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Minneapolis Soul Winning

ON Sabbath afternoon, December 16, it was the writer's privilege to bury fourteen dear souls in the watery grave of baptism in the First Minneapolis English church. This was the second baptism following our airdome effort in North Minneapolis last summer and fall, a former baptism being held on September 23, when thirteen were added. This effort proved to be a real blessing to our members living in that section of the city, and also resulted in reclaiming several former members who had fallen by the wayside and had not been living the truth for years, as well as winning those who heard this message for the first time in our meetings. Besides these there are a number of other families and parts of families with whom we are still studying, some of whom give promise of being in the next baptismal class. There were some who could not be in the last group because of absence from the city or illness. Sister Shepherd, the wife of one of those baptized, having been immersed before, united on profession of faith, making the total number added fifteen. Eleven days later she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

On the same Sabbath afternoon the writer organized a new church of thirty-five members, which will meet on the north side and will be known as the Second English S. D. A. church. For years there has been a desire on the part of some of our members to have a church organized in that section of the city, and now after holding our airdome meeting there last summer it has finally become a realization. At present Sabbath services are being held in the Dr. Leonard Clinic auditorium on Broadway and Logan Avenues, north. A full corps of officers was elected, and with the earnestness and enthusiasm manifested, we bespeak a successful and spiritual growth during the coming months, in this youngest church in the city.

The blessing of heaven has certainly been upon the soul-winning activities of our English church during the year 1933. During the first half of the year twenty-eight were baptized by Elder Johns, who was then the pastor. Since July, when the writer became the pastor, twenty-eight more have been added, with one who joined the Conference church, making a total of fifty-seven baptized and uniting with this people. If to these we should add the ten colored members baptized by Elder Allison in September, who were gathered in as a result of the meetings started by members of our Laymen's Gospel League last winter, the total number added for the year would be sixty-seven. This is an increase of twenty-one over the year 1932, when the baptisms were doubled over the year 1931, there being twenty-three that year, and nineteen for the year 1930. In September the colored believers were or-

ganized into a church of twenty-nine members.

We close the year 1933 with gratitude to God for these souls that have been won to this message; for the two new churches organized to assist in holding up the torch of truth in this great metropolis; for the cooperation of our loyal members, and the labors of Sister Cummings, our Bible worker, and Brother and Sister Melendy, who took charge of the music in the airdome effort, all of whom helped to make this report possible, and for the strong faith and confidence we have in God and in this movement which is soon to triumph at the coming of Jesus. Remember our work in your prayers.

L. E. NIERMEYER.

International Falls

IMMEDIATELY after the summer camp meeting, equipment for a tent effort was sent to International Falls, the northernmost point of our conference territory, being on the boundary line between the United States and Canada. The little company of believers at this place has been gradually growing through additions from its young people and others who have moved in from outside the state. During the last year Brother Earl Evanson has been engaged in the literature ministry in this city and had thus been preparing the soil for an evangelistic effort.

A very suitable location for the tent was obtained free of charge, and two hotels, both within a block of the tent, accommodated the evangelist and the Bible worker, Sister Lillie Deters, with rooms free.

The meetings opened with an unusually small attendance, which dampened the hopes of the workers and believers. The cause, however, was soon discovered. The community mistook us for a fanatical sect that in the recent past had held tent meetings in the city. This prejudice quickly broke down to our great joy, and a capacity crowd was in attendance after the first week. From that time on the meetings, which continued six and one half weeks, were well attended, and a splendid interest developed. By the close of the meetings several were found keeping the Sabbath and attending the Sabbath school.

We Can Walk in Footprints of Jesus if We Want to

How we would enjoy visiting the pool of Siloam, where the blind man washed and was made to see, and Bethany, where Lazarus was brought to life, or to walk the shores of Galilee. But we may never have this privilege here on earth. We are assured, however, that we can walk in Jesus' footprints.

"Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ's life on earth, to walk where He trod, to look upon the lake beside which He loved to teach, and the hills and valleys on which His eyes so often rested. But we need not go to Nazareth, to Capernaum, or to Bethany, in order to walk in the steps of Jesus. We shall find His footprints beside the sick bed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in His steps."—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 640. J. F. PIPER.

On November 25 arrangements were made with the Baptist brethren of the city to rent their church for a baptismal service. It was the privilege of the writer to baptize four precious souls on this occasion. We look upon these as the first fruits of the harvest, as there are others who have already taken their stand for the truth and a number are still studying with Sister Deters, many of whom we expect to see soon unite with the remnant of God's people.

Plans are being made for the erection of a small church building in International Falls. The paper mill of the city has kindly promised to donate a lot, and some pledges for money have already been secured. We solicit the prayers of God's people for the work in this city, and we trust that the church there will become a bright northern light.

W. B. PONTYNE.

Duluth, Anoka, and Bethel

ON recent Sabbaths it has been my privilege to meet with the churches at Duluth and Anoka and with the newly organized church at Bethel.

The two churches at Duluth, under the leadership of Elder August S. Anderson, have made excellent progress during the year 1933. The English church has an exceptionally fine group of young people and a most successful church school. Plans are being made for a series of evangelistic meetings at Duluth.

Anoka has had several new members added to the church membership in recent months. There is a good spirit of consecration among the people. Brother and Sister Hiatt are working earnestly for the winning of souls.

At East Bethel there is a fine company of believers, most of whom have recently accepted the truth. Brother Swanson, as elder, and Mrs. Swanson, as Sabbath school superintendent, are a great help to the church. Many more of the members of our city churches should move out into the country and villages to do the work that is being done by Brother and Sister Swanson. This is the plan of heaven for our people of talent who can leave the larger centers and hold up the light of truth in needy fields.

V. J. JOHNS.

Spreading the Light

AMONG the families that accepted the present truth under Elder N. R. Nelson's and Elder D. Gulbrandson's effort at Granite Falls a couple of years ago was Brother and Sister Tidemandson. Sister Tidemandson had felt dissatisfied with the

churches there, and longed for something better. When the light broke upon their own souls, she felt she must do something for others. But her neighbors had no interest in it, so she went about eighty miles south to her relatives. Still even they did not seem to find in this truth the joy that burned in her own soul. In her effort she found a girl who took special interest, and they talked as they worked together in the home. Finally she came to the Tidemandson home, and I had the opportunity to study the Bible with her, and then Elder Nelson baptized her. Her joy in finding this truth was great, and she says: "These were the happiest two weeks in my life." But she found, upon coming home, just what Sister Tidemandson had found, that the truths which cheered our hearts are not understood or appreciated by our loved ones. She says: "When I found how little my friends and relatives knew about the truth, it was a sad time."

But she kept on working, praying, reading the Bible with them, and giving out literature, till little by little the seed sown began to grow, and finally, on December 1, she brought five of her first fruits to Granite Falls, and on Sabbath we had the joy of burying them with Christ in the watery grave, and to organize them into a Sabbath school. And now the good work is going on at Heron Lake. May God bless their earnest efforts to spread the light. Why could not others of our people do similar work for their friends?

C. EDWARDSON.

Minnesota News Notes

BROTHER WARD reports an interesting Sabbath school at Red Wing, with a membership of thirty. They have more than reached their financial goal during the past quarter. Eleven have requested baptism. We are very glad for the good work that is being done at Red Wing.

Elder M. L. Andreasen spent a week in Minnesota, speaking at both the St. Paul and Minneapolis churches.

We are glad to report that the publishers have given another month in which to secure the "Testimonies" and "Conflict of the Ages" series at the extra special price. Remember, you can secure either set in the limp leather binding for \$11 plus transportation costs.

The Sabbath School Training Course for 1934 promises to be an interesting one; the book used is "Christ, the Church, the Child." We are prepared to give your order prompt attention and the price of the book is only eighty-five cents postpaid.

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Eastern Iowa District

By the 20th of December the annual elections in Dubuque, Clinton, Muscatine, and Davenport were all attended to in a business-like manner, and a spirit of unity was manifested in each church as the unanimous report of the nominating committees was favorably received without a dissenting vote. The stirring readings during the Week of Prayer were an inspiration to all, and many took a decided forward step. Davenport was favored with the presence and ministry of Elder Collins and Brother Knecht the two days I was at Muscatine, where the Lord also greatly blessed His people and encouraged our hearts.

The church schools at Davenport and Clinton are progressing nicely. Under the supervision of Miss Mary Miller, the teacher, the Davenport church school pupils, assisted by others, rendered a good program on December 23.

Thousands of copies of the special *Present Truth* and Harvest Ingathering papers have been placed in residential districts in Davenport and Muscatine by the singing bands, and Davenport's singing band received the blue ribbon for reaching the one hundred dollar mark. Eighty-two per cent of Davenport's membership had a part in the Harvest Ingathering work this year, and the amount which they and other churches gathered was in small amounts and by hard work.

The membership in each church was properly attended to, and special efforts are now in progress to reclaim the fallen and strengthen the ones who are slipping, as well as to launch out in personal evangelism to bring new blood into our

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churches. The Sunday evening meetings in Davenport are well attended, and the interest is increasing. Some are attending Sabbath school and are in training for baptism. O how much our own people need spiritual help! They are responsive, too. To uphold the Christian standards of God's closing work, to deeper consecration and reverence for things divine, to "rightly train" our youth and lead all in Christlike ministry for the lost, to help all to see the vital importance of giving our children and youth a Christian education, to whet all appetites for a craving for the weekly visits of our good church paper, the *Review*, and to stimulate all to sacrifice for the finishing of God's work in the earth, it will take our prayer efforts and personal contacts constantly. I felt I could not take my vacation, so stayed on the job, even as I canceled my anticipated trip to the World's Fair. We are of the best of courage, for God will never fail His people, nor forget His promises.

If any of the REAPER family have relatives or friends in Davenport, will you please urge them to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Sunday night meetings, so we can make personal contact, for though we use free newspaper publicity, we are not spending one cent for paid advertising. STEMPLE WHITE.

Sabbath School Notes

The new officers in our churches will want to have access to the best material available for their work for 1934. Here are a few suggestions.

We will send "Sabbath School Goal Device" free to any Sabbath school in Iowa that orders same. Send for yours at once.

The Sabbath School Teacher's Training Course this year deals with the children and their divisions. Every children's teacher should avail herself of this course. The book used this year is "The Christ, the Church, and the Child." Price 85 cents.

You will be pleased with the new little booklets that sell for five cents and hold a series of memory verse cards for a quarter. This is a small scrap book for your cards. Order now.

Elder Branson's new book, "The Holy Spirit," in paper cover, is a splendid help for Sabbath school lessons for the coming quarter. Price only 35 cents.

"Bible Stories for the Cradle Roll" will be the book used by the kindergarten division for their Sabbath school lessons for 1934. This is a new book just off the press. If you have small children write for information about this splendid book.

If anyone wishes information about

blocks, sand table, cut outs, kindergarten material, etc., write the state Sabbath school secretary.

Do not forget to order your "Color Picture Books" for your children's division. They are now ready. What a help they are to the children's division! Price only five cents, and pictures to color for every Sabbath in the quarter. First quarter books now ready.

Do you want motion songs and songs for kindergarten division? Then order the book, "Joyful Songs for Boys and Girls." It is just the thing for your children's classes. Price only 35 cents.

B. A. SCHERR,
S. S. Secretary.

Mason City Effort

We plan to begin Sunday night meetings in the Armory Hall, corner of Adams and State Streets, January 14, at 7:30 P. M. This is a large hall seating some 1,500 people, and therefore much will depend upon the impression made upon the city by the attendance at this first meeting.

Therefore we appeal to all our people in this section of Iowa to come for this opening service. Remember, it is to begin the second Sunday night in January. Load your car with friends and neighbors and come! It will indeed be a missionary act if you can help us swell the attendance upon that night, for we are undertaking this program with much limited funds, praying our Heavenly Father to make it grow until this whole section of northern Iowa will be stirred with the message of truth.

Beginning Sunday, January 21, services will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 P. M. also. These two Sunday services will be our regular program, as the hall is not available during the week. Those who come a distance could come for the afternoon service and remain for the evening service. Remember these services when you pray.

Special music and pictures will play a prominent part in the services.

R. E. GRIFFIN.

Exira

It was my privilege to spend the Week of Prayer and a portion of the following week in the West Exira church. We had nightly meetings during the week and two meetings on Sabbath. Not only the members of the particular church were regular in attendance, but a number of the surrounding churches came in from night to night. The Lord came very near as we very frankly discussed the times in which we live, and what it means to prepare for our soon-coming Saviour. I

am sure that all felt that the Lord richly blessed us and many victories were gained by way of reconsecration and surrender for the first time. The Exira church is greatly blessed with a fine group of young people with whom I was very pleased to become acquainted. We finished up the Week of Prayer with a social hour with the young people at the home of Brother and Sister Walter Scotland. In this meeting we endeavored to relax with a bit of play that would not conflict with our experience and, too, would be a guide for our future social life.

I met Monday after the Week of Prayer with the West Exira church for their church officers' election and Tuesday morning with the Audubon company. We are pleased to note gains in both churches over last year, which was a source of satisfaction. Although I had no regular meetings with the Audubon church, I wish to bear testimony that they have a very faithful group and showed an unusually fine financial statement and mission report.

I join with the youth not only of Exira, but throughout this field in praying that God will help us to keep the resolves and reconsecrations of the Week of Prayer.

K. L. GANT.

Sioux City

THE Lord's work in Sioux City is going forward. Church officers and church members are faithful contributors to the success of the Sunday night meetings. The Sabbath truth has been presented, and a number of families have started to keep the Sabbath. Many others have stood in response to public calls to pledge their allegiance to Christ by keeping the true Bible Sabbath.

The meetings are well advertised and the attendance has been most gratifying. The majority of those attending are non-Adventists. The daily newspapers have been very generous in their announcements and news stories of our meetings. The local radio station has also been very favorable, and our weekly broadcasts and special church announcements have been helpful in setting before the public our message. All the expenses of the effort are met by the offerings.

We solicit the earnest prayers of our people in the interest of the promulgation of the gospel in Sioux City. We have but a short time to give the last warning message to the cities before the wrath of God will be poured out without any mercy upon these wicked centers. May God bestir us all to do our part while it is day.

J. R. NELSON.

A Word of Thanks

THE following churches have sent in food supplies for our welfare work in Des Moines: Waukon, Audubon, Exira, Nevada, Cedar Rapids, and Terril. We wish to thank these churches very much for their help. Exira and Jacksonville sent in the largest truck load so far, and other churches are planning to send some a little later on.

Quite a number of outside ministers have visited the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria and express their hearty approval. The first M. E. church, the largest church in Des Moines, printed a very favorable notice concerning the work done by Seventh-day Adventists in their *Bulletin*. We appreciate the cordial feeling that our welfare work has brought in among the ministers of other denominations. The pastor of several churches on the outskirts of the city has arranged to talk over the truth with Elder Miller. He is quite interested in our work as a result of his visit to the cafeteria.

Elder Fries met with the Cedar Rapids church recently, and brought back with him quite a supply of canned goods for the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria.

Missouri Conference

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Kansas City Investiture

DURING an impressive investiture held Sabbath, December 23, at the morning service in the Kansas City (Missouri) church, thirty-four awards were presented to twenty-three members of the local J. M. V. society.

Elder Gordon Smith, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the union, and Elder Melvin Oss, educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Missouri Conference, took an active part on the program.

This is the third investiture reported by the Kansas City church since last June. At these three investitures eighteen Friends, twelve Companions, and one Comrade were properly invested. A total of thirty-two vocational honors were granted. Four adult leaders say they will be ready for their Master Comrade insignia this spring.

The J. M. V. leaders, Elder O. T. Garner, pastor of the church, and the church membership all received commendation from Elder Smith for their active interest in their boys and girls.

Elder Melvin Oss, a former missionary to India, and now active in education

and Missionary Volunteer work in Missouri, presented the Comrade award.

The Friend awards to Ruby Reed, Frances Cooper, Vera May Suppenbach, Geraldine Rose, Gladys Reed, Maxine Stuart, Allen Stuart, Dwight Reck, Elmer Wilbur and Mrs. Myrtle Shaon, were presented by Jess Williamson, local J. M. V. counselor.

Brother G. Minchin, church school principal, congratulated the group for their work in vocational honors and presented twenty tokens to Vernon Reed, Miss Eugania Baker, Mrs. Myrtle Shaon, Maxine Stuart, Mrs. Hester Kessler, Miss Alta Nesbit, Carell Newland, Mrs. John Robinson, and Lavola Mitchel.

The Companion awards, made by Edward Bowman, counselor in astronomy, were given to Miss Alta Nesbit, Mrs. Myrtle Shaon, and Miss Eugenia Baker.

Miss Eugenia Baker, secretary of the local M. V. society, received the Comrade award from Elder Melvin Oss, who commended her for being the first junior in the Kansas City church to win this high award. Miss Baker will be ready for her Master Comrade insignia shortly. An audience of 275 people witnessed the ceremonies.

Each junior in the Kansas City society that applies for advancement must appear before a board of review that privately and with dignity checks his attainments. This board of two or three members through a systematic interview counsels with the junior about the J. M. V. requirements and his Christian experience; encourages him to continue to higher advancement; and gives him recognition for the good work he has done.

It is understood that the J. M. V. adult leaders in the ensuing year will continue to be Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Myrtle Shaon, Mrs. Hester Kessler, Jess Williamson, George Clevenger, Edward Bowman, Elmer Wilbur, and Brother G. Minchin. GEO. E. CLEVINGER.

Missouri News Notes

THE workers from the office at Clinton send New Year greetings to our faithful believers throughout the conference, thanking all who have contributed to our work during 1933, and soliciting full cooperation and faithful support the coming year.

Elder Thompson left the office Wednesday for St. Louis to be present at the opening of the colporteur institute, and to remain over the Sabbath with our faithful and prospective colporteur evangelists.

The conference executive committee met Wednesday, the 10th, in the Palaza Hotel at Kansas City. Elder J. F. Piper

and Brother S. J. Lashier, officers of the Central Union, were present. As this meeting was the occasion of the annual auditing of laborers' accounts and expenses for the past year, and other important matters were before the committee for discussion and adjustment, consequently union conference counsel was needed and is always welcome.

We hope all our Sabbath schools have secured supplies before the beginning of the first quarter of the new year. Should any have neglected to do so, we urge you to attend to this at an early date. Our Sabbath school lessons for this quarter are a study of the Holy Spirit. Certainly this is a timely topic for the church in such an hour as we now live. Let us not neglect to renew our subscription for the *Worker* and plan definitely for membership in the Training Course and plan our 1934 Investments for missions to come in through the Sabbath school offering, which will be a part of our goal equaling 25 cents a week per church member. Let us in our New Year resolutions resolve to make 1934 our banner year in Sabbath school work.

Kansas Conference

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He Changes Not

CHANGES are becoming more rapid each passing year. Certainly the past twelve months revealed the uncertainty of temporal things. Political, financial, and international conditions shifted with surprising quickness. As we check back through the year we find that even we have changed during the days of 1933.

The new year enters with its uncertainties except as prophecy lights its darkened corridors. But as we begin our journey through the unknown, how comforting that we may trust our course to our faithful Guide who changes not.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

A Sabbath School Organized at Wakeeney

THE readers of the REAPER will remember that last spring a short series of meetings was held near Wakeeney. A splendid interest was shown at these meetings, but they were interrupted, due to the sickness of the writer. However, the interest was fostered by Brethren Parker and Carpenter. They studied our Sabbath school lessons and held Bible studies with these people on Sunday nights.

A few weeks ago I was asked to go out and see what could be done in binding off this work. However, the school house in which we had been holding meetings was being used by the Holiness people, and on my arrival they decided to continue their meeting indefinitely; so we secured another school house and continued the meetings there, with good attendance, and seven were baptized. Last Sabbath Elder Rulkoetter was with us and organized a Sabbath school. The attendance will probably be in the neighborhood of twenty.

The Sunday night meetings in the Saline Valley school house will be continued. Elder Rulkoetter spoke at this place last Sunday night with a fair attendance. There were about twelve or fifteen in this community who consented to the absolute truthfulness of this message, but seemed unprepared to take their stand at this time.

Pray for the work at Wakeoney.

M. H. JENSEN.

A Good Example

MRS. MARGARET SMITH, a member of the Great Bend church, is ninety-two years of age, and totally blind. Yet she can repeat from memory every Sabbath school memory verse for 1932 and for 1933 just closed. She likewise can give in order the subjects of all the Sabbath school lessons. How many younger people do as well? Sister Smith accepted the truth in 1860—more than three score and ten years ago.

E. H. MEYERS.

Reading Rack Results

At various public places in the city of Topeka, at least eight free reading racks are being serviced by members of the Topeka church. Seven neat binders containing our principal periodicals are also being placed in some additional public places.

Recently two new faces appeared at the church service. It was later found that these two believed this message and had become acquainted with it through papers taken from one of our hotel reading racks in Topeka.

A year or more ago as I was nearing Los Angeles, Calif., I saw a porter pull a copy of the *Signs* out from under the edge of the mattress in a sleeper. Some tourist had left it there. It was open in the center and folded back. On the edge were stamped these words, "Take me with you if you like, Topeka, Kans." It had been taken from a reading rack in Topeka.

How many churches are supplying free reading for racks? It is a very effective

method in giving the truth. Reading racks should be managed very carefully. They should be inspected often and kept in order. Modest appearing literature should be used so as not to invite fanatical ones to destroy it. Tactfully secure the cooperation as well as the permission of the one in charge of the place before stationing a rack. They may be placed in depots, hotels, stores, and sometimes the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A.

E. H. MEYERS.

I Wonder

As I visited some more of our isolated Seventh-day Adventists recently I was again made to wonder. Among others there is, for instance, Brother Cashius Austin, of Alton, separated for decades almost from all local church privileges; yet he stands planted there firm as a rock in this message and still holds the missionary spirit.

There is also Sister C. Kaufholz, of Plainville, who found a *Signs of the Times* seventeen years ago and thus found the truth. She has stood practically alone all these years still enjoying the good old *Review* and rejoicing in the message progress.

There is also Sister Julia Simpson, of Codell, who, alone among relatives, took her stand many years ago. She says I was the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to enter her home for eighteen years; yet when I knocked at her home, a stranger as far as she knew, she opened the door with one hand and held an open Bible in the other, and maybe that open individual Bible is the secret of it all, but I have sometimes wondered—wondered why it is that churches often think they need a pastor to keep them strong.

E. H. MEYERS.

Home Hygiene Class Graduated

LAST fall in connection with the meetings held at Palco a home hygiene class was organized under the direction of Sister Stithem, R. N., assisted by the writer. These classes were quite well attended, the attendance sometimes reaching twenty or more. Many were not of our faith. There were six who set their hearts to finish the course, and they reached their goal. Sabbath, December 16, following a few words of appreciation and commendation by the writer, the diplomas were presented by Sister Stithem. We pray that the Great Physician will stand beside these faithful workers as they go forth to do their bit in relieving the afflictions of mankind and pointing the sufferer to Him who can heal not only the body but also the soul.

M. H. JENSEN.

Kansas News Notes

ELDER A. A. DIRKSEN, our German worker, is holding some meetings at Dighton.

Our churches of the southeastern part of the state will remember that a union meeting will be held at Galena beginning Friday, January 12, at 7:45 p. m. Meetings will be held also on Sabbath and Sunday. The convention closes with the Sunday-night meeting. Surrounding churches are invited.

Our office force is very busy closing the books for the year 1933 and preparing for the conference audit, which will be held at Enterprise, January 11 and 12.

Present Truth subscriptions continue to come in. Our members are sending a year's subscription to many of their friends, as it costs only 25 cents a year.

Mrs. Cora M. Atkin, of Manhattan, writes: "My daughters and I have finished four years of daily lesson study, and it has been wonderful for us."

Brother A. M. Ragsdale is busy preparing for his Missionary Volunteer convention at Wichita, January 5-7. About eight of the Topeka Missionary Volunteers expect to go to Wichita for the convention.

Many of the churches have sent the list of their new officers; if your church has not, will you have the list sent promptly?

Sister Elsie M. Nichols, one of our isolated members, writes, "I nearly covered the residential section of our town, leaving a *Present Truth* in almost every home."

The Book and Bible House is temporarily out of the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course book, "The Christ, the Church, and the Child." We are glad to see so many Sabbath schools preparing for this course.

Brother M. H. Jensen expects to hold some meetings with the Hillsboro church in the near future.

A number of orders for the "Testimonies" came in the past week. It is not too late to send your order if it is sent immediately, for Brother Nethery is holding the records open a few days.

Elder E. H. Meyers spoke at both Kansas City churches Sabbath, January 6.

No. Dakota Conference

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Walking the Right Way During 1934

"AND he led them forth by the right

way, that they might go to a city of habitation." Ps. 107:7.

Humanity is altogether dependent upon the Creator for everything. Man's helplessness in himself becomes more and more evident as the years roll by. He enters this world in a helpless condition and he is carried out in the same way. He must be led by a dependable Guide in order that he may eventually find himself in this "city of habitation." Whether or not he reaches that city depends upon his acceptance or rejection of divine leadership.

To those who act on the Saviour's command, "Go ye!" He gives the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20. The faithful colporteur in a special sense fulfils this commission as he goes from door to door with our truthfilled books. The servant of God, writing in these last days, states concerning this work: "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time."—*C. E.*, p. 5. "But," you say, "I can't sell books. I am not qualified or fitted for the work." Listen again to the words from the pen of inspiration: "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on."—*C. E.*, p. 27. Evidently, the reason why there are not more colporteurs in the whitening harvest fields today is because there are altogether too many nominal Adventists who are not willing to cooperate fully with divine power.

If God called you to go canvassing in 1933 and you failed to respond, He graciously gives you another opportunity as the new year, 1934, is ushered in. He offers to lead you by the right way and "God's way is the best way." Will you respond and find the way in a life devoted to unselfish service?

"And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation." Ps. 107:7.

C. A. EDWARDS,
Field Missionary Secretary,
North Dakota Conference.

North Dakota Notes

WORD has been received from the General Conference that Elder G. F. Theiss has been delayed in coming to North Dakota because of an accident which involves Elder Penner, of New Jersey. Brother Theiss will be with us about February 1. We shall all be glad to have him connect with the North Dakota Conference.

Word has been received from Elder G. P. Gaede that a number of people are interested in the truth at Napoleon, where he held meetings following the Week of Prayer. Let us remember the work at Napoleon in our prayers.

Elder F. F. Schwindt is laying definite plans to begin his meetings at Jamestown January 9. His services will be in the German language. We are asking an interest in your prayers in behalf of the effort that is to be carried on in Jamestown. Surely, there are those in Jamestown that should give consideration and study to the message for this generation.

The *Signs of the Times* campaign begins February 3. We trust that the churches will take notice of this and begin to plan to subscribe for a club of *Signs* to be used in their missionary work. The *Signs* is doing a great work. It has brought many into the truth.

Brother R. R. Bietz has been working away steadily at his work in the office the last few days, and spent Sabbath, January 6, with the new church at Lisbon.

The office force is extremely busy these days with inventories and getting the year-end work out of the way. In case some orders have not been filled as promptly as usual, this will explain the reason.

Brother C. A. Edwards, our field missionary secretary, has been struggling with a bad cold, but has been getting his correspondence work out of the way, and left for S. R. A. and Minot January 4. From Minot he planned to go to Bismarck to assist Brother Jacobsen, who plans to canvass this city during the winter months.

Word has been received from Elder Wentland that the church at Dickinson is now completed. They held their first meeting in the church building Sabbath, December 30. We feel confident that the building is quite an asset to the brethren at Dickinson, and we are planning definitely to conduct a series of meetings there in the near future. We ask an interest in your prayers that God may bless the work at Dickinson.

We are very happy to announce that the publishers have extended the "Testimonies" campaign period until January 31. It is a good thing that they did, because quite a large number of folks sent in their orders so late that they could not have been sent at the reduced price in the former arrangement. The orders reached the office after the 31st. We trust that no one will make a similar mistake at the close of January, for he might be disappointed. We appreciate the

many good orders that have come in for the "Testimonies" at the reduced price of \$7.00, and we hope that through the liberality of the publishers in extending the time another month, many more will be able to avail themselves of the reduced rate on this splendid set of books. The extension of time is equally applicable to the set of the "Conflict" series of books.

Nebraska Conference

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New Church Organized

In October, 1925, we moved to Seward from Boulder, where we had been for my health. While we were in Seward caring for Mrs. Garton's aged mother, I acted as the elder of the church and conducted some evangelistic meetings in Seward and Ulysses. As a result of this effort the Lord gave me about sixteen souls. These were added to the Seward church. After the death of my wife's mother we decided to move where the people had not heard the message. In October we moved to Surprise, Nebr., on a five-acre tract, where we may raise a large garden this coming year. Several weeks ago we began distributing *Present Truth* in Surprise. Others are doing the same in Ulysses. From this systematic, house-to-house effort we hope to see some definite results in soul saving.

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Obituaries

JOHNSON.—Mrs. Ella Johnson, of Clint, Minn., was born at Janitland, Sweden, May 24, 1859, and died at St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 10, 1933. She was united in marriage to Mr. Olof Edstedt in 1889. To them one son was born, Mr. Edstedt passed away in Sweden in 1892. Mrs. Edstedt came to America with her son the same year. She was married the second time in the year 1893 to Mr. Charley Johnson, of Clint. To this union were born four children. Mr. Johnson passed away in 1901. She leaves to mourn, five children, nine grandchildren, one sister, and one brother in Sweden; other relatives and a host of friends.

Sister Johnson was a faithful member of the Rock Creek Seventh-day Adventist church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

AUGUST S. ANDERSON.

CANTRELL.—Marion S. Cantrell was born near Dadeville, Mo., May 14, 1869, and passed away Dec. 26, 1933. He was married Dec. 25, 1890, to Ida Matilda Northington. To this union were born nine children, of whom four survive.

Not long after his marriage he embraced the truth. Through all the years that followed he has lived a devoted Christian life, and has always been a loving friend and faithful husband and father. He bore leading responsibilities in our churches, and served as elder in two of them.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and attended by a large crowd of friends. Interment was made in the Buchanan cemetery near Dadeville.
MELVIN OSS.

MINNER.—Anne Belle Minner, nee De Vilbiss, was born near Libertytown, Md., Jan 3, 1864, and died at Campion, Colo., Dec. 19, 1933.

In 1884 she married Joel Minner. To this union were born eight children, three daughters and five sons. One son, Elder D. L. Minner, is a missionary at Lima, Peru.

Sister Minner was indeed a "mother in Israel" and respected by people of all classes. The funeral service was held in the Campion Academy chapel, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21, 1933. Elder N. T. Sutton, a long-time friend of the family, preached a very fitting sermon. He was assisted by Professor E. F. Heim and the writer.
E. R. LAUDA.

HANON.—Hattie Mae Hanon was born in Pennsylvania, May 1, 1870, and passed away Dec. 19, 1933, at Chippewa Falls, Wis. She was married to W. B. Hartley in 1886. To this union seven children were born.

In June, 1933, Mrs. Hartley was married to I. S. Hanon. They made their home at Chippewa Falls, Wis. This short but happy union was broken after Sister Hanon suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Those left to mourn are her husband, three sons, six grandchildren, and other relatives and a host of friends.

She accepted the Lord and was baptized about 25 years ago, and remained an earnest Christian and faithful member.
AUGUST S. ANDERSON.

JENSEN.—Theodore William Jensen and his wife, Marie Charlotte Madsen-Jensen, were born in Denmark, Jan. 13, 1869, and May 28, 1879, respectively, and died as the result of an auto accident Dec. 21, 1933, near their home four miles west of Rockville, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen accepted the truth about twelve years ago and were faithful members of the church. They are survived by four sons and two daughters. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by R. E. Gordon, local elder of the Loup City church.
T. B. WESTBROOK.

SMITH.—Stephen J. Smith was born near Ripon, Wis., April 22, 1857, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Manlove, at Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 17, 1933. His early life was spent in Iowa and Minnesota. It was near Sioux City, Iowa, that he was married to Amanda Rea in the year 1882. Five children were born to them, of whom three survive. His wife preceded him in death last year. Two brothers, N. B. and H. W. Smith, live in Denver.
W. M. ANDRESS.

JOHNSON.—Andrew Magnus Johnson was born Dec. 12, 1859, in Sweden, and died Dec. 25, 1933, at Denver, Colo. He came to America in 1880, and early in 1883 was married to Hilda Olivia Sandstrom. They began their married life in Boston, and moved to Omaha, Nebr., in 1886. In 1900 they united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Omaha. They were the parents of seven children, three boys and four girls. The family moved to Colorado in 1918, and for the past nine years have lived in Denver. He was a member of the South Side Seventh-day Adventist church, and was a devoted Christian and an honored member of the church. His wife, three sons, three daughters, and twelve grandchildren are left to mourn. Interment was made in Crown Hill cemetery.
M. B. VAN KIRK.

ANDERSON.—Karen M. Anderson was born July 27, 1866, in Denmark, and came to America Oct. 15, 1900. She was married to Rasmus P. Anderson the same year on Nov. 5. She fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 30, 1933, at her home in East Omaha. To mourn her loss, she leaves her husband and other relatives. She accepted the third angel's message some twenty years ago and was faithful till the end came. She was laid to rest in the Danish cemetery north of Omaha.
T. M. LANGBERG.

RADCLIFF.—Clifford Howard Radcliff was born at Mahtowa, Minn., April 18, 1911, and passed away Dec. 15, 1933, at Duluth, Minn. Those left to mourn are, his mother, his grandmother, a number of uncles, aunts, and other relatives and a host of friends.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at Mahtowa, Minn.

AUGUST S. ANDERSON.

ARCHER.—William Luverne Archer was born June 26, 1915, and died at Boulder, Colo., December 25, 1933. He was a good boy and his parents are comforted in believing that he will come up in the morning of the first resurrection.
W. H. ANDRESS.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30, 1833

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Sec.			
W. A. Burton	BR	34	44.50
Alex. Kohltfarber	OD	18	6.10
Floyd Mathews	BR	38	18.00
John Murray	Misc		32.00
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	33	35.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	5	3.10
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	13	4.80
Kate H. Snead	Mag	19	7.20
Total		178	150.70

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary			
H. G. Biggers	Misc	20	10.50
Elva G. Wilcox	FS	13	5.60
Mrs. Meeker	FS	14	6.50
Alice G. Kinney	Mag	8	6.40
Florence Maurath	RJ	2	.75
L. P. Knecht	OT		75.00

J. W. Simmons	RJ		.75
Total		57	105.50

NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
Mrs. J. B. Aitken	HW	13	11.25
F. L. Cushing	HW	10	5.00
Chivela Jorstad	HW	6	5:10
John Ogren	OD	39	2.95
H. B. Pope	Misc		4.50
H. W. Preston	HW	66	38.26
Della Rice	Mag	10	10.00
Misc. Mag.			11.00
Total		143	87.95

COLORADO:			
Ernest Harper	HP	69	9.75
Albert Priest	HP	91	10.00
Anna S. Hayer	HP	20	9.40
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	21	10.00
Mrs. L. R. Storey	HW	10	11.35
Mrs. C. Willett	HW	18	7.75
Greta Nelson	Mag		1.60
Karl Simon	Mag		21.50
Total		296	81.35

KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary			
A. O. Kramer	OD	13	24.75
J. T. North	GC	10	1.00
Lucy B. Adams	Misc	12	7.00
E. E. Bietz	BTS	6	11.00
Mrs. E. Meyers	HW	10	20.00
Hamor Sheddy	HW	1	2.00
Total		52	65.75

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
W. H. Stroup	Misc	44	14.50
Total		44	14.50

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, Sec.			
Arthur Wheeler	RJ	7	1.50
Mrs. F. Ferrell	RJ	11	11.75
Total		18	13.25
Grand Total		788	519.00

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, January 12, 1934

Denver, Colorado	4:56
Des Moines, Iowa	5:04
Topeka, Kansas	5:21
St. Paul, Minnesota	4:54
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:07
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:20
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:17
Pierre, South Dakota	5:27
Casper, Wyoming	4:49

Union College News

A NUMBER of students have already arrived to take up work the second semester. Others are writing in for information, reservations, and check-ups. Altogether the prospects are good. Registration for new students will be on January 21 and 22.

Arthur Smith, business manager of Southern California Junior College, and Union College graduate in 1911, spoke briefly to the students in chapel on January 3, commenting on changes about the college.

The College dairy has recently installed a churn capable of turning out sixty pounds of butter at one churning, thus enabling the dairy to furnish butter for the college cafeteria, and also for public sale in the dairy room.

Professor C. L. Benson, former teacher at Union College, who died in Arkansas, January 4, was brought to Lincoln for burial January 5.

President T. W. Steen, now of Broadview College, and president-elect of Emmanuel Missionary College, visited here two days during Christmas vacation.

Girls are finding employment in the pecan shop, which is located on the fourth floor of North Hall, with Mrs. E. E. Carman in charge.

Nebraska Department

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On December 23 we organized a church at Ulysses. From our earnest effort in behalf of souls we hope to see this new church become strong spiritually and numerically. This is the first Seventh-day Adventist church ever organized in Butler County. We are in the midst of

a great mission field, and we are praying that the Lord may use us to bring to many a saving knowledge of the truth. Brethren, pray for this new church that we may be fully surrendered to God, and be used mightily in the salvation of souls for whom Jesus died.

B. M. GARTON.

Greetings and Goodbye

I WISH to extend most cordial greetings to my friends in Nebraska, and to express my very sincere appreciation to the entire constituency of the conference for the privilege of working in Nebraska for the past four years in the interest of the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer departments. I greatly enjoyed my work and association with you, and shall always cherish the memory of the cordial welcome and warm hospitality that I received in the various churches and homes over the conference.

My services with the conference were discontinued on November 2, and I am now most happily engaged in the work of the Christian Record Association, our benevolent work for the blind. My field of service is in Chicago and other cities of northern Illinois, and I solicit your prayers in my behalf, and shall remember you in my prayers.

May God's richest blessings be with each of you, and may the experience of Paul as expressed in Galatians 2:20, be the experience of each of us in these turbulent and perplexing days: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

ANN S. TAYLOR.

So. Dakota Conference

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Those Good Letters Keep Coming

MANY responses have come to us on the tithe bulletins recently sent out, from which we quote a few encouraging statements. One young man writes as follows:

"Your letter regarding tithes was received, for which I thank you. I wish it were possible for me to send you more. I have been reading a lot on tithing the past few weeks and it has done me a lot of good. I appreciated the leaflets on tithing that were sent to me. I have resolved to send in the Lord's share on every dollar I make this coming year. The Lord will bless if we but do our

little part each year. I will do my part in the year 1934 to tell others of the soon coming of Jesus."

From another letter we glean the following gem:

"I am so sorry it is not just dollars and dollars. I feel worse not to be able to have more offerings than I do to go without things for myself."

Here is another helpful paragraph:

"If we get in anything, we don't forget the Lord's portion. — is very good; the rest are a little careless. They think about their needs first, but since reading what Elder Piper wrote in the REAPER each week and the leaflets that were sent out, they are regarding it as more sacred. We will try to do our little part, as the Lord surely is blessing us this winter."

May the good reports keep coming. We are thankful, as the year closes, for the good work the church treasurers have been doing. In every case a receipt should be given for any funds handed in. The receipt books are furnished free by the conference.

GORDEN OSS.

Colorado Conference

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Pueblo Young People

THE young people of the Pueblo church, wishing to accept responsibility in soul saving endeavors, and feeling their need of special divine strength, have entered upon a program to fit themselves better for the kingdom of God. Sensing this need of a forward youth movement, an organization was perfected to assist them in true character development. Officers were elected, and the organization was placed on a membership basis. A constitution was drawn up, which provides for proper recreation, especially stressing the aim of the organization—"Win one for Christ in 1934."

Both a hall and a public school gymnasium have been secured in which to hold the activities every other week. The first meeting was held December 16. During the coming year various speakers will be provided, and at open forum such subjects as, Methods of Soul Saving, the Power of Example, the Meaning of Christian Service, will be discussed.

It is a marvelous experience to see how enthusiastic our youth are in their desires to pledge themselves to the Master, and their determination to be soul winners in His cause.

ALGER H. JOHNS.