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A Plan for the Needy Sick

IN many homes and practically in every church, there are those who need sanitarium care or surgical work; but for financial reasons it is impossible for some people to go to one of our sanitariums for the needed help.

Our sanitariums are constantly besieged by worthy cases, and not infrequently church officers and sometimes conference workers write to our doctors or sanitarium managers, telling of the urgent need of some worthy person who, if medical or surgical help is not received, will soon die. It may be a mother; and just a few weeks under a doctor's care in a proper environment and with good treatments, such as may be received in one of our own institutions, may save this parent's life, that she may continue to guide and direct the children of the home in the Christian way of truth and unrightness.

A case of emergency may arise and must have immediate attention, but perhaps the father and husband has been out of work, or maybe it has taken all that he could earn to provide for the daily needs of the family; there is nothing left to pay the doctor or the sanitarium. Shall such worthy cases be denied help? But who will pay? Our sanitariums have been established in God's order, without doubt; but to provide the facilities and help to care for the sick requires money. None of our sanitariums are making a profit; the helpers are working at a sacrifice wage, and some practically for board and room.

The sanitariums are continually receiving patients at greatly reduced prices, both for surgery and for treatment. Many are taken at prices much below what it costs the institution to care for them, and the managing boards are glad to do so as far as they are able.

A recent board action outlined a plan to be inaugurated throughout the Central Union Conference to create a fund in all of our churches to give sanitarium care to worthy sick poor, as may be recommended by church officers and conference committees. The plan is as follows:

"(a) We recommend, That a fund, to be known as 'Medical Relief Fund,' be

created, to care for the worthy sick poor.

"(b) That the third Sabbath of each quarter be set aside, on which to take up this offering in all our churches; this fund to be remitted to the local conference treasurer, and disbursed upon recommendation of the conference officials.

"(c) That in case of a conflict in offerings for the third Sabbath of the quarter, the offering for the Medical Relief Fund be taken up either before or after the conflicting date.

"(d) That our definite aim be to raise

one dollar a member per year on the basis of the slogan, 'A quarter a quarter.'

"(e) That conference workers and church elders be encouraged to lay definite plans to work for the success of this plan, in view of the vital need.

"(f) That this special fund be used for the relief of the sick poor in our churches, and that they be taken care of as far as possible in our own institutions."

"If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday." Isa. 58:10.

J. F. PIPER.

Does It Make a Difference?

NOR long ago I had the opportunity of attending the Friday evening vesper service at one of our academies. The latter part of the meeting was devoted to testimonies by the students, and practically all of them stood promptly when the suggestion was made. The earnest testimonies which they gave were in-

deed cheering to me, and supplied an eloquent evidence of the success which is attending the faithful efforts of the teachers to provide a real Christian education for the students entrusted to their care.

I could not help wishing that the parents of all those young people might also have been there to hear their sons and daughters testify to God's goodness, and of their determination to be faithful in Christian life and service. What an inspiration and encouragement it would have been to their parents, many of whom have doubtless made material sacrifices and worked hard in order to make possible this Christian education for their children. Could these parents have been at that service I am confident they would have felt amply repaid for all their effort and sacrifice.

Then I thought of the many other young people from Adventist homes who are attending worldly schools where the influences are nearly all in the opposite direction. If their parents could only realize how much is at stake in the matter and what a difference it may make in the eternal prospects for their children, surely they would put forth every possible effort to place such a Christian education within their reach. I appeal to you, dear parents, if it is not well worth while to put forth this effort in the hope of having our children with us during eternity in the earth made new?

A. R. SMOUSE.

Are You One of the Father's Most Precious Treasures?

How we can entertain angels, and how we can have that heavenly atmosphere of joy and peace, and how we will learn to play those harps of God, all of which the saved of earth shall do and have, is explained to us in the following:

"As you open your door to Christ's needy and suffering ones, you are welcoming unseen angels. You invite the companionship of heavenly beings. They bring a sacred atmosphere of joy and peace. They come with praises upon their lips, and an answering strain is heard in heaven. Every deed of mercy makes music there. The Father from His throne numbers the unselfish workers among His most precious treasures."—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 639.

J. F. PIPER.

Experiences of the People of God—No. 3

GOD has had different ways of speaking to the human family since the introduction of sin into our world, for we read: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." Hebrews 1:1,2.

By an "audible voice" God spake to Adam (Gen. 3:8-18), to Noah (Gen. 6:13-22; 7:1-5; 8:15), to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), and to many other Old Testament characters. And thrice an "audible voice"—the voice of the Eternal Father—was heard during Christ's earthly ministry, declaring Christ to be the Son of God: at Christ's baptism (Luke 3:21,22), at His transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-5), and in the temple court just before the crucifixion (John 12:28-30).

God has spoken to humanity by the "ministration of angels." (Heb. 1:7, 14.) Through this instrumentality He spoke to Abraham (Gen. 18:1-3,16), to Lot (Gen. 19:1), to Joshua (Josh. 5:13-15), and to many other Bible characters.

God speaks by prophets also. See Num. 12:6; Heb. 1:1; Jer. 7:25; 44:4, 5; Luke 1:70; Acts 3:21; II Chron. 36:15, 16.

The Bible gives the account of God's

speaking through all of these ways to the human family in the past, and who would say that He cannot still use any or all of these various ways and means of speaking to the children of men?

The Bible, as such, was completed when John, the beloved disciple, lay down his pen. As the guide book to all the followers of the Lord in every age to the close of time, it is clearly evident that within its sacred pages are to be found, clothed in prophetic utterances, the experiences of God's people until the reign of sin is forever over. The study and presentation of these prophetic portions of Scripture have developed the great advent message with which we are connected.

Let us never forget that "the Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realize this, with what awe would we open God's word, and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 393.

(To be continued.)

S. G. HAUGHEY.

There Is Nothing Like It

MILITARY preparations, Orient awakening, Polish corridor friction, new European outbreak inevitable, unpaid war debts, Rhine conflict, revolution, Bolshevism, Communism, peace cry, disarmament, dictatorships, skepticism and infidelity, kidnapping, religious indifference, famine, drouth, floods, earthquakes, agricultural unrest, crime wave, capital and labor strife, strikes, hurricanes, divorces, immorality—this is not a nice picture. There was never such a time as 1934 finds to begin with.

The answer to all this is found in America's prophetic weekly. We must tell the 1,462,880 people within the boundaries of the Central Union Conference what all this means. Is there anything better to do it? Every week the *Signs* brings its answer to several of the above-mentioned conditions. Ministers of other denominations appreciate it. One sister told me she has been selling fifty each month of the color numbers. You can do this and pay for a club for missionary purposes, and if you wish you can send the paper to six or more persons and change the address every six or eight

weeks. Think of it,—two months to a person, eight papers, eight sermons per paper! He will have a variety of sixty-four topics from which to select one in which he is interested, and all this for less than twenty-five cents a person. There is nothing like it, all up-to-date, first-class material. Remember the campaign is on in February.

S. T. SHADEL.

Missouri Conference

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February 4-18

OUR denominational calendar for 1934 designates February 4-18 as the time for our *Signs of the Times* campaign. No more important general rally among our churches will be made during the year before us. Therefore, we would urge that subscribing and securing subscriptions for our leading missionary journal be taken

up with an enthusiasm born of the times to which we have come and the responsibility placed upon us.

The voice of authority to the church is: "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 9.

The picture drawn from the same source is: "Christian is to unite with Christian, church with church, the human instrumentality cooperating with the divine, every agency subordinate to the Holy Spirit, and all combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God."—*Id.*, p. 96.

This pictures God's invincible force in this world when organized and in action. No existing power can hinder or defeat it in victory.

No greater agency exists today as a means to the end of winning souls to the gospel and to the church than the *Signs of the Times*. This paper is issued fifty times a year. It contains sixteen pages, which in twelve months make 800 pages, making a book larger than "Great Controversy" or "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," and this is placed by the publishers in the reach of the missionary church at \$1.00 upon the following basis:

If the church raises a subscription list equal to one-half of their membership (provided this is not below ten) for one year, they get the paper for \$1.00. These, of course, come to one address. To illustrate: A church of twenty members subscribing for a club of ten or more *Signs* sent to one address would require \$10. A church of less than twenty members would have to subscribe for ten papers to get the dollar rate.

For a club of five to nine papers to

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one address it would cost \$1.15 a copy. Single subscriptions sent to separate addresses, if ordered in connection with the church club, will be accepted at \$1.25.

The plan of the publishers is to have each issue of sixteen pages contain the equivalent of eight sermons. Thus in one year of fifty issues readers would get 800 sermons, enough to thoroughly indoctrinate them regarding the faith and work of Seventh-day Adventists.

Therefore we again urge all our people to arouse to action; get yourselves together in a missionary meeting, make out your subscription list, and plan your means of distribution. Do not delay. "The *Signs* brings people into the truth." Your church was "organized for missionary purpose."

My vision sees a brother who could and would take fifty or perchance one hundred papers, provided some avenue of distribution could put them out. I see another so limited in means that he can subscribe but for five or ten, but he in turn could put out the fifty or one hundred taken and paid for by the busier man or woman. Thus the "church is devising ways and means for active missionary endeavor." What better could an isolated believer do than subscribe for a club of ten, costing but \$10, and distribute them either personally or through remailing?

We ask the entire membership of the Missouri Conference to arouse and answer the call of the hour, and make the *Signs* campaign for 1934 a worthwhile missionary endeavor, and a fruitful agency in greatly increasing our membership throughout the conference.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

Missouri News Notes

ELDER THOMPSON met Sabbath, the 20th, with the church in Columbia. At this meeting Brother D. P. Brown, who had been elected elder, was ordained, hence the church is fully officered; the Sabbath school likewise. Following this meeting Elder Thompson spent a day in counsel with Elder Garner, pastor of the Kansas City church. He reports the work onward in both these centers.

Elder Oss reports a keen interest in the temperance work by our young people, judging from the number of requests for temperance pledges. These are sent out free of charge to our young people as long as the present supply lasts.

An encouraging letter has been received from the leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society at Springfield. The Bible Year and Reading Courses are being read by the young people. At Christmas

time the society distributed baskets of food to the needy. One of the members has started a Bible study class in her neighborhood.

We are glad to report that a Missionary Volunteer Society is being organized at Versailles. An encouraging report has been received from them, and we welcome these new members into our group of societies.

Brother R. G. Campbell has returned to the office for a few days after an absence of several weeks. The outlook for the colporteur work during 1934 is encouraging.

Mrs. Melvin Oss returned to Clinton on Friday, January 19. She has spent a number of weeks at the sanitarium at Nevada, Iowa. We are glad for her recovery, and trust that as time goes on her health will continue to improve.

Brother I. H. Harrison spent several days recently in St. Louis auditing the books of the churches there.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 36 - - - Watertown

Two Special Events—Hear the Melendys

ON SUNDAY, February 4, at 5:00 P. M., Brother Skadsheim, who has been ill, will be back on the air over KSOO, Sioux Falls. The Melendy Melody Makers of the Minnesota Conference will be with him for this broadcast with their heart-appealing music and song. At 8:00 P. M. the same evening, Brother Skadsheim and the Melendys will give a special program at the Sioux Falls Seventh-day Adventist church, located at 514 South Duluth Ave. A capacity attendance is in prospect, and we invite all those within driving range of Sioux Falls to attend and pass the good word around to others. The Sioux Falls church extends a warm invitation to all the nearby churches and isolated brethren and sisters in Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota, to spend the evening of February 4 with them.

GORDEN OSS.

Workers' and Elders' Convention

INVITATIONS have been sent to the conference workers and church elders to convene at Plainview Academy, Redfield, from February 7 to 10, for a joint convention. The first meeting is called for Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. We have the promise of strong help

from both the Central Union Conference and General Conference, and a very helpful meeting is anticipated. The brethren and sisters living near the school are invited to the public services Friday evening, February 9, at 7:30; Sabbath school at 10:00 A. M. Sabbath, February 10; preaching at eleven o'clock, and the Missionary Volunteer meeting Sabbath afternoon at 4:45. Remember this important meeting before the throne.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Sunbeams

THE colporteur band at Sioux Falls is doing nicely, according to a report from Brother Wyman. He says they are having some very encouraging experiences which help in making the work a success. Last week the band ordered 400 *Watchman* magazines, which are being sold in Sioux Falls.

We are getting quite a number of subscriptions for the *Present Truth*. One sister sends in eight names and states that in that way she is bringing the truth to her neighbors and friends.

Sister Grace Stewart, well known in this conference, will soon begin Bible work in Sioux Falls among those who have become interested through the work of the colporteur band. The Sioux Falls church is enthusiastically backing all these soul-winning endeavors.

A truck load of beds and bedding was taken from Huron to Redfield for the coming elders' meeting.

Elders Elliott and Crager, from the General Conference, will be at the Redfield meeting.

Read "Fishers of Men" for a real inspiration in soul-winning. Price 50 cents. Order from the Book and Bible House.

Brother McKinley is visiting the churches in the Black Hills district.

We were saddened to learn of Mr. Schreiner's death at Rapid City. His daughter was called from the academy for the funeral.

Up-to-date tracts by our best writers can be had at \$1.00 a thousand. By all means order a package and scatter them "like the leaves of autumn."

Wyoming Mission

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Extreme Views

MANY are cherishing an idea that an unusual and striking demonstration is essential in Christian experience, and such will be in evidence in a marked degree

just prior to the advent of our Lord. Our preconceived notions may be very faulty.

At Crystal Springs, Calif., May 19, 1890, Sister E. G. White wrote under the caption, "The Teaching of Extreme Views," the following: "If you would dwell on such subjects as Christ's willingness to forgive sins, to receive the sinner, to save that which is lost, subjects that inspire hope and courage, you would be a blessing. But while you strive to be original and take such extreme views, and use such strong language in presenting them, there is danger of doing much harm. . . . Lead the people to look to Jesus as their only hope and helper; leave the Lord room to work upon the mind, to speak to the soul, and to impress the understanding. It is not essential to know and tell others all the whys and wherefores as to what constitutes the new heart, or as to the position they can and must reach so as never to sin. You have no such work to do.

"All are not constituted alike. Conversions are not all alike.

"Jesus impresses the heart, and the sinner is born again to new life.

"Often souls have been drawn to Christ when there was no violent conviction, no remorseful terrors. They looked upon an uplifted Saviour, they lived. They saw the soul's need, they saw the Saviour's sufficiency and His claims, they heard His voice saying, 'Follow me,' and they rose up and followed Him. This conversion was genuine, and the religious life was just as decided as was that of others who suffered all the agony of a violent process. . . .

"The soul that accepts Jesus places himself under the care of the great Physician, and let men be careful how they come between the patient and the Physician who discerns all the need of the soul. Christ, the Physician of the soul, understands its defects and its maladies, and knows how to heal the purchase of His own blood. What the soul lacks, He can best supply. But men are so officious, they want to do so much, that they overdo the matter, leaving Christ no room to work.

"Whatever moulding and fashioning needs to be wrought in the soul, Christ can best do. The conviction may not be deep, but if the sinner comes to Christ, viewing Him upon the cross, the just dying for the unjust, the sight will break every barrier down. . . .

"Satan is working in many ways, that the very men who ought to preach the message may be occupied with fine drawn

theories which he will cause to appear of such magnitude and importance as to fill the whole mind; and while they think they are making wonderful strides in experience, they are idolizing a few ideas, and their influence is injured, and tells but little on the Lord's side. . . .

"You will take passages in the 'Testimonies' that speak of the close of probation, of the shaking among God's people, and you will talk of a coming out from this people of a purer, holier people, that will arise. Now all this pleases the enemy. We should not heedlessly take a course that will make a difference or create dissension. We should not give the impression that if our particular ideas are not followed, it is because the ministers are lacking in comprehension and in faith, and are walking in darkness.

"Your mind has been in an unnatural strain for a long time.

"You have much truth, precious truth, but mingled with suppositions.

"Your extreme ideas and strong language often destroy the effect of your best efforts. Should many accept the views you advance and talk and act upon them, we would see one of the greatest fanatical excitements that has ever been witnessed among Seventh-day Adventists. This is what Satan wants.

"Now there are in the lessons of Christ, subjects in abundance that you can speak upon. And mysteries which neither you nor your hearers can understand or explain might better be left alone."

(To be continued)

C. A. PURDOM.

Minnesota Conference

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Workers' Meeting

OF special interest to our elders and workers in the Minnesota Conference will be the announcement of our proposed elders' and workers' meeting to be held in Minneapolis February 12, 13, and 14. As we enter 1934 we are most anxious to make this year a year of definite advancement in spiritual experience and of unusual progress in soul-winning. In order to plan together for the carrying forward of our message into unentered territory, and for the building up of the spiritual interests of our churches, it was thought well to gather together the elders of our churches and our conference workers for a three-day spiritual session.

We are happy to find that Elder Piper, the president of our union, together with

some of the union conference departmental secretaries, will be with us, and that also we shall be favored with the presence of Elder H. T. Elliott, of the General Conference. A program that is designed primarily to strengthen our churches in soul-winning evangelism has been prepared, and we trust that as our workers and elders come to this gathering and receive the inspiration that will be there, they will go back to their churches and to their fields of labor with such a burden for souls as has never yet been experienced. The opportunities are everywhere about us, people are crying out for the light, the needs were never as great. Our greatest task is the training of our church members and the taking them out into definite soul-winning experiences. If every member could only have for his slogan during 1934, "Win one for Christ," I am sure that there would be hundreds of people won to the truth in our conference that otherwise would not be reached. So we are looking forward with great anticipation to this gathering together of our workers and elders, and the first meeting has been announced for nine o'clock on the morning of February 12.

V. J. JOHNS.

A Call from Maplewood

As Maplewood Academy has recently secured some rather large orders for its industries, and work is so plentiful that the students are not able to handle it all, we have been compelled to take in a number of graduates having accounts with the school. There is still room for more boys here. If any one reading these lines has an account with the academy and is desirous of working off his account, we would be pleased to get in touch with him at once. If there should be a father who is used to handling tools and operating machinery, who has an account with the school and is willing to come and work it off, we would also be glad to get in touch with him.

As we anticipate a rush in our bookbinding this spring, and shall need more help than we can find among the students at the school now, we believe that we could offer work to a number of prospective students who would be willing to come and work and apply their earnings on their account for the coming school year. These young people would have to come on the condition that we try them out for one month to see if they are able to do the work and are willing to comply with the rules and regulations of the institution. It would

be of little use to send boys and girls who have never been used to work at home, or who have not been used to obeying their superiors, as we must have individuals who are both willing to work and who are obedient. We could hardly take any students in on these conditions under sixteen years of age. After one month's trial if we find that they can do satisfactory work we will then continue to keep them, and their earnings will be applied on their account for the coming year. But in case they are not able to do the work, or if their conduct does not measure up to the standard of the school, it would be necessary to let them go home again, and having had their board and room the account would be considered settled. The school will not be responsible for any fare to or from school, and no one must come before making definite arrangements with the management of the school.

DAVID GULBRANDSON.

Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
734 Main St. - - - Nevada

Mason City

ELDER GRIFFIN began his series of Sunday meetings in the Armory auditorium Sunday night, the 14th. The members of the Mason City church had faithfully done their task, and by seven o'clock a crowd was waiting for the doors to open. The auditorium seats nearly 1,500 and by 7:20 practically every seat was taken.

Mayor Laird welcomed the evangelistic company to the city, and spoke heartily in favor of the work we are doing. The large audience joined heartily in singing the illustrated songs thrown on the screen. Little Ramona Griffin, five years old, had everyone smiling as she sang her solo. Mrs. Griffin was heard in several numbers. The crowd gave earnest attention to the stirring message of Elder Griffin, and the Spirit of God spoke to many hearts.

As we looked into the faces of this large number of people we knew that God has a company to be gathered who will keep His commandments. Pray for God to do great things in Mason City. Two meetings will be held every Sunday, afternoon and evening.

R. S. FRIES.

Convention at Nevada

ELDER FRIES lead out in a convention at Nevada, Iowa, assisted by Brother Knecht and the writer. We were pleased to see the good response from the church

of Nevada to the plans of the General department. Elder Jeys, the pastor, is leading out in a strong way, and 1934 bids well to be a successful year in this church. Sister Dorcas, the new Sabbath school superintendent for the year, is creating a real interest in missions by displaying a beautiful chart encouraging all the different goals of the Sabbath school.

Brother I. L. Kent, the new home missionary leader, assisted by Mrs. P. P. Anderson, is laying plans to do a systematic work with *Present Truth* in the vicinity of Nevada, and has already ordered the literature for this work.

Mrs. B. A. Scherr, the new children's divisional leader, is displaying a goal device to raise the mission funds for this division.

B. A. SCHERR.

Convention at Marshalltown

WE very much appreciated the enthusiastic church at Marshalltown when Elder Fries and the writer held a convention in this place last Sabbath. For six and one-half hours the members in this church came out to meeting and took part in a lively discussion of the plans for the building up of their soul-winning work in 1934. We were pleased at the cooperation of Elder Rhoads in the carrying out of this convention. The home missionary department, under the leadership of Brother Harrington and Sister James, is planning for an aggressive house-to-house campaign to win souls for Christ. Already the church has placed an order for *Present Truth* for this work.

The Sabbath school department, led by Brother E. J. Moore and Sister Hockridge, is planning to raise its quota for missions for this department in the year 1934. The members are determined that their daily study record and regular attendance shall be increased. The kindergarten division, under the leadership of Sister James, is planning on the devices, motion songs, finger plays, etc., to interest the lambs of the flock.

When the matter of tithe and offerings was presented to the church, they were very much touched, and we are looking for great things from Marshalltown for the coming year. B. A. SCHERR.

Important "Signs" News

A CHURCH of any size can get a club subscription of five or more copies of the *Signs of the Times* at the \$1.15 subscription rate. Any church can get five or more single subscriptions at the same time to individual addresses at the \$1.25 rate.

There is no restriction so far as proportion to membership that applies on these two particular prices. Any church, however, that orders a club of *Signs* equal to one-half of its membership, can get them for \$1.00 a subscription.

Therefore members or isolated believers can order a club of five *Signs* to one address for \$1.15 a subscription, or to single addresses for \$1.25 a subscription. This offer is good until April 1. Many will want to take advantage of this offer.

B. A. SCHERR.

Muscatine

ON December 16, the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, we all enjoyed a full day's program and spiritual blessings. Under the spiritual and efficient leadership of Dr. T. S. Rust, who was later unanimously elected to head such work in 1934, we all enjoyed the Sabbath school. With Week of Prayer service at 11:00 o'clock, preaching service at 2:30, testimony and vespers at sundown, and business meeting after the Sabbath, it was a full program. The nominating committee's report was received unanimously, and other business was transacted.

Mrs. Garber conducted Week of Prayer services for the juniors daily. Two weeks later, the last Sabbath of the old year, at a revival service following the Sabbath school, three juniors publicly took their stand for the truth. Ordinances were celebrated at the afternoon service, after which a few interesting experiences in mission work in South America were given by Brother and Sister Clark, formerly from the Lake Titicaca field.

Dr. and Sister Rust have led out in a strong manner in the Sabbath school work in the senior and junior divisions. The Muscatine Sabbath school raised \$450 in 1933, of which the children raised \$116. Muscatine faces the future with hope and courage, though they have their problems. STEMPLE WHITE.

Newsettes

ELDERS FRIES and Scherr will hold a convention at Exira, Friday night, Sabbath, and Sunday, February 9-11. All churches and companies and isolated believers in this vicinity are cordially invited.

W. A. McKibben conducted quarterly meeting with the members of the Boone church Sabbath, January 13. Although the weather was unfavorable there was a good attendance. Their testimonies sounded a note of courage and faith in the message and work for this time.

Colorado Conference

Jay J. Nethery, President
W. I. Montanye, Secretary
1081 Marion Street - - Denver

Changes in Districting

THE conference committee in session a few days ago made some changes in the districting of our conference. We are asking you to preserve this statement of re-districting for future reference.

Some churches are thrown into what is called the Conference district. Believers in these churches, together with the isolated members, are particularly invited to address their correspondence to the conference office. We will cooperate in every way in giving you help as our resources and workers permit. It is the plan of the committee to reach more of our isolated members and our small outlying churches during this present year.

DISTRICT I: (Without superintendent at present.) Sterling, Wray, Ford, Haxtun, Akron.

DISTRICT II: C. E. Grant, superintendent. Greeley, Briggsdale, Ft. Morgan, Buckingham.

DISTRICT III: E. F. Heim, superintendent. Campion, Loveland, Ft. Collins, Bellvue.

DISTRICT IV: H. J. Meyer, superintendent. Brighton, La Salle, Greeley German, Hygiene German, Denver German, Ft. Collins German Company.

DISTRICT V: N. T. Sutton, superintendent. Boulder, Hygiene English.

DISTRICT VI: W. M. Andress, superintendent. Boulder Sanitarium, Longmont.

DISTRICT VII: J. A. Nordstrom, superintendent. Denver Scandinavian Church and Swedish Companies.

DISTRICT VIII: G. T. Vore, superintendent. Denver Spanish, Las Mesitas, and all other Spanish work.

DISTRICT IX: G. W. Anglebarger, superintendent. North Denver, Arvada, Golden.

DISTRICT X: A. J. Meiklejohn, superintendent. West Denver Church.

DISTRICT XI: M. B. Van Kirk, superintendent. South Denver, Porter Sanitarium, York Street.

DISTRICT XII: C. F. Lickey, superintendent. Colorado Springs, Canon City, Florence, Salida, Matheson, Cripple Creek, Divide.

DISTRICT XIII: A. H. Johns, superintendent. Pueblo, Rocky Ford, La Junta, Rye, Olney Springs.

DISTRICT XIV: G. W. Chambers, superintendent. Alamosa, Monte Vista, Jaroso.

DISTRICT XV: A. C. Long, superintendent. Farmington, Durango, Pagosa Springs, Cortez, Falfa, St. Ignacio.

DISTRICT XVI: B. M. Grandy, superintendent. Rulison, De Beque, Palisade, Grand Junction, Fruita, Delta, Montrose, Cedaredge, Paradox, Paonia, Placerville.

DISTRICT XVII: (Conference District) Jay J. Nethery, superintendent. Lycan, Trinidad, La Veta, Bennett, Ft. Lupton, Idaho Springs, Stratton, Craig and vicinity, Steamboat Springs, Kremmling, Denver Third, Pueblo Second, Pilgrim.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Denver District Meeting

ON SABBATH afternoon, January 13, at the South Denver church, a district meeting of church and Sabbath school officers was held. In addition to the Denver churches, the officers from Golden and Arvada were also invited to attend.

After a few opening remarks by Elder Nethery, the Missionary Volunteer officers met with Brother Mathews in one room and the Sabbath school officers met with the Sabbath school secretary in another room for study. The church elders and other officers remained with Elder Nethery in the main auditorium. After studying the problems of these departments for an hour, the home missionary secretaries and leaders met for study. It was the purpose of this meeting to instruct the new officers in their duties as well as to lay plans for definite work in the various lines.

The officers of the Denver churches voted unanimously to organize a Denver church officers' council to meet regularly for the study and promotion of the various lines of activity.

The Denver meeting was the first of a series of similar institutes to be held in different parts of the state during January and February, and it is designed to contact practically every church in the state in these district meetings.

E. L. PINGENOT.

Ft. Lupton Jubilee

BRETHREN NETHERY, Montanye, Mathews, and Pingenot, with their families, attended a jubilee with the Ft. Lupton church Tuesday evening, January 23. A special program was prepared by the Dorcas Society of the Ft. Lupton church, celebrating the close of their "Free of Debt Campaign."

During 1933 the ladies of the Dorcas Society baked cakes, cookies, and doughnuts, and sold them, and quilted quilts, which were brought in by the people of the city. Through these avenues they

managed to pay off a note of over \$127 which the church owed on back church school expense. In addition to this they have raised money for considerable repairs on the church. During 1933 this society has also given away 787 articles of clothing to the needy, and given assistance to 987 different persons.

What the Ft. Lupton Dorcas Society has done should be an inspiration to every society in the state and is an index to the possibilities of helpfulness both to our church and to the needy of the community.

Every church in Colorado should have an active Dorcas Society.

Kansas Conference

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The "Signs" Speaks

IN a busy railroad depot I noticed a rack of clean and neatly arranged copies of the *Signs*. I was interested to know what success it was having in speaking its mute language to the transients who came. I did not have long to wait, for soon a man stepped up and took several copies from the rack. At first he apparently became interested through his restlessness or curiosity, but his interest rapidly deepened, and he was soon absorbed in the contents of the papers. His attention was held until he was called by the arrival of his train. As he left the depot he carefully folded the papers and took them with him. He went in a direction opposite to mine, or I might have learned from him what the papers, together with the Spirit of God, had accomplished. Although he was gone from my sight, yet I know that the papers continued to speak their message of light to his soul.

Our periodicals, such as the *Signs*, do a work in the cause of God that nothing else can do. They are among the most effective and efficient missionaries of their type that we have. While you may not be able to support a missionary and his family in some foreign field, yet you can support one or more of these printed missionaries for a year at a time. Take advantage of the special club rates that are being offered during the *Signs* campaign, and send the paper to your relatives or neighbors. You can also take a club through your church to be systematically distributed by you or others. The *Signs* is indeed a "voice in the wilderness" preparing the way for an effort or for a series of cottage meetings. Why not decide now to let the *Signs* speak for

you during this year, and send your subscription to the Book and Bible House or order through your local home missionary secretary?

A. H. RULKÖETTER.

Effort at Jefferson

BROTHER E. M. Wheeler has lived at Jefferson for many years, and has represented the truth faithfully before the people in this district. It has been his great desire to present the message in a series of public meetings. This has now been made possible. A hall has been secured in the town of Jefferson, and we have opened a series of meetings. The first meeting was held January 17.

We have enjoyed visiting the farmers for miles around, inviting them to the meetings. They have responded heartily, and thus far the hall has been well filled at each meeting. The attendance Sunday evening was 115. Already there is a good interest, and we are hopeful of good results. We earnestly solicit the prayers of our people for the success of these meetings.

N. J. AALBORG.

Kansas News Notes

BROTHER M. H. JENSEN reports a splendid attendance and interest in his series of meetings at Hillsboro.

Brother N. J. Aalborg has started an effort at Jefferson, Kans., and says the attendance is good and growing every night.

Let us pray for our workers, especially those who are conducting public meetings.

A number of requests are being received for evangelistic meetings.

No. Dakota Conference

E. H. Oswald, President
S. E. Ortner, Secretary

Box 1491 - - - Jamestown

Young People Make Gains

THE conference Missionary Volunteer secretary reports that the young people's work has made real progress during the past year. There has been a gain in all Missionary Volunteer lines. Most of the societies have worked very loyally and have splendid reports. More than a thousand Reading Course certificates have been issued. We also have baptized around one hundred seventy young people. The McClusky society is taking the lead for the year 1933. Fargo, Harvey, Jamestown, Bowdon, and New Home also have done splendid work throughout the entire year. The points for the societies are as follows: McClusky, 28,378; Fargo,

26,397; Harvey, 23,515; Jamestown, 22,800; New Home, 20,814; Bowdon, 17,743; Kulm, 7,623; Bismarck, 7,076; Manfred, 6,144; S. R. A., 3,856; Grand Forks, 3,242; Cleveland, 2,723; Goodrich, 2,667;

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Obituaries

LABONTE.—Charlotte E. LaBonte, nee Wheeler, was born Jan. 9, 1851, in Orwell, Vt., and on her 83rd anniversary peacefully departed this life at Council Bluffs, Ia., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Christofferson. Her childhood and youth were spent in the vicinity of Middlebury, Vt. She was married to Louis N. LaBonte, Feb. 4, 1875. To this union were born one daughter and two sons, the only immediate survivors. In 1884 the family moved to Nebraska, where Mrs. LaBonte embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith, remaining steadfast till the last. She was laid to rest near Fort Scott, Kans., with Elder Aalborg officiating. Services were previously conducted by the writer at Council Bluffs.

R. F. BRESEE.

RUBY.—Edward T. Ruby was born in Columbus, Ind., March 1, 1871, and died in Denver, Colo., Jan. 7, 1934.

He served in Cuba in the Spanish American War. In 1899 he was married to Blanch Horn, and to this union were born three daughters, one of whom is deceased.

In 1923 Mr. Ruby came to Denver. He was a member of the Christian church in Indiana but became a believer in the doctrines held by the Seventh-day Adventists. He was a member of the Masonic Order, having attained the 14th degree, thus making him a member of the Chapter and Council.

We laid him to rest in Beautiful Crown Hill cemetery. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

REEVES.—Blanche Anne Hillman-Reeves was born at Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 14, 1881; and died at Greeley, Colo., Jan. 9, 1934. She is survived by her husband, J. O. Reeves, one daughter, two grandchildren, four sisters, and one brother. She united with the Adventist people about 35 years ago, and has remained a faithful member of the church.

Services were conducted at Greeley by Elder C. E. Grant, and words of comfort were spoken by the writer at Salida, where she was laid to rest.

G. W. CHAMBERS.

DUST.—Raymond Evert Dust was born Jan. 30, 1908, at Joplin, Mo.; and died Dec. 27, 1933, at the St. Johns Hospital, Joplin, Mo. Dec. 27, 1930, he was united in marriage to Daisy Bryan, and to this union one son was born. Besides his wife and son he leaves many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and he was laid to rest in the Fair View cemetery, Joplin, Mo.

R. M. CARTER.

COPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 20, 1934

| | Book | Hrs. | Sales |
|--|------|--------|--------|
| IOWA: <i>L. P. Knecht, Secretary</i> | | | |
| Elva Wilcox | FS | 28 | 34.05 |
| J. W. Simmons | GC | 36 | 33.00 |
| E. Fredericksen | WGC | 33 | 31.00 |
| H. G. Biggers | Misc | 40 | 27.25 |
| Nathan Coffin | GC | 36 | 27.25 |
| Florence Maurath | RJ | 33 | 27.00 |
| Raymond Hircoc | GC | 30 | 26.25 |
| Rita Coffin | RJ | 30 | 25.75 |
| Mrs. Frederickson | RJ | 19 | 23.25 |
| Florence Morey | GC | 27 | 20.55 |
| Mrs. M. H. Meeker | FS | 28 | 20.25 |
| Miss Eva Koch | RJ | 24 | 18.00 |
| Oliver Priddy | RJ | 35 | 17.50 |
| Ida Edgerton | BR | 20 | 15.00 |
| Mr. M. H. Meeker | OD | 12 | 12.50 |
| Alice Kinney | Mag. | 9 | 6.50 |
| Mrs. J. W. Simmons | RJ | 8 | 5.25 |
| Robert Garber | GC | 9 | 4.50 |
| Anna Will | Mag | 13 | 3.35 |
| Totals | | 470 | 378.20 |
| NORTH DAKOTA: <i>C. A. Edwards, Sec.</i> | | | |
| Mrs. Frank Ferrell | RJ | 10 | 5.75 |
| Flora Peterson | RJ | 27 | 13.25 |
| *Alverda Ferrell | RJ | 4 | 5.00 |
| Beatrice Komoll | HP | 38 | 44.00 |
| F. Arthur Wheeler | HJ | 28 | 12.25 |
| *S. A. Jacoshenk | RJ | 64 | 98.50 |
| Uriah Fandrich | RJ | 3 | 3.75 |
| Joseph Meyer | BR | 31 | 34.50 |
| Totals | | 205 | 217.00 |
| COLORADO: <i>H. G. Herndon, Sec.</i> | | | |
| Ernest Harper | D&R | 30 | .50 |
| Viola Johnson | BPS | 29 | 1.25 |
| Albert Priest | HP | 30 | 30.00 |
| Freda Shockley | BR | 31½ | 10.50 |
| Sarah McGrew | HW | 14 | 7.25 |
| Clara Willett | BPS | 14 | 3.50 |
| Misc. | Mag | | 45.00 |
| Totals | | 145½ | 98.00 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA: <i>M. A. Wyman, Sec.</i> | | | |
| Lucille Redmon | | 24 | 2.75 |
| Joseph L. Ockenga | | 30 | 17.75 |
| Orville Poore | | 32 | 20.75 |
| Olive L. Redmon | | 22 | .30 |
| M. A. Wyman | | 14 | 51.75 |
| Totals | | 122 | 91.30 |
| MISSOURI: <i>R. G. Campbell, Sec.</i> | | | |
| W. A. Burton | BR | | 3.50 |
| Louise Erickson | HP | 5 | 4.50 |
| Mrs. S. Holmes | RJ | 33 | 14.90 |
| Mrs. A. Snyder | RJ | 33 | 16.00 |
| W. L. Vickers | OD | 22 | 1.00 |
| Louise Leeper | Mag | 20 | 5.90 |
| Mrs. A. F. Meyers | Mag | 24 | 13.60 |
| Kate H. Snead | Mag | 9 | 2.70 |
| Mrs. C. Stanley | Mag | 20 | 5.60 |
| Totals | | 166 | 67.70 |
| KANSAS: | | | |
| A Colporteur | Mag | 18 | 7.00 |
| L. R. Gilliland | GC | 17 | 1.20 |
| Mrs. E. Millard | Mag | 9 | 2.30 |
| J. T. North | GC | 26 | 5.25 |
| Mrs. A. H. Rulkoetter | BR | 2 | 3.50 |
| R. L. Steele | BR | 42 | 5.75 |
| J. D. Springer | DR | 23 | 4.00 |
| Totals | | 137 | 29.00 |
| NEBRASKA: <i>P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.</i> | | | |
| Mrs. J. B. Aiken | HW | 11 | 4.25 |
| John Ogren | OD | 34½ | 10.95 |
| H. E. Preston | DR | 32 | 12.50 |
| Totals | | 77½ | 27.70 |
| Grand Total | | 1,323½ | 908.90 |

*Two weeks report

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Sunset Calendar

Friday, February 2, 1934

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Denver, Colorado | 5:20 |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 5:30 |
| Topeka, Kansas | 5:45 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 5:22 |
| Jefferson City, Missouri | 5:31 |
| Lincoln, Nebraska | 5:45 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 5:47 |
| Casper, Wyoming | 5:17 |

The Stranger That Is Within Our Gates

How lonely one must feel when he is in a strange land, among a strange people whose language is different from that which he can speak and understand! To have someone show a special interest in such strangers, to speak kindly, and to go beyond what might be expected of one to do for such people, will be long remembered by those receiving such attention.

"I was a stranger and ye took me in," is one of the things that will bring commendation from the Saviour when He makes the final separation of those who shall be bidden to enter the kingdom of heaven from those whom He declares He does not know.

While we may not be so situated as to contact many of those whom we class as foreigners, as they may not live in our community, yet there are thousands of people here in America who do not talk or read our language. How hungry they must get to converse with those who can understand them! How gladly they would read anything that is printed in their native tongue, for printed matter is the next thing to friends.

Sabbath, February 10, there is to be taken an offering in all of our churches for the purpose of translating the third angel's message into the languages of the strangers that are within our gates. It is hoped that the offering may be a liberal one, and that all will contribute something for the Foreign Translation Fund, which will apply on our forty cents a week for missions.

J. F. PIPER.

"Signs" Interests

IN many different ways these days the seeds of truth are being planted, and the results are seen at times unexpectedly. The following note was recently written to the publishers of the *Signs of the Times* by a lady who lives in St. Joseph:

"Recently in a house into which I moved there were some old papers called *Signs of the Times*. They were dated June, 1931. I became interested in the reading of them, and would like to know if they are still published, and what the subscription price is. Please answer by return mail."

A few days ago Elder T. M. Langberg, pastor of the Omaha church, told of a request that had come to a woman who is attending his meetings. This woman, not an Adventist, has a sister in Billings, Mont., and this sister had asked the Salvation Army captain to recommend to her some good missionary literature. He told her that there is nothing better than the *Signs of the Times*. She wrote her sister at once in Omaha to get copies right away. Incidentally, the Omaha lady gives evidence of soon becoming a member of our church.

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Signs campaign, February 4-18.

North Dakota Department

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Burt, 2,657; Medina Village, 2,630; Minot, 2,556; Bottineau, 2,037; Napoleon, 2,000; Belfield, 1,766; Gackle, 1,440; Medina Country, 1,294; Streeter, 644; Williston, 428; Hazelton, 262; Butte Village, 251; Killdeer, 170. Junior societies: Dickinson, 3,921; Stanley, 1,674; Keene, 576; Cooperstown, 563; and Valley City, 44.

Nebraska Conference

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Appointments

ELDER W. W. Eastman, of Washington, D. C., who has been a General Conference worker for many years, and has seen our work in many countries, is to favor us with his help at the following places at the time specified:

February 11, Sunday, 7:30 P. M.,
Nebraska City.

February 12, Monday, 2:30 P. M.,
Beatrice.

February 12, Monday, 7:30 P. M.,
Fairbury.

February 13, Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.,
Ong.

February 13, Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.,
Hastings.

February 14, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.,
Grand Island.

February 15, Thursday, 9:30 A. M.,
Shelton Academy.

February 15, Thursday, 7:30 P. M.,
Kearney.

February 16, Friday, 2:30 P. M.,
Gothenburg.

February 16, Friday, 7:30 P. M.,
North Platte.

February 17, Sabbath, 11:00 A. M.,
Gering.

February 17, Sabbath, 2:30 P. M.,
Minatare.

February 18, Sunday, 2:30 P. M.,
Hemingford.

February 18, Sunday, 7:30 P. M.,
Alliance.

All our people within reach of these churches should plan to attend these meetings. Especially are our isolated people in these communities urged to come.
R. J. Roy.

Central Union Conference Statement of Forty-Cent-A-Week Fund for the Year 1933 (52 Weeks)

| | Member- ship | Amt. \$20.80 Per Member | Amount Received | Amount Short | Per Member 1933 | 1932 |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------|
| Colorado | 3399 | 70699.20 | 35211.83 | 35487.37 | .199 | .277 |
| Iowa | 2577 | 53601.60 | 26792.21 | 26809.39 | .200 | .242 |
| Kansas | 2584 | 53747.20 | 20686.50 | 33060.70 | .154 | .184 |
| Minnesota | 3365 | 69992.00 | 32688.61 | 37303.39 | .187 | .219 |
| Missouri | 2119 | 44075.20 | 20709.02 | 23366.18 | .188 | .239 |
| Nebraska | 2528 | 52582.40 | 27440.57 | 25141.83 | .209 | .251 |
| North Dakota | 2265 | 47112.00 | 14872.41 | 32239.59 | .126 | .139 |
| South Dakota | 1518 | 31574.40 | 14937.72 | 16636.68 | .189 | .238 |
| Wyoming | 350 | 7280.00 | 4846.07 | 2433.93 | .266 | .372 |
| Union | 20705 | 430664.00 | 198184.94 | 232479.06 | .184 | .228 |