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The Sedalia Effort

It seems good to write once more to the members of the Central Union Conference, since I spent seven years in this union before going south. We are at present in the midst of a great interest in Sedalia. Last night (February 19) we began the third week of a five-week effort. The crowd has increased until the church will not take care of the people. By 7:15 the people are being turned away because of lack of room.

Last night we secured the assembly room in the beautiful half million dollar Pettis County court house for the lecture on the Sabbath question. At seven o'clock every seat was filled, and at 7:30, with all the aisles filled to capacity, and the doorway jammed out into the lobby, at least fifty had been turned away who could not get even close enough to look in or hear. The Lord surely is pouring out His Spirit in this place. I am sorry I must return to my pastorate in Fort Worth, Texas, within the next three weeks, because this unusual interest must be fostered properly.

Brother James Gaitens is leading the music and assisting in the personal evangelistic work. Miss Alta Nesbit, Bible worker from Kansas City, is doing the Bible work. The workers are calling on over one hundred families, who have requested visits and printed sermons regarding the subjects presented. At the conclusion of last night's lecture the writer asked the large audience how many believed the message they heard was God's truth from the Bible. Almost every hand was raised in a very enthusiastic manner. A great harvest of souls is expected from this effort. We earnestly solicit your prayers.

E. G. CROSIER.

More Schools for Missouri

It made me glad to have Brother Helt approach me not long ago for suggestions as to the erecting of a school build-

ing for a new church school. Brother Speiser, who has moved from St. Louis to Sabula, also plans on a church school in due course of time.

In visiting our Missouri schools I have been greatly impressed with the loyal spirit of cooperation on the part of our believers. Many of them have moved far in order to provide their children with a Christian education.

We likewise appreciate the pioneer spirit that urges our members to launch out in establishing new schools. We do not fail to recognize that times are hard, but schools are needed now more than ever. It costs much less to establish and maintain a school than before. Better teachers are available, and they are willing to teach for an amount that involves a sacrifice on their part. This work will be finished in sacrifice. It requires sacrifice on the part of both patrons and teachers to make our educational program possible.

Since qualified teachers are available, we can assure our churches of a good quality of instruction in their own communities. Your conference educational superintendent welcomes inquiries from our churches.

Some Complain

THE prophet Malachi, after telling of the promised blessings to those who bring all the tithes to the treasury, states there will be others who will complain,—not altogether in words, but sometimes in deed.

"Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance. . . . We call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." Mal. 3:13-15.

Let complainers beware of citing unfaithful believers or ungodly people as successful persons in this life. They will have to meet it sometime in the judgment.

J. F. PIPER.

Notice carefully and prayerfully the definite instruction that has been given to us as a people:

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people."

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth."

"Let these schools now be started under wise direction that the children and youth may be educated in their own churches. It is a grievous offense to God that there has been so great neglect in this line."

"In some countries parents are compelled by law to send their children to school. In those countries, in localities where there is a church, schools should be established, if there are no more than six children to attend. Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world. We are far behind in this important matter. . . . Instead of centering so many large buildings in a few places, schools should have been established in many localities."

"Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools."

"All who can should have the privilege of a home school. It would be well if several families in a neighborhood would unite to employ a humble, God-fearing teacher to give the parents help that is needed in educating their children. This will be a great advantage, and a plan more pleasing to the Lord than the one that has largely been followed of removing the youth from their homes to attend one of our larger schools. The church members, uniting, could erect an inexpensive building, and secure a wise teacher to take charge of the school."

"Let all share the expense."—From "Counsels to Teachers," pages 165-166.

Material things may lose their value, but the value of a child's soul is infinite.

MELVIN OSS.

Missouri News Notes

ELDER HARTWELL and Brother Carter spent the week-end of February 18 at

Kimble, Mo. While there they held three meetings, primarily for the benefit of those not of our faith. We are in hopes that sometime in the future it will be possible to hold a series of meetings in this community.

Brethren Harrison, Campbell, and Oss spent the week-end, February 17-19, visiting the churches at Springfield and Oak Grove. They found a good interest. Brother Harrison audited the treasurer's books at the two churches and reports both in most excellent condition.

Just a few words to let you know that Brother James Gaitens has joined the workers of the Missouri Conference. Through the cooperation of the union and General Conference, Brother Gaitens is starting in the ministerial internship. At the present time he is with Elder Croseir at Sedalia. We welcome Brother Gaitens into our field.

Are you doing what you can to help to educate the public of the evils of the liquor traffic? Soon there will be an election of delegates to a state convention to decide whether Missouri is going to approve of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment. Now is the time to circulate temperance literature. "Wet or Dry?" gives the truth about prohibition, and the moral and economical advantages of real temperance. This 25 cent crisis book should be in every home. Order ten or more copies today and circulate them among your neighbors and friends. Ten copies will be sent to you postpaid for only \$1.40. Order of the Missouri Book and Bible House.



Minnesota Church Schools

MIDYEAR brings its examinations in all finishing subjects. Seventy-two test sets were sent out to fifteen schools all doing work above the sixth grade. For the midyear final examinations 500 sheets of four page legal cap paper are required in our Minnesota schools. Again I am going to call the attention of parents to the fact that no pupil can leave entirely the seventh grade unless he has completed successfully the work of the seventh grade. The finishing subjects in this grade are given in the elementary course of study provided by the General Conference and the union conference. A finishing subject is one that is not carried from one grade into the next higher grade. In the seventh grade, physiology and geography are completed and not

carried like arithmetic and grammar into the eighth grade. Parents should look into this matter at once. A passing grade in each subject is 75% or above. Bible 7, Geography 7, and Physiology 7 are required before any student will receive a diploma, no matter if he has completed the whole eighth grade.

Some of our parents have overlooked this fact, judging from the way that some students are trying to get by without taking physiology or geography or both.

I hereby caution all parents to look carefully into this, and confer with your teacher rather than the pupil about it, and teachers should mention this to parents.

To each church having a school I would say that the financial depression forbids much traveling, therefore the local church officers must themselves look after the school expense, not forgetting that frequent mention of them before the church in a proper way keeps the pledges paid up and the tuition from falling far behind—"lest we forget" that the teacher must live, and can do so only through the above income. It is more difficult to raise money for past expense than for the future.

H. M. HIATT.

Duluth

THE First Duluth church closed its books for the year 1932 with 113 members. Nine new members were accepted into church fellowship by baptism, one on profession of faith, and several by letters of transfer. The treasurer reported that \$2,182.26 was received in tithes, \$1,277.38 in mission funds, and \$442.22 for local church expense.

The church is conducting a church school. Miss Helen Smith is giving splendid service as teacher. Nineteen children are enrolled. The teacher has been paid her salary in full up to date. The school building has been repaired and is in excellent condition.

We were very pleased to have Elder A. H. Rulkoetter visit us over the week-end of January 28. He spoke at the Scandinavian church at 10:00 a. m., and at the First church at 11:45 a. m. on Sabbath.

Brother Jackson, the new field secretary for the conference, spoke at both churches on Sabbath, February 11. His visit was also very much appreciated.

The pastor, August S. Anderson, is conducting a series of public meetings in Moose Temple in the heart of the business district of the city on Sunday nights. The lectures are announced free of charge over Radio Station WEBC on

Saturday night at 6:30. The attendance is very good, and we hope to see a number accept the truth as a result of this effort.

The prayer meetings are proving to be a spiritual help to the church. About one fourth of the membership are usually in attendance. At the meeting on Wednesday, February 15, all but one in attendance testified. That one was a visitor. Being a Catholic she was not accustomed to testify in public. She was very well impressed with the service, and after the service she told the pastor that she had had a dream a few nights earlier. She said that it had made a deep impression upon her mind and she was desirous to study the Bible. Arrangements were made for Sister Deters, our Bible worker, to study with her regularly. We hope to see her rejoicing with us in the blessed hope very soon.

Miss Deters is doing splendid Bible work in the church, visiting those who are interested in the truth. She is supporting herself, which is a great sacrifice on her part and which is very much appreciated in this time of financial depression.

Elder Anderson took his car full of church members to visit the county poor farm recently. While Sister Herbert Hiburg, who was one in the group, sang a few hymns in the ladies' parlor, the room was filled with inmates. Elder Anderson spoke about fifteen minutes on an appropriate Bible subject. Much good can be done by visiting these places.

The Missionary Volunteer Society is functioning very well under the able leadership of Sister Walter Borgen. Very definite plans are being made to keep all the bands and units active during all the year.

The welfare societies of both the First and the Scandinavian churches are very active sewing clothes, making quilts, and providing groceries for the needy.

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The Scandinavian church closed the year 1932 with 34 members. The treasurer reported that \$1,446.83 in trust funds was sent to the conference. Of that amount \$729.32 was tithe, and \$267.-66 was Harvest Ingathering funds. The church was redeccorated during the year.

The Work among the Finns of Northern Minnesota

EARLY in January evangelistic meetings in the Finnish language were started by the writer in Virginia and Eveleth. The attendance has been above expectations, as the work among the Finnish people on the range has thus far proved to be very difficult. The Finnish Congregational church at Eveleth was fortunately secured for Thursday and Sunday evenings. The little church seats exactly ninety-nine, and nearly every meeting has had practically a capacity attendance. Twenty have given in their names requesting literature on the subjects presented. It is hoped that after contacting these people arrangements will be made with many for Bible studies in the homes.

On Wednesday evenings Finnish meetings are also held in Virginia at the Finnish Unitarian church. These meetings were planned primarily to follow-up the interest created in an effort last winter. The attendance is smaller than last year, but most of the ones attending are definitely interested in the message, and we trust that by spring some of these will take their stand for the truth.

The owner of the *Finnish Daily*, published in Duluth and widely circulated among the Finns on the range, kindly offered to receive all advertising of the meetings free of charge. We are given liberal space in three issues each week for this purpose. An invitation was also given to write articles on temperance and other moral issues. This newspaper is exerting a good influence in making our work known among the Finnish people who have hitherto heard very little about the advent message.

Thus far New York City has the only Finnish Seventh-day Adventist church in America, but it is the writer's earnest prayer that before long a church will be raised up among these people in Minnesota, which has the second largest Finnish population in the United States.

W. B. PONTYNEN.

Faithful Work

A SPLENDID report of the work done by two isolated sisters in Littlefork is worth passing on for the encouragement of others. These two sisters invited friends to study the Sabbath school les-

son with them, and now they have seven members in their Sabbath school. They also have a Bible class on Thursdays for thirteen school children from seven families. Recently these children sold one hundred copies of the temperance number of the *Little Friend*. With the proceeds they ordered seven copies of the *Little Friend*, one for each family, so that the children can study their lesson for the Bible class. These two sisters recently also distributed two hundred copies of the *Signs of the Times* prohibition number, and for the period of one year they faithfully distributed a club of one hundred copies of *Present Truth*. In the last Harvest Ingathering campaign \$35 was received in their small town. These sisters feel that the soil of their community is prepared for an evangelistic effort, and we trust that soon a series of meetings can be held there to reap a harvest from the seed these sisters have so faithfully sown.

W. B. PONTYNEN.

Minnesota News Notes

ELDER RULKOETTER spent the week-end of the 18th at the school at Huthinson. He spoke to the student body Friday evening and at the church service Sabbath.

Elder August S. Anderson plans to visit the church at Moose Lake the second Sabbath in March. This will be March 11, if weather conditions are favorable.

Elder Dirksen reports a good attendance at the church service in Dodge Center on Sabbath, the 18th. The church there subscribed for a club of *Signs*.

Brother Marshall and Brother Provencher, the home missionary leader of the St. Paul church, visited the two churches of Litchfield and Willmar on Sabbath, the 18th. They found a very ready response to the *Signs* campaign, and each church ordered a club of *Signs* that more than equaled its membership.

Remember the offering this week is for religious liberty. Attend the service and be prepared to give.

Professor Lynn H. Wood passed through the Twin Cities on his way east, and occupied the pulpit in the St. Paul English church Sabbath, the 18th.

We have a good supply of \$1.00 Bibles in stock. This is an excellent Bible, self-pronouncing, plain type, thin paper, keratol binding. The price is \$1.00 post-paid.

We notice that a number of our people are late in ordering their *Sabbath School Quarterly*. In doing this they lose out their daily study, and we are sure they miss a blessing. These *Quarterlies* are

on hand now for the second quarter, so while you think of it you better send in your order at once and you will have them when the quarter begins.

But one offering a year is taken for religious liberty. Remember the date, March 4.

Elder August Anderson plans on visiting the Bruno church on Sabbath, March 18.

So. Dakota Conference

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Plainview Academy Week of Prayer

ON Sabbath, February 18, eleven candidates were baptized at Plainview Academy. Ten of these were students. The eleventh was the sister of Mrs. C. M. Babcock, who providentially arrived on the scene just previous to the opening of the Week of Prayer.

Elder Goden Oss, our conference president, led out in the meeting during the entire week, and his strong spiritual leadership was an inspiration to all. Elder C. D. Hein was present and assisted during the major portion of the time. It was the privilege of the writer to share in the latter part of the occasion. It was a good Week of Prayer. Professor Hartman and the members of the faculty had been looking forward to the occasion and earnestly praying that God might abundantly bless. God did bless.

During the first days, the meetings were characterized by deep spiritual appeal, but nothing unusual happened. On Tuesday morning, however, the Spirit of God came in and took charge of the meeting. After an earnest discourse by Elder Oss on confession and forsaking of sin, opportunity was given for those who felt conviction of the Spirit of God to right wrongs. The response was quite remarkable, for under the influence of the Holy Spirit a great number of wrongs were confessed and made right. There seemed to be an earnest desire on the part of nearly all to right themselves with God and their fellows and place their influence on the right side. Some were on their feet as many as two, three, and four times as the Spirit of God did His office work of pointing out sin. There was no great demonstration of feeling, but rather a calm, quiet response to the impressions of the Spirit of God. This opened the way for the blessing of God to rest abundantly upon the school during the remainder of the week. The results for the kingdom were those

indicated above. Speaking of the experience, Elder Oss said several times, "We felt humbled as we saw how God took charge of that meeting." Everything else was set aside and the meeting continued until nearly noon. Less than half a dozen of the entire student body failed to respond to the Spirit's call, and even those were deeply impressed and will doubtless benefit as the result. The blessings of the occasion will be reflected not only in the school, but in the homes from which these students came.

We are persuaded that many prayers ascended to the throne of God as the family gathered at the family altars from which these students were missing. These prayers mingled with those of students, faculty, and workers at the Throne of Grace and moved the arm of Omnipotence in behalf of our youth. The occasion will be a memorable one for all who shared it, and beyond question the waves of influence set in motion will continue to widen and deepen until they reach the eternal shore.

C. M. BABCOCK.

South Dakota Notes

ELDER C. M. BABCOCK spent Sabbath, February 25, at Pierre.

Brother L. L. McKinley spent Sabbath, the 25th, with the company at LaPlant.

Elder Oss left Sunday, February 19, for College View to attend the Union College board meeting.

Brother Just Gillis, of Clark, states that he has a new Sabbath keeper in Garden City, and that another family in Clark is beginning to come to the Sabbath services. Brother Gillis has been distributing literature in a systematic way for some time and the results are beginning to show up.

The publishers tell us that they still have a supply of the Home Missionary Calendars on hand. While we have entered the new year, there is still sufficient time left of 1933 to make good use of this splendid calendar. The beautiful pictures are worth the price of the calendar. Send your order to the Book and Bible House.

We have an extraordinary bargain—\$5.00 worth of literature for only 95 cents! Five each of the following titles are in this package: "Bible, a Twentieth-Century Book," "All the World Under One Flag," "Hour of God's Judgment," "Hero Tales of the Bible,"—20 25 cent books for only 95 cents! Add 10 cents for postage. Sell four of these books at the regular price, and you will have 16 left with which to do missionary work.

Nebraska Conference

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A Good Institute

THE colporteur institute for Shelton Academy closed Sabbath afternoon, February 18. Throughout the whole week of meetings, it was very evident that an unusual power was present. The interest developed in the finishing of the giving of the gospel to the state of Nebraska by those present was a real demonstration of the nearness of the end, and of the great work that our people will do.

Twenty-two young people fully promised to go out in the colporteur work this summer. They did this fully realizing the difficulties of the work this year, and having full confidence that they were working not for gain, but for God. Others would like to have entered this work, but several could not do so because of work already planned.

Splendid help was received from Elder Collins, who carried the burden of the meetings. Brother Sherrig, of the Pacific Press Branch in Omaha, also came to give us good help the first Sabbath. Our local conference officers, Elder Westbrook and Brother Schnepfer, took up some of the practical questions of vital importance. The splendid cooperation of the school was responsible in a large part for the good success and splendid attendance. The head of the school, Elder Hutches, and several of the teachers began their work by canvassing.

R. J. Roy.

The "Signs" Campaign

FEBRUARY has been the month to renew and increase our *Signs* work. We have been very fortunate to have for a week the help of Elder Charles Thompson in this work. Appointments had been made for him in nine places. In spite of the very unusually cold weather at that time, only one appointment was missed. Of the eight places visited, five of them have reached their goal of a club equal to two-thirds their membership. They are Omaha Memorial, Omaha III, Fremont, Tekamah, and Hastings. Two others very likely will complete their club soon.

The number of *Signs* orders coming from the churches not visited by Elder Thompson or myself, would indicate that the matter was not presented very strongly in those places. It is not too late yet, so may we again bring this

before you? "More *Signs*, more souls" is as true as ever.

R. J. Roy.

Shelton Academy Notes

THE Shelton Academy chorus will give the cantata, "Queen Esther," Sunday afternoon, March 5, from 4:30 to 6 o'clock, over Radio Station KGBZ, of York, Nebr. This is a 1,000 watt station, operating on a frequency of 930 kilocycles. This cantata was given by the chorus, under the direction of Mrs. T. I. Durm, in the academy chapel Saturday night, February 11. There were visitors in the audience from Grand Island, Hastings, Lincoln, North Platte, and other surrounding communities.

The regular radio program given by Shelton Academy is from 9:15 to 9:45 A. M., every Sunday, over KGFV of Kearney.

The students and teachers of Shelton Academy enjoyed the colporteur institute last week by Elder Collins and Elder Roy, Elder Westbrook and Brother Schnepfer, of Grand Island, assisted in several of the meetings also.

H. W. Sherrig, of the Pacific Press Branch office in Omaha, was here Friday night and Sabbath morning, February 10.

Professor C. W. Marsh stopped at the academy for a few minutes last week on his way through.

Following the colporteur institute, a colporteur band of twenty students was organized, to meet every Sunday evening during the remainder of the school year.

Visitors at the academy for the colporteur institute were: Chavela and Ulala Jorstad, of Bayard, Nebr., Rhoda Pederson, of Hemingford, and John Ogren, of South Sioux City, Nebr.

A senior class of twenty members was organized at the academy last Sunday night. This is the largest senior class in the history of Shelton Academy. Francis Witthaus was elected president; Evelyn Baer, vice-president; Hazel Baughman, secretary; Ernest Riter, treasurer; John Feather, sergeant-at-arms; and Sylvia Nielsen, valedictorian. B. G. Butherus was chosen as sponsor for the class.

Virgil Shaffer won first prize in the *Sun Dial* campaign, which closed Saturday night, February 5. The award was six dollars in cash.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and family, Mrs. Sarah Johnson and daughter, Florence, of Elm Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christensen and daughter, Mildred, and Mr. Christensen's father and mother,

of Arcadia, were Sabbath visitors at the academy recently.

In the absence of their pastor, the writer was recently invited to preach the Sunday morning and Sunday night service in the Congregational church of Arcadia.

G. E. HUTCHES.

Colorado Conference

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"Liberty" Offering

WE appeal to the membership in the Colorado Conference seriously to consider the importance of standing true to the principles of religious freedom in an hour like this.

Our religious liberty department brethren remind us that we are facing peril. Let us do our best in the religious liberty offering, March 4. This is our one yearly gift for *Liberty*. Much depends on us in a day like this.

Let no one forget the offering and its purpose, and the time it is to be given.

JAY J. NETHERY.

German Churches, Notice

AFTER due consideration it has been decided to have a convention for the Colorado German churches and companies of believers, the convention to be held in the LaSalle church, beginning Wednesday, March 1, and continuing until Sunday, March 5.

All the German-speaking people are urged to attend. Very important items are going to be considered. The members of the LaSalle church have agreed to entertain all of our people who will come. Do not fail to come, and come for the entire time of the convention.

H. J. MEYER.

Dr. Tornblad Speaks

ALONE, in a strange city, among the upper class of society, and surrounded by government officials, Dr. Tornblad found herself. A pioneer in Burma! How should she relate herself to her surroundings? But more important than this was the question, How should she reach the hearts of the people in order to tell them the old, old story?

Dr. Tornblad, in person, answered this question Friday evening at the Y. P. M. V. meeting in the Boulder Sanitarium parlor. This is how she did it. She, a doctor, taught women how to sew, the brides how to make bread, young mothers how to care for their babies, and gave general medical attention to all, young

and old. She did not even spurn the distribution of the good old *Signs of the Times*.

One poor soul, living in spiritual darkness and physical pain met the doctor one day. The poor woman was so ill she could not stand erect; furthermore, she was not interested in religion. Dr. Tornblad, in her tactful way, told her she thought she could help her by giving some treatments to her back. The patient was very willing to submit. After some steaming fomentations had been applied, the lady was almost surprised to find that the pain was gone. She was happy and pleased to make an appointment for Bible studies with the doctor.

After she had won the confidence of the people, she found it easy to give the gospel, and was even asked to tell of the Jesus who is soon coming. A young Japanese Buddhist came to her pleading for her to teach him the English language, and tell him of the true God. He was willing to work for his room and board—no more. After he learned of the Sabbath, he expressed to her his supreme happiness in serving God, and being able to keep holy God's rest day.

This young man became ill and was taken to a hospital for an operation. During his stay there, he got a vision of the lost world and of his father, still a heathen. As soon as circumstances could be shaped in his favor, he set out for Japan to tell the good news to his father. Time passed, and Dr. Tornblad received no word from him.

At last, he wrote her the sad news that his relatives would have nothing to do with him or his religion. In short, he was disinherited. Would he give up, and say there is no use? No. He spent his time preaching to others, and selling literature which rendered him self-supporting. Soon this young Japanese saw, as the fruits of his labor, an enthusiastic group of twenty Sabbath keepers.

Such experiences stir the hearts and ambitions of every true M. V. with a new determination to be faithful to his pledge, and if need be, spend, as did Dr. Tornblad, twenty-six years in the heart of some dark continent.

MRS. ROBERT YOUNG.

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Our Youth

It is apparent that there has been no retrenchment in church school activity in Wyoming.

With boxing, dancing, and card playing as recognized adjuncts to school activity, and cigarette smoking, drinking, and appalling vices so prevalent as to alarm the most liberal, surely there can be no thought of caring less for our heritage of young people, who are the active workers of tomorrow.

In "Counsels to Teachers," page 43, we read: "As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands." On page 42 we read: "God requires that the church arouse from her lethargy, and see what is the manner of service demanded of her at this time of peril. The lambs of the flock must be fed. The Lord of Heaven is looking on to see who is doing the work He would have done for the children and youth."

Notice also from "Education," page 218: "No other work committed to us is so important as the training of the youth, and every outlay demanded for its right accomplishment is means well spent."

The four hundred members of the Wyoming Mission support five church schools and one home school. In three of these schools there are two teachers and the ninth grade is being featured. So we have a teaching staff of nine teachers, or one supported by every forty-five members. While we feel there is much more to be done, we note that there would be four hundred and sixty teachers maintained in the Central Union were this ratio general, instead of the eighty-five now teaching in the grades throughout this field.

In addition to this corps of teachers we have the following persons teaching in public schools: Miss Hazel Souders, near Casper; Lester Gibson, near Cheyenne; and Carl Johnson, at Shawnee, with two others anticipating schools for the coming year.

Brother Carl Johnson and his wife spent a period of time in Africa near the equator. They have now identified themselves with our state by using his homestead rights in the Riverton Reclamation area. The temperature is quite in contrast with Africa. Sister Guhl and family recently settled on this same project.

Just how to carry on a more intensive Y. P. M. V. work for our isolated young people has been a real perplexity till our union conference Y. P. M. V. secretary came to our rescue.

Elder Gordon Smith spent a period of time in Lovell, Casper, and Cheyenne, as

he was passing through on the Burlington, three weeks past. His plans for reaching and co-ordinating our work interests us greatly, and we see better days ahead for our splendid young people.

We are heartily in accord with the statement on page 166 of "Counsel to Teachers": "To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to man."

C. A. PURDOM.

Kansas Conference

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Religious Liberty Day

SABBATH, March 4, is the day set aside for the annual religious liberty offering. There is but one offering each year for this purpose, and we do need your help.

The conference is planning to send the *Liberty* magazine to 120 libraries, 96 judges, 172 legislators, and 89 lawyers.

The magazine costs 25 cents a year during this campaign. Every believer should get it for himself and also send in to the conference the price for additional subscriptions so that these judges and legislators can also have it.

The *Liberty* magazine keeps us informed concerning the progress made on Sunday legislation. It is important that we educate the thinkers and leading men of the state as to the drift along the development of Sunday laws.

We are anxious for a good offering on March 4. Every dollar will be used in the interest of this department.

C. S. WIEST.

Kansas Notes

ELDER E. H. MEYERS, our field missionary secretary, left the office for Kansas City and other places in the interest of the colporteur work. His plans were to spend Sabbath, February 25, with the Kansas City churches.

We notice that many of the subscriptions to the *Review and Herald* and Big Four expiring February 28 have not been renewed. If you do not have the full subscription price for these papers we would suggest that you send \$1.00 to pay your Big Four subscription for four months, and by the end of the four months we are confident that you will have another \$1.00 to renew for four months longer.

Elder Fries, president of the Iowa Conference, spent a few hours in Topeka Monday, February 20, on business.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale educational, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath school secretary, visited the Holton church Sabbath morning, February 25, and the Ozawkie church in the afternoon. These are some of our smaller churches, but we are glad that they are doing their part along all lines of missionary work.

Elder C. S. Wiest attended the Central Union Conference committee meeting, also the Union College board meeting at Lincoln last week. Mrs. Wiest accompanied him to visit with her daughter, Ruth.

Since the price of the *Watchman* magazine has been reduced from 25 cents to 10 cents a copy, the magazine has had a splendid sale. If ten or more copies are ordered at one time the price to our people is 4 cents a copy, or 40 cents for the ten. If you do not have regular employment why not sell this good magazine during your spare hours. There are many giving their full time to this work who are having splendid success.

Elder S. T. Shadel, home missionary secretary for the Central Union, is visiting several of our churches in the interest of the *Signs* campaign. Friday evening, February 24, he was with the Kansas City colored church, and Sabbath and Sunday at the Kansas City First church. Monday evening he was at Chanute, and Tuesday evening he was with the Topeka First church. Elder Shadel's work has been greatly appreciated by the churches.

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Iowa Notes

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE CHAPMAN arrived in Nevada the evening of February 20, on furlough from San Jose, Costa Rica, where they are faculty members in our Central American Academy. On their way they stopped a few hours at Havana and enjoyed a visit with Elder Ogden, who wished to be remembered to old Iowa friends. They also spent a few days in Washington, D. C.

Elder J. C. Nixon and Elder Gordon Smith, of the union office, were in Des Moines, February 17-25, where they held a convention in the interests of the young people of that church.

Elder R. S. Fries spoke at the Nevada church on Sabbath morning, February 18, on some of the scientific facts that are disclosed in various texts of scripture. The first few verses of Genesis 1 contain

many facts not evident at first glance. He went to Marshalltown for their service in the afternoon, and went that night to College View, where he was to attend a Union College board meeting. He will return to Indianapolis and will bring his family to Iowa the first of March.

Elder J. C. Christenson returned to the office Monday, February 29, after spending a week with Elder Charles Thompson, visiting the churches in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Nevada, Marshalltown, Mason City, Ruthven, Sioux City, Hawarden, and Ute. They were in Nevada on February 14, the day of the meeting for the conference workers of Iowa.

Obituaries

AMES.—Nelson Henry Ames was born in Lake County, Ill., March 9, 1871, and died at his home in Arcadia, Nebr., Jan. 31, 1933. He had been a faithful Adventist for seven years, and was deacon of the church at Arcadia at the time of his death. He leaves his wife and four children, besides a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted in the Congregational church of Arcadia by the writer.

G. E. HUTCHES.

WERTMAN.—William Daniel Wertman was born July 10, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wertman, at Ava, Mo., and died Feb. 13, 1933. He leaves to mourn their loss, his parents, five sisters, and other relatives.

Services were conducted at the Ava church by Elder F. H. Hahn, assisted by Wilden Lucas and the writer. The deceased was quietly laid away to rest in the White Creek Community Cemetery.

RUFUS BAKER.

PECK.—Mrs. Orrie Harrington Peck was born in Mason, Mich., Aug. 13, 1865; and died in Glendale, Calif., Nov. 11, 1932.

She studied music at Oberlin College and later in Berlin, Germany. She was married to Edwin W. Peck. After his death, Mrs. Peck came to California. Left to mourn are two brothers, with some distant relatives living in Florida.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elder F. W. Paap.

H. M. BLUNDEN.

McCLELLAN.—Franklin P. McClellan was born in Hancock County, Ohio, May 11, 1853; and passed away at his home northwest of Ludlen, Mo., Jan. 16, 1933.

On Dec. 23, 1877, he was united in marriage with Mary Catherine Toner. To this union two daughters were born. In 1887 he united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Utica, and served faithfully as an elder of the church. He was a devoted husband and father.

He leaves to mourn, his daughter, Bertha, two nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

SMITH.—Donald Smith, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Smith, died at Lawrence, Kans., Feb. 16, 1933. He lacked two days of being two months of age. Funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove church on Feb. 19 by the writer.

MELVIN OSS.

WILLIAMINSON.—Mrs Alma Eliza Williaminson was born in the state of Wisconsin, March 3, 1854; and died January 25, 1933.

She came to Iowa at an early age. For 45 years she devoted her life to the training and educating of the young people in our schools.

On Jan. 1, 1877, she was married to Mr. Thomas Williaminson, and to this union were born two sons, both of whom survive. She was a member of the Women's Relief Corps and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

A. A. LEISKE.

SPRINGER.—Mrs. Ina Wren Springer was born at Kincaid, Kans., Oct. 23, 1905; and died at Wind Springs Ranch, Sioux County, Neb., Feb. 10, 1933.

When a young girl she accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists, and united with the church at Kincaid. She graduated from the Kincaid high school in 1925, and later taught in the rural schools of Kansas for three years.

She attended Union College for two years. August 1931, at Enterprise, Kans., she was married to Darrell Springer and they came direct to Wind Springs Ranch, where they have since resided. To this union were born two sons, both of whom three months old. She is survived by her husband and baby, her father and mother, one brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Methodist church of Mitchell, Nebr. Interment was in the Mitchell Valley Cemetery.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited, but are published only as an accommodation. They must be sent to the local conference office to be approved by the conference president before being published in the Central Union Reaper. For each insertion the rate is two cents a word with a minimum charge of fifty cents, cash to accompany the advertisement.

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

WANTED.—Boy 20 desires farmwork. Experienced. Good clean milker. J. Olson, 1827½ West 1st St., Duluth, Minn. 9

FOR SALE.—Natural brown BLUE ROSE unpolished rice, 100 pounds, \$4.60. "MAZOLA" salad or cooking oil, 10 gallons, \$8.00. All freight prepaid. Harry Skog, 7311 Forsythe Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 9

FOR RENT.—Farm for rent, North Central Minnesota. Equipment, 12 cows, milk goats, chickens, machinery, ton truck, acre raspberries. Some house furniture. No horses. Harry Skog, 7311 Forsythe Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 9

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1933

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	32	3	7.50	3.75	11.25	6.75
Mrs. M. Blackburn	HP	26	16	88.00	.....	88.00	.....
W. A. Burton	DR	26	15	46.00	8.80	54.80	15.45
Bennice DesMukes	OT	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50
Marguerite DesMukes	OT	6	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	.....
Harry Duff	OD	40	6	16.00	6.25	22.25	.25
*J. L. Haddock	OD	58	4	10.00	.....	10.00	3.50
W. E. Helt	PP	15	1	4.50	.....	4.50	.....
Georgia J. Kemp	HP	9	1	5.50	.....	5.50	.....
Mrs. Orphia Klaus	OD	15	.....	.....	.25	.25	.25
Alex. Kohlfarber	OT	40	1	3.50	3.00	6.50	1.75
Henry L. Lane	BR	40	3	13.50	3.75	17.25	1.25
Mrs. Willie Reid	HP	8	3	16.50	.....	16.50	.....
Arthur Richards	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Albirta Snyder	RJ	32	3	9.00	1.50	10.50	.....
E. P. Spence	DR	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Lonnie Thompson	GC	7	5	22.50	.....	22.50	.....
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	55	.....	.....	16.50	16.50	16.50
Wilhelmina Reid	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	.40	.40	.40
Total		426	61	242.50	45.70	288.20	56.60
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Field Missionary Secretary							
Karl Evenson	BR	25	4	23.50	51.50	75.00	52.25
P. M. Vixie	HW	39	8	27.00	14.00	41.00	5.25
H. A. Hansen	BR	36	7	29.00	3.00	32.00	.....
F. W. Lequier	RJ	29	8	26.00	2.00	28.00	.....
Lillian Merten	GC	28	2	9.00	1.75	10.75	2.75
J. Homer Opstad	HW	15	9	28.00	11.75	39.75	.....
Eric Anderson	RJ	7	7	23.00	1.00	24.00	.....
Ada Schornstein	RJ	7	2	7.00	1.10	8.10	1.10
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	35	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	7.50
Clare G. Rust	Misc.	20	.....	.....	8.45	8.45	8.45
Mrs. Chas. Moyer	Mag.	17	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mrs. Ida Johnson	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total		258	47	172.50	113.05	285.55	88.30
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
H. L. Canfield	BR, BPS	42	3	4.50	11.50	16.00	6.00
Ernest Harper	HP	52	4	24.00	6.25	30.25	11.75
Anna S. Hayer	HP	10	.....	.....	8.00	8.00	6.50
Mrs. Jenkins	HP	47	1	5.50	.50	6.00	1.00
Henry Martin	HW	12	3	10.50	1.50	12.00	.....
Sarah McGrew	HW	29	.....	1.95	2.50	4.45	2.00
H. R. Prentice	HW	40	9	20.35	8.50	28.85	1.50
Albert Priest	HP	46	14	78.50	.....	78.50	11.75
Jacob Reuber	DR	38	2	5.50	8.25	13.75	3.00
Karl Simon	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	5.40	5.40	5.40
Ilma Wade	HP	32	6	40.00	.75	40.75	.75
Mrs. Willett	HW	19	1	1.25	.....	1.25	5.40
Hubert Young	HP	13	3	13.55	.75	14.30	.....
Total		385	46	205.60	53.90	259.50	55.05
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	43	6	18.50	9.25	27.75	4.75
Harold Lincoln	RJ	35	5	18.00	8.25	26.25	.....
Elva G. Wilcox	OD	31	5	14.75	8.75	23.50	3.00
G. A. Shelton	BR	41	2	10.50	8.00	18.50	5.00
Louis Bratsburg	BR	22	4	18.00	.....	18.00	.....
Anna Hanson	BR	30	2	12.00	5.80	17.80	1.30
H. G. Biggers	BR	32	1	.....	16.00	16.00	12.50
Florence Mourath	RJ	30	2	7.00	1.50	8.50	.....
Raymond Hircok	OT	9	2	5.00	1.75	6.75	.25
Robert Garber	RJ	4	1	3.00	3.25	6.25	.....
Mrs. A. S novel	BR	5	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	.....
Total		282	29	106.75	65.05	171.80	32.80
KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, Field Missionary Secretary							
J. T. North	GC	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.25
R. S. Moore	BR	19½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
K. N. Friesen	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	57.50	57.50	57.50
Total		19½	.....	.....	.....	57.50	73.75
WYOMING: Henry Preston, Field Missionary Secretary							
Ivan Daniel	DR	26	2	6.00	1.50	7.50	.45
M. Pitchford	DR	38	1	3.00	9.60	12.60	9.60
H. Preston	DR	9	3	9.00	3.25	12.25	.25
Miscel.	HW	.....	2	7.50	.....	7.50	.....
Total		73	8	25.00	14.35	39.35	10.30
Grand Total		1,443½	191	752.35	349.55	1,101.90	316.80
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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, March 3, 1933

Des Moines, Ia.	6:06
Denver, Colo.	5:54
Topeka, Kans.	6:18
Lincoln, Nebr.	6:20
Bismarck, N. Dak.	6:31
Minneapolis, Minn.	6:03

Religious Liberty Day Sabbath, March 4

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The More Important Work

SINCE God first put Adam in the Garden of Eden "to dress it and keep it," work has been a most important part of the Creator's program. To His servants down through the centuries He has delegated certain pieces of work which in their importance overshadowed every other activity for that time. Thus Noah was told to build the ark, Jonah to "cry against" Nineveh, John the Baptist to herald the coming of Christ, and John the Revelator to "write in a book" the tidings which he saw. God has seen fit to call men from their ordinary pursuits in life to do a special work for Him. Moses was taken from his work as a tender of sheep, Elisha from his plow, Simon and Andrew from their fishing nets, and Levi from his position at the receipt of custom. They were told to "come" and "follow," in order that they might be instructed how to "go" for the Master.

The same God who has led His servants through the ages, has a special work for His people to do now in "the time of the end." Speaking of the importance of getting our books before the people, Sister White wrote: "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 5. Again we read from the same source: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus

leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 390. The reason for the importance of this work at this time was set forth by the Lord's servant when she wrote: "The publications sent forth from our publishing houses are to prepare a people to meet God."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7 pp. 138, 139.

My brother, my sister, are you satisfied with the work that you are doing? Perhaps you are among the unemployed to whom the Husbandman is saying in this eleventh hour: "Go, work to-day in My vineyard!" Are you one among "His people" of whom Sister White spoke when she said that the colporteur work was for *you*? Has God called you to North Dakota "for such a time as this?"

I just arrived in this state to take up my future work as field missionary secretary, and I am anxious to hear from anyone who wants to engage in this important and soul-saving work—that of placing our truth-filled books in the homes of the people. Your case will be given immediate and prayerful attention if you will write me at the conference office.

C. A. EDWARDS.

Box 1491, Jamestown, No. Dakota.

Seventy New Believers

I AM confident that our people who prayed for the meetings at New Home will rejoice with us to hear that God has answered their prayers. Our meetings were closed on the 5th of this month, but we are planning to continue the effort in a few weeks, as the interest still continues. A number of fine families are in the valley of decision, and we shall do all in our power to help them over the line. Fair weather and good roads made it possible for a large attendance, and it was heart-touching to see these people fill the large church night after night, as we know that they had to sacrifice much to come for seven weeks to hear the message.

The young people of the New Home church were organized into a choir under the leadership of brother Aug. Heitzman, and these young people added much to the success of the meetings. Beautiful and inspiring selections were rendered by the choir. Our heavenly Father honored His word with the gift of His Holy Spirit, and many sinners took their stand for the Lord and the present truth. Our people will be glad to hear that up to the present seventy souls, including fourteen families, have taken their stand for the Lord and the message. Some of these new believers come from the Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, and Evangelical

churches, and these dear believers rejoice in the blessed truth. Sixty-five of them are in a baptismal class and five will be received by confession of faith. A large Bible class was organized and they will study the standard of attainment preparatory for baptism and church membership.

A number of changes had to be made in the New Home church. Because different nationalities will be represented in their membership, the services will be conducted in the English language. A temporary Sabbath school was organized in the home of Jake Bohl. Prayer groups were organized, and we hope that the work of God will continue unabated in the New Home church.

As I think of the blessed experience with our people at New Home and of the great victory of the present truth in that territory, I cannot help but believe that this is the time when God is reaching out to save sinners in a special way. I want to thank the brethren of the New Home church for their prayerful cooperation in the work during the effort, and I must mention the good work of brother Heitzman, who labored faithfully and without earthly reward. We ask the people of God to continue to pray for the new believers and for the New Home church. I shall report later of the final outcome of the work. Pray for us and the work of God.

F. F. SCHWINDT.

North Dakota News Notes

BROTHER ED. HIEB, missionary secretary of the Medina church, was a caller at the office one day this week, and paid the society account in full while at the office.

Elder Charles Thompson is scheduled to preach at the Harvey church Sabbath, March 4. We hope that Elder Thompson may have a full house to talk to.

Some of the churches have already sent in their club of *Signs* for their Home Bible Study League work. We trust that each new home missionary officer is planning to send in his order for mission work for the coming year. Get your order for the *Signs* in at once.

The brethren will be pleased to learn that it has been arranged to have a field secretary in North Dakota again this year. It was voted by the committee to call Brother C. A. Edwards from Iowa to take up this work, he and his wife arrived in Jamestown the latter part of last week. Brother Edwards spoke at the Jamestown church at the eleven o'clock hour last Sabbath and his talk was much appreciated.