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Who Knoweth?

REPORTS coming to us indicate a splendid gain in the number of pieces of literature distributed by our faithful laymen in 1933 over 1932. In fact if the report for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 1933, is as good as each of the preceding three quarters of the year, the gain will be above the 100,000 mark. What a blessing these small messengers of light will bring as the angels minister the readers! We are herewith copying the report of a minister in a border conference which shows the results of a co-operation of the literature work and living preacher. He writes:

"Twenty-eight persons have been baptized as a result of the tent meetings. A church of thirty members has been organized. Never before have I conducted a series of lectures when I felt that the literature ministry had done more to pave the way for a fruitful effort.

"A young lady who is a nurse showed considerable interest in the meetings. After a few weeks I called where she was nursing and she told me that five years ago she had picked up a 'Marked Bible' from the waste-paper basket while working in an institution for the blind. The reading of the book impressed her with the Sabbath truth and when she heard the subject presented at the tent meeting, she accepted it immediately.

"When about half way through the effort I visited a family in the country, who had been attending the meetings quite regularly. They told me that they were convinced of the Sabbath truth and had already begun to observe the Sabbath. In the course of the conversation the gentleman, a man of eighty-two years, brought out an old leather covered 'Daniel and Revelation,' which he said was bought about thirty years ago. Only a night or two before this visit I had spoken on the 'United States in Prophecy.' After the lecture, he looked to see what the book had to say on the subject, and found that my explanation agreed perfectly with the author. This family of four was baptized.

"One woman who was baptized bought a number of small books about eight years ago while attending a tent effort.

Two other women who accepted the message had been given some Bible studies by a colporteur, and had received the *Signs of the Times* for a number of months through the faithful visit of a lay member. Another had received the *Present Truth* for some time through the Home Bible Study League. A man, who with

his wife, was baptized, told during my first visit in his home, how he had, a few years ago, purchased and read with interest the book, 'Return of Jesus.'

Our goal for 1934 is each member giving at least one or more papers to interested persons every week, faithfully and systematically. "Who knoweth whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good?" S. T. SHADEL.

"Occupy Till I Come"

"BE YE also ready," and "Occupy till I come," are two statements from the Saviour that we do well to consider and heed, especially in this time of the world's history. The very fact that we can tell that His coming is very near, yet do not know the day nor hour, should inspire in us constant vigilance. "Occupy" yet "be ready" implies two things, first that the Lord at His coming expects to find us, not idle, but busily occupied at our given task, whatever that may be; second, that we be ready to render an account as to how we have conducted our business, which in reality should be the Lord's business. And blessed are those who can do this with no look of remorse or chagrin. Yet I have met certain in-

dividuals who seemed very indifferent in their manner of conducting business, and in meeting their obligations to God and man. They seemed to take the attitude, "O well, the Lord will soon be here and that will wipe the slate clean, so why worry?" Brethren, this certainly should not be our attitude. And the strange thing about it is that these individuals seem to take pride in going through life in this careless, indifferent manner, accomplishing nothing for themselves, their fellowmen, or God, and point out with

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Minnesota Conference

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Good Bye 1933; Welcome 1934

"THE Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numb. 6:24-26.

Ho! Every one in the Central Union Conference. Just think! We lack only fifty cents per member of exceeding our Harvest Ingathering goal of a year ago. You would be willing to give that much next Sabbath, so that the union would not come behind in doing our part in sustaining our missions quota. This is our last opportunity for 1933.

Fifty cents for Harvest Ingathering.
J. F. PIPER.

"Where Hast Thou Gleaned, and Where Wroughtest Thou?"

"The man's name with whom I wrought today is Boaz," was Ruth's answer of old. Boaz is a type of Christ. For one who has always had to glean alone, where so many strong groups of workers have wrought before, it is indeed satisfying to know one has gleaned *with* and *for* Jesus only.

It seems to me that since 1886, when the work for the Scandinavians in St. Paul was started, that nearly all the Scandinavian ministers among us, including Elders Stone, L. H. Christian, H. O. Olson, J. A. Swenson, Brethren August Anderson, Senior and Junior, with many strong helpers, have labored here in tent efforts and rented halls.

This summer our church funds avail-

able did not permit any other choice but to hold a series of meetings in our Scandinavian church. Some changes had to be made in order to make the church suitable for public meetings, and many improvements have been wrought in our church building, as the work has progressed. We had to go to Minneapolis for Swedish printing. Then as we distributed the invitations from house to house we were cheered on by seeing the people who today rejoice in the truth, come to the meetings as a result of the personal touch and the blessing of God.

There were three or four children in our Sabbath school when we started the effort. Now we have a strong primary and junior department. This late fall we organized a prosperous Y. P. M. V. society.

Painting, varnishing, remodeling, as well as the installation of new as well as the remaking and repairing of old church furniture, including a new piano, stove, and organ, have taken place as we could afford. At this writing we are working to answer our prayers, and plan for a church school in our church basement next year. This report does not intend to reveal the struggles behind the rows during the gleaning process, but suffice it to say, "We owe no man anything."

Really the Lord has blessed. Eleven men and women have been gleaned for this truth and the Lord's garner. We have had three baptisms. Several others have been added to the church, so it has almost doubled its membership. This new blood transfusion into the church has saved the day. One of these heads of families, Brother George Hallen, will serve the church as church elder. Our Sabbath school has nearly trebled. The tithe for the quarter ending with September showed a gain over the previous quarter of \$157, and the mission offerings at the ratio of \$174 to \$42 for the quarter ending in June. Last year the church raised only \$74 for Harvest Ingathering. More than one third of this was a gift from a sister in the church. This year we celebrated Victory Week, November 4-11, by reaching our conference goal of \$168. It is a real joy Sabbath after Sabbath to see an overflow above the set goal for mission offerings.

Our Sabbath services are held each Sabbath from 9:45 to 12:00 A. M. The M. V. society meets every Sabbath at 3:30 P. M. From now on until we leave, our only public services will be on Sunday nights at 7:45. Last night at the Sunday evening service the church was filled, and likewise on the Sabbath days

it is well filled. Visitors are welcome.

To all our friends in the conference where we have previously worked, we send our greetings from the St. Paul Scandinavian church at 606 Maryland Street.

V. A. LIDNER AND WIFE.

Missouri Conference

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Teachers' Institute

THE annual institute for church school teachers was conducted at the Oak Grove church from December 17-19, with our entire teaching force of twenty teachers in attendance. Professor Marsh, of the union; Elders Thompson and Oss, of the conference, and Brother Ragsdale, of the Kansas Conference, were present to lead out in the instruction. Special announcements had been made for the evening sermons, at which time Elder Thompson addressed the large crowd that attended.

The reports of the schools rendered by the teachers at the morning devotional periods were most encouraging. We have more teachers this year than last, and two new school buildings. The enrolment at the opening of school was twenty-eight more than last year, which makes the enrolment this year the largest in the past decade.

The teachers and conference greatly appreciate the hospitality extended by our believers at Oak Grove. The church expressed their pleasure that the institute was held there and appreciation for the meetings.

MELVIN OSS.

A Week of Revival

THE Week of Prayer at the Goldsberry, Bland, and Jefferson City churches was marked by the presence of the Lord in a very definite way. Our hearts were cheered as we saw the individuals who had not been fully converted, take their stand. One brother pledged himself to discontinue his hog raising. Another brother reconsecrated his life and has stopped using tobacco. A sister who has not attended Sabbath school for eight years has taken a new stand, and a number of the young people have expressed an earnest desire to reconsecrate their lives to the Lord, and start anew toward the kingdom of God.

Meetings were held every afternoon and evening during the entire week, with personal visiting being done through the

day. I visited one family where a colporteur and I had delivered a book just a short time before, and found the family had read it and had accepted the belief as taught by this book, and are desiring more literature, expressing a desire to attend an Adventist church.

Surely we are living in a day when the Spirit of God is being poured upon His people.

R. G. CAMPBELL.

Colporteur Institute

OUR annual colporteur institute will be held in St. Louis, Mo., at the Central church, 618 North Newstead Avenue, from January 4 to 13. The first meeting will begin at 7:30 P. M. Thursday, January 4.

All who are interested in the literature work and house-to-house evangelism are cordially invited to attend this meeting where instructions will be given in the art and science of Christian salesmanship and house-to-house evangelism.

This convention will last ten days. If you know of friends who should attend this meeting, we would be glad to have you recommend them to us so we can get in touch with them personally.

We solicit the earnest prayers of our readers and believers in behalf of this important meeting, and hope as many of you as possibly can will attend.

R. G. CAMPBELL,

Field Missionary Secretary.

Mrs. Bellah in the Hospital

MRS. C. G. BELLAH had a very heavy operation at the Barnes Hospital (St. Louis), December 9. At this writing she is getting along nicely. The church here has had special prayer in her behalf, and it is simply marvelous how the Lord has worked for her recovery. We are of good courage, praising God for His goodness to us.

C. G. BELLAH.

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Council Bluffs

FOR the third time a class in home hygiene has graduated at Council Bluffs under the leadership of Mrs. L. C. Christofferson. Six people were in the class, and these, together with the two other groups that have finished the course in home nursing and merited certificates from the medical department of the General Conference, make a total of thirty-nine.

Being a registered nurse, Sister Christofferson has successfully led her students into all phases of practical nursing. She has held up before them the health principles of the message, emphasizing the simple but effective treatments of hydrotherapy.

These graduates are prepared for missionary service of the highest order. It is essential to know how to care for the common illnesses in the home, and how to prepare healthful meals for our own families, and this same knowledge is an entering wedge to missionary work among our neighbors and friends.

The graduation exercises were carefully planned, each class member taking part. The program was interspersed with music and talks. Dr. Morse, of the Iowa Sanitarium, delivered the address. The church was well filled for the occasion, and each one caught the spirit of missionary enthusiasm so necessary as we bend every effort for finishing the work of God in the earth. Our church at Council Bluffs is loyal to the message and its work, and our hearts respond to the many calls from home and afar. The church conducts a successful church school, and the conference remittances are encouraging.

R. F. BRESEE.

"Penny-a-Dish"

It was the writer's privilege to spend two days assisting in the "Penny-a-Dish" Cafeteria at Des Moines. I would like to tell the many friends who have sent in food for this project that it would do their hearts good if they could see what their food is accomplishing. In one day when I was there, 400 meals were served. It is sad to note how many people are without means. One poor man came in with two cents and wanted to know if he could get two cents' worth of food.

A well-dressed man came and I thought he was a salesman, but with tears in his eyes he wanted to know if he could wash dishes or do other work to get a meal. They allowed him to wash dishes, and he came back several days and worked faithfully washing dishes, pots, kettles, etc., to earn something to eat. Another man with tears in his eyes said, "If it were not for this place, some of us would not eat." A well-dressed lady came in and got a meal for about five or six cents and said that she had never depended on charity before, but if it had not been for that place that day, she would have had to go hungry.

I am convinced that this is splendid home missionary work, and if anyone wants to help the poor and needy, I would advise him to send his food to the Penny-a-Dish. It touches our hearts to notice how the members of the Des Moines church are cooperating in this work. Every day there is a group of church members coming in to cook, wash dishes, scrub, do carpenter work, and the many other duties that go in line with such a big undertaking.

We solicit the prayers of our people and their cooperation for the Penny-a-Dish.
B. A. SCHERR.

Notice

ELDER S. T. SHADEL, home missionary secretary of the Central Union, and Elder B. A. Scherr, home missionary secretary of the Iowa Conference, will hold a home missionary convention at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Burlington, Iowa, beginning Friday evening, December 29, lasting till Sunday evening, December 31. Meetings on Sabbath and Sunday will be held in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

All the believers in this vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

B. A. SCHERR.

Cedar Rapids

THE Cedar Rapids church has raised in Harvest Ingathering, 1933, \$532.87, going over the church goal \$77.87. Two hundred dollars was raised by singing bands. Two members raised over \$100 each. Eighty-two per cent of the members took part. All worked faithfully. Honorable mention is here made to the singing band leaders. We worked hard and God blessed the efforts. Praise Him for it all.

TREASURER CEDAR RAPIDS
S. D. A. CHURCH.

Fifty cents more for Harvest Ingathering.

Wyoming Mission

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WHILE our minds are directed to "Testimony" sets, it might be well to quote some of their very splendid counsel that has an important bearing on our relationship to the work of the Master, as the work is closing in the earth. Let me quote from pages 23 and 24, under the heading, "The Remnant Church Not Babylon."

"Those who have proclaimed the Seventh-day Adventist church as Babylon, have made use of the 'Testimonies' in giving their position a seeming support; but why is it that they did not present that which for years has been the burden of my message, the unity of the church?"

"Why did they not quote the words of the angel, 'Press together, Press together, Press together?' Why did they not repeat the admonition and state the principle that in union there is strength, in division there is weakness?"

"It is such messages as these men have borne that divide the church, and put us to shame before the enemies of truth; and in such messages is plainly revealed the specious working of the great deceiver, who would hinder the church from attaining unto perfection in unity. These teachers follow the sparks of their own kindling, move according to their own independent judgment, and cumber the truth with false notions and theories. They refuse the counsel of their brethren, and press on in their own way, until they become just what Satan would desire to have them—unbalanced in mind.

"I warn my brethren to guard against the working of Satan in every form. The great adversary of God and man is exulting today that he has succeeded in deceiving souls, and diverting their means and ability into harmful channels.

"Their money might have been used to advance present truth, but instead of this, it has been expended in presenting notions that have no foundation in truth.

"In 1845 a man by the name of Curtis did similar work in the state of Massachusetts. He presented a false doctrine, and wove into his theories sentences and selections from the 'Testimonies' and published his theories in the *Day Star*, and in sheet form.

"For years these productions bore their baleful fruit, and brought reproach on

the 'Testimonies,' that, as a whole, in no way supported his work . . . Ever since the beginning of the work, one after another has risen up to do this kind of work, and I have had to go to the trouble and incur the expense of contradicting these falsehoods. They have published their theories, and have deceived many souls, but may God guard the sheep of His pasture.

"I urge those who claim to believe the truth, to walk in unity with their brethren. Do not seek to give to the world occasion to say that we are extremists, that we are disunited, that one teaches one thing and one another. Avoid dissension. Let every one be on guard, and be careful to be found standing in the gap to make up the breach, in place of standing at the wall to make a breach. Let all be careful not to make an outcry against the only people who are fulfilling the description given of the remnant people, who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith in Jesus, who are exalting the standard of righteousness in these last days. God has a distinct people, a church on earth, second to none, but superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the Law of God."

C. A. PLURDOM.

No. Dakota Conference

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Home Missionary Plans

Our literature efforts heretofore have been somewhat scattered. An interest has been created, but we have not been able to follow it up. For 1934 we plan to concentrate our efforts more. We have picked out certain towns and townships which we plan to evangelize with literature.

Churches that do not yet have literature, should make definite plans to get the *Signs of the Times* during the special campaign in February. If some cannot afford the *Signs*, they should take advantage of the splendid *Present Truth* offer. Starting with January 1 you can get yearly subscriptions of *Present Truth* as follows: 4 for \$1.00, 8 for \$2.00, 12 for \$3.00, 16 for \$4.00, 24 for \$5.00, 25 for \$6.00, 50 for \$9.60.

Churches that wish to get clubs should send in their orders at once. If you have friends or relatives that you wish to win, send them the *Present Truth* for only 25 cents a year.

I shall supply all these who get literature with names of the locality we plan to work. Just the other day we received a letter from a *Signs* reader, saying, "I enjoy the *Signs*; I'm a Lutheran Sunday school teacher. Some day I hope to be a Sabbath school teacher."

I am sure if we work systematically, prayerfully, and earnestly, that many souls will yet be won in North Dakota.

Churches planning to use literature through the Home Bible Study League should write to me for further information.

R. R. BIETZ.

Home Missionary Secretary.

Investiture Service

ON the evening of December 2 the juniors of the Bowdon church gave their investiture program to a large congregation. After a few remarks by the leader, Aldrich Leiske, and a talk by the conference M. V. secretary, the junior leader, Elmer Krueger, took charge of the meeting. During the program the juniors fully demonstrated that they were qualified to receive their insignia. Just before the awards were given, they heartily sang, "Happy Loyal Juniors," after which they were questioned in regard to their understanding of the Pledge and Law; also their willingness to keep them. It was with a sense of satisfaction that the juniors responded to the roll call and received their Friend buttons.

The occasion will be long remembered by everyone present. We hope that the junior work in North Dakota will continue to grow till every junior is enlisted in definite character building work.

VIOLA TONN,

M. V. Sec. of Bowdon Society.

North Dakota Notes

BROTHER C. A. EDWARDS assisted some of the colporteurs in and near Devils Lake last week, and spent last week-end and the first part of this week with the brethren at Deisem in the Week of Prayer.

Elder E. H. Oswald is visiting some of the German churches and assisting in the elections during the Week of Prayer.

The Jamestown English Sabbath school recently held an Investment program and about \$60 was raised at the close of the program as a result of the investments made last spring and summer.

Orders have been coming in thick and fast for the supplies that will be needed at the beginning of the new year. We trust that our brethren will send their orders in early so that they will have the supplies when needed.

A number of orders have been received for the new book that is just out entitled, "The Coming Crisis," by Elder F. M. Wilcox, the editor of the *Review and Herald*, but we are sorry that up to the present time we have not been able to secure stock of this book. We trust that anyone wanting the book will send in his order, and no doubt by the time this note reaches the field, we will have stock on hand.

Only a few more days during which time a set of the "Testimonies" or a set of the "Conflict Series" can be purchased for the small sum of only \$7.00. After December 31, the catalogue price will again be in effect. Why not send in for your set right away?

Brother R. R. Bietz and Elder G. P. Gaede are visiting some of the churches west of the river during the Week of Prayer.

A letter received from Mrs. F. W. Gaffney, Fairview, Mont., one of our conference members, states that she received a nice roll of papers from someone at Sheridan, Wyo., which she appreciates very much. She wanted to use this means of expressing her appreciation for the papers. Sister Gaffney uses these papers to place in the reading rack, and if there is anyone else who has papers he does not know what to do with, we would advise him to send them to her.

Kansas Conference

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Tithe Allotment Money

NOR long ago the writer was asked a question by a church treasurer of one of our churches in a wheat growing section. The government is paying the wheat growers a certain per cent on the amount of wheat raised last year, with the understanding that the farmer reduce his acreage for 1934, leaving a certain per cent to summer fallow. In this way \$25,000,000 is to come to the farmers of the state of Kansas, \$15,000,000 to North Dakota farmers, and so on.

Should we pay tithe on this allotment money? was the question. I hesitated a moment. Is this an income? I asked myself. Yes, an income on your toil of the past year. And "all the tithe of the land (God says) . . . is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30. It came to my mind that this money comes to you as the result of ground you have tilled, and I answered, "Yes." "Prove

me now herewith, saith the Lord." Mal. 3:10. Let us do it, brethren, for God has promised a blessing. Yes, I would give God a tithe of this income. Think what a blessing it would be to the cause of God if all returned a faithful tithe of this income into the treasury of God. How quickly the message might be carried. It pays to be honest with God, for upon Him we are wholly dependent. Let us anew resolve to give unto Him an honest tithe of all our income, including the allotment money. He will bless.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

The Work at Wakeeney

As the result of the meetings held near Wakeeney seven dear souls followed their Lord in baptism last Sabbath. These meetings were made possible by one of our isolated brothers, J. H. Carpenter. Surely when the Lord comes with His reward for the faithful he will not forget our brother and sister who have let their lights shine in this portion of the field.

We have had good attendance at these meetings. The building is not so large, but all available space was used, as extra seats were supplied; the cushions from cars also served for seats, and some sat along the edge of the rostrum, while the remainder stood in the vestibule.

There is an interest in the message of God for this hour, and to us God and men are looking. God forbid that we should fail in this needy time.

We ask your prayers for the work in this place.

M. H. JENSEN.

Be Prepared for Leadership

ALL of our leaders in churches and those who may be called to take up work as church officers should take the valuable reading course which has recently been arranged for us. The newest of the books, by F. M. Wilcox, is extraordinary. It is called "The Coming Crisis," and is written especially for the last days. "Fishers of Men" and "Welfare Work," the two other books, are highly important also. The three together cost only 85 cents. When you have read these books write me and we will issue some form of recognition in writing.

E. H. MEYERS.

M. V. Rally at Wichita

A RALLY for Kansas youth will be held in Wichita January 5, 6, 7. In connection with the rally, an M. V. officers' council will be conducted. Elder Gordon Smith, of the Central Union Conference, will bring to us a wealth of inspiration and counsel. M. V. society officers

throughout the state are urged to attend. Pastors and elders will be welcomed. The first meeting will begin at 7:45, Friday evening, January 5.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

WESLEY L. HEINRICH, of Okeene, Okla., and Miss Amelia Wagner, of Alamota, Kans., were united in marriage Tuesday evening, December 5, at the home of Mrs. Katie Wagner, near Alamota, Elder A. A. Dirksen officiating. The couple will make their home on a farm either in Oklahoma or Kansas.

So. Dakota Conference

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Church School Teachers Attend Institute

THE South Dakota church school teachers spent four very profitable and pleasant days at the academy from November 20 to December 3. The work was under the direction of Miss Mary D. Hopkins, state educational superintendent, and Professor C. W. Marsh, of the Central Union Conference.

There are eight church schools in the state with an enrolment of 105 children. Mr. Perry G. Hills represented the Aberdeen school, where he is teaching his fourth year. Miss Cleora Turner came from Hot Springs, which has an enrolment of 26 pupils, the largest school in the state. Mr. Everett Courser was from Huron, where there has been no school for several years. Miss Victoria Larsen has six in her school at Moberge. Mrs. Nellie Holtz came from Sioux Falls, where she has taught successfully for eleven years. Mr. Joe W. Tucker was not a stranger long, although this is his first year at Spearfish as well as in South Dakota. Mrs. Wyman represented the newly organized school at Watertown. Miss Beth Townsend welcomed these teachers to the Redfield school, where she teaches. Thursday evening Miss Hopkins entertained the group in the church school room. After a social hour, luncheon was served.

Friday the time was devoted largely to a discussion of work under the courses of study. Sabbath afternoon the devotional features of the church school program were taken up. Sunday much of the time was given to round table discussions. Features of special help to the teachers were talks on: "Penmanship in the Grades," by Professor R. C. Barger; "The Junior Work," by Gordon Smith; "Teaching Reading," by Mr. Hills;

"Opening Exercises," by Miss Turner; "Teaching the Courtesies and Conventions of Life," by Mrs. Wyman. A paper written by Miss Thelma Scriven on "Practical Heath Hints" was read.

The Theme song, "Come into My Heart," expressed the prayer of the teachers as they went back to their work. They left feeling they were doing the nicest work ever given to anyone.

BETH TOWNSEND.

Week of Prayer at Plainview Academy

SEVENTEEN young people gave their lives to the Master and were baptized and united with the church at the close of the Week of Prayer at Plainview Academy.

Elder W. B. Ochs was with us for the occasion, and his inspiring sermons and personal labors were a great encouragement to the entire school family. In addition to those who took their stand for the first time, there were a number who received fresh courage to 'fight the good fight of faith' and win the kingdom.

Less than half a dozen of those in the school as well as the neighborhood failed to respond to the earnest appeals of God's servant, and seek God for a whole hearted consecration of heart and life.

Personal efforts on the part of the members of the faculty, volunteer prayer bands conducted by the praying students, and personal efforts of students for their fellow students, all contributed to make the week a real success.

At the close of the week Brother Estey drove in from out near Dupree, where he has been conducting meetings. In his group were five additional young people who desired baptism. It was a happy occasion when on Sabbath morning, December 9, after an earnest sermon by Elder Ochs, we gathered at the baptismal font and buried these twenty-two souls with their Lord in baptism.

We shall hope to have Elder Ochs with us again, but in the meantime we are endeavoring to carry forward the work so splendidly begun. We solicit the earnest prayers and cooperation of our constituency in South Dakota that this may be a successful school year for Plainview Academy, as heaven counts success.

C. M. BABCOCK.

The Promise Made Good

WE are living in a time when we should all encourage one another to be faithful to God in every way. We are inclined to grow careless in different things, but this will not do. We find

some careless in relation to the Sabbath, some are careless in daily life, and some in tithing, etc. We all need encouraging and reminding. We must not grow weary in well doing. "If thou run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" Jer. 12:5. Let us be faithful now, so we will be able to stand later when the conflict is more severe.

The drouth in South Dakota, especially in the western part, has made it impossible for people to grow anything, and many people are in want of food. God has promised to care for His faithful people.

I wish to relate an experience of one of our faithful families out here. During the summer months when it was so dry and all the crops and gardens were drying up for want of rain (whatever the drouth did not take, the gray beetles and the grasshoppers took), the father of this family went out into his garden and, getting down on his knees, told God that he was faithful to Him in tithes and offerings as far as he knew, and if he was not for God to reveal it to him, so he could make it right. Then he said, "Lord, my garden is drying up and will be worthless in a short while. How about your promise? Thou hast said, 'Prove me.' Here is my garden. I leave it in your care." His wife also, unknown to her husband, did about the same thing. What happened? They had a wonderful garden. When potatoes were high they sold about \$20 worth. Altogether, they sold about \$100 worth of garden truck. There was not another garden in the whole country that was half so good.

This brother and sister gave something to everyone that came to their place. This brother has a large family but has his winter's supply of food, and has tithed every penny of it. This faithfulness and reward is noticed by all the neighbors, and it will have an influence for the truth.

May God help us all to do likewise for Him who is a Faithful Rewarder.

J. A. ESTEY.

South Dakota Sunbeams

PLEASE remember the conference aim—100% in goal work for the two weeks ending December 30 and January 6. And when this time has passed let us keep on all through 1934, and make the new year the very the best in our experience in Sabbath school endeavor.

Because they were unable to give otherwise for Educational Sacrifice Week, the

pupils of Brother Joe Tucker's church school at Spearfish sold small books, shoveled snow, and did other work to reach the goal of \$8.00 they had set for themselves.

At Hot Springs Miss Cleora Turner's church school pupils planned to bring "gifts for Jesus" at the time of their holiday program, from which to make up packages for needy persons of their acquaintance.

One morning's mail brought three coupons for full sets of "Testimonies" and "Conflict of the Ages" series. Remember, a small payment down, and your coupon signed up, will hold the set for you and will give you the advantage of that extraordinary special price. Then pay as you are able.

Nebraska Conference

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Itinerating in District VIII

SINCE my last report to the REAPER, Mrs. Baer and I have made an extensive trip through the district, visiting our thirteen churches and isolated members.

The program we followed was a very strenuous one, working in the Harvest Ingathering during the day and holding meetings for the public at night.

We left our headquarters in Gering, October 5, and returned home December 10. Our people cooperated satisfactorily in the Ingathering work, and we are glad to report several of our churches as having reached their goal of \$7.00 per member. Our church in Alliance, where Elder A. E. Johnson resides, was not only the first church in the district to reach their goal, but they were the first in the conference. Not content with that, the members have worked on until their per capita exceeds the former \$10 goal. Gordon came next with a goal of \$285, then Gering with a goal of \$287, which was passed by a considerable amount and some donations still coming in. Other churches have done well, but in many instances the territory gave out before the goal was reached.

The meetings for the public were well attended, and in Crawford, where the headquarters of the old Wyoming Conference were located, it was only necessary to turn on the lights in the church to advertise the meetings. It was at this place that Elder R. J. Roy was with us. He had planned to hold a few meetings for our church officers, when the interested people came in in such numbers that the plan had to be aban-

doned and regular evangelistic services were held. An interest has been aroused and we plan to go on with this interest.

As the result of this recent visit through District VIII, at least five definite calls have come in for a series of evangelistic efforts. At Clinton, Nebr., the writer was invited to conduct a funeral service for a well known pioneer, 82 years of age. There were twelve children and their families present at the service. There were thirty-four grandchildren and thirty-five great grandchildren. This service stirred this large family of relatives and others in the same community, and a call has come to us for a public effort in that town. We plan to go there soon.

During the present year thirty-nine persons have been baptized and united with the various churches of District VIII. The Lord is working, and it has been a busy year of continuous activities in behalf of our own people, and especially for those not of our faith. We are glad to see many who were not of the faith come into a complete knowledge of the truth and unite with our people in church fellowship.

We are of good courage in Western Nebraska, and would solicit the prayers of the REAPER readers in behalf of the Lord's moral vineyard.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Reaper News Items

EVERYONE will be interested to know how the Harvest Ingathering reports stand. It is impossible for us to take the space to itemize the reports from every church, but we give you the following information:

	1932	1933	Per Cap.
District No. 1,	\$1419.69	\$1072.15	2.52
District No. 2,	2496.32	2064.43	2.71
District No. 3,	425.32	479.70	5.45
District No. 4,	149.89	106.05	1.49
District No. 5,	1485.73	1019.35	3.46
District No. 6,	312.30	281.50	4.20
District No. 7,	421.34	491.57	2.59
District No. 8,	883.64	1264.77	3.71

Conf. church, Conf. officers, leaders ..469.61 394.97 .97

Total8063.84 7174.49 2.71

Leaders of these districts in the order named are: T. M. Langberg, J. H. Schilling, S. G. Haughey, Office Workers, E. G. Hayes, M. B. Butterfield, and R. T. Baer.

There are several very interesting figures in this report. You will notice that to the end of November, which are the figures given above, there are three districts which have received more than they did altogether for the total of 1932. Is your church in that district? These are

districts No. 3, No. 7, and No. 8. Then there are the remaining districts which show considerable to make up yet before reaching last year's total. It seems that especially the large churches find it difficult to do as much this year as last.

As the last final effort, we will see these districts come up, and it is with gratitude in our hearts that we congratulate the faithful laborers, both in the churches that have already passed last year's mark, and in the churches that still have some to receive, for the good work which they have done. Our good Nebraska people must not fail in these last few days of our effort.

The per capita report of Harvest Ingathering for the union shows that we are at the top per capita. Let us continue the good work so that those in mission lands may receive the word of God.

R. J. Roy.

A New Day for the Book Work

SINCE coming to the Nebraska Conference it has been my privilege to visit a number of the churches. I appreciate the friendly hand that has been extended to me, because I feel the need of your prayers as I enter into the work to which, as I believe, God has called me. With the promise of God's blessing in mind I am confident that a new day has come for the book work in Nebraska.

In commenting on the statement found in Vol. VII, p. 138, "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision," Elder C. H. Watson said, "The thing that God establishes does not fail." He also said, "Of all the means that we have employed in our world field for the winning of souls, it is possible that none has contributed more successfully than the literature that has been circulated through the years."

"If you have neglected the sowing-time, if you have allowed God-given opportunities to pass unimproved, will you not now repent, before it is forever too late, and strive to redeem the time?"—*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 40.

The call to join this army of evangelist-colporteurs comes direct to you today. Will you respond?

The regular colporteur institute is to be held January 25 to February 3, 1934, in the parlor of the boys' dormitory at Union College, Lincoln, Nebr., Hear God's call and make your plans to attend. All who desire to join us write

at once to the Nebraska Book and Bible House.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE,

Field Secretary.

Fifty cents more for Harvest Ingathering.

Obituaries

PARKHURST.—William Dexter Parkhurst was born near Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1857, and died at McCook, Nebr., Dec. 6, 1933. April 4, 1880, he was united in marriage to Lovie E. Day, and to this union were born three daughters and one son.

In the year 1887, he and his wife accepted present truth, and feeling his call to the gospel ministry he accepted his first pastorate at Scitville, Mich., and served as a district leader for five years. He was transferred to Grand Rapids, Mich., as pastor for three years, and was then elected president of the Southern Illinois Conference, serving in this capacity for two years, with headquarters at Springfield. He next served as pastor of the church in Des Moines, Iowa, for seven years, then at Kansas City, Mo., for three years, then at Jackson, Mich., for three years, then at Lansing, Mich., for five years. While living in Lansing his health broke, and in 1920 he retired from active service, settling at Somerset, Mich. Sister Parkhurst fell asleep in Jesus in 1929, from which time Elder Parkhurst made his home with his daughter, Mrs. M. B. Butterfield. Elder Parkhurst was faithful to the message until the last. He is survived by one daughter (the other three children having died in childhood), two sisters, and one brother. The body was shipped to Hillsdale for burial beside his loving wife. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

KIRK.—Elwin Orlando Kirk was born Feb. 14, 1885, in Hillsdale Co., Michigan, and died in Niabraria Co., in Wyoming, Dec. 13, 1933. In 1906 he homesteaded about ten miles northeast of Minatare. He was united in marriage with Jeanette Martindale on Nov. 23, 1910. To this union two children were born. In 1920 he moved to Montana, returning to Minatare in 1927.

Elwin was born in the Seventh-day Adventist faith and remained a faithful member.

He leaves to mourn, his faithful companion, two children, father and mother, two brothers, one sister, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Minatare. Interment in the Fairview cemetery. ROSCOE T. BAER.

DANNER.—Evelyn Irene Danner was born Aug. 6, 1933, and fell asleep Dec. 12 at her parents' home near Fremont, Nebr. To mourn their loss she leaves her parents and many friends. The services were held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery outside the city.

T. M. LANGBERG.

COPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1933

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary

Mrs. M. H. Meeker	FS	33	35.00
W. R. Archbold	FS	35	31.50
H. G. Biggers	Misc	30	25.25
Florence Maurath	RJ	35	19.70
J. W. Simmons	FS	17	14.00
Rita Coffin	FS	14	8.50
R. A. Gibson	RJ		7.75
Elva Wilcox	FS	18	7.15
Raymond Hircock	RJ	2	4.50
Florence Morey	FS	14	3.75
Nathan Coffin	OT		3.00
Anna Will	Mag	14	3.10
E. W. Frederickson	RJ	25	2.75
Mrs. Lila McCune	BTS	2	2.25
Ida Edgerton	FS	12	.75
L. P. Knecht	OT		42.00
Total		251	210.95

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.

E. C. Aaby	COL	22	21.50
W. A. Burton	BR	40	48.00
R. G. Campbell	Misc		9.30
Lee Christine	Misc	14	11.00
Sallie Holmes	RJ	39	20.30
Alex Kohlfarber	OD	22	37.10
Floyd Mathews	BR	42	30.50
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	33	9.00
Mrs. W. T. Heyer	Mag	8	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	23	11.80
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	12	4.50
Total		255	207.50

*NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.

Flora Peterson	RJ	28	18.25
F. M. Bagley	BR	36	16.00
F. Arthur Wheeler	RJ	38	26.10
Claude Deming	DR	34	18.75
S. A. Jacobsenck	RJ	1	7.50
Beatrice Komoll	HP	36	22.50
Alverda Ferrell	RJ	16	7.50
Rudolph Johnson	HW	16	8.50
Lyle Heaton	Misc	5	21.75
Uriah Fandirch	RJ	3	5.50
A Colporteur	Misc		2.50
Mrs. Frank Ferrell	RJ	16	24.00
Total		239	178.85

NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.

Chivela Jorstad	HW	11	15.25
H. E. Preston	FS	34	21.00
H. C. Welter	BR	81	28.00
Total		126	64.25

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.

W. H. Stroup	DR	40	6.10
Bernice Park			3.50
Helen Hardin			3.00
Total		40	12.60

Grand Total 911 674.15

* For December

† Two Weeks.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Representatives for our health foods, used by Union College. Jern Nature Foods Co., 4800 Pioneer Boulevard, Lincoln Nebr. 32x

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, December 29

Denver, Colorado	4:43
Des Moines, Iowa	4:51
Topeka, Kansas	5:09
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:39
Jefferson City, Missouri	4:55
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:07
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:02
Pierre, South Dakota	5:12
Casper, Wyoming	4:34

The Last Call

OUR last Harvest Ingathering report was for eleven months and shows a loss of \$6,374.20. This means that in order to reach last year's record we must raise \$10,448.34 in December—this month which is so near gone. Fifty cents per member will make it. Will you do it, brother? December 31 at twelve o'clock at night closes the year 1933. Maybe someone will do it to ease a troubled conscience. Others will do it for the sake of holding our own in these wonderful times. The following shows the standing of your conference:

Comparative Harvest Ingathering Report

For Eleven Months

	Received to Nov. 30, 1932	Received Nov. 30 30, 1932	De- crease	Per Capita
Colorado	7173.67	5235.94	1937.73	1.54
Iowa	7490.60	6304.58	1186.02	2.45
Kansas	4431.43	5231.83	800.40	2.02
Minnesota	8237.93	7380.01	857.92	2.19
Missouri	7149.13	4639.96	2509.17	2.19
Nebraska	7270.58	7174.49	96.09	2.84
North Dakota	2701.34	2930.01	228.67	1.29
South Dakota	3955.61	3373.82	581.79	2.22
Wyoming	1108.87	874.32	234.55	2.50
* Gain	49519.16	43144.96	6374.20	2.09

S. T. SHADEL.

Foreign Periodical Price Changes

EFFECTIVE January 1, 1934, the prices of our foreign periodicals, *The Hausfreund* (German); *The Sendebud* (Danish-Norwegian); *The Vaktare* (Swedish), will be as follows:

In United States

Single subscriptions per year,	\$ 1.75
Single subscriptions 6 months,	1.00
Five or more to one address, each per year,	1.00
Five or more to separate addresses, each per year,	1.25
Five or more to one address, each 6 months,	.60
Five or more to separate addresses, each 6 months,	.75

In Canada and Foreign

Single subscriptions per year,	\$ 2.00
Five or more to one address, each per year,	1.40
Five or more to separate addresses, each per year,	1.70
Five or more to one address, each 6 months,	.85
Five or more to separate addresses, each 6 months,	1.00

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Sunset Calendar

The following action was taken at the recent Fall Council:

"Resolved, That we approve the plan suggested by the Pisgah Industrial Institute to provide an accurate sunset calendar for each church in the North American Division; and further,

"We recommend, That every church provide itself with this very essential schedule of information showing the accurate time of the setting of the sun at the beginning and ending of every Sabbath throughout the year."

The prices are as follows:

25 to 49 Calendars, 10c each.
50 to 74 " 7c "
75 to 99 " 6c "

100 to 149 " 5c "
150 to 249 " 4c "
250 or more " 3c "

One typewritten copy, \$1.00.

Remittance should accompany order.

See the *Review and Herald* of November 30 for specimen copy of the calendar.

Send all orders to The Pisgah Press, Pisgah Industrial Institute, Candler, N. C.

"Occupy Till I Come"

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pride that their life is in harmony with their faith.

Certainly this is a misguided zeal. They have neither occupied nor are they ready. I would rather the Lord come and find me in the field with work clothes on, my family properly clothed and fed, children educated, and my bills to God and man all paid, than to be found sitting with hands folded, an ascension robe on, but family half starved, children uneducated, and bills unpaid, regardless of how much zeal I might profess.

Let us beware lest we be classed with the unprofitable servant. I am fully aware that it is altogether possible to become victims of circumstance, but let us not become victims of our own misguided zeal and slothfulness. While it is true that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, it is equally true that there is yet a great task before us which requires the earnest, faithful service of us all, whether we be out on the far-flung battle fields or at home by the staff. "This message to all the world in this generation" should be the goal that prompts every action. And when the King comes in let us all be found faithful at our post of duty, whether it be in the pulpit or in the furrow.

M. H. JENSEN.

STATEMENT OF FORTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND
for

Eleven Months (Forty-Seven Weeks) Ending November 30, 1933

	Member- ship	Amt. 18.80 Per Member	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cents Per Member 1933 1932
Colorado	3399	63901.20	27462.46	36438.74	.172 .267
Iowa	2577	48447.60	21947.07	26473.53	.181 .233
Kansas	2584	48579.20	18030.67	30548.53	.148 .170
Minnesota	3365	63262.00	27855.96	35406.04	.176 .210
Missouri	2119	39837.20	18021.15	21816.05	.181 .238
Nebraska	2528	47526.40	24392.01	23134.39	.205 .239
North Dakota	2265	42582.00	12707.75	29874.25	.119 .127
South Dakota	1518	28538.40	12631.98	15906.42	.177 .227
Wyoming	350	6580.00	4143.00	2437.00	.252 .354
Union	20705	389254.00	167219.05	222034.95	.172 .218