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A Great Sabbath Offering

ON Sabbath, June 24, one-fifth of the people of earth will be called to the attention of Sabbath-keepers throughout the world. The millions of India and Burma are remembered in the thirteenth Sabbath offering.

As I preached in two hundred of the villages of India and traveled through that country by train, my heart was often touched by beholding the multitudes. I often cast out small literature at the railway stations. The thought of the great Judgment Day was inescapable. All these will stand before the same God as you and I.

Have you not read in the recent *Review* Elder Kern's report of the great work being accomplished in India and Burma? Among the simple-hearted, poverty-stricken multitudes the Lord and Saviour is working miracles. He is multiplying the resources available for feeding them the bread of life.

As I think of the poor little boy with his lunch of barley loaves and smoked fish that was blessed to feed the crowd that listened to Jesus, I am confident that he was a happy boy after he had given all. I can see him as he hastens home to tell his mother about the wonderful miracle. Then before going to bed he asks his mother, "Don't you think Jesus can do the same with all that we give into His hands?" "Yes, I believe He can," replies the mother.

How would you have answered the question of the boy? If we believe in the unfailing power of Jesus to bless and multiply, let us give an offering at the Sabbath school on June 24 that will cause those in darkness to rejoice in the great day of Christ's coming.

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President's Address

Delivered at the Camp Meeting

ANOTHER two-year period has passed with its blessings and trials, hopes and

realizations, conflicts and victories. The workers of the North Dakota Conference assembled in the biennial session give thanks to our heavenly Father, "which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." We feel exceedingly grateful to God for His constant care and blessings which have made it possible to add a goodly number of souls to our constituency. Glory and praise be to God in whose name these achievements have been accomplished.

In harmony with the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy stated in "Gospel Workers,"—"I have been shown that ministers should not be retained in the same districts year after year, nor should the same man long preside over a conference,"—some changes were effected at the time of the union meeting at Omaha. Elder H. Meyer asked to be released from executive duties and accepted evangelistic work in the Central Union. Later he was called to connect with the Colorado Conference to do evangelistic

work. Brother Montanye, secretary-treasurer of the North Dakota Conference, accepted a call to connect with the Colorado Conference as secretary-treasurer. Brother S. E. Ortner, of the Missouri Conference, was called to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Montanye's leaving, and he now serves as secretary-treasurer of this conference. We realize that God's care has been over us in sparing the lives of our workers.

Finances

In comparing the total receipts of the current biennial period with the receipts of the former two-year period, we show a decided loss. We take courage, however, to know that in spite of the financial depression, bank failures, crop failures, and unemployment, the believers of the North Dakota Conference have turned into the treasury during the past two years in tithes and offerings \$77,420.41, whereas the receipts for the years 1929 and 1930 totaled \$128,790.38, showing a loss of \$51,369.97. The tithe receipts for the former two-year period were \$66,913.14, whereas the total income for the recent period was \$41,946.06, a loss of \$24,966.98. The total receipts for missions during the recent two-year period were \$35,474.35, whereas the total income for the former two years amounted to \$61,877.34, showing a decrease of \$26,402.99. We regret very much to see such a decrease in tithes and mission offerings. God calls for a revival in tithe paying. "One reason why there is so great a dearth of the Spirit of God is that so many are robbing God."—*Vol. V, p. 734.*

The operating loss of the conference was almost as large for 1932 as it was for 1931, when it amounted to \$7,884.70, absorbing all of the regular surplus and leaving a deficit in operating funds of \$1,263.85. At the beginning of 1932 a drastic cut was made in the personnel of the conference laboring force, but since it was necessary for us to carry the salaries of these men that were laid off for three months after they were given notice, it did not help much to reduce the expenses for that year.

Evangelism

In harmony with the action of the General Conference regarding soul-win-

God Gives Health and Ability to Get Means

"God blesses the work of men's hands, that they may return to Him His portion. He gives them the sunshine and the rain; He causes vegetation to flourish; He gives health and ability to acquire means. Every blessing comes from His bountiful hand, and He desires men and women to show their gratitude by returning Him a portion in tithes and offerings,—in thank offerings, in freewill offerings, in trespass offerings. They are to devote their means to His service, that His vineyard may not remain a barren waste."—*Prophecies and Kings, p. 707.*

Have you ever given the Lord a thank offering—a gift to God for the prosperity He has given you, for a successful crop, for the job you now have, for health, or for healing?

"Prove me now, saith the Lord."

J. F. PIPER.

ning evangelism, the entire working force gave themselves to the supreme purpose of winning souls to Christ. The Saviour's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," brought new inspiration to the workers and laity who united their efforts in soul winning. The Lord greatly blessed the feeble efforts of His servants, which resulted in 254 baptisms. We praise God for His wonderful work to the children of men. The prospects for larger evangelism are very promising. Our recent fall and winter efforts resulted in 167 baptisms. Calls are continually coming to the office for evangelistic meetings. The field is ripe for a great harvest. Under God we are determined to go forth sowing the precious seed and gathering in the sheaves.

Home Missionary

The layman movement has experienced a checkered career during the biennial period. The majority of our churches have not practiced faithfulness in reporting. Elder Scherr, the home missionary secretary, will render a detailed report of the activities for the past two years. Through the united efforts of the laity in the home missionary work many souls have been won for the truth. The home missionary work has become a great factor in our churches to awaken and develop interests in various parts of the field. As we behold the Christian activities of God's faithful people, we are reminded of the words spoken by the Lord's servant in Volume 9, page 38: "Visit your neighbors and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions." It is through the efforts of the laity that the work will finally be finished in this earth. We thank God for the faithful men and women engaged in soul-winning work.

Sabbath School

"Our Sabbath schools are nothing less than Bible societies in the sacred work of teaching the truth of God's word. . . . The Sabbath school when rightly managed possesses marvelous power and is adapted to do a great work. The influence growing out of the Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church." In harmony with the divine instructions, we have endeavored to make the Sabbath school what the Lord would have it be throughout the North Dakota Conference. There are stationed seventy Sabbath schools with a total membership of 2,400. At the last conference session, Elder

Harry Wentland was elected Sabbath school secretary. For one year he led the great army in its endeavor to establish the hearts and minds in the truth for this generation. At our last camp meeting changes were made and Elder Scherr was appointed to act as secretary of the department. We are greatly encouraged with the progress and advancement of the Sabbath school work in the North Dakota Conference. Consecrated men and women acting as teachers have their influence upon the youth and senior members. The total receipts for the two-year period amounted to \$22,352.29. The income for the former two-year period was \$34,046.62, showing a loss of \$11,694.33, due largely to the financial depression prevailing throughout the land.

Missionary Volunteer

Many years ago the Lord gave definite instructions to this denomination concerning our young people. Speaking about their need, the servant of the Lord says: "Our young people need to be helped, uplifted and encouraged, but in the right manner, not perhaps in the way that they would desire it, but in a way that will help them to have sanctified minds. They need good sanctifying religion more than anything else."

We have in this conference a large army of young people that stand in need of salvation. I am told by the secretary, Brother Bietz, that we have about 1,200 young people between the ages of twelve to twenty-five. Three hundred of these are not affiliated with the church, and there may be others belonging to this class of whom we have no record. This is an alarming situation which should cause the fathers and the mothers and the servants of the Lord to agonize with God in behalf of these dear youth. The church is responsible to harness the strength of the youth and lead it into activities that bring salvation and deliverance to those who are engaged in the enemy's work. We are told by the servant of the Lord that the youth in our day may be workers with Christ if they will, and in working, their faith and strength, and their knowledge of the divine will will increase. Many of our young people stand ready to be used. They are anxiously waiting for someone to direct their strength and efforts into channels that will prove a blessing to themselves and to those with whom they come in contact. Brother Bietz, our Missionary Volunteer secretary, has been connected with two evangelistic efforts during the past year. His work has been a success, but we feel that he must give his entire time and energy to the salvation of the youth in this conference.

During the past two years 1,683 missionary visits have been made; 858 Bible readings given, and \$1,412.32 has been contributed to missions through the Harvest Ingathering, Big Week, and personal donations. One hundred sixty of our young people were baptized during the last two years. We rejoice in what has been accomplished, but we also realize that there is room for improvement. We must labor most earnestly for those who have not yet identified themselves with the Lord and His remnant people. Our hearts are burdened as we behold those who express a spirit of indifference and coldness. Our prayers are that God may impress all our youth with the solemnity of the time, and the soon coming of Jesus to deliver His faithful people from this sin-cursed earth.

Colporteur Work

We are told by the Psalmist, "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." As we consider the colporteur work in the North Dakota Conference, we can readily see that the words of the Psalmist would hardly find an application, but we must remember that the people of this conference have experienced a severe drought for nearly four years, which made it very difficult indeed to scatter the printed page "like the leaves of autumn." Thousands of people have been dependent upon the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other charity organizations. It has been difficult to secure money to purchase the necessities of life. We realize, however, that the book work is ordained of God. The Lord has promised to be with His servants "alway, even unto the end of the world," and the prophet Isaiah, beholding the men and women going forth with the truth of God, says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings

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of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Many are looking for salvation, and the truth contained in the books and periodicals carried by faithful colporteurs contain a healing balm which brings help and healing to the sin-sick soul.

Brother C. R. Morris, of the Pacific Union, spent six months with us in the year 1932 to lead the small army of colporteurs. He was very successful in his endeavors, but because of the financial depression, we found it necessary to ask him to take up self-supporting work, and for five months we had no field secretary. In April, 1933, Brother C. A. Edwards came to us, and he is now busy in the field helping young men and young women to make the colporteur work a success. We solicit your prayers in behalf of this great work. We further solicit recruits to take up this work. Surely the Lord will bless the men and women that go forth in faith, sowing the precious seed of truth. The sales for 1929 and 1930 amounted to \$20,051.60. For the years 1931 and 1932 the sales amounted to \$10,745.61, showing a loss of \$9,305.99. You will notice that our sales were practically cut in two. We regret to present such a report, but we are obliged to report what we find in the field. We hope that by the help of God this department of God's work may prosper as time goes on.

Educational

The Lord in His infinite mercy has given to us, as a people, a system of education which separates our youth and children from the rudiments and elements of the world. Our schools have done a noble work in the past, preparing boys and girls, men and women, for sacred obligations. We appreciate the divine plan of education, and the brethren have endeavored during the past years to establish primary schools wherever possible to help in training the children for the kingdom of God. We are sorry to see that the church school work in the state of North Dakota is at a very low ebb, for we have had during the past two years only two church schools. It is sad indeed to see the conference with so many children and having no church schools. It is rather embarrassing, but the financial depression has been felt so keenly that it seemed impossible to raise sufficient funds to employ teachers. I wish to appeal to our constituency to give earnest study and sincere prayer to the need of church schools in this conference.

Sheyenne River Academy has passed through some severe experiences, but the Lord has not forsaken the institution. We

believe that our academy has been established to save boys and girls from the ruins of worldly education. While our enrolment during the past two years has not been as good as it might have been, we are greatly encouraged that in spite of the financial depression and obstacles which were hard to surmount, our brethren and sisters throughout the conference are anxious for their boys and girls to attend the conference school. The enrolment for the past two years has been 73. We regret very much that so many of the boys and girls in the various parts of the conference are attending the high schools. We realize that the worldly institutions will not prepare workers for the cause of God. They are established to train the young people for a worldly citizenship, whereas a Christian institution prepares the youth not merely for a place in this life, but also in the life to come. Our purposes and aims are vastly different from the aims and purposes of the worldly school. Our institutions of training have been established to qualify our youth to enter upon the duties of life without being embarrassed because of insufficient scholastic standing. We solicit the prayers of the fathers and mothers in the North Dakota Conference in behalf of Sheyenne River Academy. Many have not been able to meet their accounts in the past years, and, therefore, the indebtedness of the academy has been increased. We appeal to you, dear patrons, to meet these obligations as soon as possible. Sheyenne River Academy is your school. It has been established for your sons and daughters. We are but servants, and we desire by the help of God to do our very best in behalf of the work for which the academy has been established.

Religious Liberty

Realizing that we are living in the time when we must put forth special efforts to educate the public regarding the principles of the separation of church and state, we have been providing men in public position with the *Liberty* magazine. At present we are providing 167 legislators, 73 educators, 187 editors, 35 judges, 39 libraries, 25 W. C. T. U. organizations, and 24 attorneys with subscriptions to the *Liberty* magazine. Aside from these, many of the brethren throughout the conference are providing some of the local officials with this magazine. We believe that the instruction and information contained in this periodical enlightens the minds of those that read it, and helps them to see the importance of maintaining the principles of religious liberty.

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"Shall Deceive Many"

At a meeting of the Missouri Conference committee held May 15 consideration was given to the activities of one of our members here in this state, and to the literature that is being circulated by him that is causing some perplexity and which is designed to unsettle the faith of all who are not well grounded in the truth. We have evidence that a number are being disturbed in their religious belief because of the tracts and other communications which are being sent, and fearing that there might be others of our people who are being misled, and in the hope of saving them from deception, it was voted by the conference committee that the writer should prepare an article for the REAPER regarding this matter.

The chief point which seems to be important in the mind of the one who is promoting his views is the idea that Christ was raised on Saturday instead of on the first day of the week. We have received at our office several tracts sent out by him, one of them dealing with the question of Christ's resurrection. It is a labored attempt to prove that Jesus rose on Saturday.

In Mark 16:9 we read, "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene." This one text alone would seem clear as to the time when Jesus rose from the dead, and putting together the various other statements in the different Gospels, there should be no question on this point from the Bible standpoint alone.

In addition to this, quoting from chapter 80 of "Desire of Ages," page 769, I read: "At last Jesus was at rest. The long day of shame and torture was ended. As the last rays of the setting sun ushered in the Sabbath the Son of God lay in quietude in Joseph's tomb. His work completed, His hands folded in peace, He rested through the sacred hours of the Sabbath day. In the beginning the Father and the Son rested upon the Sabbath after their work of creation. . . . Now Jesus rested from the work of redemption. . . . When there shall be a restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of His holy prophets since the world began, the creation Sabbath, the day on which Jesus lay

at rest in Joseph's new tomb, will still be a day of rest and rejoicing."

The opening statement of chapter 81 of this same book, pages 779 and 780, read as follows: "The night of the first day of the week had worn slowly away. The darkest hour, just before daybreak, had come. Christ was still a prisoner in His narrow tomb. . . . And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven. Clothed with the panoply of God, this angel left the heavenly courts. . . . The soldiers see him removing the stone as he would a pebble, and hear him cry, 'Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee.' They see Jesus come forth from the grave, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'"

These brief quotations showing clearly that the Saviour yielded up His life on Friday, the preparation day, and was laid in Joseph's tomb, resting quietly throughout the sacred hours of the Sabbath, that He was raised early in the morning of the first day of the week, correspond fully with the Scripture statements, and are accepted by Seventh-day Adventists as the truth regarding this matter.

The man who is circulating these misleading tracts evidently objects to the idea of consulting the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy for any light on this subject and yet is circulating another tract made up entirely of quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy. The references selected contain statements from the servant of the Lord in which is emphasized the importance of the Bible as the basis of all doctrine and faith. The ideas which we have gathered from these tracts and various communications which we have received seem to be to try to prove by the Spirit of Prophecy that the Spirit of Prophecy is an unsafe source from which to gain light and information regarding the truth of the Bible. It is certainly inconsistent to use the statements of the Spirit of Prophecy to bolster up an idea that is contrary to the very teaching of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Those who hold this idea that Christ was raised on Saturday, and who advocate it so strongly, seem to feel that if they can only prove this point, it will forever settle the Sabbath question, because those who observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath base their practice on the fact that Jesus rose from the dead on that day; but this position only weakens their own argument, for if we concede that the resurrection day of Christ decides which day is to be kept as the Sabbath, then if it can be proved that

Christ rose on the first day of the week, we would have to admit that this would be the right day to keep.

We should forever keep in mind that the Sabbath is based on the work of creation, and that it has nothing whatever to do with the resurrection of Christ. No matter what day He arose, the Sabbath would still remain the same and will continue to be the same throughout all eternity.

We are living in times of deception, and many who are unstable will be led away from the fundamentals of this message. While it is true that the Bible is our rule of faith and conduct, we thank God for the Spirit of Prophecy which only makes clearer the teachings of the Bible. "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20.
H. C. HARTWELL.

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School Life in the North Woods of Minnesota

In my description of the beautiful country around Williams and how "we" sprang into the forest with saws and axes and erected the Williams school house, I have been informed that that mysterious "we" was not wholly masculine throughout the early part of the work. The writer missed that part of the program, but he has assisted a number of times when the ladies formed the advance guard (the men call them "The Light Brigade") and did valiant service in clearing the acre of land for the school grounds. The whole enterprise from first to last requires an immense amount of

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Iowa Conference

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Radio Broadcast

We are now broadcasting from three stations. Every Sunday evening from 6:00 to 6:30 a Question and Bible Answer Service is broadcast over the Marshalltown station, KFJB, 1200 kilocycles. Beginning June 25 Brother Skadsheim will broadcast from KSOO, Sioux Falls, 5:00 to 5:30. Elder Nelson will con-

Falls, So. Dak., 1100 kilocycles, from duct a devotional service fifteen minutes every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 9:15, at Sioux City.

We trust that all our people will invite their friends and neighbors to listen to these broadcasts and do all they can to have the truth presented to those who know it not.

We would appreciate a postcard or letter from those who listen in on any of these broadcasts so that we can check up and see how far our message is going. Will everyone who listens in just take time to drop us a line saying how the broadcast was received? Any suggestions or criticisms from our members will be welcome.

Pray that the Lord will use this means of presenting the truth and as a result many souls will be saved in Christ's kingdom. The expense of the broadcasting from the Sioux Falls station is being met by Brother Andrews of Hudson.

R. S. FRIES.

Burlington

MEETINGS over the week-end of June 2 were held in the Burlington church. Practically all members of the Middletown, Mt. Pleasant, and Ft. Madison churches were in attendance. Elders Fries and A. L. Miller assisted in conducting the services. A picnic lunch was served in Crapo Park, where all ate together at one large table. In the afternoon all assembled in the Woodlawn Baptist church, where, after publicly examining the candidates in the usual way, and after they were accepted as members of their respective churches, Elder Miller baptized nine persons. Three of these united with the Burlington church and six with the church at Ft. Madison. This baptism makes twelve additions to the church since the series of meetings conducted by Elder Miller and the writer at Ft. Madison. Truly there are many honest in heart, who still long for the truth and are searching for it.

W. A. HOWE.

Old Friend in New Dress

BEGINNING with July 1, the *Present Truth* will come out in a new dress. It will now appear as an up-to-date journal of eight pages. The pages will be one half their former size, but the paper will contain as much material as formerly, and the print is much more readable. It will look like an entirely new publication. The price for this splendid periodical will remain at 25 cents a year. There will be no break in the present series on account of this change. Many of the numbers

in the old style are on sale in 1,000 lots at greatly reduced prices. Several numbers may be ordered to make up the 1,000. The price is \$2.50 and \$3.50 a thousand, depending upon the number you order. Write to the Book and Bible House if you are interested in either quantity lots or individual subscriptions. You can not bring the truth to your friends for a year through any other means for a total outlay of only 25 cents. Send us your order accompanied by the addresses of those souls for whom God has given you a burden.

J. C. CHRISTENSON.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Just recently Elder Gordon Smith, the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union Conference, assisted by the writer, conducted a special evangelistic effort for the young people of the Des Moines church. The weather was ideal and the attendance was excellent. Services were held each evening during the nine days we were there. There was a splendid response on the part of the young people, especially on the last Sabbath when nearly all joined in a consecration service. Quite a large baptismal class of young people and others was organized at this time.

In the afternoon of the same day, Elder Smith presented to the senior young people, the Progressive plans for the juniors, giving special emphasis to the Master Comrade work. At the present time a Master Comrade class is being organized among the seniors.

During the five school days, we also conducted services for the juniors in the church school. The week was a very profitable one and we feel that good results will follow.

Following the Des Moines effort, the writer was associated with Elder R. S. Fries at Oak Park Academy. This was the regular Week of Prayer for the academy. Meetings were held twice each day and at the close a baptismal class was organized. We expect before long that these young people will be baptized and taken into the church.

J. C. NIXON.

Iowa Newsettes

If you have not sent in your Big Week quota of \$2.00 or more, let this be a reminder. Do not fail to have a part, whatever the amount may be that you can give. Let us all determine that our missionaries must not be forced to leave their work, and then let us provide a portion of the necessary funds to keep them in the field.

Has your *Review* subscription expired? Please renew under one of the three plans, so that you will not miss the welcome call of our missionaries and workers at your home each week through the pages of this good old paper.

The *Signs of the Times* has put out a wonderful color number on The Century of Progress World Fair. The cover and inside pages are filled with strikingly clear photographs of the Chicago fair. This fair will continue all summer, and this special number of the *Signs* can thus be sold successfully from place to place through all that time. Order a package of this special number of the *Signs* at 4 cents a copy in quantities of ten or more and sell them at ten cents each. They sell very readily, and the truths for our time are brought out so attractively that a great many people will be led to read the entire contents. Take advantage of this splendid opportunity to bring the truth to others, and also to earn something for yourself.

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Baptism at Hastings

It was our privilege to bury with their Lord in baptism, Sabbath, June 10, at the Hastings church, seven precious souls, and to receive one into church fellowship on profession of faith. Six others have definitely asked to continue studies in the baptismal class, desiring to unite with the church as soon as they are ready.

These new believers will unite with the Grand Island church, and are the result of an effort held in a hall in the city by Brother F. W. Schnepfer, the treasurer of our conference, and the writer. The effort continued just four weeks, and was undertaken without a great deal of preparation.

However, the church had been carrying on some literature work and visiting that helped greatly. Several of those who came in had been brought into contact with our truth by humble lay members, although they really had little real understanding of the truth. Others of those who came in were entirely new. Some formerly never had made a profession of Christ, others came from the Mormon, the Catholic, the Methodist, the Congregational, and the Presbyterian churches. Many times they expressed great appreciation for the new truth that was coming to them.

While it has been necessary for us to

turn our attention to the other duties which our work calls us to do, yet Brother Schnepfer has continued to instruct those who were baptized since the effort closed till the time of baptism. I helped what I could. Those remaining in the class will come along as soon as they are instructed properly.

We thank God for His great blessing in bringing these dear souls to him, and trust that His goodness may ever follow them. They bring new life to the church.

R. J. ROY.

Fourth-of-July Picnic

PLANS are being laid for a union church picnic to be held on the campus of Shelton Academy on July 4. We are especially inviting the members of the Shelton, Kearney, Hastings, Loup City, and Grand Island churches to attend this picnic. We also extend an invitation to any of the members of our churches who may be able to attend, to come and join us. Also any of our isolated believers who may be able to come in for the day are cordially invited to be present. This is just a little gathering which we are holding, and we want anyone who may be able to attend to feel free to come and enjoy the day with us.

We are planning for the activities to begin about 10:00 o'clock and dinner to be served about 12:30. Come, bring your dinner, and enjoy the day with us.

F. W. SCHNEPPER.

From the Office Viewpoint

ELDER WESTBROOK has been in the northwestern part of the state holding some special meetings with Elder Baer at the Alliance and Gordon churches. He also attended the general meeting at Chadron, at which time a special Sabbath school convention was held.

We are happy to have Elder J. C. Thompson, from the General Conference Sabbath School Department, spend a few days in the conference. He and Mrs. Taylor are visiting a number of the churches in the interest of the Sabbath school work.

Elders E. G. Hayes and M. B. Butterfield have pitched the young people's tent and are holding a series of meetings at North Platte. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of this effort.

Elder Roy is now busy helping the colporteurs in their work. Several good reports have come to us from the work of the colporteurs, and we trust that our people will not forget these faithful ones who are carrying the message from door to door.

Elder Langberg reports baptizing sixteen on a recent Sabbath. He is now in

the sixth week of his effort at Omaha, and there are others who are planning to take their stand for the truth.

Professor G. E. Hutches is itinerating the conference in the interest of Shelton Academy. Now is the time for our people to plan to send their children to our schools. When we view the conditions in the world, we can see that it is more important than ever before that our children receive a Christian education.

Elder Baer is planning to start an evangelistic meeting in Lyman, Nebr., very soon. It is planned for Brother Reuben Johnson to join him in this effort.

Brother F. W. Schnepfer spent Sabbath, June 17, with the Loup City church.

We have just received from the publishers an advance copy of the book, "Replies to Canright," written by W. H. Branson. This indeed will be a very helpful book to our people everywhere. Canright's work has been circulated considerably, and there are those who are perplexed as a result of his writings. If you know of such a one, you, by all means, should secure a copy of this new book and loan it to him to read. The price is \$2.00.

We still can supply you with a 1933 Home Missionary Calendar for 10 cents.

The latest novelties we have received at the office are some very appropriate Bible pictures cut up into the form of jig-saw puzzles. There are two puzzles packed in a very neat box, and sell for 15 cents a box.

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Sabbath School Conventions

PLANS are being completed for two Sabbath school conventions to be held in Kansas early in July. The first will be held in Wichita, beginning Friday night, June 30, and continuing through Sabbath and a part of Sunday. The second convention will be at Oswego, beginning Friday night, July 7, and continuing until Sunday afternoon. Churches in the neighborhood of these two conventions are urged to attend the meetings.

Elder J. C. Thompson, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and Elder Wiest will be present at both meetings. A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas News Notes

MISS EDNA WALLACE, our stenographer, is taking two weeks' vacation, during which time she is receiving medical treatment.

The effort at Garden City is in progress. On account of the extreme heat and dust storms prevalent in that part of the state, the attendance has not been very encouraging. The workers there are of good courage and are looking for increased attendance, as the cool weather has come.

Encouraging reports have come from our colporteurs and magazine workers. Brother A. K. Phillips has just come from the field and brought very encouraging reports from those with whom he has been working. He and Theodore Torkelson took \$33 worth of orders in one day at McPherson.

Elder W. H. Anderson, our veteran missionary from South Africa, is visiting his wife's people in Kansas. Brother and Sister Anderson visited the Topeka church on Tuesday night, the 13th. He also spoke in Wichita last Sabbath. While at Topeka, he baptized Mrs. Anderson's mother, who has taken her stand for the message. She makes her home on a farm near Wamega.

For a number of years there was a

need for a reply to D. M. Canright. This book has now been prepared and is a comprehensive answer to counteract the book so freely circulated under the signature of D. M. Canright. The price is \$2.00.

Sabbath, July 22, is the day for the Midsummer Offering. Let everyone begin to lay aside small sums so as to be ready for an offering on Sabbath, the 22nd. C. S. WIEST.

Obituaries

LORNTZ.—Christine Andrea Lorntz, nee Warenskjold, was born in 1849 in the town of Holmestrand, Norway. At an early age she, with the family, moved to Christiania (now Oslo) the capital, and here she resided until August, 1919. When Elder J. G. Matteson raised the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Oslo in 1879, she became one of the charter members.

In 1888 she was united in marriage to John Lorntz, who had been sent by the General Conference to Norway to help establish the publishing work there. To

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1933

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
E. C. Aaby	OD	38	1	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
Maynard F. Aaby	OCW	23	3	1.50	.25	1.75	1.95
*Mrs. M. Blackburn	HP	66	6	33.00	.....	33.00	.....
W. A. Burton	DR	18	4	13.50	14.50	28.00	8.00
*Mrs. Sophia Carter	HP	72	1	5.50	.60	6.10	1.00
*Eliz. Crawford	RJ	63	1	3.00	2.00	5.00	6.00
Mrs. S. M. Hart	DR	13	1	3.00	7.00	10.00	3.20
W. E. Helt	PP	46	1	4.50	4.00	8.50	4.00
Dunbar Henri	DR	47	40	137.00	50.00	187.00	.....
Georgia Kemp	HP	12	.....	.....	.25	.25	.25
Alex Kohlfarber	OD	42	.....	.....	5.50	5.50	1.75
W. H. Moore	DR	60	40	144.50	56.25	200.75	.....
L. M. Neal	DR	73	11	36.00	1.00	37.00	.....
Wilbur Rose	OD	43	3	7.50	7.50	15.00	.50
John Sessor	BR	35	8	39.00	.60	39.60	6.60
Ruby Sexton	DR	7	3	9.00	.....	9.00	3.00
F. E. Simon	DR	47	37	117.00	37.00	154.00	.....
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	33	6	19.00	1.50	20.50	10.50
W. L. Vickers	Misc.	35	3	19.00	.....	19.00	1.00
Sadye Adair	Mag.	26	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	1.50
Sylvia Adair	Mag.	19	.....	.....	3.20	3.20	3.20
Marguerite Des Mukes	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mary Des Mukes	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	1.10	1.10	1.10
Mary Elliott	Mag.	3	.....	.....	.10	.10	.10
Alma Katt	Mag.	13	.....	.....	2.20	2.20	2.20
Mrs. F. A. Myers	Mag.	27	.....	.....	13.30	13.30	13.30
Della Rice	Mag.	23	.....	.....	7.40	7.40	7.40
Esther Rose	Mag.	25	.....	.....	2.20	2.20	2.20
Jess Williamson	Mag.	21	.....	.....	7.70	7.70	7.70
Total		874	169	595.00	229.65	824.65	92.45
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
Karl A. Evenson	RJ	6	4	26.50	17.75	44.25	77.25
Mathilda Dahl	RJ	44	4	12.00	1.00	13.00	.....
Clarice Rust	RJ	43	3	10.00	.75	10.75	.75
D. E. Boyko	RJ	42	13	42.60	4.90	47.50	10.00
*H. A. Hanson	HW	60	8	24.00	6.00	30.00	18.00
Anna Cook	RJ	40	2	7.00	.....	7.00	.....
Gerald Young	RJ	36	2	7.00	1.25	8.25	1.25
A. M. Amundson	HW	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ada Schornstein	RJ	23	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00
Hilda Olafson	RJ	22	3	10.00	.....	10.00	.....

Florence Ritter	RJ	21	2	6.00	.75	6.75	.75
S. Zytkoskee	RJ	20			1.00	1.00	1.00
Helen Zeelau	BPS	19	2	3.00	3.75	6.75	3.50
Lillian E. Merten	GC	9	1	6.00		6.00	
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag.	49			13.80	13.80	13.80
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	41			11.20	11.20	11.20
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	40			7.80	7.80	7.80
Ruby Guishard	Mag.	38			6.00	6.00	6.00
Frances Spoden	Mag.	38			6.10	6.10	6.10
*E. Dufstrom	Mag.	63			12.10	12.10	12.10
Mary Cooper	Mag.	35			4.60	4.60	4.60
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag.	30			10.50	10.50	10.50
Leah Strand	Mag.	12			3.00	3.00	3.00
Total		763	42	155.10	122.25	277.35	190.60

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, *Field Missionary Secretary*

J. W. Simmons	RJ	38	9	27.00	16.50	43.50	24.00
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	17	5	23.00	2.50	25.50	.25
James Van Divier	RJ	14	6	19.00	7.50	26.50	
H. C. Starr	RJ	38	4	12.00	12.50	24.50	
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	38			22.30	22.30	2.00
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	41	4	12.00	6.25	18.25	4.75
Florence Maurath	RJ	28	4	12.00	3.25	15.25	26.00
Euthayne Hopkins	RJ	41	3	9.00	3.50	12.50	.50
Clarence Wiltse	RJ	27	2	6.00	5.75	11.75	
Nathan Coffin	RJ	13	1	3.00	6.00	9.00	21.70
Morton Davis	OT	42	1	2.50	3.75	6.25	1.75
E. L. Sheldon	OCW	5			7.50	7.50	7.50
Dorothy Lockwood	RJ	24			.50	.50	
Raymond Hircoc	OT						17.00
Robert Garber	RJ						7.50
Mrs. Kromer	Misc.	5			5.80	5.80	5.80
Elva Wilcox	GC	30			4.00	4.00	5.25
Valeta Anderson	Mag.	28			6.10	6.10	6.10
Jessie Van Divier	Mag.	28			6.00	6.00	6.00
Alice Kinney	Mag.	6			5.40	5.40	5.40
Ruby McSparran	Mag.	11			4.50	4.50	4.50
Audry Anderson	Mag.	15			2.90	2.90	2.90
Total		489	39	125.50	132.50	258.00	148.90

NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Wilton W. Black	GC	33	1	6.00	3.50	9.50	1.75
Ralph House	BR	53	9	45.00	1.75	46.75	.75
Chivela Jorstad	RJ	26	1	4.00	6.00	10.00	8.50
Eulela Jorstad	RJ	28			5.00	5.00	6.75
Abel Larson	RJ	36	1	3.00	5.20	8.20	7.00
John Ogren	OD	32	3	7.50	3.50	11.00	6.25
Rhoda Pedersen	RJ	43	3	9.00	11.95	20.95	3.90
C. A. Pence					1.75	1.75	1.75
Walter Riter	RJ	30	4	12.00	4.00	16.00	
Lucille Wallace	RJ	40	2	6.00	.75	6.75	.25
F. C. Welter	BR	45	9	42.00	5.50	47.50	
F. V. Witthaus	GC	38	3	13.50		13.50	
Ronald Witthaus	GC	34	4	18.00	5.50	23.50	
Total		438	40	166.00	54.40	220.40	36.90

KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Eldon R. Marshall	Misc.	38			26.90	26.90	11.35
Emil E. Bietz	Misc.	38			21.45	21.45	8.20
A. D. Raff	Mag.	33		1.80	5.00	6.80	1.80
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	30			13.90	13.90	13.90
Annabelle Rumf	Mag.	28			9.10	9.10	9.10
Mildred Shannon	Mag.	19			6.70	6.70	6.70
Elizabeth Torkelson	BR	30	3	13.50	4.75	18.25	
Theodore Torkelson	GC	8		33.00		33.00	3.00
Thelma Imler	BR	23	2	9.00		9.00	
Total		247	5	57.30	87.80	145.10	54.05

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Frank Christy	BR	24	6	27.00	.50	27.50	
C. A. Edwards	BR						4.75
Robert Kooreny	RJ	15	4	13.00	7.00	20.00	
A Colporteur	BR		12	54.00	4.75	58.75	2.50
Arthur Wheeler	RJ	43			3.25	3.25	6.25
Total		82	22	94.00	15.50	109.50	13.50
Grand Total		2,893	317	1,192.90	642.10	1,835.00	536.40

*Two Weeks

this union were born three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The second, Emery John, is now superintendent of our work in Cuba. The youngest, Esther, became the wife of Stanley Ledington, and is now a member of the music faculty of Union College.

In 1919 Brother and Sister Lorntz came to the States so as to be able to spend their last years near their children.

After the death of her husband, Sister Lorntz came with Mr. and Mrs. Ledington to College View. She died June 10, as the result of advanced age. She suffered no pain nor was ravaged by disease. Had she lived 18 days more she would have been 84 years old.

There are left to mourn their loss, one son, one daughter, four brothers, two sisters in Norway, nine grandchildren, and many friends.

Services were conducted by A. W. Johnson and the writer. Interment was in the College View cemetery.

FRANK H. YOST.

NEUMANN.—Wilhelmina Roedel Neumann was born Dec. 26, 1847, in Saxon, Germany; and passed away June 4, 1933, at Hygiene, Colo. In 1856, with her father's family, she moved to Brazil, South America. November 26, 1869, she was married to Ernest Neumann, and to this union ten children were born, eight while the family were in Brazil and two after they moved to western Nebraska in 1883. The family lived in College View, from 1905 to 1910, where their children attended Union College. The family moved to Colorado in 1910, where Brother Neumann passed away twelve years later.

With her husband, she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Mc Cook, Nebr., in 1896. She has always been faithful, living a devoted Christian life.

Two children died in infancy. She is survived by three sons (one a missionary in Lisbon, Portugal), five daughters, nineteen grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren, beside other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Hygiene church and we laid her to rest beside her husband.

N. T. SUTTON.

SCHOFIELD.—Eliza E. Schofield, nee West, was born in Rensselaer County, New York, Jan. 2, 1844; and passed away May 29, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Della Johnston, in Boulder, Colo. She was united in marriage to George Schofield, in Iowa, Nov. 25, 1860. Six children were born to this union. The husband and two children preceded her in death. She accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith 45 years ago, and always remained true to the faith she loved so dearly.

She is survived by three sons and one daughter, fourteen grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Ft. Collins, and she was laid to rest in the Ft. Collins cemetery, beside her husband.

N. T. SUTTON.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, June 23

Denver, Colorado	7:32
Des Moines, Iowa	7:53
Topeka, Kansas	7:52
St. Paul, Minnesota	8:04
Jefferson City, Missouri	7:38
Lincoln, Nebraska	8:03
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:42
Pierre, South Dakota	8:26
Casper, Wyoming	7:56

An Appreciative Reader

WE Adventists imagine sometimes that everyone knows all about our literature. It is hard, for example, for us to realize that there is anyone anywhere in this country who has not come in touch with the *Signs of the Times*. Yet in this year 1933, fifty-nine years since the *Signs* was established, we at the *Signs* office frequently hear from those who have never seen the *Signs* before. A lady in Independence, Kans., recently wrote: "I have just finished reading the first copy I ever saw of your paper. . . . It is a wonderful paper, one that ought to be read in every home." She asked if in some way she could work for a year's subscription. We arranged for a copy to go, and wrote her a letter.

Note her appreciation and growing interest expressed in a second note just received. She says: "I have been receiving your paper, the *Signs of the Times*, since in April and have enjoyed it so much. I do not know who paid for my subscription but if you do, would you thank them for me? I could not have paid for it myself, and I did so want the paper. I am saving each copy and passing it on to others that cannot pay for one, too, and we all enjoy reading them for the real help they are to us."

This is just a suggestion of latent interests on every hand. In these times many people are distressed, and are happy indeed for some word of encouragement. So often it seems that a person receiving the *Signs* for the first time recognizes it as a message that meets the longing of his or her heart. It is true also that

many who have casually known the paper in past years are now being influenced by world issues to give it very serious attention. Our churches are doing a wonderful work with the *Signs*, and should at this time be encouraged to push forward with greater courage than ever before.

J. R. FERREN.

Missionary Volunteers, Attention!

WE have a special Missionary Volunteer foreign mission project this year. At the request of the M. V. organization the General Conference has assigned to us the interesting task of financing our missions in an important section right out in the heart of Africa.

It is estimated that it will cost from \$17,000 to \$20,000 to carry on our work there for the year 1933. The field is entirely dependent on the Missionary Volunteers of North America for its income. If we fail it means they go without support—and that must not be.

To raise this sum for our African mission each Missionary Volunteer will need to give on the average of five cents a week.

Another M. V. project this year is the sale of the *Watchman* magazine. Our goal is 16,000 a month to be sold by M. V. members, or one copy a month per member.

The *Watchman* sells for ten cents a copy. It costs you only four cents when ten or more copies are ordered. Sell just one copy a week and you have more than enough to pay your M. V. mission offering. At the same time you are carrying the message to souls at home as well as abroad.

L. L. SKINNER.

Minnesota Department

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hard work, and the mothers, wives, and daughters are not afraid of work else they would never have migrated, as the wild fowl do, to the northland—the most charming and fascinating section on earth. It adds more enthusiasm when the women turn out to help; the days are shorter and happier—and many hands make light work. Children's voices cheering on the yelping dogs indicate that wild animals are fleeing from the oncoming civilization, though deer love to be near human habitations.

Here amid nature's best, children learn of God. Two little boys and their mothers were planning for the church school. Unbelieving fathers refused to give hard earned dollars for the books when secu-

lar books were free. As their only hope lay in catching furbearing animals, they set wolf traps and prayed for success, though scarcely once in a thousand can a wolf be trapped in the autumn when game is abundant. One boy caught a fine large wolf, the other a beautiful fox. The wolf skin plus the state bounty brought him \$30; the fox skin about \$20, fulfilling the promise, "My God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19. I said to the little fellow, "Did you really pray for a wolf?" "Yes," he replied, "and mamma prayed, and grandma prayed too." Turning to the other I asked, "Did you pray for a fox?" "No," he said, "I prayed for a wolf, but the Lord gave me a fox." Some day children like these will go out and give the message when the older ones will have their way hedged up. "Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare children for this great work."
H. M. HIATT.

Minnesota News Notes

AT this writing the workers are all assembled on the camp ground getting the camp ready for the meeting. By the time this reaches the readers we trust that everything will be in readiness. We hope that a large number are planning on attending this meeting. Come and we are sure the Lord will bless.

Elder Haysmer spoke at the eleven o'clock hour in St. Paul Sabbath the 10th.

Tuesday, the 13th, the officers of the Twin City churches held a very profitable meeting in the Danish-Norwegian church in Minneapolis. These meetings are being held once a quarter, and we feel that they are a real benefit to our officers in the Twin Cities.

Elder August Anderson, of Boadview, has recently accepted an invitation to connect with our work in Minnesota. He will have charge of the Swedish church in Minneapolis. He is planning to arrive so he can be in attendance at our coming camp meeting.

If you are in need of a good Bible come to camp meeting prepared to purchase one, as we will have a large display of Bibles at reduced prices.

The ladies' choir of the Norwegian-Danish church in Minneapolis, under the direction of Adrian Lauritzen, recently gave a recital at the nurses' alumnae of the Vocational Hospital.

"THE church of Christ is organized for service. . . . Every church member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master. . . . Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin."