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"Forward with Increasing Success"

ABOUT fourteen years ago, Missouri's oldest colporteur in point of service sold a "Great Controversy" to a man in Cape Girardeau. This colporteur, Brother Burton, knew nothing about the result of this sale until Brother Campbell, field secretary in Missouri, told the experience at their last rally, and read the following letter, which speaks for itself:

"Dear Sirs:

"Please send me your catalog and prices of the two books, 'Patriarchs and Prophets' and 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and oblige.

"Also if you happen to have the information, please tell me where I can find a church near me that holds to the fourth commandment. I have read your book by Mrs. E. G. White, 'The Great Controversy,' and it has redeemed me from this world of sin, and also from the United Brethren teachings of my earlier life, and when I was taken into the church I was baptized by sprinkling, and I don't feel it was the right baptism, and also feel that to go to a Protestant minister to be baptized would be asking Satan to do the work of Christ.

"So if you can favor me with this or any other information that will help me to get myself and family connected with the only sure and true church of God, I will be exceedingly thankful to you.

"Respectfully yours,
"Chas. M. Rasor"

Many experiences come to my desk each week showing the truth of the statement in "Acts of the Apostles," page 109: "There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom waiting only to be gathered in."

What we now need is a forward movement on the part of God's people to prove the truth of the statement in the "Colporteur Evangelist," page 7: "The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done

for them is being neglected. From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred." Do you say you would like to help prove it if you could make a living? Then note the following: Brother H. I. Smith sold \$22 in 20 hours; Ivan Daniel sold \$18.25, Friday, September 23; Ivan Daniel sold \$30.35, Sunday, September 25; Miss Jarrett sold \$32, Monday, September 26; Brother Pitchford sold \$14.50, Wednesday afternoon, September 28; Mary Covey sold \$28, September 28; Mrs. Anna Covey sold \$19, September 28; Orpha Edgerton sold \$15, September 26.

These reports are from the colporteurs in one conference, not picked out from among the best. "Ministry of Healing," page 481, tells us that God has a thousand ways to care for us of which we know nothing. Then Paul says in Acts 27:25, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

December 6, 1902, the servant of the Lord said, "I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success." Then just a few months later, May 15, 1903, came the statement from Sister White saying, "The

We Are God's Stewards

"THE Lord has made us His stewards. He has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to Him His own. He has reserved the tithe as His sacred portion to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring Him also your tithe that you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord, as He has invited you to do. 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, . . . saith the Lord of hosts.'"

Let us prove Him, brethren.

J. F. PIPER

canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work." The decade previous to the time this message came to us the denomination sold less than four million dollars worth of literature. The decade following this statement the sales soared to over fourteen million dollars. It is very evident that our brethren believed at that time that "forward with increasing success" meant sales. Now I find a great many saying that "forward with increasing success" means souls. In view of the fact that "sales means souls," I am constrained to believe that the Spirit of God expects us to go forward with increasing sales in order to have the success in soul winning that the literature ministry is supposed to have. It is very evident that we cannot sell as much per hour as we used to; therefore, there are but two ways to have an increase in sales, and they are for those who can to respond to the call of the Lord for service, and those already in service to be more faithful in the matter of time. One young man said to me a few days ago, "Yes, but that is pretty hard." And so it is, for all good things come hard.

It must have been hard for Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt, for Joshua to take Jericho, and for Jesus to go to the cross. Esther found herself in a difficult position, but the true servant of Christ, when found in places of difficulty, must be ready to say with Esther, "If I perish, I perish," then go forward with increasing success, never turning back. God's people in that day fasted and prayed for success. Let us enter into it in the same manner, that courage may return to us all so that we will be able to shout and sing the song written by Carl Edwards, of Iowa:

The Victorious Canvasser

(Tune, "The Solid Rock," No. 294,
"Christ in Song")

"The servant with the printed page,
Forever must the foe engage;
While others shout, 'Depression's on!'
The hills reecho with his song:

Chorus:

"Depression was not meant for me,
I know that I'll have victory;
Christ gives His servants victory.

"Men's hearts are failing them for fear,
The colporteur brings words of cheer;
He tells them of eternal things,
And brings good tidings as he sings:

(Chorus)

"Men lost their wealth on every side,
He tells of treasures that abide;
He represents the King of kings
And takes the orders while he sings:

(Chorus)

"'Depression' short 'de' and 'i,'
Reads 'press on' to our goal on high.
While others wail in tones of woe,
The canvasser sings to the foe:

(Chorus)

"To you the Master has appealed
For reapers in His harvest field;
Oh, will you not the message bring
To weary hearts, and join and sing:"

(Chorus)

D. E. COLLINS.

Offering for the Colored Work

SINCE 1905 it has been the practice of the General Conference to set aside one Sabbath in the year for the raising of funds with which to advance the work of the gospel among the colored people. This year the General Conference stands greatly in need of more funds with which to carry on the work that is to be done for the 12,000,000 colored people in North America.

This appeal is sent forth with a prayer that on Sabbath, October 22, every Seventh-day Adventist will give something, be it large or small, for the advancement of the gospel among this needy people at this most needy time.

F. L. PETERSON, *Secretary,*
Gen. Conf. Negro Department.

Iowa Conference

C. F. McVagh, *President*
G. F. Nystrom, *Secretary*
734 Main St. Nevada

"Reaper" Offering, November 5

THE union executive committee has voted that twice a year an invitation be extended to all our people in the Central Union to contribute something toward the expense of getting out the REAPER.

The union paper is the only paper that you receive regularly without having a bill presented for the subscription price. We feel that it is good to keep our people in touch with the activities in all of the conferences of the union, and the REAPER is one of the means used to foster unity and cooperation and to "provoke one another to love and good works."

But as you enjoy its regular visits and read it, do not forget that it costs your conference a considerable sum each month to give you this privilege and to keep you in touch with the work. We do not want anyone to be without the REAPER whether you can afford it or not. We find, however, that many had rather contribute at least as much as their own paper costs, and others esteem it a privilege to contribute as much as they are able, so in order that it may not be overlooked and forgotten, two dates for such contributions are named each year, and your attention is called to it. The last one was in June, and perhaps because it was not emphasized enough, but little came in.

Please do not forget to be as liberal as you can on November 5. We are trying hard to keep our ministers in the field and give good service, but funds are low and a liberal offering November 5 will greatly help and will be appreciated.

Send your offering through the church treasurer or direct to the conference office.

C. F. McVAGH.

Oak Park Academy Notes

EDGAR C. RAINE, noted authority on Alaska, gave an interesting and instructive stereopticon lecture Sabbath evening, October 8, on the wonders of Alaska.

The school has an abundance of fall apples this year. Besides the fresh apples we have used, the matron, with the help of her girls, has canned 400 quarts of apple sauce.

Since school opened we have canned 800 quarts of tomatoes for use at the school.

Mr. Anderson recently made a trip to Exira to get one hundred fine Hollywood white Leghorns. They have started to lay and make a beautiful flock.

Our present academic enrolment is 56, with 18 in the girls' dormitory, 22 in the boys' dormitory, and 16 in the village. This does not include special music students.

Good results are being realized by the singing band which goes to Ames each Monday evening under the leadership of Mrs. Culver and Miss Hartwell. The students enjoy the work, and get much more than from regular soliciting without the music.

Among the recent visitors at the academy have been Mrs. Nettie Jones, Mrs. Huffaker, Mr. Severin, and Mr. and Mrs. McKim.

Mr. George Culver and his bride visited Professor and Mrs. Culver a few hours recently on their honeymoon.

The school recently threshed 580 bush-

els of oats from ten acres. The oats had been well stacked, and eight tons of straw were bailed as soon as the threshing was over.

Dr. Martin, of the Botany department of Iowa State College, recently spent a pleasant afternoon with the academy teachers studying trees on the school campus and surrounding hills.

The school is divided into seven groups with a teacher in charge of each for the study of nature. Just now we are collecting specimens from all the trees in this vicinity.

Iowa Notes

DOCTOR J. F. MORSE made a trip to Hawarden on Friday, October 7, and returned to the sanitarium in time to meet the Sunday afternoon visitors who usually through the institution. Reaching Hawarden at about 6:00 p. m., he performed an operation before time for his evening lecture, opening an abscess, draining and dressing it. He spoke in the church on Sabbath forenoon and twice in the afternoon, after which free clinic service was rendered, of which quite a number availed themselves. He also visited others who were sick in their homes. His time was well filled in lecture and professional work, besides having a part in the Sabbath school program on Sabbath, where he conducted the lesson study for the day. His visit there was greatly appreciated.

Elder Stemple White received nine members into church fellowship at Cedar Rapids on Sabbath, October 8, seven by baptism and two on profession of faith, and a new baptismal class has been organized. Three young people of Urbana have taken their stand for the truth. Harvest Ingathering is going well and they expect to reach their goal. Elder White is planning to hold meetings in Dubuque later.

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Elder J. H. Rhoads recently added three members by baptism to the Creston church and one to Mt. Etna, and he baptized four at Centerville on Sabbath, October 8. He reports Harvest Ingathering going a little slower, but they are working hard to come up to last year's record.

Elder C. F. McVagh went to Denison on October 10, where, in company with Mrs. George Trager, he engaged in Harvest Ingathering solicitation. Notwithstanding present conditions they did nearly as well as in recent previous years.

Elder J. C. Nixon spoke at the Nevada church on Sabbath morning, October 8. This was his first sermon at his home church for more than a year.

G. A. Nystrom, secretary-treasurer of our conference, spent Monday of last week in Des Moines on conference business.

Mrs. J. C. Christensen and son, Jackie Dean, spent a week in Ute, visiting her parents. Also, Mrs. Anna Dawkins and daughter, Merle, visited the daughter, Mrs. Pearl Dawkins Hizer, at Ute, all mentioned having made the trip with Doctor Morse.

Elder R. F. Bresee is happy to announce the arrival of a baby daughter at their home, which is a pleasing addition to his family with its three sons. He is glad also to report that five families from his recent tent effort attended their Sabbath school on last Sabbath.

The funeral service of Brother Noah Slife, of Olin, was held at the Methodist church in Olin on Sunday, October 9, Brother Willis Lyons officiating. Brother Slife was a charter member of the Olin church, which was organized more than fifty years ago. He has been a Conference church member for many years, faithful in his devotion to the cause of God.

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Let Us Show Our Appreciation of the "Reaper"

AS A denomination we are very fortunate in having so many publications to read. There is no other people in the world that have so much good reading connected with their own personal interests. Think of the good old *Review*, and in this connection think of the many homes that are depriving themselves of the weekly visits of this very important

paper. How can they afford to get along without it?

Then we have all our other good papers, such as the *Signs of the Times*, the *Watchman* magazine, *Youth's Instructor*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, etc. Those of our brethren and sisters who read these papers regularly will understand my enthusiasm as to the value and importance of these good publications.

Among the literature which is of vital interest to our believers is the union conference paper, the CENTRAL UNION REAPER. While we prize all our publications, and while every Seventh-day Adventist family should be supplied with the *Review and Herald* without fail, I am sure none of our people would want to get along without the union conference paper, which brings each week interesting information regarding the developments of the work right in our own conference and in our own union. This paper contains announcements of important gatherings, such as the annual camp meetings, colporteur institutes, district meetings, conventions, institutes, etc. It tells of the progress that is being made in evangelistic efforts and the number of new believers that are being brought in. It tells us of the progress and success that our colporteurs are having from week to week. It keeps us informed in regard to changes that are being made in our local conference, and important actions that are passed by the conference committee affecting our local field. In fact, in many ways it is almost like a personal letter, and most of our people have come to prize this paper and look forward with pleasure to its weekly visits.

The importance of this paper is so great that rather than to have our people get along without it, it is furnished free by the conference to every family in the state, but this involves a heavy financial burden on the finances of the conference, and for this reason it has been arranged to take an offering twice a year to meet the expense of providing this paper to all our families in the state.

There are many who regularly subscribe for the paper and pay fifty cents a year, and are glad to pay for their own subscription. There are others who perhaps do not appreciate the importance of the paper enough to subscribe for it, and still others who do not feel financially able to pay even the low subscription price of fifty cents. This is why we have arranged for two offerings a year in order to meet the expense as far as possible.

The next offering which is to be taken for REAPER expense will be on Sabbath, November 5. At that time we would like to invite all who can to plan to drop into

the offering at least fifty cents to pay for their own subscription, and if any feel impressed to do so and are able to drop in one dollar or more, this will help to offset the expense of providing others with the paper who may not be able to give anything at the time the offering is taken. We hope, however, that all will endeavor to contribute something even though their offering may be small. Let us make this the biggest REAPER offering that has ever been taken in the Missouri Conference.

Remember the date, Sabbath, November 5.
H. C. HARTWELL.

An Appeal for Used Clothing

AS COLD weather begins to arrive we remember many of our families in humble circumstances who are having a difficult time to get along financially, and there are some sections of the state where our people are much less favored with this world's goods than in some other parts of the field. For this reason I am writing this appeal to invite any who have used clothing of any kind around their homes that they will not be needing, to send it to the office at Clinton, Mo., prepaid, to be sent out to these needy ones.

On this morning's mail I received a letter from one of our brethren calling attention to a family of our people which has three little boys, and they are all barefoot, and with cold weather now coming on, these little fellows will need shoes.

So if you have clothing for men, women, or children, such as shoes, hats, suits, dresses, stockings, underwear, good use can be made of them, and there are many of our people who will greatly appreciate the help that they receive in this way.

H. C. HARTWELL.

Wyoming Mission

C. A. Purdom, Superintendent
F. H. McNeil, Secretary
1203 So. Oak St. - - Casper

Providences in Wyoming

IN A previous issue of the REAPER we mentioned the call to an annual religious gathering at Hampshire Grove. This has been a good-will get-together of all faiths in the past.

Mr. Carman Fisher, Hampshire postmaster, had attended one of our all-day meetings near Newcastle the year before, and his impressions prompted him to invite me to be the principal speaker, as he put it, at the Grove. In fact, he asked that the Adventists come a day earlier and have a camp meeting, and he would

provide entertainment. This was prevented by a rain on the Sabbath, but the following day was quite pleasant, and at the eleven o'clock hour it was my privilege to address the people that assembled from a wide area. In the afternoon three other ministers arrived, representing the Church of God and the Methodist people, and several of the county officers and their families arrived.

Mr. Fisher again announced that I would be the principal speaker, and I believe the Lord gave special freedom in presenting His coming and the conditions prior thereto.

The trenchant truths and the corroborating evidences as seen in these trying times solemnized every mind and apparently tamed the message of the speakers that followed. The Methodist minister gave his congregation in Newcastle a stirring sermon the following Sunday on world conditions, we were informed by the wife of the state senator on whom we called in the interests of our Harvest Ingathering. As sister Stenberg and I visited the county offices, we heard many words of commendation and had a generous response to our appeal for missions.

Many of the same people attended a service held at Clareton the night following the Grove meeting. Two were baptized the day following in Deep Creek on Brother Vest's place.

The following Sabbath, September 17, we held an all-day service at the Upton church, then three night meetings at the Burns schoolhouse in the Inyan Kara district, where we expect to effect a church organization at a later period. Sabbath, September 24, another all-day service was conducted at Pedro, near Newcastle, attended by believers and interested people from Crook and Weston Counties, as they had done the week before.

These services savor of real camp meeting time, and unite our people in Christian endeavor and fellowship that partakes of the spirit of 1844.

After the Sabbath we motored forty miles to Brother Lloyd Andrews' ranch where another service was scheduled. A wagon load came from Arch Creek, through a canyon over twelve miles of bad road. Our gathering broke up at midnight.

On Sunday I reached Thornton, thirty miles on my way, for the eleven o'clock hour at the schoolhouse, which was conducted by the Church of God people, who had been following up the interest that was aroused when I had been driven to take refuge with these people by a thunderstorm over a year before. I will confess that I felt apprehensive, as it had

been so long since I could meet with them. After announcing an afternoon service I was cordially entertained at a Methodist home. At the three o'clock hour we met and continued till five, with several remaining to inquire further about our beliefs till after seven, when they had to leave to do their chores. I drove on forty miles farther to Gillette, there visiting believers, where several are awaiting baptism who did not have the opportunity at camp meeting.

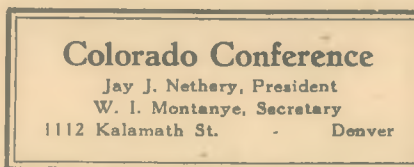
Sister Gahagan was tutoring Margaret Jarret in Christian salesmanship here, and they were thoroughly enjoying their experiences.

A jump of another hundred miles and more brought us to Sheridan, where there was an appointment for a business meeting followed by an evangelistic meeting. While visiting there and at Dayton and Ranchester, I met the party to whom I had sold three sets of Big Week books, a "Daniel and Revelation," and a year's subscription to the *Watchman*, of which a record has appeared in the *OUTLOOK* as some of you will remember. Our conversation touched the matter of the tithe, and to my surprise he said, "I suppose I should pay tithe." As we talked further this was opened more fully to his mind. Then he inquired, "How shall I do it? I have 120,000 pounds of honey on hand and no money." In advising him I called his attention to the sure promises of the Lord, and he agreed to prove Him by shipping the tithe portion to Lincoln for us to dispose of and credit him for tithe. He later wrote how happy he was to give the Lord that which was His, and to have that obligation cared for.

As he has over \$5,000 worth of stock on hand, the Lord's portion will be a goodly sum, and the sincerity seems remarkable in one not of our faith.

Possibly we have only faintly comprehended what potentialities lie in our Big Week and Harvest Ingathering work. Shall not we, His almoners, press forward with renewed earnestness in an endeavor to bring this means into the Lord's treasury that is waiting our office work of calling to receive it?

C. A. PURDOM.



Denver Prohibition Rally

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for a mass meeting in the City Auditorium in Denver, October 27, on the subject of

prohibition. Elder Alonzo Baker, of the Pacific Press, will be the speaker of the evening. He is regarded as the foremost prohibition lecturer of the United States. Our members within reach of this meeting will no doubt wish to attend. To be sure that you have a seat, you should be at the auditorium at 7:00 p. m., although the meeting will not begin until 8:00 p. m.

The churches of other denominations are heartily cooperating in the distribution of the special Colorado issue of *Present Truth*. The few days prior to this temperance meeting, the whole city will be visited and a copy of this excellent paper placed in every home. The pastors of all the churches, the Anti-Saloon leaders, W. C. T. U. leaders, and the friends of the Allied Youth organization, are most enthusiastic about this meeting. Now is the time to be foursquare for prohibition.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Financing Our Union Paper

THE CENTRAL UNION REAPER constitutes our medium of exchange of information between the conferences in the union and the conference workers in any particular conference and the membership, and we are confident that our membership greatly appreciates this fine union conference paper.

The union committee devised a policy of asking the membership to make a contribution towards the support of our union paper. The next offering for this purpose is to be taken Sabbath morning, November 5. If the churches would set as their goal 15 cents a member, and with good cooperation on the part of all, the sum of \$500 could be reached. Why could not a church of 100 members raise \$15, a church of 20 members, \$3.00, and so on? Let us do our best.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Prohibition Activity in Colorado

THE Colorado Conference has had *Present Truth* print 75,000 copies of its prohibition extra, adapted to the local prohibition issue in Colorado. These are to be circulated in that state before the November election. This adaptation can be easily and economically made for any state, and the price of these adapted editions renders it the cheapest effective literature to be had.

Colorado Notes

ELDER S. A. WELLMAN, of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, and Elder Grandy held two Sab-

bath school rallies in churches on the Western Slope.

Elder Pingnot and Elder Wellman met with Brother Chambers and his church in Pueblo, October 12, and with Elder Lickey and his church on the 13th. From the 14th to the 16th there was a general Sabbath school rally and convention in the city of Denver. The stereopticon lecture given in the West Denver church Friday night was very interesting, and was greatly appreciated by the members of the Denver churches.

Elder M. L. Rice, former president of the Colorado Conference, spent a few days in Denver recently en route to Battle Creek, Mich., to attend the Autumn Council.

We were happy to meet our old-time friends, Dr. Grant, the superintendent of the Glendale Sanitarium, and C. E. Kimlin, the manager. They were on their way to the Autumn Council. Also we were pleased to greet G. H. Curtis, manager of the White Memorial Hospital.

Elder Jay J. Nethery left Denver Saturday night, October 15, for Battle Creek, where he will attend the Autumn Council.

Brother Albert Priest, of Boulder, called at the office Wednesday of last week. Brother Priest has been canvassing in the eastern part of the state.

Brother J. W. Johnston, of Ft. Morgan, called at the office recently while in Denver on business.

Harvest Ingathering is still going. Colorado climate is still excellent—a good time to keep on thinking and working in behalf of foreign missions.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 586 - - - Watertown

Will You Help?

NOVEMBER 5 has been designated as the date upon which all our churches, including the Conference church, shall take an offering for the REAPER fund. It is planned that the REAPER shall go to every Seventh-day Adventist home in our conference, and a generous offering will help defray a part of the expense. The difference between the offering and total cost must be borne by the conference. We know many will be glad to help November 5.

GORDEN OSS.

A Worthwhile Movement

It is both interesting and encouraging to note that here and there about the conference several new ones are paying

tithe. Others that have been careless in this are paying tithe again. Surely this is as it should be. One brother writes that there has been neglect for a few years, but from now on the Lord's portion will be sent in. A young sister new in the faith sends in over \$7.00. Another, who is studying, sends in her tithe; yet another brother, who it seems is preparing to go forward, pays his first tithe, and reports increased business. How encouraging it is to see the checks come in from the school teachers as they get their first month's salary! May there be no condemnation on the point of returning to God His own. The promised blessing is sure.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Notes

ELDER C. D. HEIN reports the following along Ingathering lines: "Brother Renschler and I worked the town of Leola. The first man we asked gave us \$10, the second man refused, but the third and fourth man each gave us \$5.00, so in just a few minutes we had \$20 from the first four men solicited. The business men of Leola were glad to help in our annual campaign, and in just a few hours time we got \$57 from that little town. We also solicited Long Lake, Gettysburg, and several small towns, and while the donations were not as liberal as other years, yet considering the prices and bank failures in these little towns, the offerings were as large as we could expect."

Miss Berthar Roesch and Mr. Edward Bieber were united in marriage September 20 at Redfield. They then proceeded to Pierre for a short wedding trip before returning to their home at Tolstoy. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer, of Mitchell, reports that on October 8 a new Sabbath school was organized in the country north of Plankinton, with a membership of twenty. Three of the members are women of the neighborhood who have become interested in the truth as a result of the Sunday evening meetings that Brother Bucholz has been holding in that community, and who, with five of their children, are charter members of the Sabbath school.

Elder C. M. Babcock spent one day at the office, Sunday, October 9, looking after some of his office routine work. He planned to spend a few days in the Ingathering at Aberdeen, returning to Hecla for Sabbath, October 15.

Harvest Ingathering reports are still coming in encouragingly.

Elder Gorden Oss spent Sabbath, October 8, with the companies at Buffalo and Penville.

Minnesota Conference

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B. C. Marshall, Secretary
1854 Roblyn Ave. - - - St. Paul

Conference Changes

CONDITIONS of the time are necessitating changes that effect economy in operation. This being true throughout the country, it would certainly be true in our work. To prevent a deficit in operating, the committee authorized the following changes: That Brother A. A. Dirksen carry the Sabbath school department as well as the duties of the home missionary department. That Miss Hopkins take up Bible work in the Twin Cities and assist Brother Dirksen with the office routine of the Sabbath school department. That A. H. Rulkoetter carry the Missionary Volunteer department with his other duties. That Brother Melendy be given charge of a district in the southwestern part of the conference, being located at Mountain Lake. That B. C. Marshall act as secretary and treasurer of the Book and Bible House together with his responsibilities for the conference, Brother Hagen assisting Brother Marshall in this work. Miss Mattson has taken up the stenographic work in the office, thus relieving Mrs. Hagen. The departmental changes minimize the expense of traveling throughout the entire field.

The workers have shown an excellent spirit of sacrifice and cooperation, and will continue to give the same degree of efficiency in service.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

"Reaper" Offering

TWICE each year a Sabbath offering is set aside to assist the conference in defraying the expense of the REAPER. Even though the fund is far short of the need, yet we have endeavored to continue our liberal policy of sending the REAPER to the entire field. In view of the large shortage may we ask our people to respond liberally on November 5th?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Investment

OCTOBER 29, the last Sabbath in the month, has been suggested as the day when our Sabbath schools have their fall Investment program. It would be fitting to have a service of rendering thanks to the Giver of life and all things needful for the blessings of the year. Some decorations in the place of worship, a well selected but small supply of vegetables, fruits, and grains would not be out of place. How could we better honor God and show our appreciation for His

bountiful blessings through the year than by bringing an offering to His cause, so that the message of salvation may speedily be carried to all peoples?

May we suggest that all the members bring what they have been able to gather for missions this year, at the time of the Investment program in your church. Careful planning will be necessary in order that the program will prove a success.

If we can be of any help to you in planning your program, kindly let us know. May God bless you all, and may the Investment program this year prove a material blessing to God's cause. All may have a part in this Investment project, even the isolated.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

Harvest Ingathering

REPORTS coming in from the field are most encouraging. Many of the brethren are working faithfully and are meeting with encouraging results. Some of the members do not find it possible to solicit from their neighbors, but they are giving of their own income. It is left to each individual member to decide which he will do, solicit or give of his own means, but all are urged to have some part in the campaign.

The best way, and the one we would suggest, is that of soliciting from your friends. This gives you an opportunity to speak with your friends about their soul's salvation and the importance of the time in which we are now living. May we urge all still to continue to gather funds? If each member in the conference will still bring in not less than \$1.00, more than \$3,000 would be gained. Think what this will mean to mission fields. May we count on your doing your part? Now is the time. May God help us to do it.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

No. Dakota Conference

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Experiences at Devil's Lake

A VERY enthusiastic Harvest Ingathering crowd is the Devil's Lake group. Packed in cars and going from town to town in their neighborhood, they have already realized over \$100. While soliciting with one of these groups, we approached a business man who told us that one of the business men in that city was not very liberal, and the business men in the city had said that whenever this man gave an offering, then the rest of them would give, because they knew

he very seldom gave. We immediately went across the street to approach this business man. We were surprised to see how kind he was to us, and after we explained our work to him, he gladly put down his offering. Surely, the Lord can work upon the hearts of men in a wonderful manner.

We went to the librarian of one of these towns and we found her to be a very fine woman. After we talked with her a few moments, she told us that she had one time lived in College View, Nebr., and had known this truth. We talked to her about giving herself to this work, and her heart was touched. She gave us an offering, and we are in hopes that we will see her some day in this wonderful truth.

While at Devil's Lake, we also had the privilege of attending the prohibition county rally, and the Methodist minister gave a short talk on our *Signs of the Times*, telling the people what a wonderful number it is. He then asked us to give a talk on the same, which we did. The Methodist minister ordered 100 papers, the Presbyterian minister 100 papers, and after consultation it was decided to bring it before all the precinct leaders and see what could be done to put out the Seventh-day Adventist *Signs*. Surely, the Lord is working for His people.

B. A. SCHERR.

Nebraska Conference

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Financing the "Reaper" Sabbath, November 5

SOME time ago a day was set apart on which an offering should be taken throughout the Central Union to pay the expense in sending the CENTRAL UNION REAPER to the homes of our people week by week. The returns from this offering have been very small, and it has seemed fitting that the matter be presented again to our people.

November 5 is the day appointed when this offering should be taken in all our churches. We feel very confident that the constituency of the Nebraska Conference appreciates this weekly visitor. We endeavor to keep the conference informed as to the progress of the work, giving the interesting news items of the academy, and try to put in articles that will be helpful and instructive. Were we not in a period of depression, this appeal would not be made. It costs the conference \$65.04 a month to provide our people with the REAPER. You can readily see

that this is practically the salary of a worker.

Dear friends, if all our members would bring in 35 cents each on November 5, it would practically pay the entire cost of this paper for a year. Now, brethren and sisters, we appeal to you to help us on this. If you cannot bring in 35 cents on November 5, why not bring 10 cents or even 5 cents, and pay that 5 cents each month for a period of seven months? How easily this expense could thus be met, and what a saving it would be to the conference! Unless something is done, it may be necessary to discontinue the printing of the paper, or we may have to make a further reduction in salaries, or lay off another worker to continue to operate the conference on a balanced budget. I trust you will keep this appeal in mind and make your offering as liberal on November 5 as possible.

T. B. WESTBROOK, President.

Kansas Conference

C. S. Wiest, President
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Kansas Items

BROTHER A. M. RAGSDALE, our educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath school secretary, visited several of the churches in the southeastern part of the state. He returned to the office the first of the week. He reports that the churches he visited are of good courage, and most of them are active in the Harvest Ingathering, trying to finish their territory.

Elder C. S. Wiest left Tuesday afternoon, October 11, for the Fall Council, which is being held at Battle Creek, Mich.

We are glad to announce that the Topeka church has just about reached its \$1,000 Harvest Ingathering goal. No doubt by the time this item is read the full goal will have been reached.

According to a letter from Professor Kirk, the academy family went on a Harvest Ingathering field-day, Monday, October 9. At this writing we have not learned of the results, but no doubt many dollars have been gathered in for the needy mission fields.

Elder C. S. Wiest visited the Kansas City church, Sabbath, October 8.

For a limited time we will send the Big Four or the *Review and Herald*, also a copy of either "Great Controversy" or "Practical Guide" in the cloth binding, to any address for \$4.00.

The regular price of the books is \$4.50, but for a short time you can have either book for \$1.00 by sending in your renewal for either the *Review and Herald*, or the Big Four.

It has been said by our leaders that at least the church elder should have a copy of the new "Church Manual" in his possession. Several copies were sold during camp meeting, but we know there

are many church officers who do not have this book. We suggest that you order one from the Book and Bible House. The price is \$1.00 postpaid.

We have a few copies of slightly soiled Crisis books that we are offering at 5 cents a copy as long as the stock lasts.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	44	29	81.50	1.50	83.00	.50
Ward Adair	DR	26	4	19.00	3.00	22.00	.25
W. A. Burton	DR	45	7	32.50	5.50	38.00	16.60
Bennice Des Mukes	OT	33	8	36.00	.....	36.00	1.75
Marguerite Des Mukes	.....	33	11	51.00	.....	51.00	.20
Mary E. Des Mukes	HW	30	17	67.00	25.50	92.50	5.50
Harry Duff	RJ	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. H. Duff	RJ	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Louise Erickson	RJ	9	1	3.00	2.25	5.25	.....
J. L. Haddock	OD	45	1	2.50	.....	2.50	54.00
Henry Harlow	BR	20	1	4.50	.....	4.50	.....
W. E. Helt	PP	52	4	18.00	6.00	24.00	.....
Sallie Holmes	HW	36	19	71.00	36.75	107.75	9.75
Henry C. Lane	BR	41	10	45.00	8.00	53.00	2.50
Elmer Magee	OD	37	5	12.50	.90	13.40	.....
Floyd Mathews	BR	40	4	21.00	2.25	23.25	7.25
S. A. Minear	RJ	44	20	62.00	.....	62.00	.....
Maynard Walker	HW	2	.....	7.50	.....	7.50	.....
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	24	.....	.....	8.60	8.60	8.60
Totals		565	141	534.00	100.25	634.25	108.40
WYOMING: D. W. Gahagan, Field Missionary Secretary							
Mrs. Anna Covey	DA	32	5	23.75	4.50	28.25	14.25
Mary Covey	BP	27	11	31.50	4.95	36.45	7.30
Ivan Daniel	BR	20	2	10.50	.....	10.50	19.50
Orpha Edgerton	BP	27	6	13.50	1.50	15.00	3.25
Margaret Jarrett	DA	39	5	23.75	5.00	28.75	3.00
M. Pitchford	DR	45	2	9.00	8.75	17.75	4.25
C. H. Roberts	RJ	27	5	15.00	4.25	19.25	.25
H. I. Smith	BR	45	3	13.00	5.25	18.25	.50
Ethelmae Sutherland	DA	21	6	28.50	4.50	33.00	1.00
Totals		282	45	169.00	38.70	207.70	53.30
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
M. A. Wyman	RJ	38	22	73.00	27.25	100.25	.....
Carl Edwards	GC	35	.....	.....	18.00	18.00	5.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	35	.....	.....	13.50	13.50	35.00
Fay Smith	BR	26	2	9.00	.75	9.75	34.75
Anna Rasmussen	RJ.GC	16	3	10.50	2.50	13.00	17.25
Elva Wilcox	OD	40	.....	.....	11.35	11.35	12.40
Anna Hanson	BR	22	.....	.....	2.10	2.10	9.60
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	19	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	1.50
Total		267	27	92.50	77.45	169.95	115.75
MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegarde, Field Missionary Secretary							
Francis Crofoot	RJ	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	73.50
B. O. Engen	GC	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.90
Karl A. Evenson	BR	32	4	23.50	56.00	79.50	11.50
Mrs. G. M. Johnson	Mag.	45	.....	.....	19.52	19.52	19.52
Mrs. J. B. Myers	Mag.	43	.....	.....	19.68	19.68	19.68
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	15.92	15.92	15.92
P. M. Vixie	BR	27	2	9.00	10.00	19.00	1.25
Total		209	6	32.50	121.12	153.62	216.27
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
Charlotte Lewis	BTS	35	.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	.....
C. A. Lindquist	RJ	41	.....	47.75	.....	47.75	.....
C. A. Pence	OD	10	.....	4.00	.25	4.25	2.00
Miss Lois Stack	BTS	36	.....	4.00	1.50	5.50	.....
G. R. Starr	HW	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.75
Total		139	.....	61.75	7.75	69.50	6.75
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
Ernest Harper	HP	53	2	11.00	12.00	23.00	3.75
Lucy Hill	HW	7	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
Edna Huffman	HW	12	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	5.00
P. M. Jenkins	HP	38	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	5.75
H. R. Prentice	BR	30	1	4.50	.50	5.00	17.50
Total		120	3	20.50	17.00	37.50	32.50
Grand Total		1582	222	910.25	362.27	1272.52	532.97

Obituaries

BAER—Janie Riddle Baer was born Oct. 30, 1865, at Denison, Iowa; and passed away at Chamberlain, S. Dak., Sept. 30, 1932.

Nine years ago she accepted the third angel's message at Denison, Iowa, and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, to which she remained a faithful member until the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Frank Baer, and five children, one of them, Arthur, being a student at Plainview Academy. All were present at her funeral, which was conducted by the writer, assisted by G. W. Tucker, at Chamberlain, S. Dak. She was laid to rest at Denison, Iowa, to await the call of the Life-giver.

L. E. NIEMMEYER.

LENO—Adam Leno was born Dec. 26, 1861, in South Russia; and died at Burt, N. Dak., Sept. 28, 1932. For many years he served faithfully as elder of the Burt church. He leaves to mourn, his aged wife, five sons, and one daughter. He also leaves 28 grandchildren. A true father in Israel has fallen.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, and our brother was laid to rest in the Burt Hope Cemetery in the sure confidence of his having a part in the first resurrection.

H. WENTLAND.

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FOR SALE.—Well improved 320 acre grain and stock farm at \$32 per acre. A. W. Christensen, Oakes, N. Dak. 32-3

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FOR SALE.—Inter-Mountain Academy upper and lower farms, consisting of approximately 120 and 180 acres respectively, at Rulison, Colo. Two farm cottages and other buildings; chapel seats, school desks, office furniture and equipment, school and dormitory furnishings and supplies; horses, cattle, and farm implements. Also small building and lot and office equipment at Grand Junction, Colo. If interested in bargains, correspond with Elder B. M. Grandy, 122 South 8th St., Grand Junction, Colo.

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“Central Union Reaper” Offering First Sabbath in November

LET there be an offering taken in all the churches on Sabbath, November 5, to apply on the cost of our CENTRAL UNION REAPER, which is being furnished to all of our church members throughout the conference gratis. If there are those of our members who are not getting our good union paper, they should send their name and address to their conference office, and the brethren will see that the names are entered.

Church elders and conference workers will cooperate in securing a liberal offering on the Sabbath mentioned. This offering should be sent to your conference treasurer with the regular monthly remittance.

Remember the date, Sabbath, November 5. J. F. PIPER.

Harvest Ingathering at Union College

OCTOBER 13 was the annual Harvest Ingathering day for Union College. As a result of the splendid cooperation almost \$400 was turned in at the chapel exercise the following morning. With the amount that will be received from students who worked and other sources of which we know, the figures will be over \$400 for the one field day.

We are very thankful to God for the miracles that He has wrought for each worker who went out. Every contribution was in reality a miracle in the life of those who gave. Practically one hundred students from the school went out to solicit. They went to the small towns around the school, mostly within a radius of sixty or seventy miles, and one car went one hundred and thirteen miles. As we think of the needs of the mission field and as we realize the call of God through these needs, we appreciate very much the work of these young people. It seems that it should encourage those who are older and more experienced to go out. Many good experiences were reported. One sister was found who had been keeping the Sabbath, but had had no way of coming to church and had no connection

with our people. The young woman who visited her promised to see that she gets to our services.

A number of band leaders expressed the thought that while there seemed to be less money this year than formerly, the public in general is more sympathetic to such work than ever before. We find that conditions in the world today are causing men to wonder what it all means, and they are trying to find the right solution. One man said that he felt sure we were living in the last days. Let us continue our efforts to gather in the means that God has in the hands of those who may not be His servants, and let us earnestly pray for those in spiritual darkness and gather souls to the kingdom of God.

R. J. Roy.

“In the Amazon Jungles”

THE story of a missionary pioneering in the dense tropical jungles on the headwaters of the mighty Amazon, by F. A. Stahl, is just off the press. Every page of this wonderful book just bristles with interest as Missionary Stahl tells of his work for the people of this strange land. He tells of peaceful encounters with savage headhunters and slave raiders; of thrilling journeys by muleback, afoot, and down treacherous rivers by balsa wood rafts fastened together with ironwood spikes. He tells of narrow escapes from death by fierce poisonous snakes in the forest, and by whirlpools and rapids on the rivers.



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STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR NINE MONTHS (THIRTY-NINE WEEKS) ENDING SEPT. 30, 1932

	Member-ship	Amt., \$23.40 per Member	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cents per Member
					1932 1931
Colorado	3233	75652.20	33434.38	42217.82	.265 .304
Iowa	2522	59014.80	19859.45	39155.35	.202 .245
Kansas	2506	58640.40	15479.73	43160.67	.158 .183
Minnesota	3310	77454.00	25527.23	51926.77	.198 .283
Missouri	2141	50099.40	19855.12	30244.28	.238 .259
Nebraska	2400	56160.00	20867.53	35292.47	.223 .286
North Dakota	2158	50497.20	10314.20	40183.00	.123 .156
South Dakota	1468	34351.20	11649.94	22701.26	.203 .299
Wyoming	320	7488.00	4141.90	3346.10	.332 .383
Union	20058	469357.20	161129.48	308227.72	.206 .257

REPORT OF HARVEST INGATHERING TO OCTOBER 1, 1932

	1931	1932	Loss	Gain
Colorado	7150.25	4487.01	2663.24	.....
Iowa	4998.50	3118.45	1880.05	.....
Kansas	2730.71	2132.05	598.66	.....
Minnesota	8582.56	5004.12	3578.44	.....
Missouri	5182.53	5398.29	.....	215.76
Nebraska	5411.86	3881.50	1530.36	.....
N. Dakota	2226.56	1624.46	602.10	.....
S. Dakota	3582.54	2029.36	1499.18	.....
Wyoming	895.07	471.49	423.58	.....
Total	40706.58	28146.73	12775.61	215.76
Net Loss—	12,559.85.			