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## 'Twill Not Be Long

'Twill not be long; ye that have weary grown,  
Faint ye not now, nor yet discouraged be;  
Toil on, and gather in the precious grain,  
For soon thine eager eyes the King shall see.

Long was thy day, aye, long the waiting years,  
And sorrow's tears were mingled with thy song;  
While ever louder grew the anguished cries  
Of millions grappling in the throes of wrong.

But now the weary day is almost done;  
The sun's last rays fade in the western sky;  
The twilight deepens into starless night,  
And then the rapture of the midnight cry!

'Twill not be long, lift up your voice and sing,  
Till hearts re-echo it from shore to shore;  
Behold, He comes with clouds, our gracious King,  
And sorrow, pain, and death shall be no more!

—Bertha D. Martin



## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS AND BE THANKFUL

All of us have our gray days dark, gloomy, upside-down days, when our whole outlook on life becomes more or less forlorn and the world and everything in it are all wrong. The silver lining of the clouds is so diffused as to be indiscernible and the golden rays of the sun fail to glorify an already beautiful universe.

To some of us, these dark hours come far more often than they should. Under pressure of deep grief they are excusable but for the most part they are acquired through carelessness and a habit formed of creating gloom and pessimism and discontent within our hearts on the least pretense with a resulting very contagious case of depression.

Have you ever stopped to consider, "Who is really the happiest person you have ever known?" You will find it difficult to decide; you will find it difficult to even find anyone who even seems decidedly happy. Take a mental inventory of the members of your family, your friends, your social and business acquaintances and catalog them into four separate groups: (a) the very unhappy, (b) the unhappy, (c) the happy and (d) the very happy, and then erect a special little shrine for the happiest one of all. And when you have done this, ninety-nine times out of a hundred the one to occupy the coveted throne will not be the one upon whom fate has showered wealth and social recognition, fame and prosperity, but one to whom life has only given the opportunity to serve his fellowmen and in that service vibrate an unselfish kindness, to mankind which reflects in his own countenance the very light of heaven.

In an out-of-the-way lonely little shack far off the beaten highway and accessible only by climbing a small hill, lived the most "thankful" person I have ever known. I could not begin to describe the horrible dilapidated old place that she called home—a barren room in a house long ago deserted to the elements, without plaster, and with only paper to take the place of glass in the windows, with a door that would not stay closed, a one-burner oil stove with less than a cup of oil, a bed without sheets and pillow cases and only a partial mattress and blanket, an old rocking chair and table, an oil lamp with a broken chimney and a shelf that contained their only food supply—a small sack of dry beans, a package of baby food and some hard bread.

In this home lived a young mother of twenty, a dying infant a few months old, swathed in a piece

of cotton, and another child of three years who cried continuously—a feeble little hunger sob such as probably echoed through Belgium a few years ago as refugees fell exhausted by the wayside. Her husband had left town to look for employment several days before. The mother was a helpless invalid, suffering intensely from an acute disease. She had gradually lost the use of her legs and was barely able to get around the room on crutches. In going to the pump outdoors she had fallen, and was lying helpless on the ground when a passing teamster happened to see her and rushed to her aid. It was he who excitedly reported the case and which occasioned our visit. And so we found her, helpless and alone with her two suffering babies. A summer thunderstorm shook the little shack, lightning flashed and rain fell through the breaks in the roof, and yet in all this dreadful desolation the little woman complained not at all but after a few moments' conversation said, "I know I am pretty bad off, but I have lots for which to be thankful. A few weeks ago I read in the paper of a woman just my age who had both legs cut off." And so, in the face of desertion, starvation and intense suffering, this little mother had found something to be thankful for, even though it were only a pair of legs that were practically useless. She had faith and hope and love and optimism. She looked forward—waiting for the sunshine, and forgot the storm that was raging around her. And by a queer coincidence I know that on that same evening in a luxurious nursery only a few miles away, another young mother with health and wealth and every obtainable comfort, complained woefully because her baby's hair was not naturally curly.

Thankfulness in a sincere form, is very commonplace among people in whom you least expect to find it. The other day the writer met a little fifteen-year-old girl who was experiencing the greatest joy of her life because her father had bought her a new cook stove, a regular waiting for the sunshine and forgot the heat on sweltering summer days as she prepared the meals for a motherless little family of which she was the oldest child. To her had fallen the responsibility of raising two children, looking after an invalid relative, keeping house for the family of five, churning butter twice a week, helping with the garden besides going regularly to the district school where she is a diligent student. She told me that no one knew how thankful she was that her daddy had kept them all together after her mother's death instead of placing them in

an orphanage. Surely this is a thankfulness almost divine. And not far away another girl of sixteen had just made a scene in the family living room because it was necessary for her to use the family car instead of having a new coupe all her own.

Invalids, and especially elderly men and women who are ill, are very often happy and contented, joyful and optimistic beyond understanding. I shall always remember one very lonely invalid woman whose home was near a public school and the little children so loved to wave and return her smile as they passed by, that her room became a veritable garden in the spring and a bit of woodland in the fall. In sweet sympathy they brought the choicest bits of nature they could find. Wounded birds, and butterflies, mysterious cocoons, pet kittens, puppies and goldfish, pussy willows and lovely wildwood flowers and many childish treasures were brought to this sick room shrine, that joy and happiness might be exchanged for joy and happiness, and the days filled with jewel moments—the jewel moments that are but sparkling, glittering moments of loveliness that penetrate the drab routine of a shut-in's day, to soothe the spirit and inspire the soul. Laughing children turned the small dark room into the big outdoors and as the little woman often expressed it, "gave her a thousand things for which to be thankful."

Not so very long ago a prominent business man in our town told one of his associates who complained frequently of hard luck, to go and take a walk of a mile, and every time he met someone who was apparently worse off than he was, to pause an instant and thank God for his blessings. When he returned

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he felt more charitable toward the world outside and less sympathetic toward himself. During the walk of a city mile he found reasons for thanking his God exactly twenty-five times.

We all have much to be thankful for.

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### INVESTMENT FUND

When we think of the crop failure all through South Dakota last year, and know that most of the Investment pledges were on crops, we feel that our people have done wonderfully well in the amount given to this fund. The following list gives the amount given by the different schools.

Church	Amount
Aberdeen - - - - -	\$ 82.18
Bison - - - - -	32.48
Bowdle - - - - -	151.80
Britton - - - - -	10.00
Brookfield - - - - -	5.50
Burke - - - - -	45.51
Camp Crook - - - - -	13.21
Canistota - - - - -	3.60
Chamberlain - - - - -	34.71
Clear Lake - - - - -	9.10
Clark - - - - -	18.97
Colman - - - - -	36.71
Deadwood - - - - -	.50
Elk Point - - - - -	34.72
Florence - - - - -	16.73
Garretson - - - - -	5.50
Green Grass - - - - -	48.10
Hecla - - - - -	18.15
Hot Springs - - - - -	25.15
Hudson - - - - -	6.65
Huron - - - - -	15.18
Java - - - - -	10.43
Leola - - - - -	108.50
Madison - - - - -	45.14
Mitchell - - - - -	13.16
Mobridge - - - - -	14.53
Orton - - - - -	12.20
Penville - - - - -	22.68
Prospect Valley - - - - -	5.85
Sioux Falls - - - - -	93.07
Spearsfish - - - - -	7.70
Swan Lake - - - - -	193.71
Thunder Hawk - - - - -	1.00
Tolstov - - - - -	286.97
Tuthill - - - - -	30.14
Watertown - - - - -	47.75
Yankton - - - - -	27.63
Hetland - - - - -	17.47
Glad Valley - - - - -	16.10
Conference - - - - -	184.38

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The spring Investment program will be held about the middle of

April this year. It is well to begin planning for it now, and be ready when the pledge cards are handed to you. This is a wonder way of bringing in mission funds, and at this time when the need is so great every school, and every member in every school, should have a part in this great plan. Let's make South Dakota one hundred per cent this year.

Claire Winingar.

### A NEW SABBATH SCHOOL

A new Sabbath school has recently been organized at Buffalo, S. Dak., where Brother Estey has been working. Sister Claridge writes the following good report of this school:

"Our attendance is from twenty to twenty-seven each week and more than half that number are from the home of unbelievers—at least they were unbelievers, but I don't think they are now. The way the Lord is working with them through Sabbath school and the Bible studies that Brother and Sister Estey hold in their homes is wonderful to behold and I am quite hopeful that most of them will keep God's Sabbath.

"Our records for daily lesson study are fine. In my class—those from twelve years down—we would always have a perfect record if it were not for three little tots that cannot always be there. The little ones always have their memory verses learned and one little lad is such a baby yet that he can't talk plain.

"The young people and older ones take part so willingly and the way they give a review or mission reading would do credit to any one of more experience in such matters. The Holy Spirit is guiding them.

"We have had extremely cold weather ever since we started the Sabbath school, and most of these dear folks have had to endure actual discomfort to come. One sister walks with her feet wrapped up in pieces of old blankets because she has no overshoes. Indeed all are very poor in this world's goods and though we all help each other this has been a hard winter for all. No one complains and we hear only expressions of thankfulness for our heavenly Father's care and love."

This is a fine report from a school where half the members are not church members. It shows the work that can be done in every school by inviting in the friends and neighbors. Every school can be a greater soul-saving agency in this way.

Claire Winingar.

### "SIGNS" COOPERATION

In these times when money is a little scarce, it is very heartening to know how our people are devising ways and means to cooperate in the present "Signs" campaign. They realize its evangelistic value and so are doing their utmost to continue its circulation in our conference.

In a letter just received this morning from Sister Edwards of Spearfish, she states she is selling home-made candy in order to secure money for a club of "Signs." She expects to make enough to get at least twelve copies by the close of this week, she stated.

Another fine way to continue the "Signs" ministry is that used by Sister Lenore Nesmith of Florence. She is going to those to whom she gave the "Signs" this last year, and securing their individual subscriptions for it this year, stating that if they will subscribe for it this year, they can get it for less than half price since the conference pays one-half on all single subscriptions when five or more are turned in at one time, thus the cost to the individual is only 70 cents. I would suggest that wherever "Signs" clubs have been circulated during the past year, our people use this method in endeavoring to secure the subscription of the one to whom they have been giving it during the year, and then, of course, plan in some way to raise another club for this year using new territory if possible.

Orders are coming in from various individuals throughout the state and we know this is a good omen of the way our people will use the "Signs" this year.

L. E. Niermeyer.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

We have two slightly damaged "Best Stories" that we are offering at 50 cents per copy.

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Miss Claire Winingar, our Sabbath school secretary, met with the Colman church Sabbath, February 27.

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Elder L. E. Niermeyer spent Sabbath, February 27, with the Aberdeen church in the interest of his department.

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Elder Charles Thompson of Minneapolis met with the Watertown church last Sabbath. His visit was greatly appreciated.

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The many "Signs" orders are appreciated. If you have not yet renewed your club, do so before the special rates expire.



Brother Ed Nesmith and his daughter Lenore of Florence called at the office one day last week while in the city on business.

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Since the Omaha meeting Elder Oss has been kept at home on account of sickness in the family. Sister Oss is greatly improved and no doubt by the time this item is read, Elder Oss will be back in the field.



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Elder C. M. Babcock started a series of meetings in the little town of Hecla. He writes that on account of sickness and bad roads the attendance has been small, but those who come seem to be very much interested.

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Brother Leslie McKinley is back at LaPlant. He writes that he is holding two meetings a week and the rest of the time he spends giving Bible studies to those who are interested. He has good attendance at his Sabbath services.

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Tuesday morning, February 23, we received the sad news of the death of Miss Mary Strudle of Leola. It was arranged for Elder Babcock to have charge of the funeral Thursday. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Brother and Sister Strudle and their family at this time.

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#### PLAINVIEW ITEMS

The Seniors had charge of Sabbath school, Sabbath, February 27. The mission experience which they gave in dialogue form was the outstanding feature which they presented.

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Misses Annie and Clementine Strudle were called home Tuesday, February 23, on account of the sudden death of their sister, Mary. The school extends their heart felt sympathies in this time of bereavement.

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Elder M. L. Andreasen, president of Union College, spent the weekend, February 26-27, at our school. He had charge of our regular Friday night meeting and Sabbath services. His visit was very much appreciated.

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A Washington program was given in the dining room Saturday evening, February 27. Four outstanding scenes from his life were presented in dialogue form. The closing number was a solo by Dorothy Schmunk, "How Betsy Made the Flag."

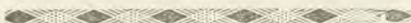
The boys and girls had a combined worship hour Wednesday evening, February 24, during the regular meeting of the Carpe Diem Society. Talks were given on some phase of Washington's life by Ruby Shaffer, Herbert Webber, Donald Magnesen and John Scriven. In closing Floyd Dufloth sang "Trees."



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### OUR NEW PRESIDENT

By the time this issue of the Reaper reaches our people the new president of the North Dakota Conference, Elder E. H. Oswald, will be ready to enter upon his duties. I think that many of our people are acquainted with Elder Oswald, as he has visited the North Dakota camp meetings upon two or three occasions and has preached to large audiences. Elder Oswald was president of the South Dakota Conference for a number of years, during which time he served the field in a strong and efficient manner. He comes to us from the Wisconsin Conference, where he has been president for several years, during which time the work in that field prospered greatly, under the blessing of the Lord.

In looking about for a man to fill the position held so long and so efficiently by Elder Meyer, and made vacant by his resignation, the conference committee, in counsel with the Union and General Conference brethren felt that they could not get a better man than Elder Oswald, and since he has accepted our invitation we all are very happy to welcome him to the field.

As soon as Elder Oswald arrives and gets settled he will undoubtedly visit the churches as quickly as work will permit. I am sure that our brethren and sisters in the various churches will gladly rally around our new leader and press forward to gain new victories for the Lord. In these trying times as never before we should work together as one man in perfect harmony, going forth with willing hearts to win souls for the kingdom of God.

W. I. Montanye.

### AN APPRECIATION FROM THE MISSION FIELDS

The following letter has just been received from Sister Gertrude Roland of British North Borneo.

"We want you to know that we are so pleased to receive the Picture Rolls from your Sabbath schools. Especially do we appreciate those that arrive on time to be used in connection with our Sabbath school lesson. The lessons impressed by the pictures are lasting and can be used by our Chinese, Dusun and Murut people alike.

"After using the rolls in the Sabbath school our evangelists use them as they go into the homes to visit the people. We are always glad to receive the "Sabbath School Worker" and "Our Little Friend" as well as the picture Roll. We have nothing like them for the Malay, Murut or Dusun workers.

"Thanking you for what you have sent us and hoping for more favors in the future, faithfully yours."

I thought I would just publish this part of the letter so that all our people in North Dakota could read it. You can do your own Sabbath school much good by having it use the Picture Roll for your children and you can have it do work twice by sending it in to the office where we send it on to the mission field or ask for a name of a missionary and send it direct. Don't forget the plea for used "Sabbath School Workers" and "Little Friends." If you have any of these in your home send them direct to me here at the office. We will see that they are taken care of.

H. Wentland.

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### NORTH DAKOTA NEWS ITEMS

Brother John Aipperspach of Kensal was in Jamestown Thursday to take Sister Aipperspach home from the hospital.

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Mrs. Meyer is leaving Jamestown for New York City where she will visit her daughter, Lillian, who is studying voice during the winter season.

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Elder Meyer has been conducting a series of meetings in the Jamestown church on the subject of the sanctuary. A good interest has been manifested.

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Elder Leiske has been conducting a short evangelistic effort in the Fargo church, and will return to Jamestown to continue the meetings begun by Elder Meyer.

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All the conference workers have



returned to their respective fields after the Union Conference session recently held in Omaha. This was a blessed meeting, and all feel they have gained renewed energy from having attended.

### NOTICE TO MISSIONARY SECRETARIES

The second payment on the "Review and Herald" special offer, which gives our people easy payments on their renewal subscriptions to the "Review" and Big Four were due February 29.

Quite a number have already sent in the coupon with the second payments. We would like to have each of our missionary secretaries call the matter to the attention of those who subscribed on the partial payment plan and remind the subscriber that the second payment is now due and the money should be turned in at once so that the subscription may continue. Please do not overlook this or the papers will stop coming if the coupons with the payments are not sent in on time. Book and Bible House.

### S. R. A. NEWS ITEMS

A number of students and teachers, some of whom sang at the occasion, attended the funeral of Brother Wagner of Manfred, Sunday.

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Wednesday night Professor Michalenko reminded us again very forcibly of the need of prayer in our experience. Too often we are like the man who neglected prayer after his wife died. His little girl asked him if God had died too. Is God dead to us? Let us pray.

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Saturday night the members of North and South Halls enjoyed an hour in the parlors of their respective homes, taking gymnastics to the orders of Miss Rubendall's phonograph records; also playing games. A variety of home-made candy was served as refreshments.

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Sunday, as is a frequent happening here, we were again served large helpings of home-made ice cream. Oh, it was good! And the rest of our menu must be good, too, judging by the way we eat at meals. Another evidence is the fact that practically every student has gained avoirdupois since the opening of school last fall. Healthy and happy and contented are we.

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Elder Meyer spoke to the school family in the chapel at 6:45 Sunday evening. He admonished us to

work on and prepare for the Lord's work. Time is short, and we may not have much of it in which to work, but we should use it rightly. He also brought out the fact that our schools and their products in dependable young people are appreciated by the world. One thing which is of paramount importance is honesty.

### TO SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS

What kind of member are you to your class?

Do you know if your standing is good?

Do you ever take stock of yourself and check up

Your account with your class as you should?

Please stop and reflect on your dealings with it;

Your time and your thoughts are it due.

How would you answer your God should He ask:

What kind of a member are you?

Are you there every Sabbath when singing begins?

Do you study your lesson each day?

Do you teach others its wonderful truths,

Tell them of Jesus, the Way?

Do you render in all things your loyal support?

Do you bring in your pennies and dimes?

Do you give "that nickel more" in Sabbath school class,

Or do you forget it sometimes?

If you haven't been the member you should

Come, now is the time to begin.

It is very important that you should help;

You must try other members to win.

Marie O. Sandvik.

Let us keep fresh in our memory all the tender mercies that God has shown us,—the tears He has wiped away, the pains He has soothed, the anxieties removed, the fear dispelled, the wants supplied, the blessing bestowed,—thus strengthening ourselves for all that is before us through the remainder of our pilgrimage.—"Steps to Christ," p. 131.

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### IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Little Audrey Lutz was with us a few days having her ear lanced but she made a good recovery and was much relieved.

Morton Davis, student of Oak Park, submitted to an operation on Tuesday. Morton made a very good patient under local anaesthesia and is doing well.

John W. Anderson of Nevada is making very marked improvement from an attack of pneumonia. He has been at the sanitarium for a week.

L. C. Goodman of Des Moines came up for a thorough examination and laboratory work in regard to stomach trouble. He took some treatments and went home to carry on the progress commenced here.

Mabel Stoner of Ames spent a few days with us receiving treatment for the flu. Mrs. R. L. Kurtz of Grundy Center returned for a few days care. She said she felt too good when she went home so that she did too much.

H. G. Biggers drove down from Battle Lake, Minn., on Tuesday and Mrs. Biggers, who has been a patient, returned with him. We were glad to see so much improvement in her condition.

Our Sabbath school has enjoyed a good interest so far this year. Our offerings have been better than for some time and approximately 50 per cent of the membership has perfect attendance records to date.

Last year we entered 619 patients; 264 of these received surgical attention and 40 were maternity cases. This is one hundred less patients entered than in the previous year. We hope that all our constituency is doing home missionary work among their sick and when hospital care is indicated that they will direct their attention to the sanitarium here. This is your institution and we will be glad to cooperate with you and the home doctor in the care of those needing it. You may feel free to write us at any time regarding particular cases or have the doctor write and Dr. Morse will gladly correspond with them as to what we can do for them. Would it not be worthwhile for each member to set for his or her goal the direction of at least one patient to the sanitarium during this year?



## THE SCIENCE THAT SAVES

We are living in a big world and yet it is so small. We are constantly rubbing shoulders with others. We are a force either for good or for evil because our influence is active. A knife may be used either to sever or save life; likewise we may be either an aid or a detriment to the progress of others. The question is, what type of an instrument am I? Am I a destroyer or saviour of humanity? Steel will stand the test of service. Christianity will also stand the test by helping fellow travelers in the walk of life, either spiritually or physically. It is the nature of the flesh to wound others but through Christ we may become healers of those already wounded.

The greatest science one can know is the "science of humanity"; the science of helping those who are suffering. We are all constantly searching for the jewel of happiness. Where may we find it? I believe the only answer is, "Even as we have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

We want to serve Christ, and yet, we fail because we cannot do it in our own manner. The Great Physician and Healer is our noble example in how to work and for whom. The nursing work means a closer walk with God. It has helped me to forget self and to fix my eyes upon Him and to think always of others. In nursing we realize the great calamity sin has caused, and it creates a desire to work zealously to help as a true soldier for Christ in this conflict between right and wrong. As Christians, we are the temples of God and we recognize the responsibility that places on each one. We must keep our bodies physically fit and our minds spiritually alert in order to help others in their struggles. If more would set themselves seriously to the task of helping someone in need there would be more happiness.

Baer, the physician, worked faithfully with maggots and found that they could heal those afflicted with osteomyelitis or decay of the bones. An unwavering purpose, faith in humanity, and love for others is the incentive which prompts any one to work steadily for the benefits of mankind. We will likewise find peace of mind in searching out and helping the troubled and sick.

The nurse who has a passion for souls is true steel. She will find

the needy and apply herself in saving others.

A Sanitarium Nurse.

## IOWA ITEMS

Elder Nixon, who suffered a hard attack of "flu" and was confined to his room at Hotel Rome the greater part of the time during the conference, was not able to come to the office until the first of last week. The family also had a siege of the same, but all are better at this writing.

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Elder J. C. Christenson returned to the office on Wednesday of last week, from the southeastern part of the state, having spent the Sabbath with the churches at Davenport and Muscatine. He visited Burlington and Ft. Madison also, in the interests of home missionary work and "Signs" promotion.

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Misses Gladys Searle and Alice LaBonte of the conference office, Brother G. A. Nystrom and Archie Arnett, attended the evening service of the Des Moines colporteurs' institute on Wednesday of last week. Brother Nystrom remained the following day to enjoy the institute work and get acquainted with the colporteurs.

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Miss Marguerite Will, who has been employed at the Sanitarium for some time, went to the West Union last week where she will assist in various ways at the Hospital, which is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Led Ford and is having a very satisfactory patronage. This is the hospital which was established by Brother Jasper Wayne, of Harvest Ingathering fame.

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Mrs. Hattie Watts of Muscatine, who had been visiting friends in this part of the state and in Nevada during the past few weeks, returned to Muscatine on Thursday of last week, when her mother, Mrs. Bertha Stein, her sister, Gertrude, and Mrs. F. L. Rust of West Liberty, came to accompany her home. All made a short visit at the conference office while here.

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Elder McVagh spent Sabbath, February 20, at Sioux City and Hawarden. Twenty-three of the friends from Hawarden went forward in the baptismal service at Sioux City, after which they returned to Hawarden and a church was organized, which is a very gratifying result of the effort held there. The present membership is about thirty and others will no doubt be added to the church later.

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## MINNESOTA ITEMS

Investment Day program March 5. The aim for the Sabbath School Department is "Every Sabbath Member an Investor."

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The offering in the church service next Sabbath, March 5, is for home missionary work in the local churches as is customary on the first Sabbath of the month.

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Mrs. Anton Christensen of Detroit Lakes accompanied by Mrs. Peterson of Duluth made a brief but pleasant call at the office on Friday morning of last week.

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Notice, to those who ordered the "Review" or the Big Four on the partial payment plan. The second payment was due February 29. If you have not as yet sent in the second payment on your subscription to the Book and Bible House, please do so at once.

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Elder Halswick was called upon last week to conduct two funeral services, one on Monday for Andrew Stromwell of Forest Lake and another on Wednesday for Mrs. Sarah Dalby of the St. Paul Scandinavian church. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives who mourn in both of these bereaved families.

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Last Wednesday morning the sad news came to the office regarding the death of S. H. Kraushaar of the Wells church. In last week's Reaper we mentioned his injury, a broken hip, which had necessitated his being in the hospital at Albert Lea, but we had no idea it would result so seriously. Arrangements were made for the funeral service to be conducted on Friday, by Elder Wolfe. We sympathize most sincerely with Sister Kraushaar and the other members of the family in this great sorrow which has come to them.

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We are glad to report a remarkably good attendance at the different Sabbath schools in our conference even though the weather has been cold. We believe our people are endeavoring to follow the instruction given in Hebrews 10:25,



"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." How happy we should be for the privilege of meeting with others of like faith. Let us not forget to remember in prayer the hundreds who are denied this comfort and help, that the Lord may strengthen them in this time of need.

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Elder J. F. Piper made a brief call at the office last Wednesday. On account of the illness of Brother Lashier, the secretary-treasurer of the union conference, which makes it impossible for him to come at once, it was arranged for Brother Smouse to take up his new work immediately as auditor, and also that he endeavor to assist with the work at the union conference office until Brother Lashier is able to come. Arrangements have also been made for the work at the Minnesota Conference office until Brother B. C. Marshall the new treasurer can come from Nebraska and assume his duties here.

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#### MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Mr. W. J. McComb spoke on the conditions in the Far East at the chapel hour Friday morning, February 26.

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Professor Johnson had charge of the eleven o'clock service. Sabbath February 20, which was devoted to the cause of religious liberty.

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Elder Gulbrandson was the speaker of the evening at the last meeting of the young men's club. From his subject "The Golden Middle," he spoke of the importance of avoiding the two extremes of life.

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A program in honor of the birth of George Washington was given in chapel Monday, February 22, by the students. The talk by Elmer Hagen, the reading by Madge Brown and the song by the girls' trio brought to the minds of all again the fact "that Washington was, indeed in every sense of the word, a wise, a good, and a great man."

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Elder Yost and the mixed quartet composed of Myrtle Sather, Erma Miller, Thomas Dokken and Irwin Campbell, and Winifred Granbois, pianist, assisted in the funeral service held Tuesday, February 23, at the Vineyard Methodist church for Charles F. Fiman. The school family extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

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The organization of the colporteur

band took place Thursday, February 25, when Brother Odegaard met with all who were interested in joining this year's band. Thomas Dokken was chosen leader of the band which will meet regularly at the chapel hour each Thursday morning.

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#### THEN AND NOW

As I review my past life, I think of my Christian experience. It was fifty-six years ago this February that my folks, yes, the whole family, began to keep the true Sabbath. We had for two years read and studied the truth, and attended the meetings held by J. G. Matteson in a nearby school house; but it was not until the two weeks meetings held by Harrison Grant and L. H. Ells that February so long ago, that my folks made their decision to accept the Seventh-day Sabbath.

My oldest sister, with my parents, joined the little Meriden Seventh-day Adventist church. The two languages, Danish-Norwegian and English, were used by this small company, and Christian Nelson, who had command of both languages, was the elder. Besides holding this office, he traveled about the state distributing literature and preaching the truth wherever an opening could be found. Yes, he was a real pioneer. He traveled with a horse and open buggy in summer while a cutter replaced the buggy in winter. I often think of the good man and the hardships he endured that he might have a part in spreading the gospel. My memory pictures to me a man past middle life driving all day in an open rig against a cold Minnesota winter wind, with only a light overcoat to keep off the chill. He could afford no such luxury as furs, for the salary he received from the conference was only \$16 per month and he had a large family to support. The president of the Minnesota Conference received \$40 a month, I believe, at that time. In those days we had to live by faith, but we surely prized the truth as we would a precious jewel.

During these many years, I have been a reader of the "Review and Herald" and it has been a great blessing and comfort to me.

H. L. Hahn.

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#### OBITUARIES

Winter.—Eunice Fullar Warren was born at Naples, New York, Nov. 15, 1854; and died at Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5, 1932.

She removed in childhood with her family from New York to Wis-

consin, where she married Butler Winter in the year 1875. The family later removed to South Dakota, and then to Minneapolis, where they have resided for forty-one years. Two children were born to this union. One son, Warren, died in 1923. One daughter, Mrs. Eva McComb, of Maplewood Academy, Hutchinson, and the aged husband, survive. Mrs. Winter had been a member of the Minneapolis English S. D. A. Church for many years and lived a most consistent Christian life. Her hope and assurance in Christ was undimmed and certain.

Frank H. Yost.

Wagner.—Jacob Wagner was born in southern Russia on Oct. 23, 1887; and died in the Hospital at Harvey, N. Dak., on Feb. 17, 1932. In the year 1905 he was converted and took a decided stand for the advent message from that day until his untimely death. During the year 1906 he was married to Christine Schlenker and ten children were born to them, seven boys and three girls, of which one boy of tender age preceded his father in death.

The father of Brother Wagner was one of our pioneer ministers in southern Russia; later he labored in Rumania and Germany and last in North Dakota, and thus Brother Wagner got well acquainted with the principles of the advent movement from his early youth. For a number of years he has served on the Academy Board and on the Conference Executive Committee. For a number of years he was the elder of the Manfred church and recently he served the Hurdsfield church in the same capacity.

Brother Wagner's sudden and unexpected death causes not only a loss to his wife and children and relatives, but also to the North Dakota Conference where he was widely known. The writer appreciated him as a loyal co-laborer and a man of good judgment. He died in peace with God and his fellowmen and we trust that we shall meet him among the redeemed on the glorious resurrection morning.

H. J. Meyer.

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted.—Seventh-day Adventist man or boy to raise potatoes, strawberries and garden on shares. For particulars and terms. Write H. L. Hahn, R. F. D. 1, Box 105, Ellendale, Minn.

For Sale or Trade.—Good land with spring water, in best fruit and farming district in Oregon. Will trade for land with lake or marsh that would be suitable for muskrat ranch and truck garden. If interested, write J. H. Grove, Box 228, Falls City, Oregon.



### A BOOK A MONTH (IN 1932)

A sister in one of our churches received a letter from her Book and Bible House secretary with reference to having some one in her church attempt a little work each month in the selling of our books. No one volunteering, she decided to do it herself. In the few hours given each month to visiting in her vicinity, she "secured orders for twenty-seven books, held two Bible readings, allayed prejudice in several instances, and has a number of homes open for more literature." Such neighborhood work is certain to bring definite results. The Lord is calling for more of it on the part of His people everywhere. And there are so many ways in which it can be done. Open doors and doors that would open with a little gentle pressure beckon to us from every side.

Many thousands today are going forth with "literature in their hands" to help enlighten the people. Are you planning to attempt more along this line for 1932? A book a month is the suggestion to all. Surely with a little more planning in our home life, we could arrange to sell at least a book a month. Oh, that more of our people had a realization of the times in which we are living, and of the work to be done in house-to-house labor! There are many, many who know not the truth. They need to hear the call. The sorrowing are to be cheered; the weak strengthened; the mourners comforted; the poor are to have the gospel preached to them; the truth is to go as a lamp that burneth. Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence, and lead us to regard lightly the very work that needs mostly to be done.

We earnestly suggest that you write your Book and Bible House secretary for particulars regarding suitable books for neighborhood work, price lists, and other information. Please do not put it off, for "a book a month" may change many lives. The book-a-month plan also means a little profit to you for the time you spend at it.

### THE VALUE OF GOSSIP

No man is better than his gossip. He may preach like an archangel; he may work like a Trojan; he may sing like a Gabriel; he may give like a prince. But it is by his gossip that he must be judged. It is in his gossip that the man himself stands revealed. When he sits in congenial company, when the fire crackles on

the hearth, when he stretches out his legs and talks, it is then that you have the measure of the man. If his gossip is questionable, you may be sure that the canker-worm is in his soul. If his gossip is elevating, you may be sure that his heart is in the right place. If his gossip, being free of all suspicion of artificiality and sanctimoniousness, is nevertheless sacred and beautiful, you may know him at once for a saint.—F. W. Boreham in "The Silver Shadow."

### WHY PAY TITHE?

Question: If every church member paid a faithful tithe all through the year, what effect would this have upon God's cause and the support of the ministry?

Answer: "And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. And concerning the children of Israel and Judah, that dwell in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God, and laid them by heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah, the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said 'since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.' II Chron. 31:5-10.

"The majority of professed Christians part with their means with great reluctance. Many of them do not give one twentieth of their income to God, and many give far less than that, while there is a large class who rob God of the little tithe, and others who will give only the tithe. If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open. The followers of Christ should not wait for thrilling missionary appeals to arouse them to action. If spiritually awake, they would hear in the income of every week,

whether much or little, the voice of God and of conscience, with authority demanding the tithes and offerings due the Lord." Vol. IV, pp. 474, 475.

### FAITH THE POWER-BUILDER

Have faith in yourself if you will fill a large place among your fellowmen. The man who dares not follow his own judgment, but runs perpetually to others for advice, becomes at least a moral weakling and a mental dwarf. He is a mere element of human being, and is borne about the world an insignificant cipher.

The degree of your faith in yourself, in your resourcefulness, in your work, and in your future, is a great determining factor in your ultimate achievement. Your real growth and progress will be greatly accelerated when you have established firmly such self-faith.

Believe increasingly in your inherent powers; believe that your abilities are sufficient to achieve unusual success; believe deeply that you have within yourself qualities necessary for real achievement. Think of what other men have done with ability such as you possess, and resolve that you, too, will win a place of distinction in this world. Grenville Kleiser.

### THE PAST MONTH'S VOYAGE

On the rock-bound shores of life we find the wreck of many a craft that has been washed up by the waves of sin and ignorance and crime. In the March "Life Boat" you can read the log of the past month's voyage, the accounts of many souls rescued from the depths about to engulf them. Listen to their shouts of praise and thanksgiving for a safe arrival in the harbor!

The "Life Boat" is needed—and desperately—by those floundering in the stormy seas, but what of those still on the sinking ship? Think of the young people you know who are drifting thoughtlessly toward the hidden reefs of worldly pleasure—and send them the "Life Boat." No need to wait till their young lives have been wrecked—save then now and keep them saved! The "Life Boat" costs only one dollar a year, addressed to The Life Boat, Hinsdale, Ill.

Frivolity, selfish indulgence, and careless indifference on the part of professed Christians, are turning away many souls from the path of life. Many there are who will fear to meet at the bar of God the results of their influence.—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 341.