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## IMPORTANT CHANGES

The eleventh session of the Northern Union Conference is now in the past, and with it passed the union itself. The recommendations of the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee that the territories comprising the Northern and the Central Union Conferences be merged into one union conference was passed by a unanimous vote of the delegates assembled; and with the vote, the Northern and Central Union Conferences ceased to exist.

The delegates then elected Elder J. L. McElhany, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, as chairman of the meeting; and Brethren I. G. Ortner and R. T. Emery, secretaries who proceeded to organize a new union conference. Standing committees were chosen in harmony with General Conference recommendations. These committees proceeded to act, and they soon brought recommendations to the delegates, the adoption of which put shape to the new union.

It is not my intention to give an official report of the session. This will be done by another, but I thought to note some changes that take place as a result of the merger.

Elder J. F. Piper, president of the Colorado Conference, was elected president of the new union. Elder Piper is quite well known among us. Having served acceptably for many years as local conference president, he is strong in spiritual power and uplift; and we believe no mistake was made in calling him to the leadership at this time.

Brother S. J. Lashier, secretary and treasurer of the North Pacific Union, was elected to serve in like capacity in the new union. He too, is a man of experience, and well qualified for the responsibilities to which he has been called.

Brother A. R. Smouse, who has served the Minnesota Conference for a number of years, was elected auditor, as it was clearly evident

no one person could perform acceptably in the three positions in the enlarged territory of the new union.

It was necessary to find a name for the new-born union. We recognized we were a part of the North American Division; and seeing that the West Canadian Union was north of us and the Southwestern Union south of us, we recognized our combined territory was quite central. And should this name be given to the new union, the legal corporations of the union and the incorporated institutions owned and operated in the former Central Union territory, would remain undisturbed; therefore, it was voted to name the newly formed union "Central."

It was also recognized that one paper would now serve the field, instead of two; therefore, it was decided to name our official union organ "The Central Union Reaper." Hence, all will understand when you receive your union paper under the new name.

Some changes in the personnel will be of interest. Elder Jay J. Nethery, who was serving the Central Union as president, accepted the presidency of the Colorado Conference. Elder H. J. Sheldon, our former Missionary Volunteer secretary, was exchanged to the Lake Union for Elder Gordon Smith of that union, who was elected as our new young people's Missionary Volunteer secretary. Elder Verner Anderson, the home missionary secretary of the Northern Union, was called to the Southern Union; and Elder S. T. Shadel, of the Lake Union, to the Central. Elder C. T. Burroughs accepts transfer to the Lake Union.

Most of the local conference secretaries and treasurers were near the end of their tenure of office; hence some changes were recommended in that field of service, which will be effective as circumstances will permit transfers. Brethren B. C. Marshall, of Nebraska, was recommended to Minneso-

ta; S. E. Ortner to North Dakota; W. I. Montanye to Colorado; W. F. Field to Nebraska; B. L. Schlottbauer to South Dakota; and J. H. Nies to Kansas.

Transfers were also recommended changing H. J. Meyer, president of North Dakota, to work in connection with the German Department; and calling E. H. Oswald of Wisconsin to the presidency of North Dakota. Some other transfers in the pastoral and evangelical field of labor were recommended, and will be reported when the official report is given.

We are hopeful that all these actions and changes will be blessed of the Lord in carrying forward His work in the great Central Union field. If unanimity of action, fellowship of brethren and sisters, are evidence to this end, we have reasons to be hopeful and of good courage. I do not recall a single vote that was not unanimous.

We urge all our people to constancy of faith, renewed consecration of life, and a willingness to sacrifice their all upon the altar of service.

Charles Thompson.

## THE UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

The work of the Northern Union Conference held conjointly with the Central Union at Omaha, Nebraska, was marked as a spiritual feast by those privileged to attend.

As the names of the delegates were called at the first meeting, it was noticeable that so few were absent.

The spacious assembly room of the Rome Hotel was well filled by the workers who were present from the nine conferences and the Wyoming Mission field, representing the two unions. Many of the delegates were housed in the same building, which made it convenient for the numerous committees to get together in the rooms provided by the hotel management, thus enabling them to quickly consummate the



union of the two fields, which was recommended by the Fall Council of the General Conference at Omaha last October.

The uniting of the fields was perfected without a dissenting vote early in the session, and no doubt much credit for the harmony and the good feeling is due both to Elder Thompson and Elder Nethery, the outgoing presidents of the two unions, for their painstaking and careful planning for the meeting.

There was no discordant note sounded in all the conference sessions, but from the first meeting a spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed. The meetings were spiritual, and were marked by union on the part of all.

The action of the Fall Council on the tenure of office, requiring that union officers and departmental secretaries should not continue in the same position and field longer than eight consecutive years, necessarily affected almost all the personnel of the Northern Union, and several in the Central Union.

The purpose of uniting of fields and of relieving men from administrative work is that more might be done in evangelistic lines for the winning of souls. Some of those thus affected have already been called to serve in other fields outside of our unions, and no doubt others will be called, for the entire field is thus concerned.

Provisions are being made to take care of every worker, so that none of those who have served the cause for many years, and whose ability has been proved by continuous years of service will be lost to the work of God.

Reports from the officers and departments of the unions, and the presidents of the local conferences showed progress in practically every field. It was inspiring to hear of the numbers of souls won, and the large sums raised in the different conferences to carry forward the work of the Lord.

The new union will be comprised of the Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Inter-Mountain Conferences, and the Wyoming Mission field, and will be known as the Central Union Conference, the headquarters of which has not yet been determined but the deciding of the location is in the hands of a special committee composed of union and local conference officers.

The Union Conference paper will be known as the "Central Union Reaper," D. D. Rees, editor.

The officers and departmental secretaries are J. F. Piper, president; S. J. Lashier, secretary-treasurer; A. R. Smouse, auditor; C. W.

Marsh, educational; G. H. Smith, Missionary Volunteer; S. T. Shadel, home missionary; and D. E. Collins, field secretary. These have all accepted and have or soon will begin their work in the union.

It is the purpose of the officers and secretaries to visit the conferences of the union, also the institutions within the union at the earliest possible date, that they may acquaint themselves with the field, and so be prepared to serve the fields of the union in the most effectual way.

Elder Thompson's long service as a leader in the cause well qualified him as a chairman for such a meeting as we had in Omaha, and his counsel was much appreciated.

Elder Nethery, too, rendered valuable service. These two brethren stayed by the job until the last, and helped much in steering through the many complications incident to uniting two large fields. Elders W. H. Branson and J. L. McElhany carried largely the burden of the preaching until Elder McElhany was taken with the "flu" which confined him to his bed for the last week. Elder Branson carried on, but he, too, had a slight touch of the "flu" at the last of the meeting, but both the brethren were so much improved that they left on Monday, February 15, for Walla Walla, Washington, where the North Pacific Union Conference will be held February 17-27. Other workers present at the Omaha meeting whose services were appreciated were Elders J. A. Stevens, Lester C. Bond, E. E. Franklin of the General Conference; also Prof. O. H. Olson of the Swedish Department; Elder Wm. Ochs of the German Department; Elder N. R. Nelson of the Danish-Norwegian Department; J. H. Cochran of the Pacific Press, and Herbert Griffith of the International Branch at Brookfield, Illinois.

The music for the conference was led by L. S. Melendy of Minneapolis, with Sister L. S. Melendy at the piano. Their services were much appreciated and contributed much to the success of the meeting.

Our union has now been perfected and all workers have returned to their respective fields with a renewed determination to press the work of leading our churches to greater activity in soul winning than ever before. May God greatly bless His work to prepare His people for the kingdom of heaven.

J. F. Piper.

## A TIMELY NUMBER OF THE "PRESENT TRUTH"

To take advantage of the world-wide interest in the seemingly irresistible, present struggle between

Japan and China, and the unsettled conditions in India, "Present Truth" is issuing a new number on The Eastern Question, giving special emphasis to the present Sino-Japanese war, with its possible prophetic significance. It is dated March 15, but will be ready to mail March 1. It will be No. 6 of the new series.

## A GREAT HONOR

Sometimes General Conference Committee meetings are extremely sober in spirit. One was like that not very long ago. Elder J. L. Shaw, the treasurer, arose, and with a sheaf of typewritten papers with columns of figures, began to show us in very truth that the funds for missions are not sufficient to meet the appropriations voted at the last Autumn Council. The various sources of mission offerings showed a shrinkage in each far beyond expectations. "What shall we do?" was the all-important question.

Reports from mission fields show an activity and interest far beyond the ordinary. That God is pouring out His Spirit in Pentecostal measure upon the heathen can not be doubted. What a fearful time this is to think of retrenchment in these fields! The calls for more workers and more means come thundering in from the darkest places of earth. The wires have been laid for some time to carry this gospel of the kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. And now as God begins to turn on the power, we are faced with the terrible catastrophe of having to disconnect the wires reaching to some of these mission fields. How much is the shortage in mission funds? Something over three hundred thousand!

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Turning to the representatives of the Sabbath School Department, Elder Shaw asked, "Do you suppose that this department with its splendid organization, could ask for an average of five cents a week more from each church member in North America during 1932—and get it?" A little pause—then, with full appreciation of the high honor thus accorded to the Sabbath schools, and believing that God would especially bless in this endeavor, the answer was given, "I believe we can."

That afternoon the S O S call was sent out by airplane to the Sabbath school secretaries. Very definite praying was begun. The motto, "A nickel or more than heretofore," became our watchword.

Within one week responses were received from a large number of conferences, all pledging their best to the accomplishment of this extra task—no—this high privilege of relieving the situation. With the Lord's special help, the Sabbath schools will do it.

But there is another picture at which we must look. Very many of our dear people who have been liberal givers to the cause they love are not now able to give. We know this. Others are struggling desperately to maintain their present standard of giving that the mission offerings may not be less, because of their failure to give. We know this. But we know, too, that there are a very large number who are able to give "a nickel or more" without undue hardship. How many nickels could be saved in a week by a little self-denial on the part of all of us? That is the way to bridge the gap. If every person who is comfortably housed and has enough to eat, will give the extra nickels he possesses each week, we can keep the work going everywhere.

The people of the world are saving, hoarding, lest times get worse and they shall be in want. The Lord takes that excuse from us:

"The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them, or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers would reap their fields. Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and He will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger; for God is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain

manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites. . . .

"I heard some mourn like this: 'The cause was languishing. God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasures in heaven!'" "Early Writings," page 56.

The Lord's people have, or will have, in their possession, sufficient money to finish this work. Now is the time to let go of some of it. With humble hearts, let us ask what He would have us do now, and with great courage and faith make our response. It may seem that there are giants in the way, but dear Sabbath school people, let us take courage, and each one in his own way make up the average of five cents more than heretofore from every church member.

L. Flora Plummer.

### WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

"I am grateful to God for the comparative success He has given me the last week, and I hope it is an indication that my success will increase. The unemployment is acute in Mobridge. Of the two hundred ninety-six men that used to be employed at the roundhouse, only twenty-five are employed now. But the Lord is blessing me with evidences that there are some who are longing for a better life. An ex-bootlegger and his family ordered 'Great Controversy' and a set of 'Bedtime Stories', paying \$1 down. I expect to finish with Mobridge in about three days. There is a feeling of God's approbation in my heart for the work I have done there."

The above experience sent in by Edward Pietz, South Dakota colporteur, expresses the feeling of satisfaction one enjoys who does something in ministering for others. Many are in need of just the ministry our colporteurs are giving. Many of our people might be enjoying this feeling of "God's approbation" as colporteur Pietz expresses it.

Is God calling you?

Geo. A. Campbell.

### A BOOK A MONTH (IN 1932)

Observing Seventh-day Adventists have seen a marked change of late in the attitude of many persons toward our people and our publications. Ears formerly deaf are now keen to every Bible explanation of world conditions. Doors heretofore closed to our workers and our literature are now open. Never have the opportunities nor the facilities for meeting them been larger. Never in all the history of our work has there been a time

when it seemed that God was more definitely touching hearts and making them impressionable than now. It is our day of opportunity, and from our homes and lives the light of truth should be shining out in clear, strong rays. God calls upon us to go forth with His Word and His love in our hearts, the "literature in our hands," to those who are longing and waiting for help.

"The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and byways. You are God's spokesmen. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls."

"Literature in our hands." That is why our leaders are now suggesting that we each endeavor to sell "a book a month." True, we are all busy with our many duties, but could we not with careful planning make the effort to sell at least one book a month (small or large), to a neighbor, or friend, or merchant, or a stranger? Who can tell what may be accomplished in that simple act each month? Will you not think it over prayerfully, and then write your Book and Bible House secretary for information as to suitable books for such work? He will be glad to assist you.

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### OAK PARK NOTES

Walter Dahl spent the week-end at Council Bluffs.

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Leon Morse entertained a group of dormitory students at a party Saturday evening at his home.

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Carnott Brown and Richard Elliott went home to spend the week-end of February 12-15.

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Mr. Ford gave a very inspiring talk at vespers, Friday evening, February 12, on the subject of tithes and offerings.

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On account of bad weather the students of Oak Park Academy spent their recreation period Thursday, February 11, marching in the chapel.

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Sunday night, February 14, the members of the faculty were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs.



Henry Anderson. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and solving puzzles. Ice cream, cake, and cookies were served as refreshments.

### IOWA ITEMS

Elmer Pingeno, of Mason City, is State Sabbath school secretary of the Colorado Conference.

Elder W. H. Clark of the Oklahoma Conference spent Sabbath, February 13, in attendance at the Omaha meetings.

Elder and Mrs. J. C. Christenson of Nevada enjoyed the Omaha Conference together, while Jackie Dean was at Ute at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Metzger, of the Missouri Conference, were at Omaha during the meetings and old Iowa friends were glad to greet them.

Mr. A. E. Axelson of Oak Park Academy and his brother, Lawrence Axelson of Colorado, enjoyed a pleasant reunion while at the Omaha Conference.

Miss Janette McKibben, Walter Howe, Wallace Nethery and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Graham and other of the Iowa friends at Union College, spent a little time in Omaha during the conference there.

### IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

J. C. Smith of Fernald and Mrs. E. B. Anderson of Nevada are recovering very nicely from their major operations.

K. B. Lewis of Nemaha has been at the sanitarium for a couple of weeks being treated for rheumatism.

Van Buren Appelman was operated upon for mastoid trouble and was able to be taken to his home on the fifth day.

While chopping wood Friday evening R. M. Wilkenson of Nevada injured his index finger on the right hand to the extent that amputation was necessary. He was cared for in the sanitarium for a couple of days following the operation.

Miss Helen Brown of Mankato, Minn., Mrs. H. E. Fry of Boone, Mrs. Mabel Brown of Nevada, Audrey Lutz of Zearing, Mrs. H. G. Mason of Humboldt are medical patients at the present time.

N. S. Pardue of the Nevada church slipped on the icy streets about two weeks ago and fractured his hip in the fall. He has been in the sanitarium since that time but will undoubtedly be well enough to

be cared for in his own home soon.

We have with us now a patient who has been working strenuously for sixteen to eighteen hours per day but his body was not able to hold up to his ambition and he must take a rest cure. The night was intended for rest in order that the body might maintain its fit condition.

Carl Olson, brakeman on the Chicago Rock Island freight, was thrown as he was attempting to set the brakes on a car here Wednesday afternoon and fell to the ground. Fortunately, his injuries did not prove to be critical. He has a broken wrist and some bad bruises but is resting comfortably.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE!

Believing that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is soon to appear and that we, as His people, will be held responsible for the work we could have done in our neighborhood, I appeal to every worker and lay member to cooperate with me in giving the message through the printed page. If God is calling you, it is dangerous not to respond. We have a plan worked out whereby all can take part. Write in at once.

Leslie McKinley.

### A SOUL-WINNING PROGRAM FOR 1932

There is only one real satisfactory answer for the present world conditions, and that is God's message for this hour. Every member should strongly proclaim it and every one can through his own efforts and with our good literature. It is the business of the church to warn and save. The present depression is bringing in a far larger number than any previous period. The first three quarters of 1931 are listed as the record-breaking period for souls won in North America since this message began. This is the church's hour of opportunity.

The annual "Signs of the Times" campaign now on challenges earnest attention as will every other soul-winning effort of the church. The "Signs" is one of our best missionary periodicals. We trust that every one will do what is reasonable and possible to secure a goodly amount of this type of literature to use among neighbors and friends. We are anxious to

make this a big soul-winning year in South Dakota. You must help us. Let all do what they can to make the present "Signs" campaign a success.

Gorden Oss.

### PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

Elder C. M. Babcock spoke to us in chapel Tuesday morning, February 16. His talk was very instructive and helpful.

Professor Hartman and Elder Youngberg had charge of the chapel exercises last week. They brought us many interesting reports from the Omaha convention.

The week of February 21-27 has been set aside as a special week in honor of George Washington's birthday. During chapel period some phase of his life will be discussed and at the close of the week a special program will be given.

Misses Dorothy Schmunk and Olive Redman were hostesses at an informal Valentine gathering in the laboratory, Sunday evening February 14. The room was prettily decorated in red and white. Twenty-eight guests were present.

The girls were very much pleased to have Professor Hartman speak to them at their regular meeting of the Karpe Diem Society Wednesday evening, February 17. Professor Hartman brought to them many helpful points.

The juniors and freshmen gave an entertainment for the sophomores and seniors in the dining room Saturday evening, February 13. A program was given the first part of the evening, the main feature of which was an original dialogue "All is well that ends well". The remainder of the evening was spent in contests and marching. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. The sophomores and seniors reported that they were royally entertained.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder Oss received a cablegram from his brother John, who is located in Shanghai. There was only one word in the message—"Safe".

An Adventist mother with two boys is very desirous of getting work in some Seventh-day Adventist home as housekeeper. Correspond with Elder Oss if interested.

Depression, unemployment, war, etc., abounds. Many are inquiring what these things mean. Let the "Signs of the Times" be circulated freely at such a time as this.



A Brother near Depree, South Dakota, is unable to purchase seed grain for his spring sowing. He would like to exchange the services of one of his boys for spring and summer work for the needed seed. Can any one help in this situation?

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When it storms and the roads are blocked so you cannot attend Sabbath school and church, as has been true in several places lately, do you put aside the offering for missions until you can attend? The mission offerings in a church should be none the less because we miss a Sabbath. The missionaries' expenses go on just the same.

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At the Omaha Council an exchange of workers was worked out in harmony with the tenure of office. Bother Nies will go to Kansas and the Kansas treasurer, Brother Schlotthauer, will take up work in South Dakota. The exchange goes into effect in March or April.

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The "Give a nickel more" effort for missions is being embraced throughout the field. What a thought!—A nickel added to our regular Sabbath school offering each Sabbath by all our people, and every missionary will stay at his post. Many are making sure they will not overlook it by paying in the extra amount in one lump sum now.

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### NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Brother Peter Beck and wife were callers at the office on Wednesday.

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Brother Harr of Cleveland was a caller at the office on Tuesday. He came in with Elder and Mrs. Reile.

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Brother Engevik spent a few hours at the office on his way back to Devils Lake after attending the Union Conference at Omaha.

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Elder and Mrs. Leiske stopped at the office on their way back from Omaha where they attended the Union Conference.

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A Nickel More. A nickel more each Sabbath for Sabbath school offering may not be much but if every one remembers to give a nick-

el more than he has been giving then our work will go forward and not backward. Let's remember to give a nickel more each Sabbath to help those who are carrying forward the work in other lands.

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### S. R. A. NEWS ITEMS

Professors Berthelsen and Neuman returned from Omaha Sunday, February 14, having attended the conference there. We are indeed glad that they are back.

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Friday, February 12, Professor Michalenko spoke in chapel for a few minutes on the life of Abraham Lincoln. One great lesson that we can learn from Lincoln is to finish what we begin.

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Three students of Miss Beck's grammar class gave a few suggestions as to why we should study grammar and how to improve it at Shesenne River Academy in chapel Monday.

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In a recent chapel talk Miss Rubendall showed us what an important place habits have in our lives. After a wrong habit is formed, it is more difficult to form a right one, and there is a tendency to return to the old habit.

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Mae Berthelsen left for her home, her mother being in very poor health. Her father came to take her home, and visited the school while snowbound in the recent storm. Ruby Harlow was happy to have her mother and brother visit her a few days.

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In his talk in union worship Brother Brand stressed the thought that it is in youth that we should pay attention to the material of which we build our characters. In eternity we will bear with us the results of our neglect of development of our possibilities.

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The Sabbath school officers for the second semester are: Frances Saunders, superintendent; Elrone Hmelevsky, assistant superintendent; Hazel Berthelsen, secretary; Lily Ilchen, assistant secretary; Solomon Kruger, chorister; Louise Shumaker, pianist; Elvera Petersen, advisor.

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The young people's officers for the second semester are: Edward Timothy, leader; Ruth Poppe, assistant leader; Mildred Adamson, secretary; Emily Brost, assistant secretary; Everett Chappell, chorister; Helen Galbraith, pianist; Myrlo Hilde, Lorine Schimke, and John Meyer, educational secretaries; Katherine E. Beck, Advisor.

February 10 there appeared in the library a "Special Edition" on the newspaper rack. Our curiosity was satisfied in the announcement inside the paper, of the program the boys had planned for Saturday night, February 13. When that night came, we spent a very enjoyable evening in the dining room, listening to dialogues, readings, and music, following which we were served light refreshments. Thus the boys gave their annual reception.

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### CHANGE OF PERSONNEL

During the joint Union Conference session at Omaha, February 3-13, A. R. Smouse was elected auditor of the new Central Union. It will not be necessary for him to leave immediately for his new responsibilities since arrangements have been made for him to stay with us for some weeks. The service he has given the field for years has been efficiently and faithfully rendered. During his connection with the conference, he has always been willing to serve those who have come to him whether it has been in the office or on the camp ground. The Missouri Conference had also extended a call to him but they lost him to greater responsibility. Later in the spring B. C. Marshall, secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska Conference, will take up Brother Smouse's duties in the local field. However, for the present remember that Brother Smouse is still with us and will continue to give the same courteous attention to the needs of our constituency.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

### MINNESOTA ITEMS

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, February 27, will be for the Educational Fund as customary on the fourth Sabbath.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Anderson of Gettysburg, South Dakota, called at the office on Tuesday of last week. Brother Anderson had been at the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis for a few weeks in the hope of receiving help which he needed healthwise.

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We have a request for a copy of the book, "The Master's Greatest



Monosyllables". If you have a copy of this book that you wish to dispose of, please write the Minnesota Book and Bible House and state the price desired.

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Copies of the new "Give a Nickel More" song were sent to Sabbath school superintendents in time for the 20th. We are sure our members will be delighted with this song, the words of which Brother Melendy wrote. All copies should be left in the hands of the secretary so they may be distributed for use from time to time.

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Sabbath, March 5, is the day chosen for the presentation of the spring Investment program, and the material now in the possession of the superintendents will be studied and assigned for preparation on that day. Let every member of the Sabbath school determine to invest in something and make 1932 our banner year in this good work.

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Mrs. E. W. Cates of Swatara, Minnesota is endeavoring to maintain a reading rack, but does not have sufficient papers and tracts to do so. Will those of our readers who have on hand some clean copies of the "Signs" or other good missionary papers please assist Sister Cates by sending her a little roll of what they can spare so that she may be able to keep her reading rack well filled? Thank you.

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Elder Dalrymple of the "Signs" editorial staff spent a few days in Minnesota last week and visited such churches as time would permit, in behalf of the "Signs of the Times." We hope that our people in Minnesota will use a still larger number of this splendid missionary paper in their soul winning efforts this year, remembering the slogan "More Signs, More Souls".

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In a letter recently received from Mrs. B. O. Engen of Wells, she mentioned the unwelcome news of a serious injury sustained by S. H. Kraushaar. It was a broken hip which apparently resulted from a fall and necessitated his being taken to the hospital at Albert Lea. On account of his advanced age recovery will at best be slow. Brother Kraushaar has long been a faithful member of the Wells church and has many friends among our people in Minnesota, whose prayers for his recovery we are sure he will greatly appreciate.

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We wonder if any of our readers happen to have an extra set of the "Testimonies" or part of a set, of which they would be willing to donate to the Missionary Volunteer

circulating library at the conference office from which the books are lent to our young people throughout the state in order that many of them may read these good books, which privilege they would otherwise be denied. Before sending in the books please write to Brother Melendy letting him know whether you have the full set or what volumes, if the set is not complete.

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A letter was recently received at the office from Elder L. H. Olson, formerly of Minnesota but now director of the Salvador Mission in Central America. He told of their protection from harm during the revolution which overthrew the government a short time ago. Some of the machine gun bullets struck the house where they were living but none of the family was injured. He also told of the severe earthquake which occurred the day he wrote his letter, and of the volcanic eruption which filled the air and covered everything with ashes. He stated further that in spite of the unsettled conditions there the work was going forward and he had the privilege of baptizing seventeen between the time last fall when he returned from furlough and the end of the year. He and Sister Olson will greatly appreciate the continued prayers of our people in the home conference for the work in that field.

#### MAPLEWOOD NEWS

A program of marching and games was enjoyed in the dining room Saturday evening, February 13. The game, "Throw the Hat," and the "Weaver's Relay" were especially interesting.

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On Thursday, February 18, at the chapel hour the school family had the privilege of hearing Gwynne Dalrymple, assistant editor of the "Signs of the Times", speak concerning the signs which are being rapidly fulfilled. Elder and Mrs. Dirksen and Miss Deters accompanied him to the school.

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Professor Johnson spoke at the Friday evening service, February 12, on the surety of the message. The response of the student body in the testimonial service showed that our young people desire to help finish the work and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

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"Culture Week" was introduced in West Hall Sunday evening, February 14, at the worship hour when the senior girls presented a program illustrating proper introductions and etiquette in public eating places. At the chapel hour

Monday correct conduct in the dining room was demonstrated by Myrtle Sather, Claire Grimstad, Sigfrid Gryto, Gertrude Jepson, Madge Brown, Arthur Stewart, Lawrence Green and Russell Nelson. Margaret Hanson explained the scenes, calling attention to proper conduct, clothing and conversation. The boys' club was invited to attend the girls' club Wednesday evening when assembly conduct, manners in the corridors, regard for private property and treatment of guests and old people were considered. Further demonstrations and lectures along cultural lines were given throughout the week. Numerous posters and mottoes added interest.

#### OBITUARIES

Homeier.—Christof Homeier was born in Sacksen, Germany, Feb. 2, 1844, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Schauland, in Muscatine, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1932. His death was very sudden, due to a heart attack.

Brother Homeier came to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1884, and had made his home with his daughter for the past three years. He is survived by his daughter, Sister Schauland, two sons, Joseph and William, of Muscatine, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Brother Homeier became a Seventh-day Adventist about thirty-five years ago, and remained faithful until the last. For some time past he had not been able to attend church but he still loved the truth, and we trust that he sleeps in the blessed hope of the resurrection at the coming of Jesus.

The funeral service was held at the home of his daughter where he had lived. The discourse was based upon the words of Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

E. L. Sheldon.

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Vanhyning.—Mrs. Leona Vanhyning was born in Memphis, Mo., Jan. 29, 1875; and died in Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 2, 1932. Those left to mourn the loss are three daughters, two sisters and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted in the Cunningham Funeral Home at Keokuk, Iowa.

M. G. Bish.

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Asp.—Hannah E. Asp, nee Carry, was born in Louisa County, Iowa, Sept. 18, 1861; and died at her home in Muscatine, Iowa, Feb. 4, 1932.

Her early life was spent in the vicinity of her birthplace. She was married to Mr. Asp Sept. 24, 1879. For the past forty-five years the family home had been at Musca-



time where the children grew up, and where Mr. Asp died about ten years ago. She is survived by three children, Henry of Moline, Ill., Howard and Cathleen at home, also a grandson, four sisters and two brothers.

Sister Asp accepted the truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church under the labors of Elder Geave in 1896, and remained an earnest believer and a faithful worker until the last. It was her pleasure to do all within her power to make known to others the truth that had become so precious to her.

She was especially interested in children, and that she had won their love was evident in the fact that more than one hundred of them came to the home to view her body. It was her request that special attention be given the children at her funeral, and accordingly a special place was reserved for them, and a portion of the funeral sermon was addressed to them.

The funeral was held in the Musserville Methodist Church in Muscatine, and the pastor, Rev. W. A. Slack assisted. The church was filled to its capacity. Inasmuch as Sister Asp's former home had been at Grand View, a second service was held at that place in the community church, the Rev. Richards assisting. She was laid to rest in the cemetery near Grand View. We believe that she sleeps in Jesus and that she is numbered among those of whom it may be said, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

E. L. Sheldon.

McCready.—William J. McCready was born in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada, March 8, 1852, and died Jan. 18, 1932. He had lived in Fridley, Minnesota, since 1886 and was a member of the Minneapolis church. Forty years ago he became a Seventh-day Adventist. He is survived by his wife, three sons and five daughters.

Services were held in the Episcopal church, the pastor of the church assisting. V. J. Johns.

#### SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE A CAPPELLA CHOIR TO BROADCAST

The A Cappella Choir of Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas, under the direction of C. W. Dortch will go on the air Tuesday night, March 1, from 9:30 to 10:00 Central Standard Time, 8:30 to 9:00 Mountain Time, 7:30 to 8:00 Pacific Time, and 10:30 to 11:00 Eastern Time.

The program will be broadcast

from W F A A Dallas, Texas, the 50,000 watt super-power station of the Southwest, 800 kilocycles. Both the radio station and the choir will appreciate a card or letter giving your comment and criticism of the program.

C. E. Kellogg.

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

Join the rapidly growing, satisfied family of "Life Boat" readers with the splendid March number. The increasing demand for this magazine convinces us that it can fill a real need in your program. A full-sized edition was printed in December and January, and in both cases it was exhausted before the end of the month. Twice as many single subscriptions were received in January of this year as in the same month of 1931.

You want the "Life Boat", and we want your subscription, so let's get together! One dollar sent to the Life Boat, Hinsdale, Illinois, will place your name on our mailing list for a year. Single copies 15 cents.

#### THE HOME MISSIONARY CALENDAR AT WORK

A voice from the field gives positive indication of the good work which the Home Missionary Calendar is doing in strange homes where it has been placed as a gift from friends. Bearing date of February 5 a communication reached the office of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, which reads as follows:

"To the Author or Publisher of the Home Missionary Calendar for 1932:

"My dear Sir:—I received one of these calendars as a gift. I then looked up suitable texts to fit each picture, and printed them under the pictures, thus making quite a little Bible study. I worked out eleven of the pictures nicely, but the picture for December, representing Paul refusing crown and throne,—a beautiful picture, full of fine detail work—I cannot find references to. My time is crowded with nursing and care of my invalid mother, so cannot spend so much time in study as I want to. I wrote the Seventh-day Adventist giver of the calendar for the texts, but she did not reply. Then I wrote to my one-time Bible teacher, and she has not answered. I asked a Methodist minister, but he could not tell me. So now I write to Takoma Park, hoping I may learn where to locate the Scripture that applies to the December picture. I shall be very pleased to hear from you, and enclose stamp."

We have every confidence that

our beautiful Home Missionary Calendar will do its duty well wherever it is placed. But the placing of it in the homes of people can be done only through the personal interest and help of our friends. While the 1932 Calendar has a good circulation, there still remain at this time 6,000 copies waiting to be called out to serve at important posts of duty. Each day these calendars are growing older, and, as with other things in life, its youthful days are the most promising. February, and even March, is none too late to make a present of the Home Missionary Calendar. The 6,000 copies on our shelves are waiting your call to duty. General Conference Home Missionary Department.

Wanted.—Position by widow and son on farm among Seventh-day Adventists, where both can work. Capable and experienced. Place near one of our Academies. Write Elder William T. Hibben, 64 N. Park Road, La Grange, Ill. Phone 1640. References furnished.



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.



## HANDS AROUND THE WORLD Will You Help Answer These Macedonian Calls?

A group of missionaries in Shanghai, China, has been using a club of "Watchman" each month, distributing them among the American soldiers and sailors stationed there. Young men have accepted Christ and are now engaged in Christian work as a result of this literature distribution. However this club has now expired, and the work is at a standstill until further funds are provided.

### INDIA

A Christian doctor, located at Simla, the summer capital of India, is in close contact with the Viceroy and his staff. He has been using a club of "Watchman" which he has placed in the hands of English government officials and high caste Indians. When his club expired recently, he wrote: "Our work in Simla this season has certainly been the most interesting during all the time of our operations in India. We are doing our best to meet the situation and we need all possible help. The continued club of "Watchman" would give us such aid. Can you secure its continuation?"

### THE PHILIPPINES

From the Philippine Islands, a missionary writes: "I have scattered the magazines you have sent far and wide, and they have helped me to make contacts which I hope will result in some soul saved in the kingdom. I am sorry that this club is expiring now. If at all possible for you to do so, I will be very happy if you can send this club another year."

What shall our answer to these self-sacrificing workers for Christ be? The only means we have of providing clubs of magazines to these missionaries is through the kindness of those who read this advertisement. Will you not help us answer these Macedonian calls for this soul-winning journal?

## "I WISH I HAD TAKEN YOUR ADVICE"

As we were riding on the street car recently, a young man stepped forward, and after a cordial greeting, said: "I wish I had taken your advice three years ago; then I could have been completing my first year of college work now, instead of finishing off several academic studies. I never expected to get back to school, but the way opened and now I am spending a year in the academy which I could have saved for college." He had been urged to complete some academic work through the Home

Study Institute, in the hope that the way would surely open for him to attend college later. He was discouraged and felt it would be useless.

We often hear of similar experiences. Many are now making this same mistake. Why stop studying because you cannot get back to school for a little while? Better forge ahead, even if you can only complete one subject a year. It will keep your mind active, and you will be working toward the goal. Perseverance brings success. What subjects are you interested in? Write and tell us of your plans and ambitions. We may have some suggestion for you.

Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## "I HAVE ESTABLISHED A NEW SABBATH SCHOOL"

We greatly rejoice to receive the good news that the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the first quarter of 1932 has been voted to China. The Sabbath schools throughout the world are truly doing a marvelous work with their liberal contributions for advancing God's cause in the earth. It is significant, too, to note that whenever work is started in any new place in the mission fields, the Sabbath school becomes the first organization to be established.

This thought was especially impressed upon my mind a short time ago, when one of our evangelists entered my office saying, "I have established a new Sabbath school." He then went on to relate a very interesting story about how God had gone before us to lead some precious souls to inquire into this message. One day a man came into the city, and as he was passing our chapel, he stepped inside. The evangelist sat down with him and told him the gospel story, and urged him to accept Jesus.

The man was much impressed, and stated that he had heard the gospel before, but had never heard it related in this way, and he felt that we had something that was new to him and something that he needed. He wanted to know the truth as it is given in the Bible. The next time he came he brought with him one of his friends, who was just as eager as he to learn. They attended our meetings several times on Sabbaths, and were very anxious that we should start work among them, as others, too, were interested.

When the evangelist visited the place, he found a great interest. Meetings were started. When the first meeting was over and the benediction pronounced, the people

made no preparation to leave. They wanted to hear more. The evangelist then started another meeting, and went on preaching for another hour. Again he closed the meeting, but the people were not yet satisfied; still they wanted to hear more. So he started with the third meeting, and went on until midnight. These long meetings continued for several days. There was a real hungering after hearing the Word of God, and the evangelist said that he had never heard anything like it before. When it finally became necessary for him to leave the place, the people were organized into a Sabbath school. Lesson Quarterlies were provided, and now they are meeting to study the regular lessons every Sabbath,—a part of the world sisterhood of Sabbath schools.

These people are very happy in the message. They have obtained a large supply of literature which they are distributing to others in the village, as they are anxious that they, too, shall know the truth and share with them the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour. We hope in the near future to see a large company in this place preparing to go forward and follow the Lord in baptism.

Just now it seems that God is going before us everywhere opening doors, and asking us to step in. We praise Him for this, and we look confidently to our dear people in the homelands to help make possible the answering of these calls.

Bernhard Peterson,

Superintendent Manchurian Union Mission.

## CHARACTER OF YOUTH

In a recent address, Professor Milo H. Stuart, superintendent of Indianapolis schools, made the following statement according to the daily press:

"Outside of school tremendous forces are at work to destroy the character of youth. Card games are played to excess and for money, and dances held at hours which used to be relegated to sleep for all honest people, suggestive motion picture shows and vile theaters, news papers which feature details of scandal and crime and books dress up old sexual sins in new clothing.

If we were hunting an alibi it would be easy to show it is entirely impossible for the public schools to build character as fast as these forces can tear it down."

It narrows and poisons his existence and transforms him into a slave of himself. Love is the free, vast horizon where the soul can spread its wings.—Charles Wagner.