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A Decaying Church

AN artist was once asked to paint a picture of a decaying church. To the astonishment of many, instead of putting on the canvas an old, tottering ruin, the artist painted a stately edifice of modern grandeur. Through the open portals could be seen the richly carved pulpit, the magnificent organ, and the beautiful stained glass windows, and within the grand entrance was an offering plate of elaborate design, to receive the offerings of fashionable worshippers. But it was here that the artist's conception of a decaying church was revealed, for just above the offering plate there hung a square box bearing the legend, "For Foreign Missions," and right over the slot through which contributions ought to have gone he had painted a huge cobweb.

In Seventh-day Adventist churches the calls for foreign mission offerings are so frequent that the spider does not have time to spin his web over the contribution box. But this tricky little insect works outside the church, as well as in, and persists in spinning his web over the open pocketbook of the individual church member, until it is sometimes difficult to break through the carefully woven mesh. If such a condition is allowed to exist, the result is decay and death to the spiritual life of the church member, and consequent weakness to the church in proportion as its members are bound about through procrastination, indifference, or lack of interest in the advancement of our foreign missions work. Let us break all fetters, and respond to the call of the

Missions Extension offering on April 22 in the most magnanimous way. When God is our partner, we can well afford

How You May Help the Big Week Work

THE Missions Extension Fund offering to be taken in all our churches Sabbath, April 22, is to maintain the 379 institutions, such as medical dispensaries, schools, and publishing houses that our Big Week work has created during the twelve years of its existence.

Formerly our people have been urged to sell the Crisis series of Big Week books especially prepared for the Missions Extension work. This year we are invited to make our contributions in cash. However, there is a new book just issued by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, "Our Changing World," which sells at fifty cents a copy, allowing the regular discount. This book is known as the "full message" book, written by some of our best writers, and arranged in a most interesting way. This will be a most helpful book in bringing the truth before the people. We hope that many of our people will sell it and thus help to raise their Missions Extension offering.

J. F. PIPER.

to make our plans and our investments large. G. C. HOME MISS. DEPT.

localities all over the entire Central Union. If these colporteurs pass your way, be sure to open your doors and hearts to them, and you in turn will receive a divine blessing.

There is a real colporteur spirit existing in our schools. We have conducted five school institutes thus far. We are now in the midst of a well-attended institute at Maplewood Academy in Minnesota. Those who are in charge of the schools have manifested a fine spirit of cooperation. Special concessions have been made to enable us to give all the training possible. "The time demands a deeper consecration and greater efficiency," and all concerned are anxious to do their part in giving our students the necessary preparation. We are now planning to conduct a three-day institute at the close of each school, in which a practical demonstration of the work shall be given.

We appeal to those who can, to join us in our work of soul-winning; and to you who cannot enlist in this phase of God's work, to pray earnestly for us that we may do the will of the Lord continually.

D. E. COLLINS.

No. Dakota Conference

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Why a Teachers' Training Course?

WHAT should the Sabbath School Training Course accomplish? While Mr. Oswald and I were busy with a tent effort in a small city a few years ago, a minister called on us one day to check us up for coming to his town and, as he said, "disturbing the peace" of the people.

Mr. Oswald happened to be out, so it fell to my lot to converse with him. After talking at length he made a statement in the heat of anger which has stayed with me. It was this: "I have traveled a great deal, and wherever I have gone I find people differ in opinions and express

Union College Colporteur Institute

Our union conference president, Elder J. F. Piper, gave a very inspiring and helpful sermon Sabbath morning, April 1, at the College View church to close a successful institute which began March 25 at the college.

We were not favored with General Conference assistance this year, but Elder B. E. Wagner, field secretary of the Southwestern Union, joined us for a few

days and gave us excellent help. Seven of our nine local secretaries were permitted to attend the institute, and hold before the students the need of their fields.

Forty-two of the students definitely decided to face the problems and hardships of the literature ministry, that they might have the joy of soul-winning experiences. These workers will be placed in different

themselves thus, but you Seventh-day Adventists all sound just alike whether I find you in the extreme north or south or east or west."

I said, "Sir, that certainly is a good testimony. He was rather indignant at this and asked in what way I could consider it as such. I told him that Jesus prayed that we should be one as He and the Father are one. John 17:20-23. I further stated that I was glad that this prayer was meeting its fulfillment in the great family to which I belonged, who were willing to sit at the feet of this great Master Teacher and learn from Him. This is the thing that makes us all alike.

I would like to say to our Sabbath school officers that this is just what our Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course will do for every Sabbath school. It gives us the cue on how to bring unity and coherence in our teaching. It brings in beautiful harmony.

The 1933 Training Course is very interesting, especially the new book, "The Making of a Teacher." It acquaints every teacher and Sabbath school officer with the best methods of training and reaching into the life of every member of the Sabbath school bringing all into the unity of the faith.

It brings a uniform system of handling the wonderful doctrinal points of our faith. It also brings out the way to take advantage of opportunities that are continually before us, and to overcome the disadvantages that arise in bringing in a uniform message.

Our Teachers' Training Course here in Jamestown has been a real blessing to our teachers, and has helped materially in methods of presenting the lesson, together with bringing in spiritual unity in the study. We have our class every Wednesday evening just before the regular prayer meeting. We certainly can testify that we enjoy the help and information we receive from the study of the Training Course, and would advise every school to take up the studies.

MRS. E. H. OSWALD.

North Dakota Notes

THIS is splendid weather for selling your Big Week book entitled "Our Changing World." Have you ordered yours yet? You will want to get that \$2.00 for your part in the mission offering which will be taken April 22. If you buy only one you will surely order another for sale, because after you see and read the book, you will not want to give it up. It is a masterpiece.

Watchman magazines cost four cents a copy in lots of ten, and will make good

material to sell to raise that \$2.00 for your offering, April 22.

Two thousand Investment slips have been sent to secretaries of our Sabbath schools, together with "Can Your Money" stickers. We are anxiously waiting for the return of these signed-up slips from our superintendents. We will give you some news about this as soon as they start to arrive.

April 15 to 22 is Big Week. Are you planning for a field day for your church? Everybody try and sell at least eight fifty-cent books. What do you say? Thrilling signs all around us. Listen to this quotation from the book, "Our Changing World": "The shoe factories in the United States turn out nine hundred million pairs of shoes when running normal speed and normal time, but that nation can use only three hundred million pairs a year. We can manufacture ten million automobiles when operating capacity, but we cannot use over half the number." This gives you some idea of the facts that you can gather from current history and the Bible in this wonderful 140-page book edited by six of our best writers.

Brother C. A. Edwards, our field missionary secretary, left Jamestown Friday, April 7, for Sheyenne River Academy for our colporteurs' institute, beginning the evening of that day.

Elder E. H. Oswald and Brother S. E. Ortner left Jamestown April 12 for Sheyenne River Academy to assist in the institute and attend to other conference matters. Mrs. Oswald accompanied them on their trip to visit her daughter, Miriam, who is attending the academy.

We would like to inform our members who live in the vicinity of the churches and companies here named that we will hold meetings and conventions in the following places and on dates herewith given:

Minot	April 28-30
Devils Lake	May 12-14
Magara	May 15-16
Deering	May 17-18
Kenmare	May 19-21

These conventions will be conducted by Elders E. H. Oswald and B. A. Scherr. We are anxious to have all our isolated believers who live in the vicinity to be present.

It is encouraging to see the good reports come in from various Missionary Volunteer societies. The following societies have done splendid work during the month of March: Jamestown, 3,146 points; New Home, 3,060 points; McClusky, 2,388 points; Fargo, 2,372 points; Harvey, 2,146 points; Bowdon, 1,748 points; Manfred, 932 points; Dickinson, 1,290 points.

Iowa Conference

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Hawarden

THE conference workers had a very enjoyable week-end visit with the church at Hawarden, April 7-9. Brother Skadsheim has developed quite an interest among some excellent people in the neighborhood, and with God's blessing he is hoping to have a church membership of close to 100 before the end of the year. They have a very neat new church building, and they are planning on a dedication in the very near future. We are glad to see the work progressing at Hawarden, and trust all will remember this section of the field in their prayers.

For their library they greatly desire all of Sister White's writings, any of our denominational books, such as Missionary Volunteer and other Reading Course books; also church school books. If you have any good books around your home that you can spare, will you not mail them to M. N. Skadsheim, Pastor S. D. A. Church, Hawarden, Iowa? They will use them to very good advantage, and they will prove a great blessing to the church members there.

R. S. FRIES.

Des Moines

SABBATH, April 8, ten followed their Lord in baptism. One of these through the study of the Bible had been keeping the Sabbath for over four years. Not only did her reading of the Bible lead her to the keeping of the Sabbath, but also to the light on many of the truths we designate as "present truth." Up to a few

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months ago she had not come in contact with our church or met any of our members. God surely knows how to find His own.

Another interesting experience I wish to mention. Two or three weeks ago a letter without any street address came addressed to the Seventh-day Adventist church in Des Moines. From this letter I quote a portion: "I have never been in an Adventist church or heard an Adventist sermon, but I have read some of their literature and am anxious to see and hear for myself. The people of the churches here call the first day of the week the Sabbath, but I can't find any place in the Bible where the Sabbath was changed to the first day of the week. For a long time I have been praying that if the Advent church was indeed the remnant church that God would place me within reach of one."

As the letter came from a nearby town, I have been able to visit there but once. I found a real interest to know the message for our time. What results may follow only future visits can tell. We feel that God's Holy Spirit is working in Des Moines and vicinity. Our prayer is that we may recognize and follow our Leader.

C. H. MILLER.

The Davenport Convention

FROM March 31 to Sunday, April 2, the Davenport church was favored with a week-end convention such as is now being held in different parts of the conference. These meetings are designed to bring new hope, faith, and courage to the hearts of God's children in the speedy finishing of this last message of mercy, and to instil the determination to be ready for that great day.

Elder R. S. Fries, Elder J. C. Christenson, and Mrs. Dorcas were with us the whole time, and we were pleased to have Doctor Morse with us on the evening after the Sabbath and on Sunday morning. The attendance from the outside was excellent at each service, and especially for the evening meetings. We were also pleased to have with us many from the Clinton and Muscatine churches.

Elder J. C. Christenson led out on Friday evening with an impressive sermon, well-suited for the keynote of the meeting. A number of visitors were present at the Sabbath school at 9:45 on the Sabbath. The superintendent, Cecil Loose, was in charge. Sister Dorcas gave a very interesting and profitable mission talk. All were deeply interested in the lesson for the day. At the 11:00 o'clock service, Elder Fries gave a rousing sermon on

the parable of the ten virgins, stressing the thought of the nearness of the end, the darkness of the hour, and the necessity of having our vessels filled with oil. In the afternoon we had a symposium, in which Elder Christenson and Mrs. Dorcas led out along the lines of the departments and the duties of church officers. This was a very interesting meeting, a number taking part in the round-table discussion.

At the evening service Doctor Morse gave an interesting lecture on "How to Live Long and Keep Well." Sunday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 the doctor held a free clinic, and many consulted him at that time. Elder Fries gave a stirring talk in the afternoon, calling attention to financial conditions and to the labor problem. At the evening service he called our attention to the lining up of the nations for the last great conflict.

We would not omit mention of the special music supplied by the church, by quartets, duets, and with stringed instruments. The illustrated songs on Saturday and Sunday nights were very fine.

The meetings as a whole were not only interesting, but profitable for the church and for all visitors. All were deeply impressed with the meaning of present world conditions and with our individual need of preparation to meet God.

A. L. MILLER.

Iowa Notes

ELDERS FRIES, NIXON, and Christenson, with Mrs. Dorcas and Miss Skadsheim, returned to Nevada on Monday, April 10, from Hawarden, where a very successful week-end meeting was held. Doctor Morse's lecture and clinic work were greatly appreciated. At the Sunday evening meeting, when Elder Fries showed wonderful pictures of the starry heavens, and talked on "Astronomy and the Bible," the house was filled to overflowing. On the return trip these workers stopped to visit Brother and Sister Fred Barber at Smithland, and Brother and Sister George Juhl at Rodney, where they were royally entertained at the noon hour. Here also they enjoyed a visit with Brother and Sister Chris Juhl, who are now making their home at Rodney. In earlier days Brother Juhl was for many years a member of our conference committee. Later he was business manager of our Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark, where he also held other positions of trust.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, of Ute, were recently visitors at the home of their niece, Mrs. J. C. Christenson, in Nevada. They brought their daughter, Clara, to the sanitarium for medical attention and

treatment. Mr. Fisher is one of the business men of Ute.

Bernice White, Mildred Yates, and Ross Smith, of the academy, improved the opportunity to go with Doctor Morse on his trip to the northwestern part of the state, to visit their homes—at Hawarden, Sioux City, and Mapleton. Miss Sine Skaasheim, Nevada church school teacher, also accompanied them to visit her brother, M. N. Skadsheim, who is our conference worker at Hawarden.

Brother M. N. Skadsheim, at Hawarden, has a wonderful interest aroused, and many are studying the truth with him who doubtless will be added to the church membership in due time.

Sabbath schools everywhere are making use of the Investment program sent to them. Plans are being laid that should add hundreds of dollars to our mission funds. The Sioux Rapids friends are planning to can one thousand cans of vegetables for this fund. What is your school planning to do? What are you planning to do? Do something without fail, for our goal is 100 per cent for Investment, or every member inlisted for some part. Help us to reach it.

Sabbath school secretaries, check up. Did you send your report yet? If not, please do so without delay. They are watching for it at the office.

A letter from Mrs. V. G. Anderson, of 314 Gillespie Road, Chattanooga, Tenn., says: "We often think of our friends in Iowa and would love to see you all again, even if we do love our work here in the Southland. We feel that this is where the Lord wants us, and are very happy here."

Mrs. Robert McAtee, of the Perry company, and her mother, Mrs. Jane Kemp, of Laurens, are both at the sanitarium for treatment.

Bible House Items

WHY ruin your Bible by carrying your Sabbath school quarterly in it? We have a supply of the new *Sabbath School Quarterly* covers in the cloth at 20 cents and in the durable paper board at 10 cents.

We still have a supply of the Prohibition Broadsides. Now is the time to distribute while the prohibition question is uppermost in the minds of the people. The price is 50 cents a thousand, postpaid.

Judging from the orders received, the book, "Our Changing World," is in great demand. We are prepared to take care of your orders. Single copy, 50 cents; ten copies for \$2.25, postpaid.

IOWA BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE.

Minnesota Conference

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Special Day, April 22

THIS is just to remind you that next Sabbath, April 22, we are to bring our offering of \$2.00 a member for our Missions Extension Fund. If you have not succeeded in securing your \$2.00, we suggest that you make a pledge on that date with the purpose of redeeming it within the next two weeks. If you have no means of raising this amount, remember the plan suggested of selling the new 50-cent book, "Our Changing World—Whither Bound?" Since this costs you but 25 cents, a sale of eight of these would net a profit of \$2.00.

Through the energies of our people the past several years in the Big Week activities, we have established a work that we must not desert now, therefore we are urging that each one do his part.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

General Meeting at Brainerd

OVER the week-end of April 22 a general meeting will be held at the Brainerd church. The first service will be Friday night, and then appointments will be had for Sabbath afternoon, and at the Sabbath service arrangements will be made for the Sunday meetings.

Those living in the vicinity of Brainerd are urged to join in this special season of worship.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Fergus Falls Meeting

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Fergus Falls over the week-end of April 29. The first service will be Sabbath morning at ten o'clock. There will be an afternoon service, and at the Sabbath meetings arrangements will be made for Sunday appointments.

Since road conditions have improved, we are having a good attendance at these meetings, and we shall look forward to meeting our people who live in the vicinity of Fergus Falls.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

The Church at Faribault

At Faribault mainly as a result of earnest, prayerful home missionary endeavor, we have a live church with a nice group of children and young people.

Brother Wolcott, the elder of the church, and his wife with a few others

carried for several years a great burden for the upbuilding of the work. Sabbath school met in Brother Wolcott's home, and more than once have I seen him get into his car and go to different homes, helping members and encouraging interested friends to come to the Sabbath school.

The faithful, self-supporting Bible work of Sister Eva Kisor resulted in many new members for the little company. Day after day, rain or shine, sometimes happy and sometimes discouraged, she kept right on in her good work. Little by little the Sabbath school kept growing, and on a sunny Sabbath afternoon about three years ago the church was organized.

One thing that has helped to build up the work in Faribault is the church school. This year there are 18 pupils with the prospect for even more next year. Sometimes the financial outlook supporting a church school has been all but bright, but there has always been a way out, and the school has continued. Sister Bernice Searle has ably taught the school for several years. Her work has been very much appreciated.

The brethren at Faribault bought an abandoned Baptist church standing out in the country, moved it into town and fixed it up, so now they have a nice little church home of their own all paid for.

This winter the church has carried on an aggressive home missionary effort. Each month they use 60 *Watchman* magazines, besides a club of *Signs*, and just lately they have started a *Present Truth* campaign, mailing the papers out to the farming districts. We hope and pray that this may result in the saving of some souls into the kingdom.

Sabbath afternoon, May 6, the Gospel Team and part of the choir from the Norwegian church in Minneapolis will give a ringing gospel musical program in the church in Faribault. We invite everyone living within driving distance to attend. It will be worth while.

LOUIS HALSWICK.

Colorado Conference

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Missions Extension Offering

WE have been reminded repeatedly that the Missions Extension offering is to be taken Sabbath, April 22. In the past, this Big Week endeavor has been largely the sale of books. This year the plan has been changed, and while the circulation of "Our Changing World" is en-

couraged in every way, yet we expect the larger portion of the money received on this fund will come in the way of donations. The General Conference has set the goal as \$2.00 a member.

In the past, this money has been used to establish new enterprises; but at the last Fall Council the plan was changed so that the receipts to this fund will be used for the carrying forward of the present work.

We are confident our members will heartily support this plan. These are good days to give to the cause. Every evidence is about us that this old world is in distress, and money given to maintain the work and win souls will be an investment for eternity. We appeal to the members in the Colorado Conference to do their best on April 22.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Colorado Notes

P. E. SHAKESPEARE has been working in the southern part of the state in the interests of the colporteur work for the past few days.

Brother H. R. Prentice, of Denver, has moved to Pueblo, where he will continue his colporteur work.

Brethren Pingnot and Mathews report a good meeting at Rocky Ford. Several young people requested baptism, but it was decided to postpone the service until a future date.

Elders Jay J. Nethery and E. L. Pingnot were in Boulder, Sabbath, April 8.

The first "youth for youth meeting" conducted by the West Denver Missionary Volunteer society was held in the Evans Chapel of the Grace Community church Sunday night, April 2. The attendance at this meeting was quite encouraging, there being a number of young people not of our faith present.

Elder A. J. Meiklejohn spent Sabbath, April 1, with the Boulder church, where he plans to hold some evangelistic meetings in the near future.

Brother G. W. Chambers has received a call to connect with the Crestone Heights Sanitarium in Colorado Springs, as chaplain. He will enter upon his duties there May 1.

Elder Grandy is joining Elder Long in an effort near Durango for a few days. They report a good attendance.

Brethren Nethery, Montanye, and Mathews attended a council with Professor Heim at Campion Academy, Sunday, April 9, with reference to academy matters.

An interesting and profitable Sabbath school convention was held at Boulder,

Sabbath afternoon, April 8. The Ft. Lupton, Longmont, Hygiene English, and Hygiene German Sabbath schools were represented. Elders Nethery, Pingent, Sutton, and Andress assisted in the convention.

Elder E. L. Pingent spoke in the York Street church Sabbath, April 16, in the interest of Big Week.

Elder G. H. Smith, Elder E. L. Pingent, and Professor Mathews will leave the office Thursday, April 20, for the Western Slope, where they will hold a series of Missionary Volunteer and home missionary conventions. Their schedule is as follows:

Rulison, April 21-24.
Palisade, April 25.
Grand Junction, April 26-27.
Delta, April 28-30.

Over 500 copies of the book, "Our Changing World," have already been ordered by our churches. Every member should have a copy of this book for his own use as well as for missionary work with the public. The price to our people is 25 cents plus postage.

A. H. Johns and family left Denver recently for Minneapolis, where they will visit Mr. John's brother.

Nebraska Conference

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Public Effort in Gering

WE have felt impressed of late that the most effective method for city evangelism is to first prepare the field by placing the *Present Truth* in the homes of the people. This plan was and still is followed in the city of Gering.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Gladys Martin, leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Gering church, and Mr. Aaron Hawbaker, leader of the literature band of the same society, a systematic distribution of our truth-filled paper has reached each of the five hundred homes in the territory. Observing the interest the young people and other members of the church were taking in this literature ministry, it was thought best to open up a series of public meetings.

The evangelistic meetings began in our own church in Gering on March 12. From the first the attendance has been encouraging. Even during the period when the testing truths of our message were being presented, the attendance kept up very well. We have already presented the Sabbath and other testing

doctrines, and still the people come. Many are interested, and while we cannot foretell at this early stage of our work, still we believe the Lord has some honest souls here. We are busy night and day with public meetings and cottage meetings and house-to-house visiting. We are encouraged with the present outlook and later we hope to send a report to the REAPER of the results of the meetings.

We have excellent cooperation from the Gering church in connection with these evangelistic meetings. The members are very much interested in hearing our doctrines presented again, and they have assisted in the music, which has contributed to much of the interest we have already observed.

Miss Elinore Reid, who spent over twelve years as a missionary in India, is assisting us in this effort. She has had a wide experience in working for the women of India, and she is able to meet the people in their homes as the way opens. We very much appreciate having Sister Reid with us at this time and are glad that her health permits her to have a part in giving the message to the people of Scottsbluff and Gering.

As the evangelistic effort in Gering continues, we solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of the interest we see manifested thus far.

ROScoe T. BAER.

So. Dakota Conference

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

Earnest Appeal

EVEN in times of depression we have much to be thankful for. I am so thankful that we have fifteen hundred people in our conference who are identified as being God's children. And since the truth is so precious to the Lord's people, I am sure you will want to do your part in our Big Week.

As you know, each church and isolated member has a goal of \$2.00 to reach. If you wish to raise your \$2.00 by the sale of literature, remember we have a new book entitled "Our Changing World." This book is the "all message" book, just what you have been wanting to give to your neighbor or friend. I am sure if God would pull aside the curtain for a moment, and all His people could behold the future, an abundance of means would flow in for the finishing of the work. May God give us a vision of a perishing world.

L. L. MCKINLEY.

South Dakota Notes

ELDER AND SISTER NIERMAYER left April 9 for Winona, Minn., their new field of labor. These faithful servants of the Lord left many friends throughout the conference who unite in praying that the Lord's care and blessing will continue to attend them. On April 2 a large number of friends, old and new, gathered at the Joe M. Christensen home, where a delightful evening was spent together.

Camp meeting, Huron, South Dakota, June 9-17.

Elder Oss reports that several are attending regularly the meetings continued by Elder Staton at Rapid City.

Brother McKinley and Elder Babcock report an increasing interest at Pierre. Your prayers are solicited.

Remember to save for the mission offering, April 22.

We are glad to report that most all of our churches have entered the literature program and are doing nicely.

Sister Mary D. Hopkins, of the Minnesota Conference, has arrived and taken active charge of the Sabbath school work. We welcome this valuable addition to our conference working force. Address all letters in connection with the Sabbath school work to Miss Mary D. Hopkins, Drawer 586, Watertown, S. Dak.

Sister Ida Rislov, who has served the conference faithfully for the last twelve years in the office, accepted a call to the North Dakota Conference and left March 20. Many friends unite in wishing her continued success in her new field. Miss Bernice Park, of Aberdeen, is now serving as the conference stenographer.

Plainview Academy Chorus Itinerary

WE hope our friends noticed the itinerary of the academy chorus as given in the REAPER last week. At Sioux Falls we have arranged for a half hour broadcast over station KSOO, and at Yankton over station WNAX. We shall be happy to have you tune in on at least one of these broadcasts. If you have enjoyed the program drop us a card.

In our churches the chorus will render the sacred cantata, "Paul, a Prisoner of the Lord." Besides this cantata there will be other chorus, quartet, trio, duet, and solo numbers.

A cordial invitation is extended to our people of neighboring churches where the program cannot be given to attend at least one of the programs.

H. C. HARTMAN, *Principal*.

Kansas Conference

C. S. Wiest, President
T. C. Nethery, Secretary
Box 605 Topeka

New Camp Meeting Date

SOMETIME ago the executive committee voted to have the camp meeting this year, beginning June 2. Since this decision many of our believers, both in the cities and country, have appealed for a date in August. Due consideration has been given to this appeal by the Central Union officers and the Kansas Conference committee.

I therefore announce that August 11-19 is the new date for the camp meeting. The first meeting will be held at 3:00 P. M., Friday, August 11. We hope the many requests that have come in for an August date will be an evidence of a good attendance at this later date.

It is none too early to lay definite plans for this meeting. Let us lay aside a certain portion of our income so that we will be prepared with sufficient funds to take us through the entire time.

C. S. WIEST.

An Evangelistic Program

DEFINITE plans are being made for a strong evangelistic program before the camp meeting. The places and companies will be announced later. However, on account of the shortage of funds the committee voted to call for a special offering for the support of the efforts.

The date for this offering is Sabbath, May 20. Our goal is \$250. This is not a large goal, but it will be a wonderful help to meet the necessary expenses to conduct these meetings.

We hope and pray for at least a 10% increase in souls for the year 1933. We solicit your support.

C. S. WIEST.

Baptism in Topeka

SABBATH, April 29, will be a special day in the Topeka church. There will be a baptism at the eleven o'clock hour. The church is located at the corner of Fifth St. and Western Ave. We wish to invite members of near-by churches and the isolated in this part of the state to be with us for this special service.

Our Sunday night meetings are being well attended. Many are very much concerned about the truth. A number of adults have made full decisions. Many of our members have set a personal goal of "One soul won to Christ during 1933." And some are already rejoicing to see

souls with whom they are laboring accepting the third angel's message. The church also set a goal of increasing the membership of the church 10 per cent during the year. We expect to realize a large part of this goal at this baptism, April 29.

We are of good courage in Topeka. We feel that the Lord is stretching forth His hand for the finishing of the work. His Spirit is striving with the hearts of men, persuading them to come to Christ; and it is the privilege of the bride (church) to invite these souls with whom the Spirit is striving, to come to Jesus. Will you pray for us as we pray for you?

A. C. GRIFFIN.

Topeka M. V. Convention

May 5, 6, 7

WORD has just been received that Elder Gordon Smith is available for our Topeka convention early in May. We are therefore setting the time for the Missionary Volunteer convention to be held in Topeka to begin Friday night, May 5. All young people that can arrange to come are invited to attend. An effort will be made to care for every Missionary Volunteer that attends.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Obituaries

GARDINER.—John Preston Gardiner was born July 16, 1851, at Quebec, Canada, and died at his home near Eli, Nebr., Mar. 30, 1933. He came to Greeley Co., Nebraska, where he took a homestead when 21 years of age.

Elder Gardiner united with the Seventh-day Adventist church many years ago, and remained faithful to his church all through the years. In 1890 he was appointed president of the Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in which capacity he served for two consecutive terms. While serving as conference executive, he resided in Lincoln, Nebr. In the fall of 1894 he moved to Eli, Nebr., where he made his home.

In March, 1881, he was united in marriage to Nora May Weeks, of Albion, Nebr. To this union were born ten children, two dying in infancy, Rosa Nellie and Lulu Blanch.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Nora May Gardiner, and eight children; James R. Gardiner, of Merimen, Nebr.; Myrtle Gardiner, Eli, Nebr.; Mrs. Harry Malone, Meriman, Nebr.; Carl Gardiner, Meriman, Nebr.; Mrs. Fred Halstead, Miles City, Montana; Ralph W. Gardiner, Cody, Nebr.; Mrs. Floyd Bennet, Canoga Park, Calif.; and Bernice Gardiner, of Eli, Nebr.; also 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Community church in Eli. A large procession of relatives and

sympathizing friends and old neighbors followed to the cemetery a few miles from Eli.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

WILHELM.—Mrs. Neva Wheller-Wilhelm was born in Franklin County, Kansas, Aug. 1, 1897, and died at Lincoln, Nebr., April 7, 1933. In 1909 the family moved to Broadwater Nebr., and since 1921 have lived in Lincoln.

When a young girl she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church.

In 1925 she was united in marriage to Edward Wilhelm. To this union were born two sons, Vernon and Allen.

Although not affiliated with the church at the time of her decease, during the closing hours of her life she expressed a desire to live that she might devote her life to Christian service.

She is survived by her two sons, her father and mother, one sister, Mrs. J. M. Fletcher, and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder J. H. Schilling and she was laid to rest in the beautiful Lincoln Memorial Park.

WELLS.—Jerry Aurelius Wells was born near Louisville, Ky., Aug. 31, 1846; and died April 5, 1933. He came to Nebraska in 1887.

September 1, 1886, he was united in marriage to Effie A. Noe, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. To this union three children were born, two sons and one daughter; one son died in infancy.

He was a charter member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Alliance, Nebr. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder A. E. Johnson, from the First Presbyterian church in Alliance. Interment was in Hemingford cemetery.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

LARSON.—Mrs. Anna Larson, nee Gulbrandsen, was born in Nanstad, Norway, April 11, 1833; and died at Rushford, Minn., Feb. 26, 1933. She was married to Mr. Lars Larson June 24, 1855. The family came to America in 1867 and settled at Rushford, Minn. Mr. Larson passed away in 1885. Three girls and three boys were born of this union. One daughter, Julia, is deceased.

Mrs. Larson united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1896, and remained a faithful member until the last. She leaves to mourn, three sons, two daughters, three grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from the home in Rushford, and we laid her to rest in Oak Grove cemetery.

A. J. HAYSMEER.

BRYAN.—Mrs. Hannah Bryan was born Oct. 16, 1838, in Ontario, Canada. When twelve years of age she went with her parents to Iowa. She was married in 1870 to Clarence Bryan, of Riceville, Iowa, where they lived until moving to Clayton township, near Bowbells, N. Dak. Four children were born to them, all of whom survive. Sister Bryan has been a member of the Adventist church for about thirty years, and has given liberally to the cause.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1933

She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Jensen, at Coteau, N. Dak., at the age of approximately ninety-five years.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist church at Bowbells, assisted by the local pastor, after which the remains were taken to Riceville, Iowa, for interment.

E. A. PIPER.

WESTERBECK.—Albert H. Westerbeck was born near Prairie Grove, Iowa, Oct. 11, 1871; and died at Burlington, Iowa, March 22, 1933.

In 1896 he was united in marriage with Miss Vahle; to this union two daughters were born. Mrs. Westerbeck died in 1899. In 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Louise Vahle. To this union six daughters and four sons were born, all of whom are living.

About two weeks before his death Mr. Westerbeck gave his heart to God, but had no opportunity for baptism.

Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Walter A. Howe, Jr. He was laid to rest in the Prairie Grove cemetery.

A. L. MILLER.

CHAFFEE.—Mrs. Mary Ella Chaffee, nee Shirk, was born at Clayton, Minn., Nov. 30, 1863; and died at the University Hospital, Minneapolis, March 22, 1933. She was united in marriage to Mr. C. M. Chaffee in 1870. To this union ten children were born, five daughters and five sons. Mrs. Chaffee accepted present truth about fifty years ago. She leaves to mourn, her husband and their ten children. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Vergas.

A. J. HAYSMER.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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PLAIN VIEW HOME for aged and invalids, 1100 W. 4th St., Davenport, Ia. S. D. A. management. Mrs. Ida Hughes. 15, 16

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WANTED.—Housekeeping in S. D. A. home or matron work in academy. Twelve years matron experience. Mrs. Gustie Christopherson, Clear Lake, Wis.

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MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
Mrs. M. Blackburn	HP	39	9	49.50		49.50	
W. A. Burton	DR	17	5	17.50	15.50	33.00	41.25
Louise Erickson	HP	6			2.75	2.75	6.00
Mrs. F. Flournoy	DA	36	1	4.50	.60	5.10	
Mrs. S. M. Hart	DR	22	5	17.00	.50	17.50	.50
*W. E. Helt	PP	34	3	15.00	1.50	16.50	
Sallie Holmes	DR	18	3	12.00	2.75	14.75	.75
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Alex Kohltfarber	OT	34	4	15.00	3.75	18.75	1.50
Lola Love	BR	14	8	37.50		37.50	6.00
Mrs. J. E. McKelly	BP	47	1	6.00	1.25	7.25	
John Sessor	BR	29	7	33.00		33.00	
Ruby Sexton	DR	9	4	12.00		12.00	
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	37	13	44.00	1.50	45.50	
W. M. Thomas	DR	23	4	12.00		12.00	3.50
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	27			10.60	10.60	10.60
Mrs. A. F. Meyers	Mag.	26			16.30	16.30	16.30
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag.	13			11.00	11.00	11.00
Total		446	67	275.00	68.00	343.00	97.40
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Field Missionary Secretary							
Karl A. Evenson	BR	24	8	46.00	35.25	81.25	23.25
H. A. Hanson	BR	29	4	18.00	7.00	25.00	1.00
G. W. Johnson	RJ	26	3	11.00	.25	11.25	.25
Lillian Anderson	RJ	25	3	9.00	2.25	11.25	5.25
Ada Schornstein	RJ	20	8	26.00	1.50	27.50	22.85
A. M. Amundson	HW	20	3	10.00	8.75	18.75	7.00
F. W. Lequier	RJ	16					2.50
P. M. Vixie	HW				1.00	1.00	51.50
Mrs. L. Ludvigson	RJ	6			.50	.50	
Helen Zeelau	BTS	5			2.00	2.00	1.50
Mrs. J. Bohdan	RJ				.25	.25	3.00
A. Colporteur	Misc.				33.75	33.75	
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag.	47			19.10	19.10	19.10
Edna B. Schaefer	Mag.	41			15.90	15.90	15.90
Mrs. Julia Berg	Mag.	40			14.90	14.90	14.90
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag.	37			9.10	9.10	9.10
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	24			8.70	8.70	8.70
Mrs. C. Moyer	Mag.	24			8.70	8.70	8.70
Mrs. E. Netteburg	Mag.	20			6.00	6.00	4.00
Leah Strand	Mag.	20			9.10	9.10	9.10
Carrie Powers	Mag.	4			1.30	1.30	1.30
Lilliah Baker	Mag.	5			1.20	1.20	1.20
Total		429	29	120.00	186.50	306.50	210.10
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
G. A. Shelton	BR	38	7	31.50	3.00	34.50	
Ravmond Hircock	OT	23	6	16.00	7.50	23.50	11.75
Florence Maurath	RJ	33	5	15.00	7.00	22.00	21.50
W. R. Archbold	RJ	23		11.00	8.75	19.75	4.00
Elmer Cox	OD	35	3	9.25	5.50	14.75	21.50
Louis Bratsberg	BR	31	2	9.00	3.00	12.00	4.50
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	14	3	13.50	1.50	15.00	2.75
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	30			9.50	9.50	16.50
Alice G. Kinney	Misc.	6			8.20	8.20	6.70
H. G. Lincoln	RJ	11	2	6.00	1.50	7.50	6.75
Nathan Coffin	RJ	5	2	6.00		6.00	
Rub McSparran	Mag.	5			2.80	2.80	2.80
Total		254	33	117.25	58.25	175.50	98.75
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
Orval Gans	HW	23	3	4.25	3.50	7.75	3.50
Ernest Harper	HP	29	3	16.50	8.50	25.00	1.25
Mrs. P. Jenkins	HP	30	1	5.50		5.50	9.25
H. R. Prentice	HW	34	4	13.50	6.75	20.25	11.50
Albert Priest	HP	42	15	86.50	.25	86.75	.25
Mrs. Willett	HW	20	4	2.50		2.50	.50
Total		178	30	128.75	19.00	147.75	26.25
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
Eulela Jorstad	Misc.	14			2.25	2.25	7.15
Chivela Jorstad	DR	24			4.30	4.30	14.35
Abel Larson		35	1	3.00	1.75	4.75	5.75
Rhoda Pedersen	RJ	26	3	10.50	5.00	15.50	13.75
C. A. Pence		13			2.05	2.05	2.05
John Ogren	OD	25	1	3.50	2.50	6.00	1.00
Lucille Wallace	RJ	32	3	3.00	2.50	5.50	10.25
Total		169	8	20.00	20.35	40.35	54.30
Grand Total		1,476	167	661.00	352.10	1,013.10	486.80
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Big Week Offering April 22, 1933

Special Notice

WE wish that all our people who see interesting material in the newspapers from time to time on the Sunday law issue would cut out the clippings, indicating the date and the name of the paper, and send them in to the Religious Liberty Department. This would save us many dollars. In the past, we received clippings of this kind from the clipping agencies, but we had to pay a heavy monthly fee for this service. If our own people would send in such clippings as are of special interest to the Religious Liberty Department, it would not be necessary to obtain such through the clipping agencies. We would greatly appreciate this favor.

C. S. LONGACRE, Secretary,
Religious Liberty Association.

Takoma Park, D. C.

Health Number of "Our Little Friend"

THE 1933 health number of *Our Little Friend*, just coming from the press, will give our boys and girls a splendid opportunity to visit their playmates. With May 1 designated as National Child Health Day, the message of this little paper will be one that will be welcomed in many homes.

The suggestion is being made that our Sabbath schools foster the plan of securing fifty or a hundred of these papers for each class or children's division, and have the boys and girls sell these in order to make some extra missions money. They cost only two cents each in quantities, and sell for five cents each, and if a division or class will take and sell

a hundred copies, they will have three big silver dollars as their special missions offering.

Order of your Book and Bible House, asking for the health number.

OUR LITTLE FRIEND.

Mountain View, Calif.

A Good Investment

SOME years ago two young women, sisters, engaged in private nursing, decided to send a club of *Signs* to missionaries in foreign lands. The subscription has kept up, and from time to time encouraging reports have come back from those using the papers. A letter just received from Elder W. B. Votaw, Ranchi, India, now brings them some very welcome news. He says:

"We surely do appreciate your generosity in this respect, for the money you have spent has been the instrument in God's hands of actually bringing people into the truth. You will remember that when I wrote you last year, I told about a school teacher who was interested through reading the *Signs*. Well, I rejoice to tell you that he and his father, together with some of his relatives, are now keeping the Sabbath as a result. Previous to his taking his stand, he had had only one Bible study, so he simply read his way to the truth. He is a very substantial man, and has been a real leader in the Lutheran church, as a layman. He has a thorough grasp of the truth. No doubt God will use him to bring others to Him.

"A short while ago I spent about twelve days at this brother's village, and while I was there two native Lutheran Padres came to try to set him right again. So I had a good opportunity of giving them the truth. I spent many hours with them, and one of them, a very able speaker, seemed much impressed, though of course perplexed, by the truths presented. He expressed a desire to know more, so when I go to Lohardaga again I hope to tell him more. The Lutherans are much excited about losing one of their most influential laymen in this section, and have tried hard to keep him. Mansidh, that is the new believer's name, said he did not want to join the Adventists, and he decided several times to quit reading the *Signs*, because he was becoming convinced, but he could not carry out his decision. He said, 'The Spirit drew me, and I could not resist.'"

As we come into the closing scenes of this world's history, there are going to be many like this man who cannot resist the Spirit of God. On every hand now there are people who will read the *Signs*.

To many it has in it the message of hope that their hearts long for.

Will you not join personally in the forward movement to make 1933 a greater year for *Signs* service? During February the *Signs* was the major home missionary topic. Plans for work with the *Signs* made now and faithfully carried out will mean another harvest of souls during 1933 and onward.

J. R. FERREN.

War and Rumors of War

"WITH Europe close to the brink of disaster, and the word 'war' being used openly today in chancellories and diplomatic circles as well as in newspapers, governments and religious leaders are moving to prevent the general European conflagration which has threatened since Adolf Hitler's advent to power in Germany a month ago."

Thus opens a copyrighted article by Universal Service, published March 14. Pope Pius XI is decrying against the "exaggerated nationalism" which threatens the peace of Europe. David Lloyd-George urges calling a world conference of all Christian churches to bring a "halt to war before it is too late." Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, of Great Britain, has been seeking to break the deadlock of the disarmament conference.

Meantime Japan's campaign in Jehol goes forward in full strength. Battle after battle is being fought with the Chinese. And at the same time, in South America two wars are in progress: one between Columbia and Peru over the province of Leticia, the other between Bolivia and Paraguay in the wilds of Gran Chaco.

How significant in such a time as this the prophetic word: "Evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth." Truly this is a sign of the end.

Do your neighbors know Jesus is coming soon? Why not tell them? "Present truth" is truth due the world at this present time. And surely nothing is more timely just now than the *Present Truth* paper which is telling the world what these things mean.

Two new timely numbers are just off the press. One is entitled, "When They Shall Say, Peace and Safety"; the other carries the heading, "Armageddon—And What Then?" Both numbers are well illustrated. The people who live in your neighborhood will be glad to read them, and the price is only \$4.75 a thousand copies. Where will you find cheaper, more effective, message-filled literature? Order yours now.