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CHANGE OF THE CALENDAR

Our denominational calendar under sub-heading "Special Days for 1932" announces "March 5, Religious Liberty Day." In a communication received from the General Conference department of religious liberty and signed by C. S. Long-acre bearing date of December 30, 1931, we are informed that a "change has been made in the calendar" bringing Religious Liberty Day upon February 20 instead of March 5.

Matter appearing in other columns of the Reaper and in future issues from local and General writers regarding the "bicentennial" celebration of George Washington's birthday will give the reasons why this change was deemed advisable. All the programs, readings and offerings anticipated for Sabbath, March 5, are now to be had upon Sabbath, February 20.

We would urge that all our people take part in this national arrangement for honoring our first president of the United States who bears the distinguished title "Father of our Country." It will be a refreshing breath to take a day off criticizing our last president and spend the time eulogizing our first one. We heartily join in recommending that in all our churches the program prepared for the occasion be carried out, and that a liberal offering be received to be used in promoting the interests of liberty of conscience and the maintaining of the principles of equal rights to all with special privileges to none throughout our beloved country. Charles Thompson.

INCREASE YOUR "SIGNS" CLUB

Last week an article appeared containing a good "Signs" experience from South Dakota. These three from the other states in our union were sent out from the "Signs" office and will be of interest to all:

"You will find enclosed one dollar for which please add to my re-

newal of the 'Signs.' We are in such financial circumstances that I can hardly have my good paper, but I have fasted and prayed until I have one dollar, for I feel I can't get along without the paper. I went into the Methodist Episcopal church when I was thirteen years old but I never understood the real truth until I was thirty-nine. Some of the good Seventh-day Adventists gave me some literature with the real truth. In our circumstances and location I am deprived of church, but I still hold the faith. I always read my papers and have given them to others. I surely do believe in our Lord's return and want to pass it on to others."—Iowa.

"Elder B. A. Scherr, missionary secretary of the North Dakota Conference, has sent to us more than fifty cards and letters from interested persons to whom various members have been sending the 'Signs of the Times.' Some of these are the printed cards with spaces to check — 'I would like to continue receiving "Signs" free.' 'I would be glad to have you send me a tract list.' Next, 'a trained Bible worker,' etc. The response is certainly very fine, with many expressions of appreciation in addition to the marks in the spaces for reply. 'Still they come,' writes Brother Scherr. This kind of work should be going on in every church." — North Dakota.

"A Minnesota man in some way came into possession of a 'Signs' and found in it the last of a series of articles on diet. He at once wrote for the rest of the articles, which we sent, and for which he returned 30 cents in stamps. In this letter he said he had already noted marked improvement in his condition. He has been a sufferer for seven years, he says, and has spent hundreds of dollars with doctors." — Minnesota.

The official date for the "Signs of the Times" campaign in 1932 is February 7 to 20. Now is the time for every church to begin planning. The literature ministry is one of

the most effective means of soul winning; and the more "Signs of the Times" we use, the more souls will be won. What will your church do this year? May we use the slogan, "Increase our 'Signs' club" and pray earnestly that it may increase the number of souls won in this territory over last year.

V. G. Anderson.

1932 COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES

Iowa—February 15-25, at Des Moines, Iowa.

Minnesota—February 22-March 2, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Dakotas' and school institute dates have not yet been decided upon. Notice of same will be published later. Every one contemplating entering the colporteur work, as well as colporteurs now engaged, should plan to attend. These institutes are, in reality, schools in which the principles of salesmanship are studied.

Then there is the devotional hour conducted by the conference president every morning which begins the day with spiritual blessings. Drill and study periods in which effort is made to improve the presentation of books consume a portion of each day. The question box and round table period is a time all look forward to, for then are discussed the problems of our colporteurs.

The regular colporteur institute has brought a special blessing to many, for it is a period of study and prayer resulting in a closer walk with God.

Every one who feels impressed to enter the colporteur work should write at once to the field secretary and arrange for attending. Are there not many who could do acceptable work in the colporteur field who are now not employed? Are there not many of our sisters who could spare a portion of their time as part-time workers to distribute our truth-filled publications such as books and magazines?

"The harvest is great, the laborers are few." If God is calling you,

why not respond by saying, "Here am I, send me?"

George A. Campbell.

IMPORTANCE OF THE "REVIEW"

The writer has just received a letter from a union conference president. From this letter I quote the following:

"I was rather distressed in going to one of the smaller churches during the Week of Prayer. It was the first Sabbath. They did not know that it was the Week of Prayer. I asked the elder, 'How about the "Review"?' He said that he did not have the 'Review'. He asked how many in the church had seen the Week of Prayer 'Review,' and there was but one person. Well, this gave me a good opportunity to encourage those people to have the 'Review'. Really it is necessary for our conference officials and church officers to keep working on this because in a time like this it is so easy to neglect having the 'Review'."

In a time like this it is important that our people have the "Review". The spiritual encouragement that will come to their own hearts and lives makes this an outstanding need.

J. L. McElhany.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

"What a beautiful thing is an open mind, free from prejudice. I came to the door, the first call in the morning. A middle-aged lady met me with a cheerful good morning. I was asked inside. After a few general remarks I sold her a 'Hope of the World'. A few more remarks were made, and quite suddenly she asked the question, 'Why do we keep Sunday?' In answer to her question I asked her, 'Why do you keep that day?' Her answer was, 'I suppose because I was brought up that way.' I also asked her if she thought some other day would be just as good. Well, she said she thought Saturday should be kept as far as she could find from Bible study on the matter. Then to sound her out I said, 'What would your friends and neighbors think if you should keep Saturday? You would be the laughing stock of the neighborhood.' She looked me right in the eye and said that that would make no difference to her if God showed her clearly that Saturday was the right day. Here, friends, is one of God's jewels in the rough, just the ones we, as canvassers, have the blessed privilege of searching out. Let us all rally to the cause." M. S. Moen, Minnesota colporteur.

Brother Moen didn't say how she learned this truth, but we could venture a guess. Evidently she had purchased and read our books.

Surely our books are bringing the truth to the world, then, with another visit of a colporteur these honest in heart are found.

Is God calling you?

Geo. A. Campbell.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Sabbath, February 20, has been designated this year as Religious Liberty Day because it immediately precedes Washington's birthday; and since the nation at large is celebrating in 1932 the bicentennial of the first president's birth, there is naturally an unusual amount of interest attached to everything that concerns the Father of the Republic and the new conceptions of the rights of men, which formed the basis of the nation's constitution and laws.

Among the founders of the nation, some may have written more extensively than Washington did about the great principles of religious liberty, but it is doubtful whether any other of the founding fathers had a more clear-cut conception of the fundamental rights in matters of conscience which the individual possesses than had Washington. The fact that everyone will read with particular interest this year what Washington wrote and said, offers the best possible opportunity for us to capitalize this reaching the masses with the principles of liberty which he taught and practiced.

The Bicentennial Commission has printed a sermon on George Washington prepared by Elder Longacre. Those who passed upon the different sermons submitted to the Commission expressed particular appreciation for the very clear presentation of Washington as the exponent of religious liberty which Elder Longacre set forth. In no other sermon presented to them was this particular phase of his life developed.

During this year it is the plan of the Religious Liberty Department to prepare special literature adapted to arrest attention by appealing to the patriotism of those who are entering into the spirit of the bicentennial celebration. It seems clear that the opportunities which this year offers for an aggressive educational campaign in behalf of real liberty have never been equaled in the past. Shall we, to whom so much has been entrusted, be derelict in our duty or think lightly of our privileges? It is surely not too much to expect that the offering on Religious Liberty Sabbath will average \$1 per church member. Such an offering would accomplish much because none of it would go to overhead expense. In its entirety the annual gift of our

people to the cause of religious liberty education and defense is so used. There are no salaries and no expenses paid from this fund. Let us be liberal. As those who love liberty, let us be liberal.

Heber H. Votaw.

"HE STUDIED EVENINGS"

In an illustrated article telling of the early life of Ramsey MacDonald, England's famous prime minister, mention is made of the fact that his first job in London yielded him a salary of twelve and six pence a week (about \$3.00). Then follow the significant words, "He studied evenings." As a young man Ramsey MacDonald was not satisfied with a clerical job. He spent his evenings preparing for something better. That is precisely what our Adventist young people should be doing in these days when jobs are not so easy to get. They should study evenings and then develop their talents, so that when times get a little better, they will be ready for the job higher up.

The Home Study Institute offers a large variety of college and high school subjects that lend themselves readily to home study. Our teachers are not only thoroughly competent, but sympathetic and ready to help their students. By giving a little time in the evening to studies such as shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, English Bible, history, etc., young people can fit themselves for various positions of trust and responsibility, and if they study in the right spirit, they will thoroughly enjoy doing so. It is more pleasant to spend the evenings in directed reading and study than to spend them lounging about.

There are still openings for providing young people, and these will increase as time goes on. A little while ago there was need of a young lady who could give Bible readings

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and was also able to play on the piano. The conference president had to look around for weeks before he could find such a person who was not already employed. From time to time there are calls for young people prepared for other lines of work. A competent young man or woman who has trained his mind for active service and is wholly consecrated, is sure of finding a place for himself; but there are comparatively few young men and women who are really capable of doing their best. The great majority have not attained the thorough preparation that they need for doing anything really well. They need to study further under the guidance of a skilled and sympathetic teacher.

I shall be glad to hear from young people, and also from those of more mature years, who are desirous of preparing themselves to do better work.

M. E. Olsen, President,
Home Study Institute, Takoma
Park, Washington, D. C.

MAKING HARD TIMES SOFTER

"Making Hard Times Softer", is the title of a resume of the work of Seventh-day Adventists along the line of relief and welfare of the poor, unfortunate and unemployed, which is to appear in the February color "Signs". Nicely illustrated by five splendid photographs, this article by Elder Earl F. Hackman of the General Conference Home Missionary Department is one that will appeal to our friends and neighbors, and particularly to business men and others who have been such liberal supporters of our work through the Harvest Ingathering.

Every church should order a liberal supply of this special color "Signs" and hand a copy to each one who is supporting our world-work, for this story will assure them, as nothing else could, of the good work being done at home as well as in the far-off lands.

Ask for the February color "Signs". Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address. Your Bible House secretary will gladly supply you.

view has a kind and sympathetic preceptor and preceptress, who will make you feel like you have another home. Plainview has a well kept building. Plainview has an enrollment of ninety-three. There are several others who are arranging for the second semester's work. Plainview has room for you and will welcome you for the second semester.

Come and join the happy group there. This is the time of preparation. Do not put off your opportunity. Write to Prof. H. C. Hartman at once about arrangements, and start packing your grip for Plainview. Why not a hundred students at Plainview this second semester?

Gorden Oss.

SPECIAL OFFER UNTIL JANUARY 31, 1932

A plan whereby our good church paper, the "Review and Herald," may be secured for fourteen months by paying the regular yearly subscription price of \$2.50 for the "Review" alone, or \$3 for the Big Four, is being offered until January 31. This has already been mentioned in former issues of the Reaper. In order to enhance this former appeal and offer, and to make it possible for all to receive the blessing and inspiration of its weekly visits, it may be secured during the remainder of this month without paying the full amount in cash but simply by paying a dollar before January 31, another dollar by February 29, and the remaining fifty cents or a dollar, as the case may be, by March 31. Full details and payment slips are being, or have been sent, to each Seventh-day Adventist home in South Dakota by letter. Don't let this opportunity pass by without utilizing it.

L. E. Niermeyer.

PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

Floyd Dufoth was the seminar speaker in chapel Wednesday morning. "What constitutes success" was the subject of his discourse.

Our students are at present getting ready for the semester examinations which will be given January 15, 18 and 19.

Elder Gorden Oss stopped at the school Tuesday and spoke in chapel. He told us of the good work Brother McKinley is doing among the Indians at LaPlant.

Second semester begins January 20. We know of two students that are planning definitely on being here at that time. We welcome any others who wish to join us for the last semester's work.

The Sunshine News campaign for subscriptions has been staged and is progressing nicely. The student body has been divided into two groups, each having a leader and faculty sponsor. The sophomores and seniors chose Esther Egger as leader and Professor Hartman as sponsor, and the freshmen and juniors chose Nathan Eder as leader and Professor Vande Vere as sponsor. The competition is close and many letters are being written by both sides. The campaign closes January 20. If you have not subscribed yet, send yours in before that time.

The new officers for the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer Society for the new year have been chosen. The Sabbath school officers are: Willis Mohr, superintendent; Elizabeth Watt, assistant superintendent; Florence Hash, secretary; Nathan Eder, assistant secretary; Edna Simon, sponsor. The Missionary Volunteer officers are: James Webber, leader; Norma Hebbel, assistant leader; Albert Bauer, secretary; Dena Hoeger, assistant secretary; Marybelle Huffman, sponsor.

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NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elder Leiske and family stopped at the office one day this week.

Brother Schmidt from Woodworth was at the office on Thursday.

Brother Haas of Medina was a caller at the office on Thursday. He brought in an order for periodicals from the Medina church.

Elder Meyer returned Monday from Kulm and left again Thursday. He left for New Home and will spend the week-end at Bowdon.

Elder Scherr left Friday to instruct new officers and be with Elder V. G. Anderson and Elder Meyer at Bowdon after which he will continue his trip along the Turtle Lake branch.

We recommend that our readers read the article by Elder Thompson on the front page of the Reaper, dated January 5, 1932. We feel that this is a very timely article and the reader will be benefited by it.

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YOUNG PEOPLE READ THIS

Plainview Academy is a school that is fully accredited with both our denomination and the State. Plainview has a strong faculty. Plainview has a good cook. Plain-

In checking over the records we find that the following churches have sent in their statistical report, list of members, names of officers and their church remittance: Beach, Butte Country, Cat-hay, Crosby, Denhoff, Dickinson, Driscoll, Dunn Center, Fargo, Goodrich, Harvey, Jamestown English, Killdeer, Lehr, Lincoln Valley, Medina Village, Minot, Mott, Napoleon, Oakes, Pettibone, Sheyenne, Stanley, Taylor, Valley City, Walhalla and Watford City. A number of churches have sent in some of their reports but we find that we have no report from Cleveland, Turtle Lake and Wheelock.

S. R. A. NEWS ITEMS

The Sabbath school has been reorganized into new classes and a new group of teachers will lead in our lesson discussions during the coming quarter.

The prayer bands in North and South Hall have been reorganized for the coming twelve and nine weeks respectively.

Otto Berthelsen and Harry Sukut called to our attention how we may make our new year happy and successful, in their talks at worship in the chapel Wednesday night. A beautiful song was sung by a quartet from South Hall. Adam Lang was in charge of the boys' program that night.

During the chapel hour Friday Miss Petersen spoke for a few minutes, telling us of a bunch of three keys on a key-ring, which we must use daily in order to obtain from the vaults of the Bank of Success and Power, the blessings and happiness which can thus be ours. The keys are, Time (Morning Watch) Book (Bible Study), and Watchword (Obedience). If our key-ring breaks, we lose the keys. If these are not used, they may rust. The ring is Trust in God.

In her chapel talk Monday, Miss Beck called to our attention the fact that we can travel a long way in three hundred sixty-five days. It is time for us to change cars from 1931 to 1932. Where are we going to stop during 1932? Some towns at which we should not stop are: Discouragement, Discontent, Criticism, Dishonesty, Unkindness, Sarcasm, Grumbletown, Impatience, Carelessness, and Irreverence. Let us stop at such places as Cheerfulness, Kindness, Sympathy, Purity, Courtesy, Content, Patience, Carefulness, Thoughtfulness, Perseverance, Courage, Faith, and Truth.

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WANTED: HELP

Men and Women

Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed; men who will not shun trials and responsibility; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ, "the hope of glory," is formed and who, with lips touched with holy fire, will preach the word. "For want of such workers the cause of God languishes." "Acts of the Apostles," page 507. We need men and women who love the Master and are willing to spend and be spent in His service. Write to L. P. Knecht, 734 Main Street, Nevada, Iowa, for information about the ten days free training, February 22 to March 2.

WATERLOO MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

Alice G. Kinney, Waterloo, Iowa: "A very instructive and profitable home missionary institute was held from January 1 to 3, by Elders V. G. Anderson and J. C. Christensen, with the church at Waterloo. Every one enjoyed a splendid program given and there was a good attendance at every meeting. Especially were we pleased to see the interest of some who have recently begun coming to Sabbath school with their children. They attended all the services. These new people are coming in through the efforts of the Bible Study League and the 'Signs' club work which the church started last spring. This work is beginning to bear fruit. We are entering the new year filled with courage and enthusiasm for the outlook is indeed bright for the winning of precious souls."

During the "Signs" campaign last spring, the Waterloo church became interested in giving the "Signs" a trial, and they ordered a club of the papers to be sent to some good prospects. Several persons have become interested in the truth as a result and some of these are attending the Sabbath services. What the "Signs" will do in one place, it is logical to believe it will do in any place where it is given a fair trial. The time for the "Signs" campaign for 1932 will soon be here. An opportunity will be given for you to send this good paper to friends and relatives. With the blessing of God and the interest of your prayers, combined with the personal touch of a letter or visit

occasionally, you cannot estimate how much good may result from the weekly visits of the truth-filled "Signs". Prepare now to help place this paper in as many homes as possible this year and thus add new members to the church, and, too, create in the church a greater zeal for the salvation of souls.

J. C. Christenson.

SABBATH SCHOOL FLASH LIGHTS

Mrs. S. W. Klinger, of the West Union Home Department, reports \$13.93 Investment money from their home and says: "We wish it were more but hope and pray that it will do good somewhere to the saving of souls." Honor cards and a book-mark were sent to them at the quarter's close. Remember that Home members are entitled to these reminders of faithful service.

Mrs. G. A. Willcutt, of Tipton, has sent in \$1.50 for the Investment Fund. There are four or five Seventh-day Adventists, relatives of Mrs. Willcutt, living in and near Tipton and they keep up the study of the Sabbath school lessons and meet on Sabbath when it is possible. We are glad for this Investment item and the cooperation it represents.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hlad of the Albia school sent \$21.24 Investment money. \$19 of it is her own. She does the washing for her husband's store, aprons, dust cloths, etc., so that she may have money of her own for this purpose and in the course of a year's time it amounts to a fine helpful sum. The children also added \$2.24 as their part of this special offering. This is surely fine.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Some very helpful instruction to the officers and church members is the aim of our home missionary conventions. The members are asked to take a prominent part in the convention, in preparing talks and readings and in taking part in the general discussion. Elder V. G. Anderson and the Iowa secretary held a three day convention at Waterloo, the first three days of 1932. The cooperation of the members of the church was very much appreciated. The next convention will be held at Lake City, January 15, 16, and 17. Elders V. G. Anderson and J. C. Christenson will be in charge. All who wish to attend are invited to come and spend as much time as possible with the Lake City church during these meetings. The Sabbath meetings will commence immediately after Sabbath school, and after luncheon hour, will continue through the afternoon. The first meeting will be

at 7:30 p. m. Friday. Plan to be there if possible. Bring your dinner on Sabbath if you come from a distance, and spend all day with us.
J. C. Christenson.

IOWA ITEMS

How about your "Sabbath School Worker"? Be sure to renew your subscription so you will not miss a copy.

Mrs. Dorcas plans to meet with the Marshalltown church on Sabbath, January 16.

Miss Hertha Madsen of Spirit Lake has been spending a little time in Nevada at the sanitarium and at the Nixon home.

Miss Genevieve Nichol, teacher of the church school at Mason City, spent her holiday vacation at the Nixon home in Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Farley McDowell, who for a number of years have resided at Hutchinson, Minn., have returned to Nevada and will again make their home here. They are very welcome.

Elder and Mrs. Nixon and their family were pleasantly surprised on Friday evening of last week, when Mrs. Nixon's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Holmes, drove in, bringing her mother, Mrs. Lena Holmes of Lena, Ill., who will spend two weeks at her daughter's home. The brother and his wife returned on Sunday to Illinois.

A Sabbath school and home missionary convention is to be held at Ft. Dodge on Sabbath, January 23. We trust that schools and isolated members in that vicinity will plan to be present. Bring your lunch and be prepared to enjoy both forenoon and afternoon services with the members there, and with Elder J. C. Christenson and Mrs. Dorcas, who will conduct the meetings.

The Nebraska Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, is planning to hold a Sabbath school convention at Omaha on Sabbath, January 30. The Iowa secretary can be present then as that is the last Sabbath before the union conference meeting to be held at that place. A similar meeting was held at Council Bluffs a year ago, where Mrs. Taylor was present to assist, and her help was greatly appreciated.

Elder Nixon and his family are enjoying a close-up acquaintance with the birds. Three feeding stations were placed near their house and at least ten varieties of birds, including a pair of cardinals, have evidently been pleased with the arrangement, as they have been en-

joying the feasts laid for them. Why not fix up such places about your home, secure illustrated and descriptive bird books and let the family become better acquainted with the feathered creatures? Such bird books are occasionally found at a good ten-cent store. It pays to cultivate interest in all that has been placed in the world for our pleasure and enjoyment.

Mrs. Effie E. Shilling, 21 Benton St., Council Bluffs, has written that she is planning now to stay in that city, her old home. Her husband, Brother Balie Shilling, a faithful and loved member of the denomination, was laid to rest in 1930. Since then she has been with her daughter, Rita Lausten, in Miami, Fla., and with Vada Shilling Nielsen in Battle Creek, Mich. She said, "It may be I can come to the camp meeting, a good old Iowa camp meeting. I have been to none I considered equal, perhaps, because all were strange to me and may be it will be thus in Iowa now, everything changes."

Elder and Mrs. H. A. Fish of Marshalltown made a pleasant visit at the conference office on Monday of last week. They brought Elder Fish's father to Nevada for a visit with Brother J. N. Carr. When they were boys and before either was an Adventist they lived on adjoining farms in Indiana and consequently this would be a very enjoyable occasion. Brother Fish spent a year with his son, J. K. Fish, who is pastor of the church at Marshfield, Oregon, and he came to Iowa in time to go with Elder and Mrs. Fish to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Rhodes, who are with the school at Bethel Wis. Father Fish is eighty-eight years old, has been an Adventist for thirty-five years and has a remarkable family record, as every child and every grandchild is a faithful Seventh-day Adventist.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Ruth Marian Carter was born at the Iowa Sanitarium on December 31.

The sanitarium nurses enjoyed a sleigh ride on Wednesday evening and other employees one on Thursday evening.

Esther White, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. White of Maxwell, submitted to an emergency operation Sunday evening. She was able to be taken to her home on Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Paulson of Nevada, a son on January 5. Several of the Nevada merchants have offered some very useful gifts to the first baby born in 1932 within a five mile radius of Nevada and

it is possible the Paulson baby is the lucky baby.

Mrs. Scott Monroe of Anamosa returned for further care at the sanitarium last Thursday. She was feeling so well when she went home some weeks ago we had hoped her recovery was permanent but apparently a relapse occurred.

Mrs. A. J. Smith of Ames is being treated for a facial infection, and we are glad her condition is much improved. Mrs. Smith is an elderly lady and we are aware disease is harder to combat in such cases. These difficult cases always remind us that the Lord is our co-worker and we give Him the praise.

Mrs. Milton Ames, our faithful superintendent of nurses, was called to the bedside of her mother in Pennsylvania a day or so before Christmas. The mother passed away Christmas Eve. Later word from Mrs. Ames brought the message that the little nephew had also passed away, and Mr. and Mrs. Ames are now in quarantine there. We are certain the readers of the Reaper join the sanitarium family in Christian sympathy with Brother and Sister Ames at this time.

John F. Morse.

OAK PARK NOTES

The second semester of school begins Jan. 12, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker gave a New Year's party for the faculty members Thursday night, December 31.

Elder V. G. Anderson made the school a short visit. We always enjoy having our workers drop in to visit us.

Elder McVagh spoke to the student body at the Friday evening vesper hour, January 1. His talk was interesting as well as practical.

Professor Axelson gave an interesting and inspiring talk during chapel period Friday, on Christmas shopping and New Year's resolutions.

Sabbath afternoon, December 19, a baptismal service was conducted by Elder Nixon in the Nevada church. Five girls and one boy were baptized.

The Cotton Blossom Singers from Piney Woods School in Mississippi entertained the students Wednesday night, December 30. They sang negro spirituals and other interesting songs.

Mr. Floyd Nelson, head printer of Oak Park Academy, had the misfortune to seriously injure his index finger in one of the presses Tuesday after Christmas. Under the efficient care of Dr. Morse his

finger is recovering and he soon will be at work again.

MISSION REPORTS

Some one has said that there is a reason for everything. But there are a few things for which some people find it difficult to assign a reason. I must be of that type, as I fail to see any reason for our people failing to report their home missionary work to the secretary, so that it can be passed on to the office in the monthly reports. What reason is there for reporting? I am sure that you would not give to missions so generously if you never heard a report of what was being accomplished in foreign fields. When you hear the good reports in the "Review" it gives you more confidence in the work. We want you to report for the same reason.

We are told that churches are organized for missionary work. In Volume VI, page 436, we find these words: "Let all have a part. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs." And on page 336, "Let those who gain such experiences in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers that others may be encouraged. In addition to giving glory to God, bringing strength and encouragement to those who hear them, making the missionary meetings of intense interest and increasing our attendance, our reports are needed in order that our work may properly be managed."

A little church of thirteen members in the little village of Sharpburg sends in this good report:

Letters written, 119.
Letters received, 26.
Missionary visits, 175.
Persons taken to Sabbath school, 30.
Papers given away, 1750.
Books given away or lent, 82.
Tracts given away, 94.
Needed help work, 397 hrs.
Articles of clothing given, 220.
Amount given to needy, \$29.75.
Treatments given, 24.
Harvest Ingathering, \$131.70.

Send in the reports of what you have done. J. C. Christenson.

"Christian faith is not natural, it is supernatural, and comes only through the possession of the Holy Spirit."

Be ambitious, for the Master's glory, to cultivate every grace of character. In every phase of your character-building you are to please God. This you may do; for Enoch pleased Him, though living in a degenerate age. "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 332.

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MINNESOTA ITEMS

The Faribault Sabbath school set as its aim larger Investment returns in 1931 than in the previous year, and acknowledge the Lord's hand in enabling them to realize \$63, an increase of \$25 over last year's offering.

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, January 16, is the usual third Sabbath offering for foreign missions. Our world-wide foreign mission work depends upon a regular weekly and monthly income for its support. Let us keep this in mind, please, during the early months of the year when there is sometimes a tendency to give less.

In connection with additional December remittances the following names should be given recognition as indicated below on the Harvest Ingathering band goals.

Gold Star Band: Mrs. C. M. Dickinson.

Blue Ribbon Band: L. O. Rosenthal, A. T. Nelson.

Loyal Legion Band: Mrs. A. J. Nelson, Mrs. J. M. Carnahan, Ray Nelson, Mrs. Bina Mattson.

Waverly LeBard of Stillwater and Charles LeBard of Anoka called at the office on Wednesday of last week. Brother Waverly LeBard reported that five members of the Stillwater Sabbath school were entitled to bookmarks for being 100 per cent in attendance and daily study throughout 1931. One of the five, who happened to be himself, was entitled to a bookmark for a two-year perfect record.

There was an excellent response to the second request for used copies of the Week of Prayer "Review," in fact a few more papers were received than requests for them, some being sent to us from other conferences, which we much appreciate. So, if there are any others among the Reaper family who did not have the privilege of reading the inspiring messages prepared for the Week of Prayer, they may secure one of these copies, without charge, as long as the supply lasts by writing to the Minnesota Conference office.

A telephone message from Owatonna on Saturday night, January 2, brought the sad news regarding the death of Mrs. Margaret Olson. Sister Olson was one of the charter members of the Owatonna church but had been living in Wisconsin for some time prior to her death. Arrangements were made for the funeral service to be conducted by Elder Haysmer at Owatonna on Monday, January 4. The obituary will be published in an early issue of the Reaper.

On Tuesday of last week the sad news was received regarding the sudden and unexpected death of Elder John Hoffman, who was well known to many of our people in this conference. He had been located in Denver, Colorado, for several years, and at the time this was written only a telegram had been received by Sister Hoffman's relatives in St. Paul, stating that he died at midnight, January 4, after being ill for only about half an hour. Further particulars will be given through the Reaper as soon as they are received, for the benefit of his many friends. His death coming so unexpectedly must have been a great shock to Sister Hoffman and we sympathize most sincerely with her and the other relatives.

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

A program was given by the Querist club in the chapel, Saturday evening, January 9.

The young men had the privilege of having Mr. Haheim, the principal of the high school, speak to them at their regular club meeting Wednesday evening, January 6.

Gerald Young was honored at a surprise birthday party by the laundry workers on Wednesday evening, January 6. Those present were Lucille Young, Mathilda Dahl, Nina Dahl, Sigfrid Gryto, Thelma Boyce, Dorothy Light, Mildred Courtney, Alvin Kiley and John Bergeson.

Elder Edwardson gave another one of his interesting illustrated lectures to the students and teachers at the Friday evening meeting, January 8. At the close of the service practically all renewed their consecration to God and His service.

The following were guests at a birthday dinner given at the home of Professor and Mrs. Johnson in honor of Mrs. H. E. Hein, Wednesday evening, January 6: Mr. and Mrs. Hein and Medora, Mr. and Mrs.

Fowler, Professor and Mrs. Johnson, Miss Johnson, Miss Tubbs and Miss Culpepper.

The young women were entertained at their regular club meeting Thursday evening, January 7, by three young men of East Hall, Byron Miller, Elmer Cornwell and Le Verne Melendy, who played several instrumental selections. Other numbers on the program were readings by Lola Shaffer and Justine Sapin and a current event by Eldeen Sherva.

The program given by the Missionary Volunteers Sabbath afternoon, January 9, was on the spirit of earnestness and zeal of the pioneers of the advent people. Talks were given by Albert Peterson and Miss Tubbs, a poem was read by Miss Seppala and a violin solo was played by Mrs. Kleiman. Miss Hartnell had charge.

OBITUARIES

Marshall.—Mrs. Ruth Maines Marshall was born in West Morlan County, Penn., Jan. 16, 1853; and died at her home in Monroe, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1931.

In 1869 she came with her parents to Iowa and they located on a farm two miles south of Monroe. The remainder of her life was spent in or near this place. In 1873 she was united in marriage with William Marshall. To this union eight children were born. Three daughters preceded the mother in death. Three sons, George, Jess and Ben and two daughters, Mrs. Daisy Donnell and Mrs. Kizzy Danks, also a niece, Mrs. Earl Turner, who was reared in the home, are left to mourn their loss, and all were present at the funeral except the son, J. S. who is and has been for a number of years, in charge of the River Plate Junior College, in Argentine, S. America. A letter from him which his mother heard read before her death, assured her that he would go on working faithfully to save souls, and that he would look forward to introducing them to her in the earth made new. Besides the children, she leaves a loving husband, two sisters, Mrs. Susan Jarnagin and Mrs. Maggie Waddle, twelve grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Our sister was a faithful wife and loving mother and her departure will leave a vacancy in the home, that can never be filled. She accepted the teachings of the Bible as set forth by Seventh-day Adventists fifty years ago, and remained a faithful member unto death. Through the years she was always faithful in keeping up the home Sabbath school and in work-

ing for mission funds. Even to her last illness of only a few weeks, she was actively working to raise Investment and other mission funds, quilting steadily with the sole purpose in view of having money to help forward the cause of God. Verily, she rests from her labors but her works do follow her. Her hope in the promise of a soon coming Saviour was bright and she was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

H. A. Fish.

Ayer.—John B. Ayer was born near Rochester, Minn., June 27, 1881; and died in Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24, 1931. For many years he was a faithful member of the Minneapolis church and his confidence in God was firm unto the end. Besides his wife and three small children, he leaves a sister and brother.

Two blood transfusions were given by volunteers in the church. After the first one, which was given by a young man from Oregon, Brother Ayer wrote the following words:

We often give to our friends,
Expecting soon or late,
To receive as much, or even more
Of goods or silver plate.
The heathen do the same
For office, power or pelf,
But the Master said that when you
give
Seek nothing for yourself.

Seek nothing for yourself,
Seek nothing in return,
This precept comes to me
In words that fairly burn.
In words that fairly burn,
For where is such love shown?
He gave his blood that I might live
Whom he had never known.

V. J. Johns.

Johnson.—Virginia Harriett Johnson, daughter of Harry and

Vesta Johnson, was born at Dickens, Iowa, Sept. 3, 1921; and died from bright's disease at Spencer Iowa, Dec. 19, 1931. She leaves to mourn, besides her parents, one brother Harlan and one sister Genevieve. Funeral services were held at the Ruthven church and words of comfort were spoken from Isaiah 40:11 by the writer.

V. G. Anderson.

Larson.—Shirley Lorraine Larson was born Jan. 6, 1924; and died Dec. 25, 1931, in the University Hospital of Minneapolis, Minn. Besides her parents and sisters, her grandparents, Brother and Sister Deline, are left to mourn. Words of comfort in the resurrection hope were spoken at the Lakewood chapel.

V. J. Johns.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

Wanted.—By January 15 a Seventh-day Adventist woman, church member, experienced in housework and cooking, for small hospital. Must be neat and clean. No laundry work. Salary \$30 per month plus room and board. Good references required in first letter. Address Mrs. C. Koster, Gregory, S. Dak.

DRIED PEARS AND PRUNES

For \$2 you can have delivered to you express paid, (any place in the U. S. A.) fourteen pounds of fine dried pears. These were prepared by the Mountain View church, and fund from sale is used for relief work. Same quantity good grade medium size dried prunes offered for \$1.50. Address J. R. Ferren, Mountain View, California.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegard, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending January 2, 1932						
Anderson, Fred	Helps	28		4.00	4.00	10.40
Biggers, H. G.	Misc.	17	\$		12.00	12.30
Nordstrom, Bessie				49.50	49.50	49.50
Powers, Miss C. E.				67.30	67.30	67.30
Engen, B. O.						71.35
Totals		45	8	120.80	132.80	211.05
NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE, H. Wentland, Field Missionary Secretary						
Odds and ends to finish up year, 1931						
Hume, Dorothy (2)	BS	16		18.50	18.50	2.00
Meyer, Joe	BS	19		40.75	40.75	
Unruh, Louise Kae (2)	OD	43	1	4.25	13.25	9.75
Totals		79	1	63.50	72.50	11.75

THE GOSPEL TO CHINA'S TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS

A few years ago it seemed a great task to spread workers over China proper, and to include in our organized missions all of the eighteen provinces then comprising it. All these provinces have at last been occupied with the exception of Kansu, into which we are just now sending Pastor E. L. Longway and some Chinese colporteurs. In the meantime, however, some of the provinces on the north and west have been broken up and new boundaries fixed, thus forming several new provinces which are yet to be entered with the third angel's message. In addition to these are China's territorial possessions—Tibet, Sinkiang, and Mongolia,—to the entering of which the China Division is now directing its attention.

There is an estimated population of 25,379,000 in the above areas, together with the newly formed western provinces of Sikang and Chinghai. We are asking for the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow funds to provide for extending our work into these territorial possessions, that we may soon have workers in the distant parts of our division.

Already a beginning has been made in each of the above territories, and we have baptized believers in Mongolia and in Tibet. Two Chinese colporteurs have recently been sent up into Singiang,—the first Seventh-day Adventist ever to enter that territory. They are taking subscriptions to the Chinese "Signs of the Times," and selling other literature. More than \$500 (Chinese money) was required for postage on books mailed to these colporteurs from our publishing house in Shanghai. They have received the books, and have just sent us their first remittance, by money order. So great is the distance and so meager the transportation facilities that in sending us \$500 it cost \$115 to have it remitted.

These brethren write us of the splendid opportunities for preaching the gospel among the peoples of this great territory. On their long journey there they were wonderfully protected from bandits, whose activities make travel in these parts very unsafe. When men will risk their lives and brave the hardship of such travel by foot and by cart to give the gospel to these remote areas of the earth, ought we not to remember their sacrifice and give liberally of our means through the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, to provide for the furtherance of the message in these lands?

The territories of China have an area equal to that of the United States west of the Mississippi River, and there is not a mile of railway

in them, nor any mode of transportation other than they have had the past two thousand years, unless it be a few automobiles scattered in some parts. We are confident that better transportation facilities will soon be available in these territories. China is engaged in an active program of road building. I am now just returning from a trip to Sianfu, the capital of Shensi, where we have been holding a general meeting. No longer than two years ago it took from ten days to two weeks to make the trip from Shanghai to Sianfu, but this time I made it by train and motor bus in less than three days. China is planning to open an air mail and passenger service through to Sinkiang soon.

We now have a book on Bible doctrines and some other literature in the Tibetan language, prepared and printed as a result of the faithful efforts of Dr. J. N. Andrews. We also have some tracts in the Mongolian, and others are being translated.

The China Division is now ready to promote our work in these territories, but we need the help of our brethren throughout the world in supplying us means with which to do it. Christ will not come till these peoples in the heart of Asia have heard of His coming. Because of distance, lack of communications, great extent of territory, and illiteracy of the people, there is perhaps no missionary endeavor before the church so difficult as the evangelization of these tribes, for which we are asking help from the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow funds. With \$20,000 we could place several workers in these territories and thus carry forward a balanced work. This is the first time that we have ever placed a call in behalf of the nomadic peoples of central Asia. Should not the great need of these peoples, together with the present situation in China and the world interest in her affairs, constitute a special call to the church to advance and complete her work in these lands?

Harry W. Miller, M. D.,
President, China Division.

"A BOOK A MONTH" (IN 1932)

Seventh-day Adventists are under solemn obligation to prepare and publish literature that will give the people the meaning of world conditions in the light of prophecy, that will counteract the fallacies and falsities of much that is now published, and that will give "the truth as it is in Jesus." The great need of the world today is a literature of righteousness. For this purpose our publishing houses were established. They are

equipped to turn out much more than they are now doing.

We need and must have more distributors of tracts, papers, and books, an ever-increasing work of heralding the message for the hour. "One of the principal agencies God has ordained for our use is the printed page". "Testimonies," Volume IX, page 87.

Dear friend, how we should seek earnestly the part the Lord would have us take in this fast-closing work! We cannot now be satisfied with a small effort only. We should be sowing the pages of truth everywhere, and seeking to enlist others in this same work.

Your Book and Bible House secretary is a specialist on books and book-selling, and will gladly advise with you as to what books fill the needs and sell readily. We suggest that you write your Bible House today. Refer to this article and your secretary will know how to help you.

Ernest Lloyd

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 are members of this association.

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