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God Is Blessing the Book Work in the Northwest Union of India

THE one thing that has been uppermost in the mind and upon the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist is the finishing of the work. Some of us have been looking for the grand consummation for a long time. And many have asked, "How long, O Lord, how long?" The one answer to this question is, "Finish the work." Colporteur work is one of the finest ways of sowing the seed of truth, and it is doing wonders in these days toward the finishing of the work of God in the Northwest Union Mission of India.

Hard times is the cry of every one here, and yet the Lord is using the printed page in a remarkable way. People have had their wages cut and some have lost their jobs and yet they are more willing to buy than ever before. For example, last year, 1931, for the month of July we in this union sold Rs. 1288/9, and we thought we were doing fine. This year for the same month with a very little extra help our sales are Rs. 4719/3. At the beginning of the year we set a goal for this union for Rs. 15,000/-, and we thought we would be doing fine to get it, as in other years we had never sold that much. We also set a goal for our *Watchman* magazine, with 1,500 subscriptions as our aim. At present, our ninth month of the year, we have 1,100 subscriptions for the magazine and our sales at present are Rs. 16,149/3. This means we are over our goal and we still have three months in this year to go. Our gain over last year for the same period of time is Rs. 818/3. We praise God for this and we are happy to see the seed of truth sown.

From our India Training Schools we had 22 Loys who went out canvassing. Not one dropped out, but all stayed by their work, and 18 of them returned to school with either full scholarships or more than half. It is not possible for me to give the exact figures just now, as the accounts are not fully settled, but as far as I have investigated, there is no one in debt, and these have more than half a scholarship, and some have full scholarships with credits.

The book, "Health and Longevity," has been very much appreciated by the Educational Department of Government, and we have been having fine sales. Just the other day I received an order from one man for 124 copies, some in English, but most of them were in Urdu and Hindu languages. Surely God is pouring out His Spirit upon this line of work.

Brother Emmer, who has been specializing in selling "Bedtime Stories," has done very well, and by his influence has come in contact with many well-to-do people who are helping our mission in several ways financially; and further than that, the books were so much liked that the stories are now being broadcast by the Calcutta Radio House.

Best of all, we have several who are in this truth as results of the book work. And better yet, two of these today are sowing the seed by canvassing, and they are opening many doors from darkness to light. Take courage with us, dear

Do Not Use the Tithe to Pay Debts

"THE man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow men. He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use, he is robbing the Giver. . . . He becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserve fund in paying debts to human beings. Unfaithfulness to God is written against his name in the books in heaven."—*Vol. VI, page 391.*

Brethren and sisters, let us not invite the frown of God upon us or His blessing to be withheld from us because of unfaithfulness on our part; but rather, let us prove Him and claim the blessing.

J. F. PIPER.

brethren, and do your part in the homeland in the finishing of the work. Pray for us.
J. M. HNATYSHYN,

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A Summary

OUR young people in Colorado, as expected, made good in missionary endeavor. With an average of 33 societies and 750 members, they assisted in securing 89 baptisms of young people, distributed over 75,000 pieces of literature, and gave 1331 Bible readings. There were a number of other missionary endeavors, but those mentioned above are only typical of the work that was carried on.

As regards missions, the sum of \$286.25 was spent for local work, \$131.25 for foreign missions, \$1779.36 raised in the Harvest Ingathering, and \$43.55 in the Big Week, making a total of \$2240.41 that the young people raised for missionary purposes aside from their regular Sabbath school and church offerings.

To show that many of these youth have pledged themselves to good reading and regular devotions, 386 Reading Course certificates were issued and 45 Bible Year certificates, and hundreds of them were regular observers of the Morning Watch. Eighty-nine juniors were awarded the Friend pin, 29 the Companion, and 12 the Comrade pin. One hundred thirty-two vocational honors were issued, and 14 of our senior missionary volunteers became Master Comrades during the year just closed.

We feel that this report does not do justice nor actually report even a small part of what the young people are doing to spread the gospel in Colorado, but we are thankful for this indication that they have accepted the challenge of their aim, "The Advent message to all the world in this generation."

G. A. MATHEWS.

Colporteur Prospects

WE have just completed a very successful institute, and the colporteurs are on their way back to the field. We had a good time together, as day by day

twenty to thirty met for prayer bands, devotion, instruction, study, and drill. Eighteen signed the contract, and there are other good prospects.

We had a visit from Elder Piper, our union conference president. The certainty of the message was brought forcibly to us in his talk. Elder Collins was with us right through the meetings, and gave some of the best and most practical instruction I have ever heard. Brother Sherrig took a leading part the four days he was with us. He showed moving pictures at two of the largest churches in Denver.

Sabbath, January 14, was a big day with all the churches in Denver. We started out with colporteur vespers Friday evening. At eight o'clock the colporteurs met with the young people of the North Denver church, and Brother Sherrig showed the three reels of the "Andes to the Amazon." Brother Sherrig also spoke at the eleven o'clock service in the South Denver church Sabbath morning. At 3:30 Sabbath afternoon, Elder Collins spoke in the West Denver church. It was a union meeting of all the Missionary Volunteer societies of Denver. In the morning I took three carloads of colporteurs to a church on the outskirts of Denver and put on a symposium. At each of these meetings there was a large attendance, and we felt that the appeals made have brought good results already and will bear much fruit in the future.

We are very grateful to Elder Meiklejohn for inviting us to meet at the West Denver church. Most of the round table discussions took place in the basement of the church, where we met to eat the well prepared food. Thanks be to the good cooks.

Perhaps I have said enough to let you know that we had a real institute in old Colorado and are planning for bigger and better things in 1933. We ask an interest in your prayers.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE.

So. Dakota Conference

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

The Good Old "Signs"

ELDER WATSON says, "Our task today is to extend the work of God in spite of conditions." Recognizing this, our people will welcome another concerted effort in the annual *Signs* campaign. The *Signs* needs no introduction. All it needs is a much wider circulation coupled with

the prayers of those whose hearts yearn to see the work hastened, and whose hands and purses help. February 5-19 should appeal to everyone as a time to lend a helping hand to keep the message going through the *Signs of the Times*.

GORDEN OSS.

A Tree Rack

"ELDER E. W. FARNSWORTH, now 85 years old, listened attentively to what was said, and to several interesting letters that men of prominence in Southern California had written to the *Signs* office. He could not keep his seat. He wanted the congregation to know of one of his missionary projects—a tract rack nailed to a tree in front of his house. This is faithfully working each week, as people come and take out the tracts and papers he puts into it. Aside from one or two interesting conversations, Elder Farnsworth said he did not know of any very definite results, but he was getting much happiness in thus seeing the literature go out.

"Now listen. Elder E. Toral Seat quickly arose to cheer Elder Farnsworth's heart with one real result of his reading rack. He came forward so every word could be easily heard. He told of a man who one evening called him over the telephone and asked for an appointment to see him. At the time of the first visit which was arranged for, the man told Elder Seat that he had been getting the *Signs of the Times* from a reading rack down on the street, and had become very much interested in a number of subjects treated in it. One thing on which he desired help was to overcome the tobacco habit, and he asked for special prayer. This opened the way to invite him to the meetings, and also for Bible studies to be held. This man is now taking Bible studies. Incidentally, he is the son of the founder of the city of Eagle Rock, near Glendale.

"This experience was very cheering to Elder Farnsworth. He will keep the reading rack working. During the past year he has provided fifty copies of the *Signs* a week for use by the Glendale Sanitarium church."

Now I think an experience like this should inspire all of us to do our best in the circulation of this soul-winning paper. The prices of the *Signs* are as follows:

All copies mailed in the larg club (in one package, to be passed out each week by the church missionary secretary), one year, per copy, \$1.00; 5 or more copies mailed direct to the address of any member, one year, per copy \$1.25.

Single subscriptions, mailed to any address in the United States, one year, each \$1.40.

In order to get the one-dollar rate, at least 15 copies must be ordered and sent to one address. On this number the conference help will be allowed.

L. L. MCKINLEY.

South Dakota Notes

Signs of the Times campaign, February 5-19.

Elder C. M. Babcock has spent most of January with the Aberdeen church.

Doctor C. P. Farnsworth writes that the typhoid outbreak at Chamberlain is under control. His letter informs us that helpers at the sanitarium who were ill were recovering nicely.

Indications are that the church elders' meeting at Redfield, January 27-30, will be well attended.

Word has reached us of H. T. Royal's death. Brother Royal lived near Bonetta Springs. Our sympathy is extended to those who mourn their loss.

Brother Just Gillis stopped at the office Tuesday, the 24th, and took with him a nice lot of small books and tracts. Brother Gillis has started public Bible studies at Garden City.

Judging from the orders received for the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course book, a number of our Sabbath schools are conducting teachers' training classes. The Watertown Sabbath school organized a class of twenty-two with Sister Oss in charge.

Brother McKinley reports the churches and isolated members giving a hearty cooperation in the home missionary work.

Word received from Brother Jacob Dufloth indicates that the Leola church members are preparing for a real literature campaign for 1933.

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The members of the Mitchell church gave Elder and Mrs. L. E. Niermeyer a very happy surprise on the evening of January 21 by gathering at their home, where a pleasant evening of games and visiting was spent. A reading lamp was presented to Elder and Mrs. Niermeyer as a birthday gift, since each of their birthdays comes in the latter half of January.

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Revival Meetings

THE writer joined Elder Butterfield in a short series of meetings at the McCook and Culbertson churches, which closed Sunday, January 22. The Lord came preciously near, and a deep interest was manifested all the way through. The Sabbath services were especially marked by the movings of the Spirit upon hearts. Young and old were greatly blessed. Sins were confessed and put away. The "new-love" experience was revived in many hearts, and it is hoped that as a result of the services these churches will put forth more earnest efforts for the salvation of those still in darkness. Ten of the children of our own people were baptized at the end of the service, and Brother Butterfield is now organizing for more aggressive warfare. He plans to open a series of meetings in the McCook church Sunday night, January 29, and we hope that the Lord will bless this effort to the salvation of many new converts.

Plans have been laid also for the revival work in the Scottsbluff district with Elder Baer. Meetings opened Friday night, January 27, and will continue for about two weeks. We earnestly solicit the prayers of the REAPER readers in these forward movements.

Elders Langberg and Haughey began a series of revival meetings in the church at Beatrice Sunday night, January 22. A report of these meetings will be given later.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Home Missionary Notes

IN just the short time since the announcement has been out, 16,150 of the little Prohibition Broadsides have been ordered in our conference. We are very thankful for that. This is one of the best ways we have of educating the public in regard to the temperance question.

To date we have orders for 920 of the *Watchman* at the new price. En-

thusiasm is running high, as these papers are finding a ready sale, and are doing missionary work in more ways than one. There is not a church or territory but can take a good number of these, and sell them each month. They will bring good returns.

The total Harvest Ingathering for 1932 received in Nebraska was \$8,063.77. While we regret very much that this is so much less than last year, we truly believe that it represents just as much sacrifice and labor as before, if not more. It is encouraging to know that this is 69 cents more per member than the average for the union conference.

As we approach the time to take up the work of our missionary paper, *The Signs of the Times*, I trust that careful plans will be laid in each church to do all possible. The splendid offer of \$1.00 a subscription for clubs of ten or more, providing that the club equals two-thirds of the membership of the church, is the best that has ever been made on this good paper.

R. J. ROY.

Culbertson and McCook

WE have just closed a very successful meeting in which the McCook and Culbertson churches were united for ten days.

Elder Westbrook, the president of the Nebraska Conference, united with the writer in this meeting. The "Testimonies" were used extensively throughout the meeting, and I believe that because of this medium the revival came to these churches. I am fully persuaded that the revival and reformation of our people will come in this way, by a return to the straight testimony, and a people will be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

As a result of these meetings, ten people were baptized and united with the church.

Sunday, January 29, we are beginning a series of meetings for the public in the McCook church, the Lord willing, and we ask the prayers of our people for the honest of heart in this place.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Sabbath School Briefs

IN spite of the prevailing depression some of our Sabbath schools supported the needy mission fields with prosperity time offerings. A number of the schools were pennant schools for different quarters of the year, but only four held the pennant throughout the entire year. These were Alliance, Beatrice, Norfolk, and North Platte. The Alliance, Beatrice, and Norfolk Sabbath schools have held the pennant straight through the past three

years. The record of the pennant schools for 1932 was as follows:

	Yearly per Cap.	Weekly per Cap.
North Platte	\$25.22	.49
Alliance	23.36	.45
Beatrice	16.35	.31
Norfolk	15.85	.30

Other schools not holding the pennant for the entire year, yet more than reaching the full goal for the year, were Lamar and Kearney. Lamar had a yearly per capita of \$35.23, and weekly per capita of 68 cents. Kearney had a yearly per capita of \$16.35 and weekly per capita of 32 cents. Certainly these liberal offerings represent diligent efforts on the part of the superintendents, and sacrificial gifts and loyal cooperation on the part of all the members of these schools. Our total Sabbath school offerings for 1932 were \$18,770.25, with a weekly per capita of .148.

One hundred-thirty-three members completed a year's perfect Sabbath school record during 1932. Many completed a two and three year record. Elder E. G. Hayes, of North Platte, completed a five year record, Mrs. Lucy Stone, of Omaha, a six year record; Mrs. George Oestman a nine year record; Mrs. Alice C. Hart, of College View, and Mrs. Sarah Swartz, of Omaha, each completed a fourteen year perfect record. A fourteen year perfect record represents a daily lesson study for 5,110 days, and to have been present and on time to Sabbath school for 728 Sabbaths in succession. An enviable record to be sure.

Conventions are to be held in Omaha and College View in the near future.

ANN S. TAYLOR.

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Baptism at Palco

THE light of the third angel's message has long shone in the Palco community. Much truth-filled literature has been faithfully distributed, and many Bible studies given. Our brethren felt that the time was ripe for a harvest of souls, so a series of meetings was arranged for. It has been the privilege of the writer to be a co-worker with the church there in gathering in some of the fruit of this faithful seed sowing.

There was a good interest and a splendid attendance at the meetings. Sabbath, January 7, seven souls were added to the church, six by baptism and one by profession of faith. The following Sabbath

three others took their stand on the Lord's side, and there are still others in the valley of decision. We plan another baptism in the near future.

The heart of one of our faithful sisters was made very happy as she saw her husband, her father and mother, one sister, and her grandmother—three generations—take their stand for the message that has been so dear to her.

On January 7 the Palco church met with the Hill City church for the baptismal service. At the close of the eleven o'clock meeting both churches reconsecrated themselves to the Lord, and determined anew to remain faithful even unto the end. Following this service the candidates were buried with their Lord in baptism. Brother Parker, local elder of the Hill City church, had charge of the baptismal service. In the afternoon the ordinances of the Lord's Supper were celebrated.

Both churches are of good courage and are joyfully looking forward to the speedy return of our Saviour. We solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters for the work in this community.

M. H. JENSEN.

Enterprise Academy

Good English week will be observed at Enterprise Academy, January 29 to February 4. The English department, under the direction of Elizabeth Cowdrick, is planning a very interesting program for the evening of February 4.

Several boys have found good exercise and profitable work in cutting wood on an adjoining farm.

The following students have sufficiently high grades to be on the first semester honor roll: Alice Anderson, Frederick Harder, Ethel Mason, Marjorie Minear, Lavona Pogue, Leslie Reeve, Eileen Rose, Fern Veninga.

The academy dairy herd continues to have a good average of butter fat production. For the month of December the herd was fourth highest in a group of twenty-six herds. The association tester complimented Marvin Tryon and Edward Hallsted on the good care they were giving the cows.

Leslie Reeve reports that the academy White Leghorn flock is doing well.

The Fest Gemauert Club gave an interesting program on the Rhein region. Pictures of the country, the old castles along the romantic Rhine, and other historic places were projected. Stories connected with these places were told by club members, Mildred Mohr told the story, Lorelie; Warren Flier, Eine Gespenstergeschichte.

Kansas Notes

BROTHER A. M. RAGSDALE, our educational and young people's secretary, spent Sabbath, January 28, with the Kansas City colored church.

At this time all but three of the Kansas Sabbath school secretaries have their reports in for the fourth quarter of 1932. We are hoping that the other three will get their reports in before the month of January closes.

We received word from Elder Wiest that Sister Wiest's father passed away on the 19th. No doubt they will be back to Topeka by the time this item is read.

During the first half of the school year, there was an increase in enrolment in the fifteen church schools of twenty-eight pupils. Though handicapped financially our church schools are going forward.

Elder E. H. Meyers, our field missionary secretary, is visiting the churches in the southeastern part of the state. He has been visiting Galena, Oswego, and other churches in that section.

We do not wish to disappoint anyone, therefore we suggest that you get your order for the book, "Great Controversy," in the half leather, and the Home Missionary Calendar, for only \$1.25 for the two, in at once, as we have only a limited supply of the calendars left.

Elder A. S. Bringle writes that he has been holding a series of meetings with the Junction City church.

Twelve certificates have been issued for those who have completed the 1932 Sabbath School Workers' Training Course. Additional certificates will be issued as others who have completed the course send in their statements.

Elder T. H. Allison, pastor of the Kansas City colored church, and who also has charge of the colored work in the Central Union Conference, plans on visiting some of the colored churches in other conferences during the month of February.

We have a slightly used "Prophets and Kings" in the cloth binding, trade edition, which we are offering at \$1.25; regular price, \$2.25.

Dr. M. E. Olson, president of the Home Study Institute of the General Conference, spoke at the Topeka church Wednesday night, January 25. Dr. Olson's visit was very much appreciated by the church.

One hundred eighty-eight Missionary Volunteer Reading Course certificates and 84 Bible Year certificates were issued in 1932. Forty-two young people were invested as Friends and three as Companions. Eleven honor tokens were issued.

Iowa Conference

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Balancing the Budget

THE auditing committee, in joint session with the conference committee, met at the Iowa Conference office in Nevada to balance the budget for 1933. We were happy to have with us Elders Piper and Marsh, along with Brother Lashier from the Central Union. With many earnest prayers to God for guidance, we began to consider the weighty problems caused by the drop in our tithe for 1932. We have been told by the servant of God "to shun debt as you would the leprosy." It was with heavy hearts that the committee began the work of cutting down expenses in order to balance our budget. A 10% reduction in our salaries was voted, but even this was not sufficient to make up the many thousands of dollars still needed to balance the budget, and after earnest and prayerful consideration of all our problems, we were forced to request a number of workers to discontinue their labors. We know that this will be quite a shock to these laborers, and also to our dear people who have been greatly blessed under their ministry. There was nothing else to do. With sadness in our hearts we were forced by our financial stress to take measures that we would not do under normal conditions. These are days of great perplexity to conference officials, and we solicit the prayers of all our people that God will guide in every step that is taken.

We are told by the servant of the Lord that if all our people would be faithful in paying an honest tithe, there would be more than sufficient funds in the treasury to carry forward this work. Let everyone examine his own life and see if he has been faithful to God. What a sad thing it would be to know that the debt we owe to God had not been sent into the treasury, and because there were no funds laborers were forced to discontinue their work. O, brother, sister, have you been faithful in paying your honest debts to God?

May the good Lord help us all to pray for His Holy Spirit, that we may have wisdom to finish the work in God's way, and be faithful even unto death.

R. S. FRIES,
President Iowa Conference.

Sabbath School Notes

MRS. E. E. WILCOX, of "Twin Cedars," Plainfield, has written this: "I want to tell you about our Investment.

I got some eggs of my son, of some real nice chickens, and I set the eggs in June. I told the Lord that all the pullets were for Him, and there were seventeen pullets and eight roosters. I just sold them the other day for fifty cents apiece, so here is \$8.00. I am so glad that we can send that much. I wish it were lots more, but we don't see much money this year. We are not very strong, but God has blessed us, and we have kept up and worked all the time. It just can't be long now until our dear Lord will come and take us home; that will be a glad day."

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Klinger sent their home report to the office and Mrs. Klinger wrote: "So sorry we cannot give more to missions, but we just haven't the money. Our Investment is only \$6.12. Maybe conditions will improve. We just have to grit our teeth and hang on, and maybe times will get better again. Surely the end of all things is close at hand, and the main thing is to be faithful.

If every member would do as well as these two have done, we would have a wonderful Investment fund for 1932.

Mrs. L. C. Christofferson, Mr. E. E. Grimes, and Mrs. Lena Stoelting, of the Council Bluffs Sabbath school, are entitled to the Training Course certificate. Mrs. Stoelting has finished the course each year since 1917. That is a worthy example. Sabbath school workers who wish to be efficient should improve these yearly opportunities for helpful study. Do not forget to send in the list of those who have finished the course in your school.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

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Three Hundred and Sixty-five Sermons

THREE hundred and sixty-five sermons within one year seem like a strenuous program, yet if you finish the year 1933, the reader of this article will have accomplished the feat. Every follower of Christ by his conduct of life preaches a sermon to others each day. The discourse is silent, yet mighty in its effect. What an appropriate figure Jesus used when He said, "Let your light shine before me that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We find that the light rings no gong, beats no drum, speaks no word, yet far through the distance its beams sparkle. Why not determine each day to preach

a sermon worthy of the cause you represent? Preach to win and to save.

"A sermon a day is your record,

Who'er in this world you may be;
Silently, mightily speaking,—

Your life is the preacher, you see.

"No bell peals the loud proclamation
To gather the multitude in;

They catch the mute beams of your
candle,

Which point to the right or to sin.

"Alike in your great congregation
Are neighbors, kind friends, and foes,—

Which way are you pointing these
people?

Is it the way Jesus chose?"

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Bargain Corner

HERE are some of the extraordinary bargains for this week:

"Bible Footlights," cloth	\$3.00
"With the Hawks in China" .....	.10
"Mother and Child" .....	.50
"Supremacy of Love" .....	.25

\$3.85

Special bargain price, postpaid, \$1.75.

"Home Physician," cloth	5.50
"Christian Story Telling"	1.25
"All the World Under One Flag" .....	.25
"Contagious Diseases" .....	.25

\$7.25

Special bargain price, postpaid, \$2.95

Order of Minnesota Book and Bible House.

News Notes

A SABBATH school was recently organized at Forest Lake, Minn., with fourteen members. We are looking forward to this Sabbath school to grow, and possibly some day we may be able to have a church there.

The conference committee and auditing board recently held their meeting here—St. Paul. Members from out of the city were: Albert Guy, from St. Cloud; P. S. Olson, from Mora; August Anderson, from Duluth; H. O. Olson, from Chicago; S. J. Lashier and J. F. Piper from the Central Union.

We were glad to have Elder E. E. Franklin, of the General Conference Publishing Department, with us Tuesday, the 24th, on his way to Jamestown, N. Dak.

Remember the special discount of 25% can still be had on the set of the "Testimonies" or the "Conflict of Ages" series. We hope that a number of our people

will take advantage of this special discount and send their order for these books.

Missouri Conference

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The Prohibition Cause

If there ever was a time when we as God's people should arouse ourselves to sense the paramount importance of the liquor question, it is now. Somehow it seems we are to blame for not acting sooner in awakening the people to this important issue. How much longer do we expect God to allow us to neglect our duty and responsibility? We are so prone to rest our duty on some other member's shoulder. If we continue to leave our responsibility to others, we might find ourselves left out of the kingdom, too.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that of all who claim to be the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks. None who claim to have a part in the work of God should lose interest. How can Christian men and women tolerate this evil? Should not our influence and our vote be cast on the side of temperance and virtue? We talk of the results, and tremble at the results, and wonder what we can do with the terrible results, while too often we tolerate and even sanction the cause.

The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example—by voice, and pen, and vote—in favor of prohibition and total abstinence. We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple with this giant foe. Our motto should be, No compromise and no cessation of our efforts till the victory is gained.

What can be done to press back the inflowing tide of evil? Let laws be enacted and rigidly enforced prohibiting the sale and use of ardent spirits as a beverage. Let us distribute our papers on this question, like the leaves of autumn.

AL COSSETTA.

Bible House Notes

HAVE you read "The Worlds Best Book," by Wm. Pearce? The author of this book traveled extensively in the countries where men lived who wrote the Bible. The story is given in an interesting and racy style, without tiresome history

and detail regarding the authenticity of this or that parchment. The reader is led on through the development of the different versions that have appeared in English from the time of Wycliffe down to the American Standard Revised Bible. Ninety-two pages, illustrated. Price only 90c. Order one today from the Missouri Book and Bible House.

Have you secured your copy of the 1933 Home Missionary Calendar as yet? If not, order one today. Price only 25 cents, postpaid. The Book and Bible House has only twenty copies left, so order at once and be sure that you get a copy.

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Sheyenne River Academy

LAST Saturday night the music department of the academy offered the first recital of the year. We were glad to have as our assisting artist, Mrs. H. J. Winter, who read two attractive numbers for us. The following students are those who took part in the program, which consisted of both piano and vocal numbers: Allise Lemke, Adeline Warnecke, Hilda Opp, Miriam Oswald, Loretta Held, Bertha Krein, Ruth Poppe, Lorraine Poppe, Lolita Newman, Luella Bentz, Olga Schwindt, Elrone Hmelvisky, and Miss Skeoch.

Elder E. A. Piper stopped at the academy a short time Monday, and we were glad to have him talk to us in union worship.

Other recent visitors at the academy have been Eleanor Meckler, John Meckler's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. William Moser.

Miss Peterson spoke in chapel last Friday. She showed how our lives may be compared to the work of the potter.

Professor Winter told us in a recent chapel talk that our future depends on our work and conduct now. We must work earnestly.

A number of us have been affected by the general epidemic of influenza that has been spreading over the country, but now practically all are back at work as usual.

We were glad that President M. L. Andreasen, of Union College, could spend Friday night and Sabbath with us. Friday night he spoke to us on Moses' experience with the serpent. Sabbath he spoke to us of the pure and holy church

that God will prepare before Christ returns, as a proof to Satan and the whole universe that God's law can be kept. In Young People's meeting Elder Andreasen told of some interesting baptisms he has performed. After sunset he talked for a while with the seniors, advising them as to their future course in life after they have been graduated from the academy next spring.

Obituaries

STRETTER. — Mrs. Emma Charlotte Stretter was born near Minden, Nebr., Jan. 25, 1889; and died at Boulder, Colo., Jan. 22, 1933.

On October 22, 1913, at Hastings, Nebr., she was united in marriage to Roy G. Stretter, and for many years they have made their home at Petersburg, Nebr.

Mrs. Stretter received a portion of her education at Union College in Lincoln and was later graduated from the nurses' course at the Hastings Sanitarium. For many years she has been a consistent and faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and was the able Sabbath school superintendent at the time of her death.

Her father, N. G. Hansen, of Denver, who was present on this occasion and who is in his eight-fourth year, loses in this daughter the last of his seven children. She leaves her husband and one son.

W. M. ANDRESS.

HANSEN.—Christen Hansen was born in Fyen, Denmark, Dec. 16, 1864; and died at the Carroll hospital, Jan. 14, 1933.

Mr. Hansen came to this country in 1883, finally moving into the Exira district, Iowa, where he has resided until the time of his death.

In the year 1888 he was united in marriage to Jensena Erickson, and to this union were born four children, all of whom survive. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church almost forty-five years ago, and remained a faithful member up until the time of his death. Just a short time before his death, he expressed the hope that he was prepared to meet his Lord.

He leaves to mourn their loss, four sons, and two brothers. One son, Henry, is a missionary in Ceylon.

He was laid to rest in the Adventist cemetery, there to await the coming of his Lord.

J. C. NIXON.

PIFER.—Ina Pifer, née Hatcher, was born Dec. 18, 1886, in the state of Tennessee. At the age of nineteen, while attending the church school, she embraced the Adventist message, and remained a loyal follower of her Saviour until her death. She took nurses' training at the Little Rock Sanitarium. Later she was employed in the Battle Creek Sanitarium at Jacksonville, Fla. While there, she was united in marriage to Fred L. Pifer. In the spring of 1918 they came to

Colorado, where, with the exception of three years spent in Nebraska, they have resided continuously, making their home in Denver and Fort Lupton a vicinity. Sister Pifer met death in automobile accident, Tuesday afternoon Jan. 17, 1933. She leaves to mourn the loss, her husband, one daughter, five sons, her mother, five brothers, one sister, and other relatives.

Elder W. M. Andress, of Boulder, conducted the funeral services at the Fort Lupton church. She was laid to rest in the Fort Lupton cemetery.

MRS. LORETTA A. DARLING.

PEARSON.—John A. Pearson was born at Troy, Iowa, May 1, 1857; and died at Nevada, Iowa, Jan. 20, 1933. Aug. 1889, he was united in marriage with I. Shelton, of Bloomfield, Iowa, who, with four sons and two daughters remain to mourn.

Since 1913 Mr. Pearson has lived three miles west of Boone with the exception of one year in Nevada, Iowa.

About forty years ago he and Sister Pearson became Seventh-day Adventists and he has remained a true, active, and zealous member. His quiet and unassuming life, as well as his friendliness won him many friends and made him respected by all who knew him.

The funeral service was held in the Nevada Seventh-day Adventist church and he was laid to rest in the Nevada cemetery.

E. L. SHELDON.

AXELSEN.—Sarah Axelsen, née Hansen, was born at Elk Horn, Iowa, March 21, 1876; and passed away at her home six miles west of Exira, Dec. 29, 1933.

She was united in marriage to Martin Axelsen, of Exira, March 10, 1898, and to this union were born five children, all of whom survive.

She always stood ready to do her duty in the home, in the community, and in the church. She had a cheerful disposition and a spirit of helpfulness. She remained a loyal and faithful member until the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, three daughters, two sons, three sisters, and one brother.

She was laid to rest in the Adventist cemetery near the church, there to await the coming of the Life-giver.

J. C. NIXON.

ALLEN.—Helen Bloss-Allen was born at Day Center, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1844, and died at the home of her son, Bert Allen, near Elgin, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1933.

July 4, 1870, she was united in marriage with Byron Allen. To this union three children were born. The last six years of her life have been spent with her son, Bert, at his home near Elgin, Iowa. During these years she has been an invalid almost constantly.

In 1897 she became identified with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and remained a faithful believer to the time of her death.

Funeral services were held by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Rev. Mr. J. Snyder.

T. H. JEYS.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21, 1933

VAUGHN.—Margaretta C. Vaughn, née Walker, was born Sept. 26, 1848, in Milton, Ind., and died Jan. 7, 1933, at her home near Van Tassell, Wyo. When a child she moved to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she grew up. June, 1872, she was married to Jesse Vaughn, and to them were born six children, all of whom are living except the eldest son. In 1912, with her son Walter, she came to Goshen Co., Wyo. and settled on a homestead, where she has since resided. When a child she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, to which she has remained faithful for over twenty years. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Cowman in the Congregational church, and she was laid to rest in the Van Tassell cemetery. Mrs. Vaughn was a kind friend and loving mother.

WALTERS.—John Henry Walters was born in Pennsylvania, March 21, 1867, and died at Rock Springs, Wyo., Dec. 10, 1932. He is survived by his wife and one son. Brother Walters accepted the faith of Seventh-day Adventist three years ago. During his recent illness he often testified of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Funeral services were conducted from the Rogan chapel on Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 10, 1932, by the writer, and interment was made in the Mountain View cemetery. His family and friends take comfort in the blessed hope of the resurrection.

HOMER F. SAXTON.

TRUSCOTT.—Mrs. Idabella Truscott was born in Cornwall, England, June 24, 1847. She came to the United States in 1867. Two years later she was married, and moved to Colorado in 1876. She accepted the third angel's message nineteen years ago and has since been a faithful follower of her Lord. She died Dec. 29, 1932, at Salida, Colo. Three children are left to mourn her death. The funeral was held at Salida, Colo., and interment was at Fairview cemetery in Salida.

C. F. LICKEY.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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BLUNDERS in speech—the common errors so often committed—stamato the speaker as uninformed, and detract from the force of his message. It is unwise to lose prestige by repeatedly stumbling into the common errors of speech, when with a little study any speaker can avoid them. You do not have to have a school education to speak correctly. The little book, "A Hint to the Wise," by Professor D. D. Rees, will straighten out those common errors for you. Ministers, church leaders, Sabbath school superintendents, school teachers, students—everyone who cares to be correct in his speech should

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	38	1	2.50	4.25	6.75	1.75
W. A. Burton	DR	21	10	33.75	8.75	42.50	25.25
Bennice DesMukes	OT	33	7	30.50	.....	30.50	.75
Marquerite DesMukes	OT	30	19	73.50	4.75	78.25	.....
Harry Duff	GC	42	5	22.50	10.00	32.50	5.00
Mrs. L. Erickson	BR	25	4	18.00	.....	18.00	1.00
R. W. Hinton	GC	27	1	4.00	2.25	6.25	.....
Henry Harlow	OD	36	.....	.....	.50	.50	.25
Sallie Holmes	DR	8	2	7.50	1.00	8.00	.....
Georgia Kemp	HP	11	3	16.50	.....	16.50	.....
Alex Kohtforber	OT	38	2	7.00	7.25	14.25	6.50
Henry L. Lane	BR	33	3	15.00	3.25	18.25	1.25
Luvada Lockhart	HP	8	4	22.00	.....	22.00	11.50
Mrs. M. Mathews	RJ	16	1	4.00	.....	4.00	.....
S. A. Minear	RJ	39	6	18.00	.....	18.00	.....
E. P. Spence	DR	40	5	16.50	7.25	23.75	1.50
Lula B. Surratt	DR	34	7	24.00	.....	24.00	.....
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	30	.....	.....	32.00	32.00	32.00
Total		509	80	315.25	81.25	396.50	90.75
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	10	2	7.00	.75	7.75	30.25
Glenn Shelton	BR	40	5	22.50	5.00	27.50	5.00
H. G. Biggers	M	33	.....	.....	24.50	24.50	6.50
Elva Wilcox	OD	14	2	6.50	5.75	12.25	2.30
*Anna Hanson	BR	59	2	12.00	9.65	21.65	3.90
Carl Edwards	RJ	8	.....	.....	4.25	4.25	.25
Total		164	11	48.00	49.90	97.90	48.20
MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary							
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	21	.....	.....	6.20	6.20	6.20
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	10	.....	.....	6.33	6.33	6.33
P. M. Vixie	HW	80	15	41.50	22.35	63.85	4.70
Total		111	15	41.50	34.88	76.38	17.23
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
Vera Arnell	HW	.....	.....	.....	8.00	8.00	8.00
H. L. Canfield	BR	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.50
C. F. Durr	.....	2	.....	.....	13.25	13.25	13.25
Fred Gibson	HP	25	.....	.....	8.00	8.00	47.75
Ernest Harper	HP	19	.....	.....	.50	.50	13.25
P. M. Jenkins	HP	30	1	5.50	1.50	7.00	1.25
Sarah McGrew	HW	41	.....	.....	3.60	3.60	28.55
H. R. Prentice	BR	18	1	1.95	1.25	3.20	10.75
Jacob Reuber	DR	14	.....	.....	.75	.75	2.75
Mrs. J. Wilson	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	2.50
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	3	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00
Misc. Sales	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.00	19.00	19.00
Total		176	2	7.45	60.35	67.80	197.55
WYOMING MISSION: D. W. Gahagan, Field Missionary Secretary							
Ivan Daniel	DR	38	7	24.50	3.10	27.60	1.25
M. Pitchford	DR	46	4	14.50	18.35	32.85	12.60
Total		84	11	39.00	21.45	60.45	13.85
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
Chivela Jorstad	DR	51	.....	.....	6.50	6.50	12.00
*Abel Larson	RJ	47	1	3.00	9.45	12.45	5.70
John Ogren	OD	28	1	3.50	2.25	5.75	3.50
Total		126	2	6.50	18.20	24.70	21.20
Grand Total		1170	121	457.70	266.03	723.73	388.78
*Two Weeks.							

have a copy of "A Hint to the Wise." The price is 35 cents. Order from your Book and Bible House, or direct from the Union College Press, College View Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

PSYLLIUM.—Best quality at new low price. Natural non-drug laxative. Safe, effective, non-habit forming. Supplies bulk and lubrication. Super-cleaned Blond, from original Battle Creek cleaners and refiners; free from all dirt and grit. 5 pounds \$1.60; 25 pounds \$7.50;

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WANTED.—Girl or middle aged woman at small wages, to keep house on farm in family of four. J. C. Dinesen, Harlan, Iowa. 5*

WANTED. — Representatives for our health foods, used by Union College. Jern Nature Foods Co., 4800 Pioneer Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebr. 5x

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Notice

We are receiving inquiries as to the authenticity of appeals being received from individuals in Sierra Leone, West Africa, for assistance in obtaining food, clothing, and house rent. In some way unknown to us they are obtaining very accurately the names and addresses of our church members throughout the United States.

Some years ago the appeal was for Bibles. Other denominations were solicited, which may be the same case now. Through the daily papers the public was cautioned against any response being made to such solicitations. The Bibles when received were sold for personal gain.

There is much need for assistance in behalf of those of our churches in this land, and for the support of our general mission work, and in contributing to these heavy calls at the present time we are able to determine the source of the appeal and its merits.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

A Definite Program

"THE church of Christ is organized for service. Its watchword is ministry. Its members are soldiers, to be trained for conflict under the Captain of their salvation."—*M. of H.* p. 148. It seems to us that every church should have some definite aim with all its energies bent in that direction. Strange as it may seem there are churches in the Central Union without a plan to win a soul. Surely the members could put into operation some simple plan. Here is one in which all, old, young, or infirm, can have a part:

Write out a little covenant leaving space for a few names below. Do not make the list of names too long, as there is danger of its becoming mechanical. Accept this sample if you wish: "God helping me I promise to pray daily and to work persistently for the conversion of the following persons:"

Give away that copy of the *Signs* after you have read it, or mail it to a friend. Let us have something working constantly. Here is a statement which

should make us think. Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of the Commission of Evangelism, says, "Churches without a program of evangelism average only 4½% gain annually . . . while churches with a definite program of evangelism average 20% gain in membership annually."—*Expositor for December*. And remember, this refers to churches with pastors. We have some churches without pastors with a fine continuous soul-winning program. Elder C. H. Watson, president of our General Conference, says, "It is only a short step between the time when the literature is allowed to drop in a field that the drop will be reached in the soul-winning in that field. Let your literature work go down, and your soul-winning work will drop."

Let us plan wisely and work earnestly, for God will reward every honest effort to win souls. The same ministry of angels attends the reading of our truth-filled literature as the preaching of the word, and "Our publishing houses are now sowing the gospel seed and are instrumental in bringing as many to Christ as the preached word."—*C. C.*, p. 146.

S. T. SHADEL.

Mission Work in the North Agra Field

OUR North Agra Mission has in it a variety of territory. It spreads out over parts of the great plains of Northern India, along the foothills and into the rugged Himalayas to the borders of Tibet. The climate varies from extreme heat to the very coldest. Some of the mountains in this section rise to a height of more than five miles with their pearly points fairly piercing the azure sky. From these mountains the river Ganges has its source. It rushes down over the rocks and through crevices to the plains and then cuts its way across our territory as it winds its way toward the Bay of Bengal.

Not far from the mission headquarters is a place on the banks of this river that is considered very holy by the Hindus. More than a million people gather here every year to bathe in its waters. The dead are placed on the banks and burned, and in their worship the water of this river takes the place of God. The people are now gathering for their annual celebration. In a few days there will be thousands there crowding and pressing and jostling against one another.

Our mission tents have already been pitched at vantage points and our workers will mingle with the crowds freely during the week. With the distribution of tracts and books, the singing of songs

and showing pictures on the life of Christ and other topics, we hope to bring the good news of the gospel to seekers after truth.

Not far from this place is a village with its mud huts and thatched roofs. The people live a simple life, and their earthly possessions are few indeed. They have heard something that has changed their thought and mode of living. The message has reached this village and souls are rejoicing in the knowledge of the riches of eternal life. They are asking for an evangelist to be sent to them. They have already started their own little church school, having provided the salary for a teacher and supplied a building for the school. The men and women are eager to learn also, and want one of our workers to live in their village.

In this week's mail comes a call from our Garhwal field, that mountainous country of the Himalayas where people are asking for a worker. We have labored in this territory for several years, during which time the Lord has blessed us with many contacts, and we are beginning to see some definite results. We have launched a strong evangelistic program, and we plan to place more evangelists in these villages.

About a year ago a man and his wife from this region were baptized and have since been living among their people as light bearers of the gospel. Recently I was privileged to visit their home. There are no idols in it, all heathen worship is forsaken; there is a brightness and cheerfulness that permeates the little dwelling. Our brother finds great joy in distributing our truth-laden tracts and papers, going from village to village carrying the good news that has transformed the lives of himself and family. In a recent letter from him he reports having handed out more than one thousand tracts in the past three months to his people.

When we go about our work and meet with people, some of whom have never even heard of Jesus, as well as others who are earnestly studying about Him, our prayers ascend in thankfulness for the privileges of serving the Lord in this needy land. And we are grateful for what our people in the homeland are doing. Without their help and prayers, progress in these far away lands would be impossible, and such incidents as noted above would never be told; seekers for salvation would be buried in Christless graves or cremated, as is the custom here in India. We solicit your earnest prayers for the work in this part of India that a host of souls may be redeemed when Jesus comes.

R. L. KIMBLE.

Hapur, U. P., India.