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NORTHERN AND CENTRAL UNIONS MERGE

According to appointment, the joint session of the Northern and Central Union Conferences opened the ten day conference and ministerial institute in Omaha, Wednesday, February 3, at 10:00 a. m. in adjoining convention rooms in the Hotel Rome.

Presided over by their respective union conference presidents Elders Charles Thompson and J. J. Nethery, the delegates in conference voted to gather together in one auditorium to first hear from Elder J. L. McElhany, North American vice-president of the General Conference, the reasons for the proposed merge. As the Central Union delegates marched into the main auditorium, Mrs. L. S. Melendy played a wedding march, as the bride pleasantly approached the smiling groom.

After Elder McElhany had clearly explained the underlying reasons and advantages of the merge, tenure of office, etc., all the delegates cheerfully voted in harmony with the General Conference recommendation and then sang, "Blest be the tie that binds." Elder McElhany feelingly gave expression to a short statement as a newspaper reporter grabbed for his pencil and scribbled off Elder McElhany's statement, which in the newspaper that evening declared, "This is one of the most eloquent evidences of the divine leadership of this movement I have ever witnessed and it strengthens my faith in the final triumph."

The conference was at once organized, committees began functioning, reports rendered, and business transacted as will later be reported to the Reaper family. Regardless of numerous changes, a sweet spirit prevailed, and we recognized that the hand of God was in it all, as the one purpose of this organized movement was constantly emphasized.

Elder W. H. Branson, whose sermons and instruction were

greatly appreciated and in particular his studies on the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church, led out in the ministerial institute. Elders J. A. Stevens, C. L. Bond and E. E. Franklin also led out strongly in their special line of work. The devotional morning Bible studies were greatly appreciated by all. The music of the conference was under the direction of Brother and Sister L. S. Melendy and the appropriate music rendered was a real inspiration. Especially appealing were the negro spirituals rendered by Elder T. H. Allison.

Elder J. F. Piper was elected president of the new Central Union Conference, and S. J. Lashier of Walla Walla, Washington, secretary-treasurer. The new Union paper will be called the Central Union Reaper.

In many ways the Rome Hotel catered to the conventional delegates with numerous courtesies as did also the cafeterias of other hotels. Liberal space was given by the city papers, "World-Herald" and "Bee-News," to the news of the convention. May the resolutions passed be so translated into the book of acts that the whole church, ministers and laity, may actively be found witnessing for the Master in aggressive evangelism.

Stemple White.

MARY KENNEDY'S VICTORY

When I had finished reading the book "Mary Kennedy's Victory" I was forcefully impressed with the important place it should hold in our laymen's program of soul winning, especially among our Catholic friends. The following letter was sent by Mrs. L. M. Pederson of Winona, Minn., to one of our ministers:

"My husband had an interesting experience with 'Mary Kennedy's Victory.' He lent it to a Catholic who told a friend of the book. The friend bought it and lent it to another Catholic. Then we bought another and lent it to another Catholic. He is really interested in the study of the Bible. When he re-

turned the book he asked many questions on various points; and when leaving, asked if he might borrow 'Great Controversy.' He was sick in the hospital at the time we loaned him 'Mary Kennedy's Victory,' and he said that several others in the ward read it also. We pray that the Lord may water the good seed and save some precious soul."

I am appealing to all our lay members to sell, lend, or give away copies of this splendid book to their neighbors. The worth of the book is shown by the wide circulation already in that the first edition has been sold. The new price is only 30 cents. This book has a drawing power for the truth and doesn't offend. It is a soul winner, not a soul warner. We need the kindness and tact shown in this book to help us win those who have views in opposition to ours.

V. G. Anderson.

CHEERING WORD FROM HEADQUARTERS

Elder C. H. Watson, president of the General Conference, is interested in the outcome of the "Signs of the Times" campaign this year. He may not get back from Europe in time to write a personal appeal to our people in behalf of their entering most heartily into this movement to keep the "Signs" work the strongest possible for another year. However, we are assured by his secretary, Prof. W. E. Howell, that his heart is in this work and that he will do so if he can. "Your solicitude for a wider circulation of the 'Signs,'" says Professor Howell, "is very much in order. Just now, as you know, we are making most earnest efforts to arouse new zeal in the direct work of winning souls, and we are seeking by every rational means to turn our forces in that direction. . . . There can be no doubt that the circulation of the printed word stands shoulder to shoulder with the preaching of the word by the living voice. Brother Watson's heart is very much stirred in the direction of turning

our energies into soul winning, and we are receiving most gratifying responses from the field concerning the new advance movement in that direction."

A BUNDLE OF CARDS

It looked like any other package when brought to my desk by the mail clerk. Packages sometimes must wait for attention. "But here, let us see what North Dakota is sending us." Home Bible Study League Cards, a hundred or more of them, all signed up—"Yes," "Yes," "Yes," etc. Then we find Brother B. A. Scherr's explanation and a story that he believes will be encouraging and of practical help to other churches. Brother Scherr is the home missionary secretary of the North Dakota Conference. Necessarily much of the missionary work in his field must be done through the mails. Of this particular work he says:

"We are herewith enclosing a number of post cards that have arrived in our office this past year as a result of using the 'Signs of the Times' in our Home Bible Study League. These post cards are self-explanatory."

The North Dakota Conference has encouraged its churches in using a large number of "Signs," taking them in clubs for re-mailing to selected lists. "These 'Signs' that are sent out are followed up by letters asking the people how they enjoyed the papers. In this letter there is a post card for reply. This post card has three questions:

"1. Do you want us to continue sending you the 'Signs'?"

"2. Do you want a tract list?"

"3. Are you interested in having a Bible worker call at your place?"

"You will notice that all the cards have the first question answered, a number have the second, and several the third. A number of churches have not as yet sent out their letters and as a result some of the post cards are delayed."

"One of our churches is doing splendid work in the business section among the doctors and merchants taking a 'Signs' each week to the office and they have some very interesting reports. One of the ladies who takes these papers asked the writer to go with her to visit a doctor's office. When we arrived at the office, she called the doctor's wife in to visit with us. She was the wife of a prominent doctor in the city and a very refined and educated woman. She told us that her father was a Presbyterian minister and did not have very much time for the Seventh-day Adventists. As a result she did not pay very much attention to our work but since our ladies have carried the 'Signs of

the Times' to her she has become a subscriber to the paper and says she reads every line. She told us that her view toward Adventists has been completely changed and she believes that we have the truth."

"One of our ministers was conducting some sermons over the radio and as a result heard from a druggist in one of our cities who was very much interested in the truth. Our minister came in contact with him and as a result the man and his wife were baptized into the truth. In speaking to this brother and his wife they told the writer that the thing that strengthened them and revealed to them the different points of the truth was the 'Signs of the Times' that some one was sending them through the Home Bible Study League."

"We called on another doctor in one of our cities and he told us that he was very much impressed with the paper called the 'Signs of the Times' that was left in his office by one of our ladies who was conducting office to office work in the Home Bible Study League."

"We have also noticed in our churches that our people have become interested more and more in the 'Signs of the Times' as a result of the churches taking clubs of 'Signs' for their literature distribution. We are more and more convinced that the 'Signs of the Times' is a 'soul winner' and we are anxious to do more for it each year."

B. A. Scherr."

THE SPIRIT OF INQUIRY

"Of what religious denomination is the 'Signs of the Times,' and is there a meeting place in Buffalo, New York, of this organization?" The lady making this inquiry had become interested in a copy of the "Signs," and was sending her subscription. "I am very much interested," she said, "in 'How long is Forever,' in the July issue. Have you any other literature we could purchase on this subject?" It is hoped that the information given, and the effort made to make some personal contact with this interested person has deepened her interest, and that she is studying the truth.

Never have there been so many inquiries like this, as now. As we come to the time of another nationwide move to build up the circulation of the "Signs," and keep the good work going, let us be encouraged and energized by the promises of how God's Spirit is to work with our literature in these last days. "The world is to receive the light of truth through the evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand." We are told in Testimonies, Vol. IX, p.

61, that thinking people realize that we have come to an extraordinary time in the world's history, and thousands will read the messages of the "Signs" now, when they might have been indifferent to it a few years ago.

A well known leader in a national temperance organization, prominent for years in the fight against tobacco in this country, wrote us the other day on an item of business relating to an order for our No Tobacco "Little Friend." Conditions have greatly affected his organization and they are in more or less perplexity. After explaining this, at the close of his letter, he says: "I believe we are nearing the end of the age. I have never taken kindly to this idea before, but I am convinced after a close study of prophecy that we are rapidly nearing the end." In replying to his letter, I have especially noted this statement of conviction on his part, and suggested that we would like to have him accept a subscription to the "Signs of the Times," which we feel sure he will do.

A Methodist preacher in South Dakota, writing for a copy of the "Signs," says this: "What school of thought, or church denomination does it represent? It has been recommended to me. I am a Methodist Episcopal pastor, but have an open mind for spiritual guidance and Bible study."

"Look on the fields," the Saviour said, "for they are white, ripe already to harvest." Truly, this applies today. The very conditions that may require more sacrifice to make a "Signs" club in your church possible are those that are making the message of the "Signs of the Times" more attractive to a perplexed world. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." If all do all they can, as the days go by, we

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Should Go Still Higher

Think what it will mean in soul-saving during 1932 if the present circulation of 70,000 or more copies of the "Signs" a week can be held, and if another 5,000 or 10,000 can be added. Last year this was actually accomplished. The circulation for 1931 exceeded that of 1930 by about 5,000 copies a week. Think of this in the terms of 5,000 non-Seventh-day Adventist homes into which the "Signs" is carrying the truth.

The Leaflet Helps

To assist conference and church missionary leaders in arousing enthusiasm, and to make every phase of the work clear and interesting, a leaflet directed to leaders has been prepared. It gives some simple instruction and a list of recent experiences not given in the leaflet furnished for general distribution. The latter is entitled, "Every Changed Condition Calls for More 'Signs.'" Then, there is an individual order blank to be used, when orders are taken for the record of the church missionary secretary. This literature will be distributed to the leaders and churches by the conference home missionary department. We bespeak for this material a careful reading in advance, by leaders. Last night one of our linotype operators came to me and asked if we couldn't assign him to some churches to help work up clubs of "Signs" during the campaign. He said he had been setting the type on the leaflet addressed to leaders and was so stirred by the experiences it gives that he wants to get out and help the folks get a vision of what the "Signs" is doing. Well, that was encouraging. We trust that others may feel the same enthusiasm when they go over this material, and that the Lord will use them in leading our people on to higher victories in this wonderful work at this most favorable time.

J. R. Ferren.

YOUR MARCH "LIFE BOAT"

Your March "Life Boat" will bring to you a college student's frank discussion of petting versus love, and the relation of both to God's supreme love; a single incident in the life of a social worker for girls, etched against a dark background of misery, and neglect, and sin, and merging into the brighter colors of a clean and godly life; a modern young man's account of the scar left on his soul by an atheist father, and his powerful presentation of the contrast in life and in death between the atheist and the Christian.

"There is many a young Saul," says Gordon Smith in his stirring appeal, "going blindly down the

Damascus road of today, in need of an Ananias who knows and cares enough to reach out and touch him and give him his spiritual sight." You need the "Life Boat" in your work for these youth of today. Send a dollar to The Life Boat, Hinsdale, Ill., for a year's subscription beginning with the March "Life Boat." Single copies, 15 cents.

MARCH COLOR "SIGNS"

Elder L. H. Christian, of Europe, has furnished for the March color "Signs" a unique and interesting article entitled, "Russia's Temperance Crusade." When Elder Christian visited Russia last September, he found the government engaged in a very comprehensive campaign against liquor, a special feature being the striking posters everywhere displayed, which warned the youth of the evils of intemperance. He brought with him a large number of these posters, and pictures of them will appear in connection with his article.

Other equally interesting and valuable articles come from the pens of Elder F. C. Gilbert, Dr. D. H. Kress, Edwin R. Thiele, Elder A. L. Baker, Elder Gwynne Dalrymple, and Elder C. T. Everson.

Order a liberal supply of this number for your friends and neighbors. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address. Mailed to lists of addresses, five cents each. Send your orders to your Book and Bible House secretary. Remember to ask for the March color "Signs."

"A BOOK A MONTH" (IN 1932)

In a certain home there had been considerable sickness. A brother had visited the family occasionally, carrying cheer and sympathy to them. It was good medicine. The last time he called, the lady of the house said to him, "I believe you people have the truth for these times." She had been reading some of our literature, and although the brother was worn for sleep she begged him to explain some of the prophecy of Daniel to her sick husband, while she sat near and listened.

Today there is a restlessness and anxiety,—indeed, a real heart's desire—on the part of many around us for the truth, for the genuine gospel. We are bidden to watch for such, plan to help them, plan to place in their hands the literature that will lead them to study the Word of God for their souls' sake.

In every neighborhood there are those who are waiting for the light of present truth. We are to make it a part of our business to do more individual work for such

inquirers. The promise contained in the following instruction from the Spirit of prophecy will not fail: "Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus will open the doors of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."

Let us be prepared, dear fellow-workers, with the message-filled literature that God has given us. "A book a month" (small or large), sold to a friend, a neighbor, a merchant, a stranger, might be the very means of starting a chain of influences for greater than men can measure. God uses simple, humble efforts very often to accomplish His mighty purposes. It is for us to cooperate with His ordained agencies. The literature ministry is certainly one of them, and old and young can assist in this wonderful field. There is both profit and pleasure in it. Please write your Book and Bible House secretary for book information.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

Miss Anna Hanson, Iowa colporteur, sends in the following experience which indicates how even bootleggers will purchase our literature.

"I had an experience this week, and thought I would write and tell you. I asked a lady if there were any people living in the next house—a long house with many windows and a chimney on top. She said, 'No, that is a chicken house.' While we were talking I looked outside. She said with a smile, 'You are interested in that house, aren't you?' 'No, I was looking at your beautiful flowers in the garden.' Then she told me that they had a still in that chicken house and lived in the house in front, and that it had been raided a few weeks before; and she said, 'It is no use to go there.' I said, 'I will go anyway.' The lady invited me in, and she was willing to listen to all I had to say to her. I spoke a good deal about temperance in 'Bible Readings,' and how necessary it is to teach the children from their youth, then they will not so easily fall for temptation and become drunkards when they grow up. She said she had no money for 'Bible Readings,' but she took the 'Steps to Christ.' She said she liked to read such literature."

A bootlegger's soul is just as precious in the sight of God as the best law-abiding citizen. Our colporteurs find them, and often they readily purchase our literature. The time is here when we ought to be doing a great work in scattering our truth-filled books. More colporteurs are needed. Is God calling you? Geo. A. Campbell.

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MAPLEWOOD NEWS

A survey of the history of medicine was given by Miss Lina Seppala, school nurse, in a chapel talk, Monday, February 8.

Professor Johnson returned from Omaha Wednesday, February 10, where he had been in attendance at the Union Conference.

A very pleasing voice and piano recital was given in the academy chapel Saturday evening, February 6, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Pettis. The twenty students who took part showed that they are making real progress.

Margaret Hanson won the prize in an advertisement contest which was the main feature of the girls' club program last week. Other numbers were a reading by Lucille Young, a current event by Nina Nelson, and a piano solo by Olive Biggers.

The young women appreciated the talk on Sabbath keeping which Elder Yost presented at their worship hour Sunday evening, February 7. He said that the urge for true Sabbath observance should come from the inside rather than from any rules which are given by others to be observed.

A program given in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was listened to very attentively by the students and teachers at the chapel hour Friday, February 12. In a talk given by Roland Olbrick the reasons why we should honor Lincoln were given. Readings by John Christensen and Olive Biggers and a clarinet solo by Byron Miller accompanied by Dorene Cornwell, were given. Claire Grimstad and Elmer Hagan had charge.

Among the guests at the school last week-end were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Granbois of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Melvin Skadsheim of St. Paul; Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Martinson and Ruth Burgeson of Wazata; Mrs. H. J. Brown, Emily Suserud, Merton Yaeger, and Dr. F. E. Cornwell of Mankato; Michael Johnson of Brainerd; Mr. and Mrs. Shaeffer of Excelsior; Mamie Burghart of Olivia; and Edna Anderson of Dassel.

A CATHOLIC EDITOR'S REPLY

The majority of the inhabitants of a near-by town and vicinity are members of the Catholic church. The town has three Catholic church buildings and two large parochial schools. The members of the public school board and all the public school teachers are Catholic. Every merchant in this town is a Catholic with the exception of one. Even the editor of the newspaper is a Catholic. Perhaps this town could be classified as one of the nearest all Catholic towns in the state of Minnesota.

To the best of my knowledge, the voice of a Seventh-day Adventist preacher has never been heard in this town. However, recently I was impressed to prepare something for the newspaper covering the subject of Capital and Labor in the light of prophecy. Shortly after sending in this rather long article for publication, I was surprised to receive the following encouraging reply from the editor.

"Dear Mr. Zappe:

"I regret that a rush of late advertising makes it impossible for us to get your very fine article on 'Capital and Labor Problems' into type in time for the paper this week.

"However, I will arrange our type setting schedule for the coming week in such a way that it will assure the article getting a prominent place in the issue of January 28. I appreciate such contributions to my columns and want to encourage my readers to favor the paper with more and more of them. There's nothing which can compare with thoughtful discussion of our problems, local, state or national.

"Thanking you for the article, I am

"Yours very truly, ———"

I really believe this is an opportune time to broadcast present truth through the public press.

F. A. Zappe.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, February 20, is for the religious liberty work.

Several have written to the Book and Bible House asking if the Home Missionary Calendars are still available and we take this opportunity to tell you that a supply in any quantity can be secured by addressing the Book and Bible House. The price is 25 cents each, postpaid.

Are you observing the Morning Watch each day or are you among those who have not purchased a calendar this year? The daily inspiration received from the Morning Watch is well worth while and

for the small cost of five cents it is available to you. Order from the Book and Bible House.

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Perhaps more will be written about our tithe and offerings for January next week; but inasmuch as the figures are available now we will just mention them briefly. The tithe showed a decrease of 13.6 per cent as compared with January of last year, while the mission funds showed a decrease of a little more than 14 per cent. The per capita mission offering for our membership during January was only 12 cents each, whereas last year it was a little more than 14 cents per capita. We trust that February will show a good increase over January.

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In a letter from Mrs. William Shasky, superintendent of the Hutchinson Sabbath school last year, she tells as follows of some interesting Investment plans carried on there. "The Junior girls of the Sabbath school were organized into a Junior Sunshine Society. We met once, and sometimes twice, a month and made articles to sell, such as aprons, vanity and buffet sets, pillows of all kinds, holders, towels, and pajamas; and then had a sale in one of the furniture stores shortly before Christmas. We asked the mothers to bring baked foods such as cookies, cakes, biscuits, also candy for the sale, and we received nearly \$15 in that way. While this was our first experience we felt it was worth while, for these girls are not any of them wage earners, and haven't any way to make money. We felt this fostered a missionary spirit and gave them an opportunity to have a part in the Investment Plan. I must tell you about little Colleen Campbell. She was here with her mother the other day, and Billy passed a dish of candy. Colleen took a little piece but instead of eating it gave it to her mother, who explained that they told her if she didn't eat any candy between meals they would give her five cents a week and Mrs. Campbell said she had been getting her five cents every week for quite a while. I thought that was so sweet. This is her Investment Fund."

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The following mission experience shows the influence our mission work is having in the islands of the sea. From Superintendent G. Peacock, of our Solomon Island Mission, comes this good word: "Our work is developing by leaps and bounds here in the Solomon Islands. We have noticed recently how the minds of the native people in heathen parts are seeking for light. Some who, to our minds, were the last people to ask for spiritual help, are calling for a teacher. You

have heard of the native worker Simi, whose wife was murdered some time ago on the island of Malaita. Although his wife was murdered and he himself received severe injuries, his strong desire was to remain and work for the people who had done him this great wrong. He has been the instrument in the hands of the Lord in gaining entrance to places we thought inaccessible. I heard two traders conversing on mission work. One was acquainted with the work that Simi was doing; the other was describing the conditions prevailing among the natives of the district where he was trading. 'They are awful, beyond description,' he said. 'You ought to invite the Seventh-day Adventist's Mission to go there,' said the man who knew of our work. 'They will clean them up, and in a short time they will be a new people.' 'No,' said the other, 'nothing would change those people.' The other became enthusiastic and replied, 'I thought that one time in my district, but now I think differently, for seeing is believing; and I know they have something that works a miracle in the people, and changes them when nothing else will do it.' It was seeing the work wrought by God that brought this testimony from the lips of one who himself was steeped in sin, as he saw the changed lives after the 'message' had gripped the hearts of the natives."

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NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Daniel Harr and Fred Reile of Cleveland were in Jamestown Sunday to attend the meeting in the church that evening.

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Elder Sam Reile, from Canada, spoke in the Jamestown church in the German language on Sunday evening. The attendance was fair in spite of the bad weather.

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Some, perhaps, remember reading "Faith of Our Fathers" in the "Instructor" some time ago. This story can now be got in book form. The price is 25 cents a copy.

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We have just received a stock of the new book, "Wet or Dry," and find it to be excellent. It is one of the twenty-five cent or crisis books. Order one today for that friend of yours who opposes prohibition.

AIM HIGH

Many a life during the old year went down into ruin and destruction because it had no purpose, no aim, no goal, and was headed nowhere. Self-contentment and self-satisfaction had taken possession of the individual.

A person without an aim in life is like a ship on the ocean in a dense fog, sailing around in a circle and getting nowhere—headed for destruction. Before you can make a success in life you must have a vision of life, and by keeping this vision ever before you, your full strength of effort is centered on the one thing. You will not be rocked to every side by the waves and storms of temptation. Surely the secret of Paul's dynamic life of service and suffering—perhaps the most powerful for good of all lives except that of the Master Himself—was that he had heard a voice and had seen a vision, the effect of which never left him, and in comparison with which all things else faded into insignificance. Years later, in speaking in his own defense before King Agrippa, Paul was able to say: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Paul had seen a vision, followed it, and made a success that is without equal.

Success does not come by chance, nor does it fall out of the sky like snow or rain. It is a struggle and a continual battle against the pleasures of sin. Neither does a man become good or successful by a spasmodic conversion. He must begin as soon as he is able to think for himself. Success is acquired step by step during the period of a lifetime.

"Be somebody," were the last words that Abraham Lincoln heard from the lips of his dying mother. Was he or his mother rich? No, they lived in a rude cabin in southern Indiana. Did he become somebody in life? He not only became President of the United States, but one of the most loved men of all times. Abraham Lincoln still lives in the hearts of the people. His name has been put down in history, and men are proud of his noble deeds. Many would like to have the honor that Lincoln has, but how many are willing to endure the hardships he had to endure? Beginning his life in the depths of poverty, and without a mother with whom to consult, what was his secret of success? At midnight, with his light turned dim, kneeling on the floor with an open Bible before him, he asked God to give him the same wisdom and the same understanding that He gave to Solomon of old that he might be able to adjust the affairs of the nation and save it from destruction. His ship was sailing on the sea of work and prayer, which is the only safe route to success.

Aim high this new year. Although we cannot all become presidents of the United States, we all can become "somebody." If you feel that you have not gained, in the old year, the success that you should have, or that you would like to have, begin now with a clearer vision of life with new courage (which is half the battle), and enter upon your work with new vim and vigor. Remember, the safe route to success is work and prayer.

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OAK PARK NEWS NOTES

The dormitory girls recently observed a "No Slang Week." This good beginning is now being carried out by all the students.

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An interesting and instructive chapel period was conducted last week by Miss Cowan. The journalism students represented eight of our best loved Americans. A brief character sketch was given of each.

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Mr. Ford returned Sunday from Omaha where he has represented the academy at the union meeting. Mr. Axelson left the day of Mr. Ford's return to act as alternate delegate till the close of the session.

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Our visitors the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Tennehill with their daughters, Vera and Virginia, of Des Moines, and Miss Edith Frimml of State Center. The academy always welcomes former students, and parents of our school family.

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Miss Hartwell's commercial students gave a very interesting program Saturday night in the chapel. The students were given an insight into the life of an office girl and her employer. A speed test which was a part of the program, gave Dorthy Christenson the first place.

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On the evening of February 3, a group of the academy teachers, with Mrs. C. F. McVagh and Miss Hollnagel, motored over to Ames to attend an illustrated lecture by Jack Miner of Ontario, Canada. Mr. Miner makes a specialty of the study of birds, devoting most of his time, however, to the study of the wild goose. Over 10,000 of these birds spent last summer with him and enjoyed his hospitality.

OBITUARIES

Wiggers.—Mrs. Wilhelmina Wiggers was born in Germany, March 10, 1852; and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Meerdink, of Muscatine, Iowa, Jan. 5, 1932.

About 1871 she was united in marriage to August Loose. To this union six children were born, three of whom survive the mother. About 1885 the family moved to America locating in the vicinity of Muscatine, Iowa. The united home did not continue long, as her husband died in 1886. In 1887 she was married to Henry Wiggers. To this union three children were born, two of whom are still living. Surviving are: Paul Loose, of Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Bertha Stein, Mrs. Emma Meerdink, Mrs. Minnie Kleist, Mrs. Lena Heiland, of Muscatine and vicinity; thirty grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. These do not mourn without hope.

In 1905 our sister accepted present truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Muscatine. She ever remained faithful and longed for the speedy finishing of this last message of mercy. We laid her to rest awaiting the summons of her Redeemer.

A. L. Miller.

Ricks.—Nabby Elizabeth Fuller Ricks was born in Warren County, Ill., March 11, 1841; and died at Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 23, 1932. She resided there and at Quincy, Ill., until after her marriage to James Addison Ricks in 1869. They moved to Harrison County, Iowa, in 1883. Later they lived in Knox County, Nebr., and in Omaha, Nebr., until 1887 when they came to Sioux City, Iowa. Here they made their home until called by death.

Seven children were born to them, five sons and two daughters. Of these only one son survives, also six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

In May, 1921, the old people accepted this message under the labors of Elder W. A. McKibbin, and remained very faithful unto death. Brother Ricks passed away June 21, 1924. Grandma Ricks as she was known to her neighbors and friends possessed a hopeful, cheerful, helpful disposition. She would have been ninety-one years old had she lived until next March. Her hope was bright, and her mind and body were active to the end. Much of her time in recent years was spent in piecing quilts of which she made many of beautiful design and workmanship.

Funeral services were held at the home.

C. F. McVagh

Olson.—Mrs. Annie E. Olson, nee Johnson, was born at Kelley, Iowa, May 15, 1874. She with her family

came to Alexandria, Minn., making this her home till the time of her death, Jan. 14, 1932.

Sept. 14, 1898, she was united in marriage to George J. Olson. To them were born three daughters and three sons; one daughter preceded her in death. Besides these, two grandchildren, four brothers, other relatives, and many friends mourn their loss.

At the age of fourteen years Sister Olson was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of which she was a faithful member the remaining years of her life. In her home she was a true, devoted wife and mother.

The special music rendered by the Maplewood male quartette accompanied by Mrs. Pettis was very appropriate. Elders George Budd, Frank Yost and E. G. Sauer assisted in the rites.

E. G. Sauer.

Hoffman.—John H. Hoffman was born in Ostergotland, Sweden, May 24, 1860; and died in Denver, Colo., Jan. 4, 1932. With the other members of his family he came to America in 1881, and settled at Fort Dodge, Iowa. The following year John, with a brother, moved to Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1885 he accepted Christ and embraced the advent message, being baptized by Elder Rosqvist. He immediately began to sell our literature and hold Bible studies. Two years later he accepted the invitation of the Minnesota Conference to enter the ministry, but soon entered Battle Creek College, where he remained two years, after which he returned and labored among the Swedish people in Minnesota and North Dakota until 1896 when he was called to Iowa. He was ordained in 1891.

In 1898 the General Conference invited Brother and Sister Hoffman to make Finland their field of labor. For six years they pioneered work among the Swedish population of that country, and then spent two years as pioneers in northern Sweden. They returned to America in 1906 and labored in the Wisconsin Conference until 1915, when Minnesota again became their field of labor until 1923, when he was called to the pastorate of the Denver (Colo.) Swedish church. Here he rendered faithful service until the day of his death.

Sabbath, January 2, he fainted in the church, but rallied and took charge of the service, though he was obliged to sit when he gave the Bible study. On his last evening, January 4, he wrote an article for our Swedish paper and a letter to the editor, then retired about 11:30, expiring shortly after.

In 1897 Elder Hoffman was united in marriage with Minnie Fischer, of St. Paul, Minn. She has ever since stood faithfully by his side

and shared all responsibilities. She and their daughter, Mrs. C. L. Burke, of Glendale, Calif., survive him. He also leaves one brother, Gust, and one sister, Mrs. August Anderson. The funeral services were attended by a large gathering of our people. A goodly number of the Colorado Conference workers were in attendance, six serving as pallbearers and the president, J. F. Piper, and G. W. Anglebarger, assisting the writer in the service. We laid our faithful brother to rest in the Crown Hill Cemetery at the close of the Sabbath, January 9.

H. O. Olson.

Eklund.—Frank O. Eklund was born in Sweden, Feb. 16, 1858, and passed to his rest at his home Jan. 19, 1932.

He came to America in 1883, and moved to Minneapolis, where he first made his home for a few months at Dassel, Minn., later moved to Minneapolis, where he lived eleven years and then moved to his farm in Bigstone County.

In 1883 he was married to M. Annagreta Soderlund. To this happy union four children were born. One child died in infancy. A daughter, Mrs. Albert Peterson, preceded her father in death in 1923. Two sons, Willie, who remains at home, and Harry, of Morris, survive their father.

Besides his dear companion and sons, he is survived by two brothers, Albert Eklund of Alberta, Canada, and Herman Eklund of Odessa, Minn.; and one sister Mrs. Mina Peterson of St. Paul.

Brother Eklund was a faithful and esteemed member of the Arctichoke S. D. A. Church. He was baptized by Ed Hanson and united with the church in 1894.

By the help of God he lived as a good neighbor and example for all. He had the respect and good will of all who knew him. His faith in God was unmoved to the last.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Brother Eklund's request. Brother H. O. Olson spoke in Scandinavian. A large number of neighbors and friends were gathered to follow a kind husband, father, friend and neighbor to his last resting place in the cemetery by the church. We placed our brother there in the sure hope and glad anticipation of only a short while to wait. May God comfort those left behind and help each one to make the necessary preparation for the glad reunion. N. R. Nelson.

There are many who seem to imagine that outside observances are sufficient for salvation; but formalism, rigorous attendance of religious exercises will fail to bring the peace of God which passeth understanding. It is Jesus alone who can give us peace.—"Christ Our Righteousness," p. 105.

Peterson—Miss Carrie Peterson was born in Nicollet County, Minn., and died at the Benson Hospital, Dec. 25, 1931. She was at the time of her death about seventy-four years old.

Sister Peterson came from St. Paul, September 12, to stay at the home of Mrs. Anna Nelson who lives three miles east of Benson. She had been confined at the hospital in St. Paul for some time suffering from a broken arm.

About three weeks after she came to St. Paul, while in town one day, she fell as she came out from the post office and broke her hip joint. She was taken to the Benson Hospital and given the best of care. She might have rallied from the effects of the broken joint, but other complications set in and since she had lost much of her strength due to old age, she passed peacefully to rest in the sure hope of a part in the first resurrection.

Sister Peterson had been a faithful member of the Minnesota Conference church since 1921. Previous to this she was a member of the St. Paul Scandinavian church. She was liberal in helping the cause of God and the Lord always blessed her in turn. She often denied herself what she really needed in order to give more to the work of the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her two brothers and two sisters in the northern part of the state.

Funeral services took place at the Gilchrist church and Sister Peterson was laid to rest in the cemetery by the church to await the call of the Life-giver at His coming. Our sister left behind her many close friends many of her kind ministrations. N. R. Nelson.

Johnson.—Emily Adeline Johnson was born near Lennox, S. Dak., March 24, 1885; and died at Allison, Nebr., Jan. 20, 1932. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She is survived by one sister and three brothers.

She was of a studious nature and a great reader. She finished the literary course at Union College in 1908 and was graduated from the Nebraska University in 1922. In the years following her graduation from Union College she taught in church schools in Iowa and California, and in the English Departments in Sheyenne River Academy at Harvey, N. Dak., and in Union College, Lincoln, Nebr. She wrote "From Plow Boy to Prophet" and stories and articles which have appeared in the "Instructor" and "Little Friend."

She was always interested in helping children, the afflicted, and the aged. Wherever she went she gave untiringly of her time, talent, and money in working for these classes. Children in Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer classes

were led in missionary work by her. For a number of years she supported two native girls in mission schools in China, then two in India. If all from foreign fields as well as the home land who have been benefited by her influence, encouragement, and teaching, as well as in material ways could gather, it would make a large company. It could appropriately be said of her, "She went about doing good."

Funeral services were conducted in Alliance by Elder A. E. Johnson before the body was taken from there, and by the writer assisted by M. N. Skadsheim in Hawarden, Iowa, and here she will await the trumpet of the Life-giver. It seems hard to understand why one so well qualified and so helpful on life's journey should be called away, but the God she served knows best, and some day we will understand. J. R. Nelson.

Doss.—Daniel Webster Doss was born in Lee County, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1861; and died in Osceola, Iowa, Jan. 16, 1932. He was married in 1888 to Miss Alice Rhea of Osceola, Iowa. To this union seven children were born.

Besides his children, he leaves to mourn two sisters, Mrs. Libby Mosley and Mrs. Genevieve Adams, who reside in California.

Mr. Doss had lived in this community since childhood and had won the friendship of many by his genial and generous spirit. Although he was not a member of the church, he was sympathetic with its interests. During his last sick-

ness he read the Bible much. He expressed his purpose to yield himself to the Lord to walk in all His commandments.

We believe that when he closed his eyes in death, it was with the assurance that he would come forth in the first resurrection.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by the pastor of the local Christian church. Interment was made in the Maple Hill Cemetery at Osceola, Iowa.

J. H. Rhoads.

There is in genuine faith a buoyancy, a steadfastness of principle, and a fixedness of purpose, that neither time nor toil can weaken. —"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 147.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted.—Man who can milk to work by month on farm. State wages desired. Andrew Haugen, Monticello, Minn.

Wanted.—Place to work by a widow and nine year old boy. Desire \$3 per week. Have house for rent across from Mora High school, Mora, Minn. Write Mrs. Ena Hanson, 3847 Jackson, N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Phone Dinsmore 1291.

For Sale or Rent.—Farm equipment, 5 horses, 4 cows, 15 young cattle, chickens machinery. Only good family with good recommendations need apply, promptly. Can rent land on shares. A. L. Foster, Battle Creek, Iowa.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending January 29, 1932						
Shelton, Glenn	BR	42	1	28.50	34.00	28.50
Kaufman, A. D.	Misc.	92		16.95	16.95	16.95
Kromer, Mrs. A.	Misc.	9		10.25	10.25	2.75
Wileox, Elva	OD	19	1	4.50	7.50	4.50
Hanson, Anna	BR	32		7.70	7.70	15.45
Switzer, Harold	OD	7	1	1.50	4.25	8.25
		199	3	69.40	80.65	66.10

Week Ending February 5, 1932						
Hanson, Anna	BR	31	1	6.25	13.25	3.75
Johnson, A. E.	HW	22	3	1.75	10.75	.25
Kromer, Anna	Misc.	3		9.25	9.25	3.75
Wileox, Elva	OD	34		5.75	5.75	16.25
Kaufman, A. D.	Mag.	43		4.30	4.30	4.30
Kaufman, Mrs. A. D.	Mag.	6		2.05	2.05	2.05
		128	4	29.35	45.35	30.35

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending February 6, 1932						
Biggers, H. G. (2)	Misc.	47	22		32.50	20.75
Evenson, K. (2)	BR	91	16	88.00	200.50	17.25
Hershey, Claude	BP	10	2	.25	8.25	
Rust, Clare G.				98.25	98.25	98.25
		148	40	186.50	334.50	136.25

THE BIBLE YEAR

Much money and time are being spent in these days of keen competition in order to become more efficient and competent in meeting the demands. The musician, the doctor, the lawyer and the teacher all consider it absolutely necessary to spend some time with a specialist in order to excel in "my chosen profession." If there is one line above all others in which the youth of the denomination should be determined to succeed during these years of uncertainty, it is in their chosen profession "To know Christ and to make Him known." This was Paul's purpose in life. "I am determined," said he, "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." To be kept from a discouraged and defeated experience, to be victorious over every besetment and temptation, to excel in the Christian life, is the supreme privilege of all our youth during 1932. To make this experience possible in the lives of our young people the Bible Year plan was launched. The Bible Year—a year with the Bible—and every year with the Bible! is absolutely necessary if the youth would excel in spiritual things.

To properly spend this year with the Bible does not mean to read it through on time, or as quickly as possible. It does not mean to find texts to be quoted for the benefit of the neighbor, nor does it mean to compete with fellow youth. To truly observe the Bible Year means to read it systematically, conscientiously, and prayerfully, for the benefit of one's own heart and life. "The Bible is a medicine chest and personal problem solver." To keep this uppermost in the minds of the youth the following plan would seem helpful:

Encourage the youth to make two lists. One consisting of all the things that affect his life day after day. Those problems which concern his personal life. Is it some habit he has tried in vain to break? Is it a cherished sin of which he longs to be delivered? Are there temptations of doubt and unbelief? Perhaps he carries a feeling of discouragement, or perhaps he is melancholy. It may be that a bitterness has overtaken him and he manifests a thirst for revenge. Has he suffered disappointment and defeat? Has sorrow come to him? Why not write all these personal things down, along with many others which will come to him from time to time? Make a complete inventory of all things that concern his personal needs.

Then make a second list as the Bible is read through,—a list of passages and portions of the Bible that have a direct bearing on the first list. He will presently learn

that the Bible presents a help in every time of need. It meets every problem in the daily life. It makes the principles of the Bible a reality in the life. "The sacred Word, if made the rule of life, will refine, elevate, and sanctify. It is the voice of God to man. Will we heed it?" "Messages to Young People," p. 257.

If we could urge our young people to follow such a plan in observing the Bible Year I am sure that their Christian life would be much richer at the end of the year.

This same plan could be repeated every succeeding year, since new problems arise in the life, which the Bible meets at every occasion.

L. A. Ochs, Associate Secretary,
General M. V. Department.

THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF AN EYE WITNESS

Edwin R. Thiele, editor of the Chinese "Signs of the Times," the paper with the largest circulation of any periodical in the denomination, and who has lived for many years in Shanghai, the present center of hostilities between China and Japan, has prepared an impartial survey of the tense situation between these two great world powers. This important article appears in the March "Watchman" under the title, "Manchuria—the Storm Center of the Orient." This article will attract the interest and attention of all who are interested in the present world situation, and will make a strong appeal for single copy magazine workers.

Shortly before the death of Thomas A. Edison, it became known that he had materially changed his ideas about death and the hereafter. In commenting on this topic, the newspapers were at a loss to understand the cause of Edison's reversal of opinion. In the March "Watchman" Dr. Daniel H. Kress, sheds what is probably the first light on the real reasons Edison had for his changed opinion. In his article, "Thomas Edison on the Immortality of the Soul," Dr. Kress tells of the personal contact he had with Edison that may have had a bearing on Edison's change of view.

In fact, the March "Watchman" is full to the brim with live, vital topics, presenting each in the light of the Scriptures. Many of our sisters, who are anxious to do something to help spread this wonderful message, and scores of our brethren who are now being released from other employment, should take advantage of the vital selling features of this issue of the "Watchman" and join in this important phase of the literature ministry.

Do you need money for missions? For the Sabbath school? To support your church school? Then sell the March "Watchman." In lots of ten or more they cost you ten cents a copy. You sell them for a quarter. There is fifteen cents profit. Order a good supply today from your Book and Bible House, and have a part in this soul-winning work.

L. L. Skinner.

HELP FOR THE CHILDREN

During the next few months the children's lessons in Sabbath school will be on the book of Acts. This means that Paul will be the leading character. Parents and children, too, will find interest and pleasure in reading in connection with these lessons the book, "Out of the Dark." This is a life of Paul written especially for children. It follows the life of this great Bible character from childhood to the end of his long and useful life.

Price, cloth bound \$1.25, post paid. Order of your church missionary secretary or Book and Bible House.



ELDER F. C. GILBERT, who has just returned from an extended tour of Palestine, Syria, and Egypt, will begin in the March color *Signs* a series of twelve or more articles, giving the latest information on archaeological findings in Bible lands. The past six or eight years have recorded startling finds, vindicating in the minutest particulars the Bible story. This series will be an excellent one to send to friends, relatives, and neighbors, and especially to those who are members of other churches. These friends will be sure to read of what the spade is uncovering, and of the reasons for the repainting of so many signs in the British Museum giving information regarding the history of Bible lands, stones, and their inscriptions.

A year's subscription to the *Signs of the Times* to any address in the United States for only \$1.50. Five or more subscriptions a year to separate addresses at \$1.40 each. Order at once from your Book and Bible House so as to get every one of these splendid articles.