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Now Is the Time of Our Opportunity

THERE never was a time when there were more people thinking about temperance and prohibition than there are today. Moneyed interests and the liquor element are endeavoring to make us all believe that the wickedness and crime that are so prevalent in the world are the result of prohibition, that if prohibition were done away with the present financial depression would soon be gone and that peace, prosperity and happiness would again rule throughout the land.

But we who have seen the saloon days and know of their horror remember that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." There are thousands and thousands of young people who have grown up since prohibition came into force and do not know the evils of temperance as it was in the days before the Eighteenth Amendment was enacted.

We should take advantage of this time

and the interest manifest to set before these young people and others who are becoming confused over the question of temperance and prohibition just now by holding temperance meetings and getting young and old to sign the temperance pledge; also by circulating in large quantities the special *Signs* on this question. This special number is just off the press, and I believe it is the best publication ever printed dealing with prohibition. One could not read it without getting stirred, for the subject is ably treated from almost every angle, and it is convincing in its discussion.

Special prices are being offered in quantities. One conference has just sent in an order for seven thousand five hundred copies. It is hoped that Seventh-day Adventists everywhere will take advantage of this opportunity and place themselves right in the eyes of the world on this temperance and prohibition question.

J. F. PIPER

What the Dry Forces Face

VERY recently I attended what was announced to be a "monster mass meeting for the modification of the Volstead Act," held in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, put on under the auspices of organized labor. The whole atmosphere, inside and out, was charged with an anti-prohibition sentiment that one rarely meets face to face. Beer mug souvenirs were offered you at the doors; auto radio equipments outside were screeching about our "disgraceful" laws; and you were loaded down with literature telling you to "Join the Crusaders and Help End Prohibition," "Repeal the Wright Act," and how to vote whether wet, dry, or neither. Inside, the place was loud, colorful, and smoky. The main floor, balconies, and galleries were packed to the limit.

The chairman of this meeting, a prominent San Francisco supervisor, launched at once into the usual line of declarations, that prohibition is the cause of the murder, the graft, the racketeering, and all the disobedience to law. The cry is going up against it from every part of the land, he said, and this meeting had been

called for the purpose of giving the people of San Francisco expression to their feelings.

On the program were six other speakers and several radio stars, and for three hours they talked and sang and gestured, all charging prohibition with being responsible for everything that is the matter with mankind, society, and our country today. Between the main addresses vocalists would come on with original songs for the occasion, "Bring back wine, bring back beer," "Give us back our liberty," "Bring back the good old days," and all the rest. The crowd yelled in applause.

A University of California student oratorically declared that prohibition, by subjugating the youth today, has set up a different standard of ideals, and he pictured to illustrate, college semester-closing drinking parties where "vile gin, and unspeakable whiskey, secured from the speakeasy, freely flows." All chargeable, of course, to our prohibition laws.

A Catholic priest pleaded in strongest terms against prohibition on the basis of

personal liberty and religion, but declared that it would be no easy battle to repeal the law. He urged that all stand together to do so.

The other speakers—another supervisor, a business man, an attorney, and a leading hop grower of the state—all covered about the same ground, giving in most vehement terms the idea that most of the criminality, lawlessness, lack of temperance, depression, and all the other evils of the day are the fruits of prohibition. Consequently, "stamp them out," "repeal them," "we want the verdict, the verdict of the American people," etc., etc. "Yes, yes," came the applause from every part of the house.

This is an effort to give just a suggestion of the spirit of this meeting, typical, without any question, of many others being held where is going on this same propaganda, supported by the same classes, and all aimed at legalizing liquors. If every dry person could attend such a meeting, there would be such a stirring of the dry forces of this country as we have never seen.

With some of these arguments in mind, I have gone through the special temperance and prohibition *Signs* we have just issued, and done some underlining. Lawlessness? No, according to Calvin Coolidge, Judge Kavanagh, President Hoover, and other authorities and reliable records, it is not primarily chargeable to prohibition. Beer bringing back prosperity? Richard H. Scott, an outstanding financial leader in the country, proves conclusively that it wouldn't. Is prohibition demoralizing our youth? I would rather take the careful study of J. Elmer Morgan, who can speak for 220,000 school teachers in the country, than I would the word of a university student paid by wet propagandists to make a speech. Mr. Morgan's picture of conditions in our colleges and high schools given in this number of the *Signs* is entirely different. If people will quietly read this article, they will be relieved of the terrible anxiety as to what prohibition is doing for their boys and girls in college.

Mr. Louis J. Taber's testimony of how prohibition has affected the farmer is also quite a different story. He speaks for 800,000 members of the National Grange,

and he knows what he is talking about; for as Master of the National Grange since 1923, he has studied every question having to do with the welfare of farmers.

And so, as you turn the pages of this wonderful special prohibition issue, you get a thrill and new courage to counteract with truth the widespread influence and effects of the propaganda that is confusing people today on this wet and dry issue.

After reading this number of the *Signs of the Times*, Dr. Wm. E. Gilroy, editor-in-chief of the *Congregationalist*, Boston, sent his personal check for one hundred copies, and said that he would be pleased to give an editorial note in his paper in behalf of a wide circulation of it.

"I thought that the special number that you issued several years ago," he writes, "was one of the finest in the field that I had ever seen, but this, I think, even surpasses it. I congratulate you upon an admirable and effective piece of work. I hope that it may have great results in helping to restore sanity and common sense to many former prohibitionists who at present, without any warrant whatever as far as I can see, are being swept away by the silliest arguments of the financially inspired wet propagandism."

This is a most significant comment on the need of such facts and information as this number gives. We hope, and believe that it will help to "restore sanity and common sense." The leaders in our work, and many others believe the same. Already more than a half million copies of this issue are definitely spoken for by union conferences and conferences. Every day's mails are bringing orders from Anti-Saloon Leagues, W. C. T. U. organizations, and church pastors. Everywhere it is enthusiastically received. In the circulation of this number, and in contacting leaders of other organizations to introduce it, there is before our own truth-loving and law-abiding people, as they are, an opportunity unparalleled for effective service and influence.

J. R. FERREN.

Nebraska Conference

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Loyalty to Temperance and Prohibition

How well the writer remembers the day when the saloons were standing on every prominent street corner of every town and city! As one would pass by the open door he could hear the clinking of glasses, the rough talk from those

who were half-crazed by the influence of the dram, and many times the finished product was found lying in the gutter so drunk that he was dead to all passers-by. Many a poor man, who had an appetite for liquor beyond his control, was induced by the smell of drink and the persuasion of friends to stop for a social drink on his way home with his pay-check in his pocket at the end of the week. Many times the money that was so sorely needed to properly feed and clothe the wife and children was entirely spent and along in the wee hours of Sunday morning a bloated faced, bear-eyed, despicable looking chap who was called father would stagger into the house. The children were afraid to look upon his bloated face and blood-shot eyes. Father was ugly. Many times he would beat his wife and children only to have feelings of remorse when sobered sufficiently to realize what he had done.

Finally the Eighteenth Amendment was added to the Constitution of the United States and the saloons became a thing of the past. What happiness it brought to thousands and millions of homes! What joy to the hearts of wives and children! What deliverance to those who had an uncontrollable appetite for liquor!

Today strenuous efforts are being put forth by those whose hearts are filled with selfishness, to legalize the liquor traffic, and the time is come when every true hearted Christian and loyal citizen of the United States should put forth every effort possible to defeat the efforts of those who desire the modification or annulment of the Eighteenth Amendment. We hope that every member of the Nebraska Conference will spring into action and circulate the special temperance number of the *Signs*, conduct public meetings, secure signers to the temperance pledge, and put forth every effort possible to help to educate the public and keep our nation dry and a respectable place in which to live. For every member who will take fifty *Signs*, the conference will furnish twenty-five more to be used in this special campaign.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Omaha

At the suggestion of our conference president, it was my privilege to visit the church in Nebraska's largest city. I arrived at the union station at 6:00 o'clock, Friday, May 13.

I soon learned that a meeting with the Presbyterian minister had been arranged, so Sister H. E. Brockman, our Bible worker in Omaha, and I were invited to

meet the minister at one of the homes of our interested families. It developed that a fine young man in this home was contemplating baptism, but he was anxious to have the minister of his church and an Adventist minister meet to discuss some of the outstanding doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

A few questions were asked by the young man interested in our message, and the minister soon discovered that this young man has been searching the Scriptures. Sister Brockman had been giving Bible studies in this particular home for several weeks. The minister seemed a little uneasy, and soon began feeling around in his vest pocket for his watch, remembering that he had two more appointments that same evening. He advised the young student that if he felt that he could receive more spiritual help in the Seventh-day Adventist church than he could get in the Presbyterian church, he should feel free to go over to the Seventh-day Adventist church, and with that he shook hands with us and went away. We had a visit with the family and found that the mother of the young man was convinced more than ever that we have the truth for these times. The grandmother of the young man is keeping the Sabbath.

Sabbath morning the Sabbath school took charge and a good attendance had gathered on time. Following the Sabbath school, Elder Collins, of the Central Union Conference, occupied the pulpit, as the colporteur institute had opened the Friday evening before.

Following the eleven o'clock service the congregation repaired to the basement of the church, where the baptistry is located. A very inspirational song service was conducted by Mrs. Winters, the church choir leader, while the candidates prepared themselves for the baptismal service. Eleven earnest souls followed their Lord in the sacred rite of baptism.

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Sister Brockman has worked faithfully as the Bible worker for Omaha, and this increase of souls in that city is largely due to the work she has carried on during the winter months. God rewards His workers and church members when they with earnest labor and much prayer engage in soul-winning work. It was a real pleasure to unite with our people in this week-end service and to have the privilege of sharing the hospitality of Brother and Sister Brockman in their home while I was in Omaha.

ROS COE T. BAER.

From the Office Viewpoint

OUR hearts are cheered by the report of recent baptisms. Elder Baer baptized eleven souls as a result of the faithful work of Sister Brockman in Omaha. Five believers were baptized here at Grand Island last Sabbath.

Brother and Sister Vercio called at the office for just a few minutes Wednesday and reported five or six ready for baptism at Loup City and Arcadia.

Last Monday morning Elder and Mrs. R. E. Hay and family bade farewell to Grand Island, and started on their journey for Oregon, where they will be located. We trust that the Lord will continue to bless the efforts of these workers.

Now is the time to secure your supply of the prohibition *Signs*. Send in your orders, and we will give them our prompt attention. These papers should be placed in the hands of every citizen, so let each of us do his best to give the prohibition *Signs* a wide circulation.

Elder T. B. Westbrook made a trip to Loup City the first part of the week visiting interested ones with Brother Vercio.

No. Dakota Conference

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To the Believers in the North Dakota Conference

WORD has just reached me from Elder Piper, the Central Union president, that June 4 has been appointed as the day for the special offering for the CENTRAL UNION REAPER.

I am sure that we all appreciate the good news the official union paper brings to our homes weekly, and I trust that our interest is sufficient that we will endeavor to contribute of our means to the liquidation of the subscriptions.

The REAPER family is scattered throughout the state. Many of its members enjoy

church privileges while others are isolated. It is through the REAPER that we are informed about the progress of the work in each local conference of this great union.

We hope that liberal donations may be received on the day appointed, June 4, and that all offerings will be sent through the regular channel to the conference treasurer.

Let all endeavor to do their best to help us meet the cost of the much appreciated paper.

E. H. OSWALD.

Big Week among the Churches

OUR hearts are touched by the loyalty of our dear people in the time of a crisis. We realize that our people are not as flush with money as they have been in the past, but nevertheless one is impressed with the fact that our people do love this message.

As we went from church to church in the Big Week campaign, the people tried to do what they could to realize at least a part of their quota in the Big Week endeavors. At the Bowdon church one after another arose and pledged from \$1.00 to \$5.00, and ordered books to sell to make their quota.

The next church to fall in line was McClusky. One after another made a covenant to help by sacrifice. We could also mention the Harvey church, Sheyenne church, Manfred, Lincoln Valley, Goodrich, Pleasant Valley, New House, Bowdon Village and Woodworth churches. There are other churches that fell in line, but these are the ones that the writer visited in the last two weeks.

We are also inspired with the enthusiasm that was manifested by our German workers, Elder Schwindt and Elder Gaede, as they cooperated with us in these places. Hundreds of dollars in pledges were taken, and so far the conference has sent out over 500 sets of books. Orders are still coming in, and we trust that those churches which have not as yet done their part will fall in line and do a great work.

B. A. SCHERR.

Commencement Week at S. R. A.

THE closing exercises of this school year will be held June 2 to 4. The program as outlined for the week is as follows:

Thursday, June 2, 8:00 p. m., Class night program.

Friday, June 3, 8:00 p. m., Consecration service; sermon by Prof. P. E. Berthelsen.

Sabbath, June 4, 9:00 a. m., Sabbath school teachers' meeting; 9:30 a. m., Sab-

bath school; 11:00 a. m., Baccalaureate service, sermon by Elder E. H. Oswald; 3:30 p. m., Missionary Volunteer meeting; 8:15 p. m., Commencement address, by Elder W. B. Ochs.

We extend a hearty invitation to the patrons and friends of the academy to be present at these exercises. We want you to come and enjoy the last Sabbath of the school year with us.

We kindly ask all who come and enjoy the hospitality of the school to give us their hearty cooperation while here in maintaining the regulations of the school. We believe all will be glad to do this, so that the benediction of heaven may rest upon the closing exercises.

The Lord has greatly blessed the school during this year, and we are looking forward to a successful and happy close.

R. R. NEUMAN.

North Dakota's Investment Farm

IN the treasurer's report at the Spring Council the statement of the Sixty-cent-a-week Fund for three months ending March 26, 1932, with a comparative statement for the same three months of 1931, showed a net shrinkage of \$46,208.13. Therefore the Sabbath School Department issues the following: "The present income of the General Conference is inadequate for the maintenance of our work already established in the world field, and

"Whereas, The Sabbath school investment plan has been successful in bringing into the mission treasury during the years 1925 to 1931 inclusive, more than \$363,000,

"Resolved, That we ask all our conference and church workers to endeavor to enlist one hundred per cent of the Sabbath school members to 'invest' for missions."

I am glad to report that our churches are beginning to fall in line, and there are different sections of our North Dakota farm that have already taken advantage of the splendid investment weather and are investing. Some of the first ones are: Lincoln Valley, Hurdsville, Goodrich, and Olinda.

B. A. SCHERR.

North Dakota Items

DO NOT forget to come to camp meeting. Only two more weeks until the opening date. June 16 is the date when the meetings begin. Be sure to be there for the opening meetings.

Elder Ochs spent a few hours at the office on Monday and Tuesday. He reported that 25 have expressed the desire to be baptized. Elder Ochs has now gone to Golden Valley to assist Elder Gaede in meetings at that place.

Miss Mildred Salin, from Wisconsin, has arrived at Jamestown and began work at the office on Wednesday.

Elder Oswald, with his family, reached Jamestown Monday evening. They are busy getting settled in their new home and we bid them welcome.

Have you sent in your Investment slips for 1932? If not, do so now before you forget. We are anxious to get these slips.

How about that *Review* and "Big Four" subscription? Be sure to get your renewal or new subscription for either the *Review* or "Big Four" in between May 28 and June 11, and thus get these wonderful papers for 14 months for the price of 12 months. Send in your order at once so that it will not be too late.

A visit to Elder Scherr's and Brother Bietz's rooms, indicates that there is going to be something good for the kindergarten, primary, and junior folks. Do not fail to come to camp meeting and take advantage of the good things they are planning for you.

Elder Oswald is to begin a series of meetings at Medina in a tent Friday evening, May 27. He will be in Medina Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday; after that Elder B. A. Reile continues the meetings until the Medina church dedication, which is June 5.

Again we wish to call attention to the church dedication at Medina Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Elder Ochs will speak at Medina Friday evening, June 3, and Sabbath morning, June 4. As many as are in reach are cordially invited to attend these services.

Final arrangements have been made for a camp meeting to be conducted at Jamestown, June 17 to 26. We trust that you are all planning to attend this annual convocation.

Word has just been received that Brother S. E. Ortner, our new secretary-treasurer, will arrive not later than Friday morning. All mail for the secretary-treasurer of the North Dakota Conference should be addressed to S. E. Ortner.

Brother Montanye and family are planning to leave North Dakota for their new field in Denver, Colo., Friday, May 27. We solicit the prayers of our faithful brethren who have known Brother Montanye and family for years.

Elder Charles Thompson, of Minneapolis, was a visitor at Jamestown Wednesday.

According to present plans Brother S. E. Ortner, our new secretary-treasurer, will be in North Dakota by the time our readers receive this paper.

Kansas Conference

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Elders' and Workers' Meeting

THE elders' and workers' meeting that convened at Bison from the 19th to the 22nd has indeed been greatly appreciated.

There were thirty-five churches represented, which indeed is a very splendid representation of our conference leadership. Elder E. Kotz, the associate secretary of the General Conference, was present, also Elder Charles Thompson, the general field secretary of the Central Union, and Elder H. J. Meyer, formerly president of the North Dakota Conference.

In addition to these brethren the local conference workers were there, with the exception of F. C. Clark, who was beginning a series of meetings at Fort Scott.

All phases of conference work were well considered. Each department was given its place. Sabbath was an especially good day. Practically all the believers in the Rush County valley were present. Elder Kotz took the morning hour, and Elder Charles Thompson the afternoon hour. During the second hour of the afternoon service, there was a symposium of speakers considering the educational and young people's work.

A goodly number of outside people attended the evening meetings, and some even during the entire day. On Sunday night Elder Kotz spoke in the German language to a crowded house. This is a strictly German district, and the meetings were held in the German Methodist church, one of the largest auditoriums in town. This was packed at the Sunday night service.

C. S. WIEST.

Central Union "Reaper"

AMONG other things which were considered at the elders' and workers' meeting, of which we shall speak in a later issue, it was agreed to have a special offering in all the churches in behalf of the CENTRAL UNION REAPER. This is a weekly paper printed by the union and sent out free of charge to the constituency. We shall be pleased to get the names and addresses of all who are not getting this paper so they will be placed on the mailing list.

It has been decided to take up two offerings each year to meet this expense, and Sabbath, June 4, is the day appointed for the first offering. Those who are isolated can send their offering direct to the

office, and those of you who are church attendants kindly place your offering into the collection when opportunity is given.

We hope to have a good strong offering to meet our needs for the REAPER.

C. S. WIEST.

Kansas News Notes

MISS THELMA LEE, our conference stenographer, and her mother, Mrs. Ida Cornwell, left Topeka Friday morning, May 27, for Blue Jacket, Okla., their former home, where they will visit for a few days.

The orders are coming in nicely for the book "Great Controversy," old edition, that we advertised in last week's issue of the REAPER at \$1.15 a copy postpaid. If you do not have this book send your order immediately as the above price only holds good on the present stock.

Elder H. J. Meyer is starting an effort in Great Bend.

Brother F. C. Clark reports a good interest in his meetings in the Ft. Scott church. Forty people not of our faith attended the first meetings.

Brother Oss closed the short series of meetings which he was conducting at Ozawkie on Sunday evening, May 15. He reports the few church members there of good courage. They have organized a Sabbath school again and plan to hold services regularly.

Brother F. C. Clark passed through Topeka on his way to Ft. Scott following the close of school at Enterprise. He was accompanied by his son, Victor, and James Anderson, who will assist him in the meetings which he plans to begin at Ft. Scott Sunday evening, May 22.

Theodore Torkelson and Willis Dick were in the office Tuesday, May 17, getting supplies for their colporteur work. They plan to work with "Bible Readings," and will make their headquarters at Ozawkie.

Baptism and Layman's Evangelism

SABBATH, May 7, six dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism as the result of the meeting at the Greenwood schoolhouse. This was the fourth series of meetings in which the Sunflower church assumed the financial responsibility. They have been rewarded in that twenty-four have been added to their little rural church. Brother Lauman, their elder, who has not been in the truth long himself, had charge of the music and rendered splendid service in more than two hundred meetings. He conducted many

studies also; in fact, many of the members gave freely of their time in Bible work. Certainly this is layman's evangelism of the highest order. There is an old saying, "You can't keep a good man down." This is equally true of a spirit-filled church. Not being content with what has been accomplished, they are now planning to finance a meeting in a nearby town. One brother has contributed fifty dollars toward this meeting. Surely the Lord will reward them with many stars in their crowns for such untiring and sacrificing efforts.

Brother Farrel Trueblood, the elder of the Lebanon church, has been holding meetings in his community with a good interest. He has also helped to allay prejudice and acquaint the public with our message by regular write-ups in the local paper, and thus he has reached people who have never attended our services.

We should remember these faithful workers in our prayers.

M. H. JENSEN.

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Missionary Volunteers

DURING the month of February, the Missionary Volunteers of Oak Park Academy planned their Reading Course drive for the year 1932. Two leaders were chosen and two assistants were provided for each leader. This gave a strong leadership for each side in the contest. After these leaders were chosen, it was arranged to choose all of the students in the academy and the young people in the sanitarium. The names of all these young people were placed in a box and selection was made in this way. Those chosen composed the two definite sides in the contest. After this was done at a given time the young people on each side could invite others to join their side in the contest. The side having the largest number of certificates when the contest was finished was to be the winning side.

The contest was carried on with the greatest enthusiasm of any contest that I have ever seen carried on. The leaders put forth untiring efforts to do their part and to urge the young people to read the good books provided by the Missionary Volunteer Department. The leadership on both sides seemed to be about equal. Usually one side has greatly outdone the other, but this year when the contest closed, the sides were just about equal. We were hardly prepared for the great

surprise that came to us in the large number of Reading Courses finished. They totaled 385. When the contest was finished, the winning side had only five more certificates than the other side.

We feel that this contest has been a great blessing to the young people. Perhaps not more than a dozen young people would have finished these books if we had not carried on a contest, but with the contest, practically all of the young people in the school read the books. And the largest number read not only the junior books, but the senior books as well. Oak Park Academy feels that the Reading Course contest is a very profitable thing for the young people in the school.

J. C. NIXON.

So. Dakota Conference

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Latest Camp Meeting News

BESIDES the union workers, we now have the promise of Elders F. C. Gilbert and J. J. Reiswig from the General Conference, and Elders Andreasen and Shuster from our schools, and Brother Sherrig representing our literature work.

We would remind our brethren and sisters from the western end of the conference that for the present, at least, we have no plans for a local camp meeting out there. We hope that all who possibly can will come to Huron this time. Let us all strive to make this a real missionary meeting by bringing along interested relatives and friends.

By the time this reaches the REAPER readers, some of the workers will be gathered at Huron to lay plans for the erection of the camp. We are anticipating meeting you at Huron before long.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota News Notes

ELDER OSS gave the baccalaureate sermon at Chamberlain Sanitarium last Sabbath. A good sized class were graduated from the nurses' course.

Elder and Mrs. Niermeyer just returned from Iowa, where they spent a few days with the parents of Brother Niermeyer. They spent the week-end with the Swan Lake church on their return trip.

We will have a fine display of books and Bibles at camp meeting. Come prepared to take at least one book with you. There are always new books being prepared and surely there will be one that you will want.

There are thirteen colporteurs enter-

ing the work, and an invitation is extended to all to come and help us finish the work.

We wish to extend an invitation to all the children to come to camp meeting. Plans for their meetings have all been made. The rooms will be attractively arranged and decorated. The lessons for both divisions are very good, and we have notebooks and busy work for each day. There will be special songs and drills and exercises. The leaders and teachers are the best and they are now preparing for their work. Sister Schlott-hauer will have charge of the Cozy Corner, where the children from four to eight will go. Miss Westcott will have the Bird's Nest for the children from eight to twelve. Be sure to come and enjoy these splendid meetings.

Several encouraging orders have been received for the Signs prohibition special. Prohibition officers far and wide are praising this timely document. With our church taking a definite lead against the liquor evil, everyone should be glad to use our literature freely.

Colorado Conference

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Southern Colorado District Camp Meeting

THE Southern Colorado District camp meeting will be held in the Centennial High School auditorium, Pueblo, June 9 to 12. We have the promise of both General Conference and union conference help. Provisions have been made to care for all young people and children. The home missionary work, Sabbath school, religious liberty, temperance, and instruction to parents are some of the topics that will be considered. For room reservations write to G. W. Chambers, 2625 Fourth Ave., Pueblo, Colo.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Colorado Notes

THIRTY-ONE were baptized in the South Denver church Sabbath, May 21. Practically all were students from the Denver Junior Academy and the Arvada church school. The candidates represented West, North, and South Side churches, the York Street church, the Scandinavian church, and the Arvada church. Those who officiated were Elders Anglebarger, Meiklejohn, Vore, and Lane.

The South Denver church, for the first four months of 1932, shows a gain in both tithes and offerings over the same period of 1931.

Minnesota Conference

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Camp Meeting

An important camp meeting is planned for this year at the usual place, Anoka, Minn., from June 23 to July 3. The present plan is to make this a soul-winning camp meeting by working for those who attend and by giving special instruction in practical lines of missionary work. The nine o'clock hour each morning except Sabbath will be given to this important phase of our work. The plan is to organize classes and give instruction in the giving of Bible studies, the distribution of literature, etc. This promises to be something worth while for our members.

The General Conference expects to send Elders F. C. Gilbert and J. J. Reisinger, and the corps of new union conference workers expect to be there at least part of the time. Elder Piper, the new union president, has promised to meet with us from June 25 to 30.

Plan to attend, and let us join together in preparation for the closing events of

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Obituaries

HART.—Josiah Sidney Hart was born at Northfield, Vt., Sept. 27, 1843; and died in College View, Nebr., May 11, 1932. Sept. 3, 1872, he was married to Alice C. Perrigo near Whitewater, Wis. To this union was born one child, Florence Ellen, who preceded him in death. Mrs. Christine House Taylor made her home with Elder and Mrs. Hart from girlhood to the time of her marriage. She seemed to them like an own daughter.

Elder Hart came with his family to College View in the early days, where he has resided for forty years. They came primarily to educate their daughter.

Elder Hart came from a pious Christian family of Adventists. As a young man he improved every opportunity to obtain an education. He attended the schools in his community. Later he went to Battle Creek College at Battle Creek, Mich., where he prepared himself for the gospel ministry. He took up work as a licensed minister, and later was ordained to the work he chose as his life's burden. He devoted thirty years to ministerial work, raising up through his faithful labors many churches. He was a man of strong convictions, was a firm believer in the message of Christ's second coming, and his faith increased through the years that at the last day he would see his Lord for whose cause he had devoted his life. Through failing health he was obliged to retire from active ministerial work, yet he remained active in the study

of the Bible, and was a teacher in the Sabbath school until four weeks prior to his death. Another warrior has fallen; his work on earth is done. He waits the call of the Life-giver when he will arise clothed in immortality at the coming of Jesus.

Funeral services were held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in College View, Friday, May 13. The writer was assisted by Elder B. L. House. Interment was in Wyuka Cemetery.

ROScoe T. BAER;

TATE.—John Q. Tate was born Sept. 16, 1855, at Greenwood, Ontario, Canada; and died April 28 at his home in Chanute, Kans.

In 1898 he was married to Elizabeth Douglas Shutterly in Albia, Iowa. They came to Canute in 1925, where the deceased has since resided.

Mr. Tate was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Surviving him are his widow, two sons, one daughter, and one brother. One daughter died Aug. 26, 1908.

Services were conducted by the writer and burial was in the Swede Center cemetery, west of Chanute.

N. J. AALBORG.

MOSZETER.—Joseph R. Moszeter was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1857; and passed away February 14, 1932, in Lead, S. Dak. He leaves to mourn, his wife, one daughter, two sons, one step-daughter, one step-son, one sister, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Moszeter accepted the truth through the efforts of Elder A. C. Anderson, and was baptized by Elder Sutton. He often spoke of the soon coming of Jesus and longed to meet Him in the first resurrection. He was a kind husband, father and neighbor, respected by all who knew him.

Brother Carl Mock preached the funeral sermon and spoke words of comfort to the loved ones in their home.

STANFIELD.—Walter E. Stanfield was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, Oct. 24, 1845, and died suddenly at the State Hospital at Clarinda, Iowa, April 18, 1932. On Jan. 27, 1870, he was united in marriage to Eleanor Elizabeth Clark. To this union five children were born, two of whom preceded their parents in death.

Since 1880 he has spent most of his time in Boone, Iowa, and vicinity. When a young man he united with the Presbyterian church, but later accepted the message of the Seventh-day Adventists. He is survived by three daughters and one brother.

C. F. McVAGH.

BLISS.—Mrs. Anna Nichols Bliss, wife of Fred Bliss, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died suddenly Friday afternoon, May 6, aged 70 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

She was born in Ohio. She was united in marriage to Harry C. Nichols March 25, 1879, and was the mother of eleven children, seven of whom preceded her in death. One son, Elder Cecil Nichols, now in Kiukiang, China, has spent some six years in the Far East as a missionary.

On Nov. 23, 1922, she was united in marriage to Mr. Fred Bliss, and has since resided in Cedar Rapids. She has been a Seventh-day Adventist for about sixteen years. She was a conscientious member.

Kind, generous and motherly, she had a host of friends. The funeral was held from the Turner Undertaking Parlors, and Elder Louis Niermeyer assisted the writer. Burial was at Vinton.

STEMPLE WHITE.

BURLEIGH.—Mrs. Helen Milicent Northrup Burleigh was born at Deansville, N. Y., Jan. 6, 1841; and died at Ainsworth, Nebr., March 11, 1932. On July 14, 1858, she was united in marriage with David B. Burleigh, who died in 1892. She was the mother of six children, one daughter having preceded her in death. She had been a Seventh-day Adventist for fifty-two years and was faithful to the last.

Her funeral service was conducted by the Congregational minister. Interment was made at Friend, Nebr.

MRS. C. M. HARE.

MORELL.—George Morell was born in Peoria, Ill., Oct. 31, 1865; and died at his home in Collyer, Kans., May 8, 1932.

In September, 1887, he was married to Miss Laura Kepcha, to which union five sons and two daughters were born, one daughter dying in infancy. On Feb. 21, 1908, his companion was taken from him by death. He was afterwards married to Mrs. Viola Mae Van Syoc. He had been an Adventist for about fifteen years and was an earnest worker in his church.

He leaves his wife, five sons, one daughter, five step-children, and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the town hall of Collyer, Thursday, May 10.

A. S. BRINGLE.

SEDAN.—Mrs. Harriett Park Sedan was born in Johnson County, Indiana, Aug. 4, 1858; and died at the Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kans., May 4, 1932. Four children survive; two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Sedan embraced the Adventist faith some six years ago, and remained a loyal and faithful member until her death.

That she had many friends was evident from the large funeral gathering. Interment was made in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

R. E. GRIFFIN.

TORLUND.—Mrs. Elda Josephine Torlund was born in Sweden, Aug. 30, 1846, and died Nov. 26, 1931, in Pekin, N. Dak. She came to Dakota in 1882, where she lived continuously until her death. She embraced the third angel's message in 1915, and was a true child of God to the end. She was a member of the North Dakota Conference church. For several years she had been an invalid, cared for in the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. A. Petersen. The funeral service was conducted by the Lutheran minister, who brought to mind much of her beautiful Christian life. She leaves to mourn, one daughter and several grandchildren.

MRS. P. A. PETERSEN.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 1932

BOETTCHER.—Norman Boettcher, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boettcher, was born at Wells, Minn., May 15, 1914, and died at Littlefork, Minn., Jan. 20, 1932. He was an earnest young man, and for some time he had desired to enter one of our schools. When he appeared to be making recovery, he expressed his desire to be baptized in the early spring, and requested a Bible study. He loved the truth in which he had been reared and testified that he trusted fully in the Advent hope. The parents find comfort in the exceeding great and precious promises of the gospel, and look forward to meeting their son again at the resurrection of the righteous. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Onstead, of Littlefork.

W. B. PONTYNYEN.

BELTZ.—Sarah Fara Bronson-Beltz was born Feb. 11, 1905, at Pueblo, Colo.; and died at the Colorado General Hospital in Denver, May 10, 1932. On Aug. 18, 1927, she was married to Elbert V. Beltz. To this union was born one child, Dwane.

During her last illness she seemed to get a new glimpse of her Saviour's love and longed to live and demonstrate His power.

Among those who are left to mourn their loss are her mother and two sisters. These immediate relatives share the sympathy of a large circle of friends in Boulder and elsewhere.

W. M. ADDRESS.

TURNER.—Martha Narsetta Turner was born Feb. 10, 1835; and died April 7, 1932. On April 6, 1856, she was united in marriage to James M. Turner, near Horse Cave, Ky. To this union were born seven daughters and two sons. Early in life she became a member of the Baptist church, but later accepted the Adventist faith in 1881. She died with a strong faith of having a part in the first resurrection. The funeral service was conducted by R. B. Turner, assisted by J. C. Turner.

MRS. W. H. TURNER.

PERKINS.—Martha Esther Perkins was born Nov. 4, 1873, in Villard, Minn., and died April 23, 1932. She is survived by two sisters and three brothers. She was a devoted Christian and the Bible was the center of her thought and study. The funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church and the pastor assisted the writer in the funeral rites.

O. W. WOLF.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Harry Duff	RJ	13	2	7.00	5.50	12.50	22.50
Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	11	3	11.00	6.00	17.00	7.75
Bennice Desmukes	OT	15	2	9.00	9.00	1.25
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	.....	1	3.00	.75	3.75	4.75
Bert Griffin	BR	38	1	5.50	.50	6.00	.50
Sallie Holmes	HW	17	2	11.00	1.00	12.00	.....
Clyde Kearby	BR	38	23	132.50	19.50	152.00	7.00
Mrs. C. Kelley	GC	12	2	12.50	.75	13.25	1.25
*Mrs. E. Mussey	RJ	16	4	12.00	5.25	17.25	1.75
*S. A. Minear	RJ	69	2	6.00	5.50	11.50	.....
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	28	.....	.....	11.20	11.20	11.20
T. H. Parsons	RJ	5	1	3.00	.75	3.75	4.75
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	GC	20	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	1.50
W. J. Smith	OD	42	15	53.50	5.50	59.00	.....
J. J. Sutton	OD	8	3	11.50	6.00	17.50	20.50
Buford Turner	HP	7	2	13.00	9.75	22.75	.....
Dewey King	RJ	33	3	11.00	2.50	13.50	.25
Total		384	69	318.00	84.45	402.45	103.95

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
Fred Gibson	HP	76½	9	58.50	7.65	66.15	3.30
Ernest Harper	PG	32½	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	4.50
Anna S. Hayer	HP	15	1	6.50	3.70	10.20	1.95
Mrs. P. Jenkins	HP	26½	1	6.50	1.50	8.00	3.25
H. R. Printice	BR	36½	5	28.50	6.50	35.00	14.25
Albert Priest	HP	47	27	190.25	1.25	191.50	1.25
C. H. Schaffer	HW	10	1	6.00	.....	6.00	7.00
Total		244	44	296.25	22.10	318.35	35.60

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
G. A. Shelton	BR	42	9	55.50	.....	55.50	.....
Anna Rasmussen	RJ	39	8	24.00	30.00	54.00	.....
Mrs. Eva Walker	Mag.	24	.....	.....	19.45	19.45	19.45
*Mrs. C. Menefee	OD	63	5	15.50	47.00	62.50	41.00
Genevieve Quinn	BR	6	2	14.00	3.00	17.00	38.50
Fay C. Smith	BR	28	2	12.50	2.50	15.00	30.75
Mrs. C. Christensen	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	7.50
Elva Wilcox	OD	14	1	2.75	2.75	5.50	49.45
John Ogren	OD	22	.....	.....	5.25	5.25	4.00
Geo. Griffin	RJ	.....	1	3.00	4.25	7.25	10.75
M. S. Culver	OD	7	1	3.00	.75	3.75	.75
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	9	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	1.50
Lorraine Lassiter	RJ	14	.....	.....	2.75	2.75	4.65
Mrs. E. C. Anderson	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	2.50
C. Nordstrom	RJ	.....	.....	.....	1.25	1.25	.....
A Colporteur	Crisis	.....	.....	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00
Anna Hanson	BR	34	.....	19.50	6.05	25.55	3.55
Total		302	32	149.75	163.00	312.75	239.35

KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, Field Missionary Secretary							
C. E. Anderson	OD	36	8	26.75	.....	26.75	.....
G. L. Daniels	BR	2	1	7.00	.....	7.00	.....
*A. A. Dennis	HW	38	7	23.25	.....	23.25	.....
W. G. Dick	BR	27	1	5.50	.....	5.50	.....
Tennys Ingram	BR	31½	3	30.00	.....	30.00	.....
J. T. North	HW	29	2	11.00	.....	11.00	1.00
Arthena Peterson	BR	33½	3	22.75	.....	22.75	.....
T. R. Torkelson	BR	29	2	18.50	.....	18.50	.....
Fern Troll	BR	31½	2	12.00	.....	12.00	1.00
Sarah White	BR	36½	6	32.00	.....	32.00	.....
Total		294	35	188.75	.....	188.75	2.00

NEBRASKA: P. M. Vixie, Field Missionary Secretary							
Ray Cooley	HW	29	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	1.00
Mrs. L. E. Green	OD	39	5	13.00	.50	13.50	.....
L. E. Green	OD	44	5	15.00	3.25	18.25	1.25
C. A. Pence	OD	28	2	5.00	.....	5.00	.....
Chas. Russell	RJ	8½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. R. Starr	HW	30	3	9.00	2.25	11.25	4.00
J. K. Fischer	DR	36	3	19.50	19.50
Total		214	18	61.50	9.00	70.50	6.25

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A Long-Felt Need to Be Supplied

CHURCH, Sabbath school, and young people's society officers are frequently perplexed to know the proper procedure to carry on the work of their particular office. Many times questions arise as to the proper way to receive new members of the church, or what really constitutes the duties of the church elder, and how the deacon may carry on the work that is allotted to him. The deaconesses too sometimes wonder how to prepare the tables for the ordinances of the Lord's house, or how to make the bread for the ordinance, whether any kind of fruit juices will answer the purpose for the wine. All these and many other perplexing questions concerning the duties of the church and Sabbath school officers are answered in the new book just off the press, "The Church Manual."

There are eleven sections in the book, covering such points and plans as organization, duties and responsibilities of the officers of the church, and plans for auxiliary organization, church membership, church discipline, organizations for holding church properties, suggestions regarding wills and annuities, gospel finances, ministers and gospel workers, the services of the church, Sabbath observance, and fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

This book can be had by ordering from your local Book and Bible House, and will probably be ready for delivery in the next few days. The price in the cloth binding will be \$1.00, and flexible leather will sell for \$2.00. No doubt many of our church officers and members of our churches have been waiting for this very help.

J. F. PIPER.

Here and There

A. R. SMOUSE, the union auditor, is in Denver auditing the books of the Colorado Book and Bible House and Conference.

J. S. LASHIER, secretary-treasurer of the Central Union Conference, has gone to

Walla Walla, Wash., preparatory to moving his family to College View.

The brethren from the union office who are in attendance at the Inter-Mountain camp meeting are J. F. Piper, Gordon H. Smith, C. W. Marsh, and D. E. Collins.

Elder S. T. Shadel's family, who remained in Berrien Springs, Mich., until the close of school, have now moved to College View and are nicely settled in their new home.

Elder F. W. Miller and family, of the Cuba Mission, who have been on furlough in California for the past year, are spending a few days in College View on their way back to Havana.

Miss Edda Rees, daughter of Professor and Mrs. D. D. Rees, and Professor T. R. Larimore, director of the commercial department at Union College, were married in the College View church Monday evening, May 30, President M. L. Andreasen officiating.

The senior class program at Union College was given in the college chapel Thursday night, May 26. Sabbath, May 28, Elder A. H. Rulkoetter, president of the Minnesota Conference, preached the baccalaureate sermon, and President M. L. Andreasen delivered the commencement address Sunday evening.

New Book in French

THE excellent little book, "Mary Kennedy's Victory," can now be had in the French language. It has been translated, and printed at the Canadian Watchman Press, Oshawa, Canada, and is now ready to mail.

This little book has been prepared especially for those of Catholic faith. Brother Campbell, the author, was reared a Catholic, and has endeavored to write the book so it will appeal to members of that church. We believe it will be instrumental in leading many into the message. The price is 25 cents, with a special discount on quantities. Send all orders to your Book and Bible House.

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time and also in asking God for special grace during the present hour.

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Newspapers Versus Church Papers

MOST of us read the newspapers more or less regularly, and they keep us informed in regard to the progress that is being made in this great world of sin, and we can see the fulfilment of prophecy from the standpoint of the enemy. Our own papers which we should be reading regularly keep us informed regarding the progress of the work of God in the earth, and for us as a people it is far more important that we should read our own literature.

Among other valuable publications, we should give due consideration to our local CENTRAL UNION REAPER, which makes a weekly visit to our homes and brings encouraging reports of the progress of the work within our union territory, gives us important notices regarding camp meetings and other special gatherings, and keeps us informed in regard to the progress of our work, not only in the Central Union but in our local conference.

We try to furnish this paper to every family of believers, and we trust that most of them are receiving it. We furnish it free of charge, though the subscription rate is 50 cents a year. Some regularly pay for their subscription, but many do not, and this leaves a heavy burden on the conference to pay for the paper. For this reason, we invite every member in our conference to make a liberal offering on Sabbath, June 4, to help Missouri raise its quota of REAPER expense in order that our people may continue to be furnished with this good paper.

H. C. HARTWELL.