personal report of the Conference at

Geneva, and of the great moral victory given our people there, is the ideal means of bringing this issue to the attention of your friends and associates.

There are a score of other good thought-provoking articles in this issue of the "Watchman", rounding out its message. Place a copy of the "Watchman" in an individual's hand and you give him our full message. Why not order a supply and sell them to earn extra mission funds or to help your church school? In lots of ten or more copies the price is ten cents a copy, to you. You sell them for twenty-five cents. Order a supply today from your Book and Bible House.

L. L. Skinner.

### SPECIAL REDUCTIONS ON HOME STUDY COURSES

We are living in stirring times. Thoughtful men and women are ready to listen to an intelligent exposition of the prophecies and other timely topics. When the people are ready to listen, Adventists should be able and willing to teach them, and to do it in an attractive way so that they can be led from point to point and ultimately brought to take their stand for Biblical truth.

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Home Nursing, regular rate, \$9.00; special rate, \$7.50.

Those who desire to pay cash in advance, may deduct a further 10 per cent from these special tuition rates. Students who are taking work with the Institute for the first time pay a matriculation fee of \$1 in addition to the tuition. There is also a small extra charge for textbooks. Further particulars may be obtained on application.

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