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More Faith Needed

THIS time of financial depression may be made a time for the accumulation of spiritual and financial riches, through faith; for, faith is the substance of things hoped for. It is the "title deed" to every Heaven approved thing. Our substance in all things will be in proportion to our faith. According to Bible teaching, with faith, even though it be no greater than a mustard seed as compared with other seeds, one could remove mountains. Faith is the key to heaven. Without faith it is impossible to please God. With faith the windows of heaven can be opened.

Our message is preeminently a message of faith. Our people are to be a people of strong abiding faith. Their special assigned work is to definitely and continuously teach God's special message for this generation. Having been so greatly prospered financially during the past fifteen years, it is possible that the faith of many believers has become centered upon finances more than upon God, and that it was to save our faith in God, this time of severe depression was permitted, in order to bring us back to implicit, working faith in God. Jesus declared that "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24)

It was Abraham's faith that caused God to call him to go out from his people to give the world an object lesson on the supremacy of faith in His service. After Abraham's faithful service had made him rich in cattle, silver, and gold, in order to prove that Abraham was not trusting in his riches, the Lord gave him a supreme test of faith in the command to offer up Isaac, the very foundation of all of His promises to Abraham; and, Abraham proved that his unswerving faith was still in God.

May it not be possible that after our work has so marvelously grown, the increase of members, and wealth so multiplied, that we were in danger of being ruined, as all other reformers were through prosperity, that a world-wide depression was necessary to bring us back to dependable faith in God instead of

going on, relying more and more upon our successful organization and the money we could command? Is it not probable that, as a church, we were gradually, yet decidedly, tending to depend more upon money than we were upon God? Have we not been spending too much time and anxious thought upon finances, and not enough on spiritual living, and message teaching? Were we not beginning to act

as though the success of our message work depended upon the amount of physical work we did, and the number of dollars we could accumulate and turn into that part of the work in which we were especially interested? Was not the dollar becoming our trust, rather than God? If the depression brings us back to a more perfect working faith in God, it will be one of the "all things" working for our good, and the more rapid advance of our gospel message.

D. W. REAVIS.

The Way To Success

Now is our time to go right after the Harvest Ingathering work. Soon people will begin to think of the winter clothes, empty coal bin, and soliciting will be no easier than now. Thousands upon thousands of people can find time and money to go to the ball games every day. It is our job to convince folks that an investment along philanthropic lines will bring far greater returns. Of course, from the purely human standpoint we would be undertaking an almost hopeless task, but the Lord, whose work this is, has promised to impress men to give of their means when we present to them the needs of His cause.

Some are fearful of starting because of so much poor business talk. Many hesi-

tate to begin in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Where has business gone? The answer is adapted from the "Watchman Watch Tower." The plain truth is that business has not gone anywhere. It is right here. It always has been, always will be. But business nowadays is operating on the "cafeteria" plan. You must "help yourself." The one who sits around watching for "table service" is doomed to disappointment and lots of it.

There is always someone, some place, who wants to give and can give. If this "someone" does not walk in the front door it is plainly our business to go after him. Find him! Tell him! Solicit him! Nobody is going to hand us anything. The folks who are getting their goal are those who intelligently, earnestly, and prayerfully go after it, and they reap the reward. The waiters and the waiters are on the way out. This is the day of doers.

Surely if we expect the Lord's help, we must first go at it. Dear reader, have you made a beginning?

S. T. SHADEL.

Revenue of the Gospel

"THAT which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord, constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury in order to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business. . . . Let no one, when brought into a straight place, take money consecrated to religious purpose, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time."—Vol. 9, p. 247.

Let us honor God and support His work by paying a faithful tithe.

J. F. PIPER.

The Sick Will Be Healed

ONE of our nurses was called to see a sick man who had been in his bed paralyzed for eight months. The nurse went to this gentleman's physician to ask him what he should do for the sick man. The doctor replied, "Do what you like. It is a hopeless case. Besides that the man hasn't a cent to pay for treatments." Returning to the home of the sick man the nurse told the family that the doctor gave little hope of the man's recovery. But he called their attention to the power of God

to heal, and asked them if they would permit him to have prayer before beginning the treatment, to ask God that if it was His will that He bless what they were about to do. They cheerfully acceded to his request and all the family kneeled down by the side of the bed of the sick man. A large image that was near the bed, before which candles were burned continually, was taken down and in its place they put a Bible. In addition to the instruction he gave concerning diet and the treatments, he indicated to them that a part of the treatment would be the reading of two or three chapters in the Gospels each day. The Lord worked a miracle. That poor body with its nerves already dead and the muscles withered by paralysis for eight months, received new life. In three months the man was healed in body and soul. The family accepted the truth and burned their idols. The doctor said he would not believe that this man had been cured until he could see him himself. When the ex-paralytic walked into the doctor's office, the doctor exclaimed, "You have been resurrected from the dead!"

N. P. NEILSEN, *President,*
South American Division.

Secretary's Report of Union College Sabbath School

THAT the readers of the REAPER may have a glimpse of the work done in the Union College Sabbath school we are publishing the secretary's report read Sabbath, October 15, which is only one of the many interesting reports read by Miss Flatten and Mr. Yost, the secretaries.

Dear Parents and Members of the Home Sabbath School:

More than a month has passed since I left home and came here to join the Union College Sabbath school. My mind often wanders back to our little Sabbath school at home. First, because I know just what you are doing there and I am interested; second, because I enjoy so many good things here which I wish could be your privilege, also. Then I think of the great Seventh-day Adventist family tie which binds us all, wherever we are, so closely together. So it is with a happy and thankful heart that I write you a short account of the activities of our Sabbath school at Union College.

"Music," you know, "hath charms," so when the orchestra plays and there is a special vocal number, no one wants to miss that. This will soon eliminate all tardy marks, for last Sabbath only five or six came in after Sabbath school began. Had you been able to attend here last Sabbath, October 8, no doubt you

would have joined with 221 members in singing a hymn which by its very music and words seemed to dispel the overhanging clouds of homesickness and bring a cheerfulness that awakened everyone to praise God from a heart filled with love and devotion to Him. It was the song, "Sound the Battle Cry."

Mr. Cecil Barr read ten verses from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, and fervently prayed that our Heavenly Father would bless our meeting together. The report was read by Mr. Ralph Yost. No doubt you have read in the REAPER about our device for the quarter—a lighthouse. We are anxious to keep all the twenty-four windows lighted. Miss Gardner, the superintendent, reminded us that in order to do this we must study our Sabbath school lesson daily. Ten minutes a day is not very long to spend on these good lessons. We shall soon be 100 per cent along that line, I'm sure. You know they never read from the Thirteenth Sabbath Mission Quarterly here at Union. They give it as a talk and it is so much more interesting. I wish you would try that at home. Miss Gladys Munn gave the mission talk here last Sabbath. I did not know her before I came to Union and never dreamed she could talk so well. She told about our work in the Arctic North where we have workers from five hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle clear down south beyond the equator. We have begun a marvelous work in these northern lands and hope it can continue. I know we shall all do our part in supplying funds, although it will mean sacrifice for many of the students here at Union College.

I wish you could have heard eight Union College young men sing, "He's the Chief among Ten Thousand." It certainly was inspiring.

Just think, the cost of the *Quarterlies* was thirteen dollars. So far as we know everyone received a *Quarterly*, and then an expense offering was taken to pay for them.

You would have appreciated the seed thoughts suggested in the review by Mr. Cowdrick. Here are a few: "'Our Father,' in the Lord's prayer indicates that we are one large family." "God delights to acknowledge us as His children." "The highest privilege accorded us is to bear the name of our Heavenly Father."

After a brief class recitation in which all joined heartily, we went, as always, to the church for the remainder of the Sabbath services.

Our attendance last Sabbath was 221; daily lesson study, 116; offerings, \$21.35.

I should like to tell you much more about our Union College Sabbath school.

but time does not permit, so I must close.

Sincerely,

S. GLADYS FLATTEN.

P. S. Several teachers and students teach in the Sabbath school at the church, so their offerings go into the church Sabbath school.

S. G. F.

Missouri Conference

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An Open Letter to Young Men Who Have a Burden to Enter the Ministry

FOR the last two or more years, since financial conditions have made it impossible for most of our conferences to take into their employ young men graduating from our colleges, and which have compelled them to lay off workers already in their employ, there has gone out the impression that there is now no place in conference work for the product of our schools. This sentiment that has arisen the last year or two has never appealed to me very strongly. Personally, I feel that every Seventh-day Adventist should be a worker for God in some capacity, and that those who have gone to our schools and taken a course of training have a knowledge and a preparation that makes them responsible before God to be missionaries in a special sense, no matter what their line of employment may be.

But I am writing more particularly to our young men who have a burden to enter the ministry, and who find very little to encourage them from the standpoint of being employed by a conference and placed upon the payroll. There was a time three or four years ago when I would not have had the courage to mention the things that I wish to speak of in

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this article, but now when hundreds and thousands of men are out of employment, and many are practically without any income and hardly know which way to turn in order to meet their living expenses, I have been impressed to offer some suggestions that I believe might be worth considering.

As a preface to my proposition I may say that I have just recently concluded a three weeks' series of evangelistic meetings in a little Ozark town of about one thousand population. In this little town of Newburg we secured a good meeting place without any charge whatever, and were able to rent a little furnished house so that Mrs. Hartwell could prepare our meals. Our collections were small, but were more than sufficient to cover the cost of our meals and rent.

Elder Melvin Oss has been holding a series of meetings at Dadeville, Mo. They also had a meeting place which they secured without expense, and their offerings were about the same as ours at Newburg, although in their case their entertainment has not cost them anything, as they were taken care of by Brother Cantrell in his home.

These two illustrations, to my mind, are an indication of what many of our young men would experience if they would have the courage to step out and go into some of these little country towns where there is a schoolhouse or some other building available, and would start to do self-supporting evangelistic work. They would not make very big wages, but I feel confident that young men with the consecration, pluck, determination, and burden for the work that they should have, would make expenses, and could do a splendid work and develop a wonderful experience in soul-saving.

A young man or a young married couple engaged in this line of work would find in almost every small town some place where meetings could be held without much, if any, expense. A furnished room could be rented by the month at a very nominal price, and there would be nothing out of the way in letting it be known that the worker was receiving no salary, but was dependent upon collections, and that donations of food, including fruit, vegetables, butter, eggs, etc., would be very acceptable. I am sure that in the two efforts that I have just described, we could have received a large share of the food that we used, but being conference workers we do not feel that it is fitting to make such requests, and of course, a self-supporting worker would need to use modesty and tact in letting it be known that he would appreciate donations of this kind.

I have presented this matter to the members of our conference committee, and they have authorized me to publish this letter and to announce that the Missouri Conference is ready to try an experiment by inviting two young men to take up this line of work in the state of Missouri. We have the following proposition to offer to two such young men that we might select:

We will pay their transportation to the town where they decide, after counsel, to begin their work, and if they come from outside of this state, we will pay their transportation from the Missouri line to the town where they are to be located. We will give them \$25 in cash to get them started, and will furnish them with fifty hymn books, these to be returned to the conference when they are through with them, or to be used up in the work.

To a young man who is married we will give \$35 in cash to get the couple started, and we feel that the young man who is married to the right kind of a wife would have a great advantage in such an undertaking.

Any qualified young man who might be interested in this proposition should endeavor to prepare from fifteen to twenty-five outlines of the outstanding doctrines of our message, and have these so thoroughly in his mind that he would be prepared to give them in a public meeting, and if he has his subjects well in mind, after going over them once or twice with the public, he will gain freedom in preaching the message; and if he has the God-given talent to be a preacher, he will soon be able to do effective work.

This is the program upon which many of us entered the ministry years ago. In the beginnings of this work we were not offered anything in the way of salary, but men went out and demonstrated their call. They endured hardships and labored under difficulties, but they gained a rich experience.

Young men, either single or married, who have a burden to help in the finishing of this work, who can catch a vision of the possibilities in the suggestions above outlined, and who would go out and attempt in the strength of the Lord to do this kind of work, will, after they have labored faithfully and demonstrated that God has called them to this work, ultimately find their place with the regularly employed in the organized work, for as long as times last there will be gaps to fill, and the young men who have qualified themselves will be called to fill these gaps.

Many qualified young men who are plodding around and who are disheart-

ened and perplexed, finding little remunerative employment, and without any apparent prospects of a betterment of conditions, will certainly find their lives transformed and a new interest and a new inspiration will come into their hearts if they will enter upon such a program as is above suggested.

I shall be glad to hear from any young men who are interested in this program, and if you are impressed to write, be sure and state what your educational qualifications are, your age, whether married or single, and give at least three good references from well-known men, such as ministers or college teachers, who can vouch for your experience and who have some knowledge of your natural talents and ability.

H. C. HARTWELL.

Missouri Notes

BROTHER and Sister J. L. Grindle, of Osceola, called at the office Sunday, October 9, to purchase some books. We are always glad to have our members call at the office.

Elder and Mrs. Hartwell left the office October 12 for the Fall Council. On their way they stopped several days at St. Joseph.

Brother R. G. Campbell, our field missionary secretary, has been spending some time in the southeastern part of the state, helping a number of the colporteurs get started in the work and also helping some others with their deliveries.

Brother S. A. Minear has just written in that he met a man and his wife a few days ago who bought a book from Brother Dwyer three years ago. This book was "Patriarchs and Prophets." This lady stated: "We have read and re-read this wonderful book. It is a blessing in our home. We keep it in good condition and hope it will be a blessing to others. If you ever come this way be sure and call again." This helps us to see that we never know just how much good is done by the distribution of our literature.

Elder Melvin Oss left the office October 12 for the southern part of the state. He planned to visit the church schools at Springfield, Oak Grove, and Ava.

We have just received word at the office of a new book by Elder F. A. Stahl, who has pioneered the work among the Indians of South America for a number of years. Every page of this wonderful book bristles with interest as missionary Stahl tells of his work for the people of the strange land at the head of the mighty Amazon. This is a book which boys and girls will enjoy and adults will read and ponder. The book contains 116

pages with about 20 pages of illustrations. It is bound in paper. The price is only 50 cents. Order one today from the Missouri Book and Bible House.

The Oak Grove church has been going out with singing bands in Springfield, and they have been having real good success in soliciting for Harvest Ingathering in this manner. Our Harvest Ingathering reports to date show that we have raised so far \$5,612.84.

Minnesota Conference

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Harvest Ingathering Papers

IN MINNESOTA we have raised, to October 15, \$6,726 in the Harvest Ingathering. This of course is not as much as was raised at this time last year. However, I notice that we have not used nearly as many papers either. In fact we used 10,000 more papers last year than we have so far this year; possibly that is one reason for the decreased financial returns.

I hope that every one will put forth an effort to put out the papers, even if the financial returns are not large. People who have been giving regularly but are not able to give this year should have a paper, and others who have never given might become interested in this truth through a paper. We have plenty of papers, both foreign and English, so if you can use more let us have your order.

B. C. MARSHALL.

Minnesota Notes

ELDER A. H. RULKOETTER left Sunday night, the 16th, for Battle Creek, Mich., where he will attend the Fall Council that is in session there at this time.

Word from Elder A. S. Anderson states that he is holding meetings at Bruno. He reports a good attendance, having the church filled. He also reports a number of people interested, and expects to have baptism before he leaves. He will be with the Wright church on Sabbath, the 29th, at three p. m.

A delightful home wedding was celebrated at Excelsior, Minn., Monday evening, October 17. Two of our young people, John Christensen, of Mahtowa, Minn., and Ella McCrillis, of Excelsior, Minn., were united in holy matrimony. Elder Louis Halswick preformed the ceremony. We wish this young couple God's blessings and much happiness on their life's journey.

Elder Dirksen has an invitation from the

pastor of the Unitarian church of Underwood, Minn., to speak in his church on Sunday night, October 23, on the subject, "Why I Am a Seventh-day Adventist." Elder Dirksen has accepted this invitation and the service will be held at that time.

Elder S. T. Shadel was with Elder Dirksen recently in the field-day conducted at Maplewood Academy, at Hutchinson. They report about \$150 gathered in. The business men of Hutchinson gave more than was given last year.

Miss Elsie M. Sorenson and Mr. B. M. Larson were united in marriage by Elder A. A. Dirksen at the conference office Thursday, October 13. These young people are both of Ottertail County, and expect to make their home at Pelican Rapids. We extend our best wishes to these young people as they take up life's journey together.

An isolated sister in sending in her tithe and Harvest Ingathering money writes: "God has greatly blessed me in the Harvest Ingathering work this year. It really is surprising how willing people are to give. It just seems as if the Lord has gone ahead and prepared the way. It surely isn't hard to see that this is God's work and if we are willing to do our share with His help we are sure to succeed."

Elder Pontynen sent in some good reports from his district in the Harvest Ingathering work. He states that both Virginia and Grand Rapids have done better than previous years. This is very encouraging, we are sure.

We hope our people will remember the offering for the REAPER, which is to be taken up in all our churches on Sabbath, November 5. A good offering will be very much appreciated and will be of much help in meeting the expense of the paper.

The hill that looks forbidding in the distance, diminishes when being climbed. Are you on the Harvest Ingathering hill?

Professor H. M. Hiatt is busy this week in the Harvest Ingathering work. He has been assisting the companies at Princeton and Bethel and the church at Anoka. We are hoping that with the help of Professor Hiatt these churches will do as well as they did last year.

Brother Marshall visited the church at Stillwater Sabbath, the 15th. Brother Odegaard is located at that place, and they are working hard in their Harvest Ingathering campaign. They are hoping to do more than was done last year. Much more has been secured from the town of Stillwater than during any previous campaign.

Sister V. B. Cummings, our Bible worker in Minneapolis, tells the following interesting experience: "While Harvest Ingathering one Sunday morning in a fine residential district in south Minneapolis we called at the home of a lady who seemed in great distress. She expressed a longing for a closer walk with God. We made an appointment with her for Bible study. Have had two studies with her thus far. After the last one she told me she had prayer that Sunday morning just before we called at her door that the Lord would send some one to help her. She believes we called in answer to that prayer. She said no one had ever called there before for Harvest Ingathering. She seems deeply impressed and very grateful for the studies. This is an encouraging experience for we dreaded to go out Harvest Ingathering in that district that Sunday morning."

The wedding ceremony of Miss Erma Lee Cook and Dr. Frank E. Cornwell was solemnized by Elder A. A. Dirksen at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Roy Crook, near Mankato, Monday noon, October 10. After November 1, Dr. and Mrs. Cornwell will be at their home at 609 West Sixth Street, Mankato.

Colorado Conference

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Colorado Items

ELDER A. J. MEIKLEJOHN is holding Sunday night meetings in the West Denver church, 935 West Eleventh. He reports a good interest.

Elder E. L. Pingnot spent Sabbath, October 22, with the Boulder church. Brother Shakespeare met with the Ft. Collins church, and Brother Mathews met with the Greeley church in the interest of the prohibition rally to be held in the Denver City Auditorium, Thursday evening, October 27.

Elder Pingnot called a meeting of the Denver pastors and elders in the conference office, Wednesday afternoon, October 19, to lay definite plans for the distribution of the *Present Truth* over the entire city of Denver. Over 50,000 copies are on hand at the office for this purpose.

On account of the illness of Professor Cowin, Professor Mathews substituted for him in his classes at the Denver Junior Academy, Wednesday, October 19.

W. I. Montanye was in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Friday, October 21,

looking after property that recently came to the conference.

Brother Shakespeare states that he has been successful in placing a number of home workers' cases, and six have already started in the work in Denver. Others are planning to start later.

Iowa Conference

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Special Offering

OCTOBER 29 has been set aside by the General Conference as a special date upon which an offering is to be taken in the interest of our church schools. We are helping quite a number of schools again this year. A number of these schools would no doubt have had to close if it had not been for this help offered by the conference.

However, we are in need of money to meet these appropriations that we have made to the schools. We are therefore appealing to our people to rally to the assistance of these institutions by contributing a large offering on October 29.

J. C. NIXON.

Hawarden Sabbath School

TAKING advantage of the opportunity to go to the northwestern part of the state without extra expense, I went with Doctor Morse to Hawarden on October 7, and I surely appreciated the warm welcome that was given me there.

Brother and Sister M. N. Skadsheim are faithfully "mothering" this little flock, with its Sabbath school of between seventy and eighty members, where a little more than a year ago there were only six. They are studying with forty families, and there are as many more openings if time would permit of such an addition to their list.

Mrs. Forrest Kennedy, one of the new members, is the interested superintendent of this Sabbath school, and she is always anxious for suggestions that will help in her work. A large October calendar month, attractively decorated and with names of members written in at the proper birthday date, occupied a prominent place. A daintily covered basket stood ready to receive birthday offerings, and there was also a good sized box labeled in large black, cut-out letters, "Investment Fund." These funds are called for each Sabbath, and on this day \$12.15 was added to the \$43.99 Investment returns already handed in. They hope to reach \$100 before the campaign closes.

In the spring Brother Skadsheim rented an acre of ground in the edge of the town and had it plowed, for his class of seven boys to work for Investment. They raised popcorn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, sweetcorn, pumpkins, and tomatoes. Some of the seniors helped in the work, and some of the junior girls helped in picking and disposing of the products. Other members sold cottage cheese, milk, cream, apples, onions, grapes, home-baked bread, and home-made candy. One gave the money received for a fine silk hooked-rug. One brother gave the profits received in the sale of one of the Crisis books. One gave an acre of barley. There were several flocks of chickens raised for this fund. A group of boys went out selling Signs, and they took some eggs in payment. A hatchery in the town agreed to hatch them free of charge, and a sister in the school agreed to raise the twenty-four chickens that resulted. Last week two of them were dressed and sold for \$1.10. One family was to give a dime every time the small son's hair was cut at home instead of at the barber shop. One man who travels a great deal was to give one cent on every gallon of gas used. One sister sold dozens of gladiolus bulbs and blossoms. Pennies were saved for this fund. You can understand why the money comes in. They are working together to make things go, and that always means success.

The basement of this church is fitted up for church school and Sabbath school division purposes. The kindergarten has three tables, fitted with covered sand tables. The benches have fancy backs and tables, and seats are painted in cheerful effect. The school has a teachers' meeting on Friday night, and at their last meeting they considered the sand table article in a recent *Sabbath School Worker*, so they are well informed as to the proper use of this kindergarten adjunct. They have one of the neatest birthday calendars in this downstairs room, and in both senior's and children's rooms there are other interesting charts that demand attention. They have a fine company of juniors and young people.

List Hawarden as a live school; they are always reaching out for better ways of doing things, and that means growth.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

Iowa Notes

A FEW of the Nevada church members and office workers attended a W. C. T. U. temperance program at Ames on Tuesday afternoon of last week. By request, Miss Gladys Searle, of the conference office, gave the very effective reading, "A Bottle of Tears."

Carl Edwards, colporteur at Winter-set, was at Nevada over Monday night of last week.

Elder and Mrs. Varner J. Johns and sons, of Minneapolis, stopped at the office on Tuesday, when returning from College View, Nebr., where they had been to lay Mrs. Johns' mother, Mrs. J. H. Morrison, to rest. They also made a short visit to Elder Johns' parents in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Williams and daughter, Lois, of San Diego, Calif., with Mr. Williams' mother, Mrs. Carrie Williams, of Gilbert, spent Sabbath, October 15, in Nevada, visiting friends and attending the church services. Both are trained nurses. Mr. Williams is in treatment rooms in their home city. The mother will accompany them to the West on their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Lewis and son-in-law, A. G. Shaw, of Nemaha, stopped at Nevada on Friday night, October 14, when on their way to Iowa City, where four relatives from Washington, D. C., who were on their way to visit them, were in the hospital as the result of a wreck caused by loose gravel. One sister of Mrs. Lewis, who had a broken arm and other injuries, accompanied them home the next night, one is still in the hospital, two, a sister and brother-in-law, were able to return to their own home. The car was a complete wreck.

Elder J. C. Nixon spent Sabbath, October 15, at Lake City.

Elder C. F. McVagh left Nevada on Thursday night, to attend the Fall Council at Battle Creek, Mich.

No. Dakota Conference

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Do You Appreciate the "Central Union Reaper"?

AMONG the periodicals provided for the church members to inform them about the progress of the cause of God, we find the CENTRAL UNION REAPER. I realize that we all love the *Review and Herald*, which brings to us the reports of the progress of God's work in the various parts of the world field. At the same time, however, we cannot neglect the information which comes to us through the REAPER concerning the progress of the work in our own conference. In my visits among the churches, I find the REAPER in every home, and I am told by many that first of all they turn to the items published

in the column of the North Dakota Conference. That is only natural, for we love to see the work prosper, and furthermore we appreciate to see an answer to our prayers as we uphold the workers daily before the throne of grace.

At the recent meeting of the union committee it was voted that Sabbath, November 5, be set aside as a day for a collection to be taken to help defray the expense of publishing and providing the CENTRAL UNION REAPER to the church members. We appeal to you, brethren, to do your best in bringing a liberal donation, showing your appreciation for the REAPER. It is the only means we have to bring before you the local news, and we are certain that you appreciate the information it contains. I have confidence that you will do your utmost in sharing of your means to support the cause of the periodical which we all appreciate.

E. H. OSWALD.

North Dakota News Items

BROTHER BIETZ has just received an invitation to conduct some meetings in the Lutheran church near Mandan, N. Dak. For some time Brother Bietz has conducted Sunday services in this church, and the people are highly pleased and very much interested in the message presented. Just what the outcome of this effort will be we are not prepared to say, but we solicit the prayers of God's people in this conference in behalf of the meetings carried on by Brother Bietz. The trustees of the church, in spite of all the warnings received from their own minister, have felt free to invite Brother Bietz to give them studies and sermons. Truly, the Lord must be working upon the hearts of these people and we hope for results.

Elder Oswald and the Rev. Mr. Burghum, minister of the Methodist church of Jamestown, spent Wednesday, October 12, in behalf of prohibition, calling on many of our people and others. The outlook is good, and we trust that the present state law, prohibiting the sale and manufacture of liquor, shall not be repealed, for surely we do not wish to see the old saloons return. Elder Oswald is a member of the executive committee of the Constitution Defenders of Stutsman County. *Signs of the Times* in both English and German languages and the *Present Truth* are used by these Constitution Defenders. We are very glad indeed to get our literature before the people, showing that we are deeply interested in educating the public concerning the principles of prohibition.

So. Dakota Conference

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Plainview Academy

IT WAS my privilege to spend ten days at this school to assist in the conducting of the meetings during the fall Week of Prayer. Considering the financial situation of our people in general, I was happily surprised to see such a large number of our young people attending this school. The enrolment up to date is 78, and a few more are expected to arrive soon. All the students as well as the entire faculty attended the meetings that were conducted twice a day for this special occasion, and a good interest was manifested on the part of all. On Sabbath, October 15, four of the young men were baptized, and others will undoubtedly follow before long. The daily prayer-band-meetings were also quite well attended.

The parents who have children at this school can rest assured that not only the educational interest of their children is ably and efficiently looked after, but also their spiritual interest has assiduous and heartfelt attention. The school is progressing splendidly under the efficient direction of Professor Hartman, the principal, and the cooperation of his faculty. I shall long remember the pleasant days I spent at this school, and trust the Lord will continue to bless richly this institution of His planting.

H. J. MEYER.

Kansas Conference

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Kansas Items

PROFESSOR BERT RHOADS happily surprised us Tuesday, October 18, when he called at our office on his way to Junction City, where his household furniture is stored. He will have the furniture hauled to Chariton, Iowa, where he plans on making his home for the present. The office force appreciated Brother Rhoads' visit.

Mrs. E. B. Martin, home missionary secretary of the Topeka colored church, informs us that their church has raised about one-half of their Harvest Ingathering goal, and that they will not stop until their full goal of \$100 is reached. We hope that many of our other churches will follow this good example.

Miss Edna Wallace, former Sabbath school secretary, assisted the Manhattan church in the Ingathering last week. At this writing we have not yet learned as to the amount that was raised. The Manhattan folks greatly appreciated Miss Wallace's help.

Elder E. H. Meyers, our field secretary, met with the Lawrence church Sabbath, October 15.

Elder N. J. Aalborg, of Chanute, sends in a very encouraging report of the Harvest Ingathering work in his district. He and Sister Aalborg are busy all the time assisting someone in the Ingathering, and they are in hopes that the territory will soon be finished before the weather gets much cooler.

Nebraska Conference

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Harvest Ingathering in District Eight

WE ARE having many interesting experiences in the Harvest Ingathering work in this part of the field. We obtained permits from the chamber of commerce in Scottsbluff and Gering, and worked the business section of both places. The business section of Scottsbluff was divided evenly between the churches of Scottsbluff and Gering. While the offerings were not as large as in times past, more of the firms gave offerings this year than ever before. The singing group worked practically every evening and not only received good offerings, but we had the privilege of leaving either a Harvest Ingathering paper or a *Present Truth* in practically every home in the city. We also have appointments to visit several interested persons.

When we left for our trip among the churches in the northern part of our district, Scottsbluff had over one-third of their goal and Gering had almost half of their goal.

We find several Union College graduates in this part of the field. They have not been able to find positions in the organized work, but in connection with their work as high school and rural school teachers, they are holding up the standard of Christ, and they join in loyally and enthusiastically in all the campaigns.

We visited the business men of Bayard and in a short time we had \$20 to apply on the goal of the Minature church. The members planned to organize a singing group and work the residential section of the town.

When we reached Alliance we found that the members had already held their field-day and had almost half of their goal. The members are enthusiastic and say they plan to reach their goal of \$140.

In addition to assisting with the Harvest Ingathering work, Mrs. Baer and I are holding night meetings in the churches, and are searching out the scattered believers and visiting them in their homes.

In spite of the shortage of crops in many places and the low prices, the brethren are of good courage and determined to press forward and do all they can to help promote the work. We solicit your prayers for the work in District eight.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	42	15	41.50	.50	42.00	.50
Ward Adair	DR	37	2	10.00	.50	10.50	.50
W. A. Burton	DR	20	10	48.50	31.50	80.00	6.10
Bennice Desmukes	OT	30	5	22.00	1.25	23.25	4.00
Marguerite Desmukes	OT	30	4	17.00	1.50	18.50	.25
Louise Erickson	RJ	14			.25	.25	.25
J. L. Haddock	OD	31	16	40.00		40.00	18.00
*Henry Harlow	BR	67	2	10.50	6.75	17.25	.75
W. E. Helt	PP	40	2	9.00	2.50	11.50	12.00
Sallie Holmes	HW	18	9	35.00	14.50	49.50	4.00
*Georgia Kemp	HP	19			6.00	6.00	9.25
Elmer Magee	OD	35			2.15	2.15	
Floyd Mathews	BR	40	1	6.00	1.25	7.25	
S. A. Minear	RJ	42	19	57.00		57.00	
*W. M. Thomas	OT	20	6	24.00		24.00	4.50
Maynard Walker	HW	14	10	12.50		12.50	
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	24			14.00	14.00	14.00
Total		523	101	333.00	82.65	415.65	74.10
MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary							
B. O. Engen	GC	25			22.25	22.25	51.10
Karl A. Evenson	BR	54	11	64.00	79.50	143.50	2.75
Mrs. C. Moyer	Mag.	36			13.00	13.00	13.00
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	12			3.40	3.40	3.40
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	27			12.23	12.23	12.23
Totals		154	11	64.00	130.38	194.38	82.48
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
M. A. Wyman	RJ	34	20	65.00	15.25	80.25	
Carl Edwards	GC	38			30.00	30.00	2.25
Anna Rasmussen	RJ, GC	59	5	17.00	6.75	23.75	16.25
Anna Hanson	BR	29	2	12.00	8.95	20.95	5.95
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	32			17.00	17.00	2.00
Elva G. Wilcox	OD	31	1	3.75	7.40	11.15	2.25
Peter Schilt	BR	21					
Totals		209	28	97.75	85.35	183.10	28.70
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
H. L. Canfield	BR	25	1	1.50	10.75	12.25	4.50
Ernest Harper	HP	30	2	11.00	4.75	15.75	2.00
P. M. Jenkins	HP	18			2.50	2.50	.50
Sarah McGrew	HW	10			1.75	1.75	3.50
H. R. Prentice	BR	25	3	13.50	3.25	16.75	5.25
Albert Priest	HP	48	15	99.00	12.30	111.30	6.80
C. H. Schaffer	HW	35	1		3.25	3.25	3.25
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	9			1.85	1.85	1.85
Totals		200	22	125.00	40.40	165.40	27.65
WYOMING: D. W. Gahagan, Field Missionary Secretary							
Anna Covey	DA	32	4	19.00	1.50	20.50	.25
Mary Covey	BP	25	10	15.00	4.35	19.35	7.45
Orpha Edgerton	BP	32	6	13.50	1.00	14.50	.50
M. Jarrett	DA	38	1	4.75	2.25	7.00	3.00
M. Pitchford	DR	12			6.00	6.00	52.70
C. Roberts	RJ	34	3	9.00	4.75	13.75	.75
H. I. Smith	BR	45	4	18.00	9.75	27.75	2.75
Totals		217	28	79.25	29.60	108.85	67.40
KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, Field Missionary Secretary							
A Colporteur				20.00		20.00	20.00
J. T. North	GC	17	1	5.50	1.50	7.00	
D. Perkins	Crisis	8½	19	4.75		4.75	4.75
Mrs. L. M. Ratliff	Crisis				7.50	7.50	7.50
T. R. Torkelson	BR	72½	6	28.50	11.95	40.45	1.00
Totals		98	26	58.75	20.95	79.70	32.25
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
Abel Larson	RJ	53	8	24.00	11.00	35.00	11.25
C. A. Pence	OD	24					.75
G. R. Starr	HP	33	1	4.00	.50	4.50	.35
Totals		110	9	28.00	11.50	39.50	12.35
Grand Totals		1511	225	785.75	400.83	1186.58	324.93
*Two Weeks.							

Missionary Volunteer Briefs

ENTHUSIASM is running high in the Progressive class work in most of the societies over the conference, and the present outlook is that by the close of the school term there will be a large number of Friends, Companions, Comrades, and Master Comrades ready for their insignia. A class of more than forty is organized in the Master Comrade band of the Union College society, preparatory for junior leadership. The conference is recognizing each of the achievements of the different attainments with special symbols indicative of the achievements for the Progressive charts. These symbols add much to the attractiveness of the chart, and much interest is being manifested in them. Annual Friend, Companion, and Comrade banners are to be awarded to the societies having the largest percentage of attainments in these de-

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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GOOD home this winter in the heart of the Rocky Mountains to young man who will be hiking, riding, skiing, etc.; companion to a thirteen-year-old boy who must have half days in the outdoors. Forenoon school privileges if desired. S. D. A. family. References required. Box 433, Silverton, Colorado. 34-5

FOR SALE.—Honey, Nature's sweet, basswood flavor. New crop. Case lots, 120 lbs., extracted only, 5 cents per lb. F. O. B. Winnebago. Ernest Jordan, Winnebago, Nebr. 34

NEBRASKA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL, 1509 South 23, Lincoln, Nebr. Fully equipped treatment rooms. Sulphur steam baths. A. B. Dunn, M. D. 32-45

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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The Eyes of the Church

IF OUR Lord would have told His disciples while He was with them in Galilee that in the twentieth century there would be impostors or false prophets arise in the United States or Europe, and that some of our brightest lights would go out; also that because of the wordliness in the church and the following of the fashions of the world, some of our young men of Seventh-day Adventist homes would lose their lives on the battle fields of the wars in the last days (Vol. I, p. 270), no doubt it would have caused some to have lost faith in the Master. But He did say to them, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot receive them now"; but, "When He is come, He (the Holy Spirit) will shew you things to come, for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." John 16:12-14.

The Spirit of Prophecy, as revealed through Mrs. E. G. White, is the gift of the Spirit which is mentioned in Ephesians 4:8, 11-14, given so that His people will not be carried about by every wind of doctrine. The eyes of the remnant church are the gift of prophecy, by which the people of God, who are waiting and looking for His return, are confirmed (established) and prepared to meet the Master at His coming. I Cor. 1:6-8, Rev. 12:17, Rev. 19:10. Every adventist home should have a complete set of Sister White's writings, and should read them that all might be informed of the leadings of the Holy Spirit and warned of the snares of Satan.

The Pacific Press has arranged a plan so that these books can be secured at a discount of from 10 per cent on single copies to 25 per cent on complete sets during the months of November and December, by using a coupon that will be furnished those who will take advantage of this liberal offer through the regular channels of your church missionary secretary and your Book and Bible House at the conference office. If you are lacking any of these good books, now is your opportunity to get them at a greatly reduced price.

J. F. PIPER.

The Foundation of All

WE ARE thinking of the Sabbath school, that oldest specific department of the church—thinking of the great good the Sabbath school has accomplished, of the knowledge of the Scriptures gained through this medium, of the millions of dollars raised for missions through the Sabbath school. Then, too, we are thinking of the home missionary and the Missionary Volunteer departments, and of their value to the denomination. The school work also comes to mind. How many, many souls have been saved through the medium of our splendid system of schools! What should we do without these wonderful agencies given us by an all-wise Father for the perfecting of the church?

Have the parents stopped to reason that the work done in the home underlies all the rest? Shall we not study what this means? Please consider carefully page 349 of "Ministry of Healing," and resolve that your home shall be a better, stronger one than it ever has been, that the opportunities afforded there shall be used, not neglected. Probably you have conscientiously done the best you knew how all along the way. Then it seems necessary to study further to learn more about the care, discipline, and teaching of the children. Why not decide at once to learn all you can about this most interesting and important subject, the subject that should lie nearer our hearts than any other?

At the headquarters office it has been a common occurrence to receive letters which read about like this:

"Oh, if I could only have had the opportunities for study twenty-five years ago, when my children were little, that I have now, how different they might have been!"

Here is a word from Florida: "I have a number of books on baby care, but this 'All About the Baby' is by far the best book of its kind that I have ever seen—so very complete, and written in such an attractive manner. To me it is a regular gold mine."

One from Michigan said of this same book: "It has saved me many dollars already."

Another from Canada: "I was certainly impressed, as I studied, with my responsibility as a mother. My husband assures me that our home is filled with a greater spirit of love and tenderness since we studied 'Makers of the Home.'"

From the Northwest: "I wish to express appreciation in behalf of our society for these wonderful lessons that have been prepared for us. The Mothers' Society has meant everything to me. It

has given me a new vision, a desire to be all that God would have me to be. If only all mothers would become interested!"

And we can not help saying "Amen" to that. If the younger mothers only knew just what this means to them, they would seek help. We have often wished that just such a vision might be given to young parents as is furnished by a background of experience in rearing children to manhood and womanhood. Experience is too dear a teacher. Why not learn from the experience of others?

We can not shift our responsibility as parents to any other agency of the church. All these are helps, but since these children are ours, we are responsible. We must remember, "The work of parents underlies every other. . . . The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences."

At the General Conference office, we should be glad to do all we can to help. Ask for further explanation of the work, from the Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

A. W. SPALDING.

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grees. The banner is not to be kept permanently, but must be worked for every year.

The Progressive class work represents the finer and better things of life, and the youth who aspire to them are those who are not content with ordinary things, but use their leisure time in acquiring definite attainments in heart culture, in mind discipline, in hand-training, and in service. It is no small task to go through the Progressive classes and finally become a Master Comrade, but it is worth all the cost. There are knots to learn; stars to locate; flowers, trees, and birds to identify; health habits to live out; Biblical knowledge to acquire; swimming to learn; stories to tell; and honors to gain. The work and study in acquiring this knowledge is intensely interesting and fascinating. Any young people where there is no Missionary Volunteer organization may have the privilege of acquiring these attainments the same as in the organized society.

ANN S. TAYLOR.

"INVITE your neighbors to your home, and lead to them from the precious Bible and from books that explain its truths. This, united with simple songs and fervent prayers, will touch their hearts."—Vol. VI, p. 276.