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Elder Rulkoetter Elected President of Union College

By G. D. HAGSTOTZ

A. H. RULKOETTER was made president of Union College at a meeting of the college board of trustees Monday, March 14. The election came on the heels of

ministration at the University of Nebraska.

Before entering denominational work Elder Rulkoetter served for ten years as sales manager in Minnesota of the Universal Portland Cement Company, a branch of the United States Steel Corporation. Following his ordination to the gospel ministry he served as an evan-

gelist in the West Virginia Conference for three years. For seven years he occupied the position of chairman of the Bible department of the Maplewood Academy at Maple Plain, Minn. For three years he was pastor of the Minneapolis church, and for two years following he served as president of the Minnesota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Before coming to Lincoln three years ago he was president of the Kansas Conference for two years.

The new president will assume his new duties at the close of the present school year.



A. H. RULKOETTER

the acceptance of the resignation of Benjamin P. Hoffman, of Washington, D. C., who was chosen two weeks ago to succeed M. L. Andreasen, present head of the college. Professor Hoffman sent word from Washington giving ill health as the reason of his resignation.

Elder Rulkoetter has for the past three years been educational secretary of the Central Union Conference. He is a man of wide executive and educational experience and is therefore well qualified for his new position.

He received his A. B. degree from Union College, and for the past two years he has been pursuing graduate work in the department of school ad-

Our Literature Ministry

By J. L. McELHANY

IN THE day of final reckoning, when the records of eternity are made up, there will be one outstanding fact in evidence; and that will be the number of

souls saved as a result of the production and circulation of truth-filled literature. Undoubtedly the greatest single helper the living preacher has in the great work of soul winning is the use of the printed page. It is impossible to overestimate the value and far-reaching influence of the publications that expound the truths of God's word.

Comparatively few men are endowed with the gifts needed to qualify them to be great preachers and soul winners. But there are practically none who are not qualified to make some use of good, well-prepared literature, either in tract, periodical, magazine, or book form. By such use all may be soul winners.

The Lord has placed within the reach, and within the limitations and abilities of every believer, the greatest possibilities for service through the literature ministry. It does not require great genius, skill, or ability to circulate soul-saving literature. Many do possess the talents necessary to become efficient in literature evangelism, and if they will consecrate their talents to this work and secure the simple training necessary to make their work more successful, may become real soul winners.

Our message-filled magazines open a

What a Converted Man or Woman Will Do

Do you ever doubt your own Christian experience? Do such thoughts come into your mind as, Am I really converted? Am I a true Christian? Read the following:

"With anxious solicitude the one who is truly converted seeks to rescue those who are still in Satan's power. He refuses to do anything that would hinder him in his work." — "Testimonies," Volume 7, p. 10.

Be regular in family worship in the home, live the life of a true Christian, and sometimes take a child with you on your mission of mercy to a sick neighbor.

J. F. PIPER.

door of opportunity in soul winning to hundreds who ought to be consecrating their time and efforts to this work. The people of the world need to know the meaning of the terrible events now disturbing the nations of earth. The eternal salvation of countless thousands depends upon making known to them the meaning of these things. There has

never been a time when the need of bringing a knowledge of God's saving message to the people of the world has been so urgent as now.

Dear fellow-believer, will you join the ranks of those who by the use of our truth-filled literature will unite in gathering a harvest of souls for the soon-coming kingdom?

A Faithful Servant

By W. H. BERGERM

FOR many years the *Watchman* has served this denomination as one of our leading missionary publications. Since its beginning in 1901 it has brought the light of present truth into hundreds of thousands of homes, leading directly or indirectly perhaps hundreds of people to a saving knowledge of truth. During its earlier years the *Watchman* had no more staunch supporter than Sister White. She was often a contributor to its columns and at one time expressed her faith in its future work by saying, "It [the *Watchman*] will accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work in all parts of the world. Its field is wherever subscribers can be found for it."—*Southern Watchman*, February 7, 1905.

The publishers of this attractive magazine are now coming to us for our support in finding those subscribers. Surely such a work in behalf of a magazine that so ably sets before a bewildered world the meaning of the stirring events daily taking place about us appeals to all of us. Many, yes, hundreds and thousands of our laymen can

engage in the sale of single copies of the *Watchman* month by month. By devoting even an hour or two a day to this work, or a few hours of one day each week, the results would be astonishing, and the income of the individual engaged in the work would be materially augmented.

In the public libraries and reading rooms we have a field of missionary endeavor where the monthly visits of the *Watchman* can do excellent service. Many of our conferences have assumed the goal, and are endeavoring to place the *Watchman* in every library and reading room within their borders. Here is a work in which all can share.

We bespeak for the *Watchman* the wholehearted cooperation of all our churches. We trust that some in every church will be led to dedicate a portion of their time to the sale of this good magazine. There is no time to lose in which to warn the world. We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. Let us work together today, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Sunday school work. His daughter teaches the children and she has been using the *Little Friend*. And they are taking articles from the *Signs of the Times* and studying them in the adult class for their Sunday school lessons.

A few weeks ago we had a literature band on Sabbath afternoon, and we got ready for mailing to individuals about 1,200 tracts and papers. We are scattering literature like the leaves of autumn among these people. We could not do this if it were not for the cooperation of our faithful Adventist people who want to see the message go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. We can always use quantities of the *Signs of the Times*, *Our Little Friend*, and *The Youth's Instructor*; and if there are those who have a number of the small books lying on their shelves not being read, remember we can make good use of them here. We shall be glad to get any amount of good used clothing. We always have need for these things wherever we go. Any of the above mentioned articles will be greatly appreciated.

If there are those in the Central Union who would like to have names to which they could send literature and write missionary letters, we shall be glad to furnish them. A number in the Northern Union are doing this now with good results. We have met a number of Indian families of late who have received these letters and they appreciate them, although they are sometimes slow to reply.

Surely the time has come when this message should be given to the Indians of North America.

Indians Coming to the Light

By CALVIN D. SMITH

IT HAS been a long time since our people of the Central Union have heard of the advancement of the message among the Sioux Indians. Since last July I have had the privilege of baptizing twenty-three. Fifteen of these are Indians or part Indian. There are Indians keeping the Sabbath in five different places, covering a distance of about eighty miles.

Last fall I gave nine Bible studies to an Indian Congregational minister and

his congregation. We gave to these people literature that had been sent to us. We left there, and I wrote to him sending him more literature. After about two months I received a letter from him in which he stated that he believes in our doctrines. He says he wants to be baptized and join our church. Mrs. Smith and I have just visited this family again, and we have learned that they are using Seventh-day Adventist literature entirely in their

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Literature Brings Results

MANY times in conducting prayer meeting in a church where I am not well acquainted, I have called upon the church members to relate how they happened to first get acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists. Nothing is more thrilling and inspiring to me. The Modern Book of Acts is just as marvelous as the one written hundreds of years ago.

Without fail there is a large proportion of members who were first interested through reading our literature. The *Watchman* has played a major part in the advance movement in warning cities and hamlets of the approach of our Lord.

Let us be faithful watchmen, by distributing more *Watchman* magazines to those who are asking, "What of the night?"

E. L. BRANSON.



More "Watchman"—More Souls

WHAT are you doing to tell the message? You recognize that there is a great work to be done in a short time. Do not delay, it may be too late if you do! The Lord says, "Go work today." Some have gone into the vineyard and are having a most glorious and blessed experience in the work. Though some have answered the call, cannot you hear the Master still saying most earnestly: "The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few; pray the Lord of harvest to send more reapers."

The *Watchman* is winning souls everywhere it goes in the hands of these consecrated workers. People are awaking to the seriousness of the times and feel their need of something to guide them in these troublous times. The *Watchman* meets these needs because it is right to the point, right in price for all, and contains the truth. Yes, it is just the message of hope, comfort, and cheer to answer the longings of their hearts. Do not keep putting off going to your neighbors and friends. They need the message the *Watchman* contains, and you need the experience of winning souls. If you cannot sell hundreds and thou-

sands of copies, do not sit back and do nothing. Each month sell ten, thirty, or fifty, or take subscriptions in combination with a big book or the *Health*.

The combination plan has produced good results. Just one experience might suffice to show how it works. I delivered a large book with *Watchman* to a lady who greatly values the monthly visits of the *Watchman*. The book for a time was left on the shelf unread, but the magazines had kindled an interest. She let her neighbors read her copies until thirteen other families had become interested. Six months after the book was delivered her only daughter died and along came the *Watchman* to remind her of the book. The book was sought and read. She said that words could not describe the hope and consolation she found in reading the book and *Watchman*. In a most wonderful way she was led to the Seventh-day Adventist church, where she became a member and is now rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection and the second coming.

Experiences of this kind might be multiplied many times, but still the majority of Missouri's millions will go unwarned unless hundreds of lay members in our churches stir themselves to immediate action.

A special prospectus has just been prepared which has a fine presentation of another combination plan—*Health* and *Watchman*.

Truly God has blessed us with literature to present the message from every point of view. Brethren and sisters, old and young, get busy and do all you can with each monthly issue of *Watchman* and *Health*. Order magazines and supplies from the Missouri Book and Bible House and write to me for territory and selling instructions.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE.

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On With Increasing Success

THE colporteur work in Nebraska is going on with increasing success. Each day brings letters from our colporteurs with interesting experiences that they are having in the field. The following is a good sample:

"I was impressed to go into the court

house, down into the basement. While there I got down on my knees and prayed to God that I might place that nice little book, 'Return of Jesus,' in some home that day. While on my knees talking it over in silent prayer to God, a man walked up to me and said, 'What is the matter? What are you doing here?' I said, 'I am praying, talking it over with God.' The man said, 'Oh, I didn't know but what something was the matter with you. I am sorry I interrupted you.' Then I got up and there stood a man that I have known for years. I shook his hand. Then he said, 'What are you doing?' You may know I was not long in showing him my book, and I got his order and delivered the book to him right there, as I had one with me, so I with you know it pays to pray."—

L. E. Green.

R. J. THOMAS.



Watchman, What of the Night

A WAR never was and never will be won by purely defensive tactics. Only definitely offensive methods will win a battle or war. We are not on the defensive with the kingdom of darkness. We are not assuming the attitude of watchful waiting to see what the next move of the enemy will be. Our General anticipates every move of the evil one and carries the war to him in a great, well-planned, non-stopping, aggressive and ever-widening offensive of truth.

A war is made up of many battles. A series of successively victorious battles makes a victorious war. Every campaign that we carry on is another battle in the great war against the powers of darkness. We must be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. The next battle will be the *Watchman* campaign.

The *Watchman* is a remarkable magazine. It is put out in an artistic, classical, cultural, and spiritual set-up. It ought to be in every library, reading room, and home in America. The date of the *Watchman* campaign is March 26 to April 2.

One more battle, one more victory, one more blessing, and one more advance toward the kingdom! Be a faithful watchman by circulating the *Watchman*.

A. E. HAGEN,

Nebraska H. M. Secretary.

Omaha M. V. Rally

ATTENTION, Missionary Volunteers from Omaha, Fremont, Lincoln, College View, Decatur, Tekamah, Weeping Water, Nebraska City, and all isolated in those vicinities. An all-day M. V. rally will be held in the Omaha Memorial church on April 2. A good program is planned. Shelton Academy will furnish special music. Union College will present the evening program. Make your plans to stay and hear this. Elder R. J. Christian from the Central Union will be there. If you will come we will all meet at Memorial church, 27th and St. Marys Ave., Sabbath, April 2. Bring your lunch. A. J. REISIG.

Hemingford M. V. Rally

AN ALL-DAY Missionary Volunteer rally will be held at Hemingford, Nebr., Sabbath, March 26, in J. H. Apigian's lecture hall. A special meeting is planned for Friday night. All who can drive in are invited to be present Friday night.

We expect to see a large representation Sabbath from Alliance, Marsland, Chadron, Gordon, Crawford and all isolated living in the vicinity. The morning meeting begins at 9:45. Be sure and bring your lunch. There will be an evening program. A. J. REISIG.

Meetings in Northern District

BROTHER A. J. REISIG spent last week in the northern district, visiting some of the isolated young people. Two night meetings were held at Oakdale. A series of five meetings was held at Norfolk. The people turned out well to all these meetings and gave themselves anew to God in consecration. The young people showed their zeal by taking 1,200 "Truth for Youth" to use in working for other youth.

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Academy Choir Schedule

THE Enterprise Academy choir will again visit various churches in our territory this season in the interest of Christian education. Those who live in the

vicinity of these centers and all others who can make it possible to be present at these programs are cordially invited. You will enjoy every minute at these occasions. The choir will make its first appearance in western Kansas. Kindly take notice of the following schedule:

April 1—Shaffer, Friday, 8:00 p. m.

April 2—Nekoma, Sabbath, 11:00 a. m.

April 2—Bazine, Sabbath, 7:30 p. m.

R. R. NEWMAN.

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Colorado Springs

IT WAS my privilege to attend the opening service of another major evangelistic effort in our conference. Elder G. W. Hosford arrived in Colorado just a few weeks ago and opened up a large evangelistic effort in a good-size hall very centrally located in the city of Colorado Springs.

His opening service was on Saturday night, and the auditorium was quite crowded. Elder Hosford presented the subject of the Sino-Japanese War in a masterly way, and the meeting began in a very encouraging way. Brother Chester Wickwire had charge of the music and had a fine choir, well organized, and a splendid half-hour musical program was conducted before the services.

Eight young ladies acted as ushers. They were all dressed in white and helped to present a well organized and fine appearance. We are happy to have Elder Hosford in our field as an experienced pastor-evangelist, and we are very hopeful of reaping a splendid harvest from this first effort in Colorado Springs.

V. G. ANDERSON.

"Watchman" Week

THE "Watchman Week" is March 26 to April 2. The *Watchman Magazine* interprets the times and should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home. The subscription to our church members is only 60 cents a year. In bulk of ten or more copies coming to one address, the price is five cents a copy. We suggest that our churches and Sabbath schools take this matter up on Sabbath, March 26 and April 2, and encourage

as many as possible of the Sabbath school members to sell the *Watchman Magazine* for Sabbath school Investment. There is a double blessing by doing this: first, the *Watchman* and its influence in the homes; secondly, the money earned for Investment in order to carry the gospel to those who are in heathen darkness. In each Sabbath school there should be an Investment secretary, and we trust that each secretary will encourage all to take part in the *Watchman* plan.

On April 2 all our churches in the Colorado Conference are requested to help place the *Watchman Magazine* in all the libraries of the state. At present only 28 libraries have the *Watchman*. Fifty-eight libraries do not have the *Watchman* for the people to read. It is suggested that each church send in to the conference office an offering taken up on April 2, designated as "Watchman Library Fund." In order to supply all the libraries we should receive \$52 for the fund.

Every Seventh-day Adventist family should have the *Watchman* to read. Remember, what is good for us is also good for our neighbors to read. Give the *Watchman* a boost during "Watchman Week," March 26 to April 2.

L. G. JORGENSEN.

Revival Meetings at Delta

BROTHER S. B. OLNEY and the writer began a ten-day revival meeting at Delta, February 25. This effort was held primarily for our own people, but many friends interested in the message attended. It was obvious from the first that a spiritual need was felt on the part of the majority of the church membership. Studies were given that were intended to show our need of a deeper Christian life and the importance of maintaining it constantly.

The Bible and the Testimonies formed the basis of each study. "Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the Word of God, and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. . . . God calls for a revival and a reformation."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 266. "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek

this should be our first work."—*Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.*

Sabbath morning after Brother Olney had spoken of the tithing and the writer on the judgment, the entire church came forward in response to an altar call. It was a fine meeting.

Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church it was my privilege to administer the rite of baptism to eleven dear souls. Some of these were mature persons, who had found the Saviour dear to them. Pray for us on the Western Slope.

ROScoe T. BAER.

Effort at Longmont

WE ARE having splendid services here in Longmont. Our temple is filled every night to its capacity with men and women who are taking a keen interest in the third angel's message. We feel that the Lord is blessing us every night in the giving of the message of God.

The local church at Longmont and at Hygiene are giving their loyal support, and they are helping us in every way to put this campaign across in the city and community. The brethren were very loyal in helping us in the constructing of the temple, and I am sure that they are feeling well paid for their sacrifices as they find the city stirred by our lecture course.

We are looking forward to a good baptismal class by April 30, and to the balancing of the budget by May 15. This all will be possible with the help of the Lord and through the prayers of His people and the full consecration of the evangelistic party to God.

A. A. LEISKE.

A Good Periodical

THE *Watchman* has a message that will stimulate the spirituality of any reader. It is written in excellent language and will improve one's vocabulary. It points out prophetic facts that will interest even an infidel, and it fits the reader to help others see Bible truths. It interests business men. It interests young people because of its spicy articles and excellent illustrations. Any home will be benefited by having this wonderful piece of literature. It makes an excellent present for those whom we hope to interest or who have some interest in the message.

It is a wonderfully good publication to sell our friends and neighbors, to

work among the business men in our cities and towns. The Colorado Conference needs more Christian women to represent the *Watchman*. This will enable them to do missionary work, to earn a nice commission for their time spent working, and to gain a blessing for themselves.

C. M. NORMAN,

Field Sec. Colorado Conf.

To Colorado and Wyoming Youth

ALL Colorado and Wyoming young people will be pleased to know that we are planning one of the best and largest youth's congresses ever held in the state of Colorado.

The congress will convene at Pine Crest Camp, located one mile southwest of Palmer Lake. The congress will open on the evening of July 13 and continue until July 18. We are making big plans for a successful meeting, and trust that hundreds of young people will avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity of getting together for a few days to study ways and means of quickly finishing this message, and also to enjoy good Christian fellowship.

More information will come to you through your society leaders in the very near future.

R. R. BIETZ.

Many Children Not Attending Our Schools

THE other day a junior boy who had been attending public school came to his parents and begged for permission to discontinue the public school and to attend the church school. He did not want to continue where he was, because they were teaching much that was contrary to that which he learned in Sabbath school and at home. I am wondering how many Colorado boys and girls are in similar circumstances. Surely if the boys and girls see the alarming conditions there is no excuse for parents not to awake and do everything in their power to get every boy and girl into a church school. There are still hundreds who are not attending our own schools. Will these have to continue in the schools of the world until it is too late to attend the schools the Lord has ordained? There are still quite a number of churches where no church school is functioning. Why not plan now to have a school next school term? If the

conference educational secretary can be of any help, let him know. He will be glad to assist in every possible way.

R. R. BIETZ,

Ed. Sec. Colorado Conference.

Encouraging Outlook

WE ARE very happy to report three new workers in the field for the publishing department. We also welcome again Frank Mayer and Mrs. Storey, who have not had a report for several weeks.

Our outlook for 1938 is very bright, showing good gains in both January and February. As much was sold in the first two weeks as for all of March, 1937.

People, who are not Adventists, are writing in telling us that some relatives bought a book that they very much enjoyed, and that they would like to have a copy for their own. Others are asking for other books besides those they have bought. The Lord has greatly blessed us, and we thank the faithful colporteurs for their faithful service. All Colorado has to report for the publishing department is courage.

C. M. NORMAN.

Campion and Denver Youth's Meetings

THE youth's mass meetings held at Campion and Denver recently were a remarkable success. The attendance on both occasions was very good. We trust that it will be possible for us to have similar gatherings in the future.

The Union College male quartet gave splendid programs at both places. These were enjoyed by all young people present. Professor Habenicht also gave valuable instruction to our young people. We welcome these Unionites back to Colorado again.

We believe as a result of these meetings, a greater interest is being manifested in the Missionary Volunteer movement, especially in its educational phase.

R. R. BIETZ,

M. V. Secretary.

Wyoming Mission

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An Invitation to the Youth

GOOD news for all Wyoming juniors and young people! You will be very

pleased to know that the Colorado Conference is planning a junior training camp to be held at Palmer Lake, July 4-13. We are also making definite plans for a youth's congress to be held at the same place July 13-18. We are giving a hearty invitation to all juniors and young people to attend these gatherings. This will be the sixth junior camp and the fifth youth's congress in Colorado, and they become more profitable every year. We will be happy to see your smiling faces, Wyoming Volunteers. If you want more information about these two gatherings write to R. R. Bietz, 1081 Marion, Denver, Colo. R. R. BIETZ, Colorado M. V. Secretary.



Southeastern Wyoming

RECENTLY I made a trip to the southeastern part of the field in the interest of colporteur work and missionary endeavor. I spoke to the Cheyenne church Sabbath, March 5. There was a good attendance. The following day was spent in visiting the members of that vicinity in the interest of the *Signs* and several subscriptions were taken.

Two profitable days were spent in Laramie visiting the members there. A meeting was held Monday night in the home of Mr. Brown, when the literature work was stressed. They ordered a quantity of literature for distribution. On Wednesday I visited the Sabbath school members in Rawlins. I found quite a number ready to take a subscription to the *Signs*. There is a real interest here in our message, and it was a real pleasure to go with Sister Rasmussen to each home. There is a need for a worker to work in this city which, to all appearances, would be a fruitful place. Let us remember our fellow believers in prayer that God will use us in bringing the message to those who shall be heirs of salvation.

L. E. LOOMER.



Casper Sabbath School Conference

SABBATH afternoon, March 12, a Sabbath school conference was held at the Casper church. A goodly number were present for this meeting. The topics presented were well given and we believe will strengthen our Sabbath school in Casper.

Brethren Mathers and Hagen presented to us the soul-winning agency the Sabbath school should be—the only purpose for the existence of the Sabbath school. The importance of the Sabbath school in the lives of our children and the great part the parents have in working with the Sabbath school were brought to us in talks by Sisters Meyers and Groulik. The work of the superintendent was discussed by an experienced Sabbath school workers, Sister Souders.

We were made to realize the great part and importance of our Sabbath school goals and the ability to reach them by Sisters Davis and Barker. Sister Gove told us the place the Home Division holds and the able part it plays in building up and strengthening our work.

The special music was much enjoyed and we feel the meeting was worth while.

MRS. M. E. HAGEN.



Wyoming News Notes

ELDER E. H. MEYERS and Brother M. E. Hagen visited some of the believers at Kaycee and Buffalo as they journeyed up to Sheridan recently. The purpose of the visit in Sheridan was to consider plans to begin the work on the church as soon as weather permits. According to word from Elder Senecal, excavating was finished by March 18.

Orders for missionary literature have come from Powell, Sheridan, Rawlins, Laramie, and Cheyenne during the past week, in addition to further orders from Rock Springs. This is surely following the command of our Leader to "Go ye," and will result in a spiritual blessing as we engage in it.

Elder Meyers was at Newcastle on Sabbath, March 12, and left from there to attend a meeting of the Union College board at Lincoln.

We hope that it will be possible for all to attend some Sabbath school on March 26, the thirteenth Sabbath. We look forward to a goodly offering in behalf of our missionary activities in the islands we have heard about during the first quarter. Our offerings show a decrease of \$31.25 for February as compared to last year and this will be an opportunity for us to make this up.

The orders coming to us for our good books are appreciated, and as a result we show an increase over last year. We

are passing out through the medium of the *Sabbath School Quarterly* a broadside which features a number of the new books coming from the press. We shall be happy to serve your needs for any item listed on this circular.

Two of our magazines are being sold in Casper; the *Message Magazine* by Mrs. Fletcher and *Life and Health* by Charlotte Fischer. They find that these papers are readily sold. Others should do a similar work in other cities of Wyoming.

The time allotted to the special *Signs* campaign is about over and we would urge isolated members and missionary secretaries to get their orders in the mail as soon as possible. The special price of \$1.35 for single subscriptions expires early in April.

L. E. Loomer and family spent Sabbath, March 12, with the Moore Springs Sabbath school.

"Celestial Visitors"

YOUR worries and fears will be over when you have the fellowship of these heavenly messengers. The ministration of angels is a truth most comforting and precious to every follower of Christ.

Do you appreciate the presence of angels to guide you in all you do? Then you will appreciate this new book by Elder C. G. Bellah. It is helpful to old and young, sick and well, rich and poor. It is a book that you will treasure for its uplifting, daily inspiration. It has 239 pages, cloth, \$2.00. Send for your copy today at your Book and Bible House.



"What Is a Gentleman?"

HERE is the biggest amount of personality advice to men—young and old, minister and layman, that we have seen for a long while—and all for ten cents.

Not primarily an etiquette book, but what a *Christian* should be at all times and in all places.

So, men and women, if you do not find many times the cost of this little Pocket Companion Series number in its value to you, return it and your money will be refunded. Write your Book and Bible House.

"Present Truth" for April

No. 55: Second Coming of Christ, the Only Hope for a Lost World.

No. 56: What It Means to Be a Christian.

Present Truth is the least expensive missionary literature available published in periodical form. In every issue some phase of the story of salvation is brought out in a new and attractive way. Only in a periodical issued at frequent intervals can today's happenings be presented in their most impressive setting. In *Present Truth* the discussion of current events and Bible doctrines is skilfully interwoven, causing its readers to long for a home in the earth made new where war, distress, and perplexity are no more.

Send a complete series of twenty-four issues to friends and relatives for only 35 cents a year, three subscriptions for \$1.00. (District of Columbia, Canada, and foreign, 60 cents each.)

While the supply lasts, a copy of the beautiful Morning Watch Calendar for 1938 will be sent free when requested with each *Present Truth* subscription. Send a list of names to your Book and Bible House and have the satisfaction of doing this splendid missionary work.



Medical Convention

ON the week-end of April 15, 16, 17 there will be a medical council held at Boulder for all the Seventh-day Adventist physicians. Should any fail to receive a personal invitation, come anyway, for all are invited. Dr. Walton and Elder McElhany, of the General Conference, are expected to be at this medical council.



COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1938

NEBRASKA: R. J. Thomas, Sec.

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Ger. Auxier	OWB	33	7.20	10.10
L. A. Baughman	BR	42	29.50	1.25
C. C. Clement	OWB	42	2.15	1.75
L. A. Coe	OWB	33	1.90	
F. L. Cushing			3.00	1.50
L. E. Green	RJ	40	15.25	5.00
Mrs. Green	OWB	23	1.25	1.00
Nellie Green	OWB	40	15.45	.25
H. J. Higby	BR	31	10.40	4.65
Abel Larson	OWB	18	12.75	7.75
Marg. Layman	OWB	32	.75	
Vivian Layman	H	65	13.10	1.05
John Malone	GC	25	23.00	3.25
E. D. Massey	OWB	42	18.00	

J. A. Nickell	Mag	40	7.00	5.50
Doro. Parsons	OWB	34	17.30	3.80
Louise Reid	OWB	20	9.15	12.50
R. J. Thomas			75.00	75.00
Mary Wilkins	OWB	13	2.15	
		575	264.30	134.35

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W. P. Fairchild	Misc	38	2.10	1.00
O. Lunt	Misc		27.00	27.30
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John Ogren	RJ	40	17.00	1.75
P. Shakespeare	WB		15.20	15.20
C. D. Saxton	BL	35	14.25	6.40
Delmar Saxton	BL	32	4.75	11.50
Eloise Stanfield	WB	45	20.30	10.40
Lonnie Thompson	GC	19	19.00	
Della Vincent	BR	3	7.25	2.00
Thomas Whitsett	BR	36	15.75	6.75
Mrs. A. Myers	Mag	23	15.90	15.90
Mrs. Tompkins	Mag		5.50	5.50
Mrs. H. Todd	Mag		20.00	20.00
		320	228.65	137.40

COLORADO: C. M. Norman, Sec.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
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Anna S. Hayer	Mag	34	13.95	5.10
Mrs. L. Darling	WB	33	32.20	12.70
Helen Brown	H	33	5.25	7.05
Mil. Kneeland	H	33	17.55	7.50
H. R. Prentice	BL	28	12.25	
Don Rees	WB	28	37.50	
Frank Mayer	H	16	17.05	9.55
F. Williamson	H	6	4.50	1.50
Juliet Hartz	Misc	1	1.00	1.00
Mrs. L. Storey	RJ	1	17.75	23.25
C. M. Norman	BR	1	18.25	8.25
		255	220.15	87.45

KANSAS: E. F. Coy, Sec.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
Edith Dickerson	Mag	31	.30	.30
Mrs. Gardner	Mag	16	11.20	11.20
Ramey Good	H	40	28.25	6.25
Evelyn Gossen	BR	31	6.50	3.00
Blan. Griffith	OWB	33	17.90	4.90
W. E. Helt	PP	40	24.75	
John M. Norris	GC	19	5.75	.50
Geo. E. Oblander	PP	35	16.25	.50
Doro. Perkins	Mag	37	21.10	21.10
Howard Quick	BR	17	13.50	.25
Nerene Stevens	BR	33	4.00	.50
		332	149.50	48.50

WYOMING: L. E. Loomer, Sec.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
Charlotte Fisher	LH		1.40	1.40
Mrs. Kingman	OWB	19	12.10	11.40
C. B. Loomer	RJ	40	41.50	13.75
Mrs. Loomer	OWB	17	13.65	.25
Miscellaneous			6.75	6.75
Lois West	RJ	32	11.50	8.75
		108	86.90	68.30
Grand totals		1590	949.50	476.00

Obituaries

ROGERS.—Wm. H. Rogers was born in Itasca, N. Y., 1866, and passed away at

Kingman, Kans., April 12, 1938, at the age of 71 years, 11 months. He came to Kansas with his family in 1884, living on a claim near Spivey; later he went to Pennsylvania, but returned to Kansas where he was married to Miss Eva Pankratz, of Canton, in 1921. Three sons were born, Walter, Charles, and Wilbur. Walter preceded the father in death.

Through the faithful efforts of his wife Mr. Rogers gave his heart and life to God and died in the hope of the first resurrection. Besides his wife and two sons a large circle of relatives and friends mourn his passing.

The funeral was well attended; the interment took place at Cleveland, Kans.

N. J. Aalborg.

DAVIE.—Mrs. Nellie Oranhood-Davie was born at Clinton, Ill., April 11, 1876. On May 14, 1914, she was united in marriage to John Davie, and has been a resident of Durango, Colo., for the past thirty years. Mrs. Davie joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in Durango, June 12, 1913, and was a devoted Christian. She died in Durango, March 8, 1938, and now sleeps to await the call of Jesus at the resurrection. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

J. B. Carter.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Right away, middle aged Adventist woman to keep house for two old people. Modern house, except heat. Steady place. \$3.00 a week. Good room and board. State in letter age and health and when could come. James Mefford, Red Cloud, Nebr. 11, 2

For Immediate Sale, BATH AND MASSAGE INSTITUTE in a large city in the middle west. Flourishing business. Good clientele. Owned and operated by Seventh-day Adventists eight years. Can be operated by a couple or ladies only. No state board required. Price, \$1,600.00. Terms may be arranged. For information write: "Massage Institute," care Illinois Conference, Box 29, Brookfield, Ill.

WORK WANTED.—Married man; some experience farming and linen supply truck. Anything considered. Location near Adventist church and school desired if possible. T. H. Parsons, Chloride, Mo.

FOR RENT.—Six room house, barn, garage, chicken houses, three wells, two to five acres for garden, near Columbus, Nebr. Reasonable rent to S. D. A. family. Can exchange farm labor for rent if desired. Mrs. Edward J. Hecker, Rt. 1, Shelby, Nebr.

FOR SALE.—Dunfield Soy Beans, health foods, brown rice, peanut oil, California tree-ripe fruits. The Soya Store, 4728 Prescott Ave., Lincoln, Nebr.

WANTED.—A place on farm for fatherless boy of 15 for the summer. Inquire of or address Mrs. Alfred Gourly, 4546 Bancroft St., Lincoln, Nebr.

Seventh-day Adventist, age 17, wants work on farm with believers. LeRoy Morris, Route 9, Topeka, Kans.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, March 25, 1938

Denver, Colorado 6:17
Topeka, Kansas 6:39
Jefferson City, Missouri 6:16
Lincoln, Nebraska 6:44
Casper, Wyoming 6:24

Medical Missionary Day

SABBATH, April 2, is designated by the General Conference as Medical Missionary Day. It is hoped that the program as outlined in the *Church Officers' Gazette* will be carried out by the officers of our churches throughout the Central Union.

Truly, there is no subject that concerns more people, both Seventh-day Adventists and those of the world, than health. We ought to do everything we can to acquaint ourselves with how health may be retained. We should converse with our sick neighbors and friends, telling them of the wonderful things that God has revealed to us as a people through His servant, and the wonderful methods that have been developed through our sanitariums and our doctors for the restoration of the sick. Does not the apostle say, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"?

Our CENTRAL UNION REAPER dated April 5 will be a special issue in regard to the subject of health. Read it, and act upon the suggestions.

J. F. PIPER.



To Seventh-day Adventist Doctors in the Central Union Conference

THE conferences of the Central Union desire to become better acquainted and in position to be more cooperative with all

Seventh-day Adventist physicians who are practicing within the boundaries of the five states of this union. Therefore, we are issuing an invitation to such to attend a medical council at the Boulder Sanitarium, April 15-17. No doubt the president of your conference will write you direct, but if for any reason your name should be overlooked, we want you and all doctors to understand that you are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

We are promised some very excellent General Conference help; also some will be there from the College of Medical Evangelists. We anticipate a very interesting meeting. So we hope to see every Seventh-day Adventist doctor within our boundaries at this coming council at the Boulder Sanitarium, April 15 to 17.

J. F. PIPER.



An Appreciative Word

I HAVE been an interested reader of the *Watchman* and have been deeply impressed with the care and ingenuity that has characterized its editorial work. It is a magazine that readily appeals to the reading public, and I believe that our people would be well advised to use it as a missionary journal. More of our young people could use it to advantage as a sales medium, for its attractive illustrations and appealing articles invite the attention of the reading public, and it can be used to most excellent advantage by the rank and file of our people as an agency for soul-winning. The extraordinary developments of these times are causing people to wonder what it is all about, and the *Watchman* gives them a definite answer. The *Watchman* editors are to be congratulated on the quality of the magazine which they issue. May success continue to attend the work of this splendid publication.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Porter Sanitarium Notes

THE Week of Prayer was observed here with meetings led by several of the workers. Mrs. Burroughs, Mr. Rolf, Mr. Dunkin, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Beckner, and Mr. Paulson led out in these helpful services.

On March 10, Thursday evening, the dietitians, chefs, and cooks, and Mr. R. J. Brown, and Mr. Whitfield from the Boulder and Porter Sanitariums had dinner in the dining room at the Boulder Sanitarium. The purpose of the meeting was for the formation of the Boulder-Porter Better Food and Service Council. The aim of this council is to find new and better recipes, new foods, and to improve our food service in many important and helpful ways.



Boulder Sanitarium Notes

THE Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium Alumnae were entertained at a buffet supper in the Nurses' Home Thursday evening, March 17. A goodly number of the old "grads" came in for the occasion.

We were happy to include among sanitarium guests over the week-end Elder and Mrs. R. R. Bietz, Elder and Mrs. V. G. Anderson and son, Elder and Mrs. Jorgensen and son, of Denver; Elder Leiske, and Brother and Sister Harold Turner, of Longmont.

Elder and Mrs. J. F. Piper recently spent some time at the sanitarium. Elder Piper had a medical check-up.

Mrs. Lester Snyder has been ill during the past week and confined to the sanitarium for the last few days. Mrs. Snyder is the wife of our baker at the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Barton, of Boulder, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday, February 27. Mrs. Barton was formerly Alice Cox, graduate of the Boulder School of Nursing in 1931.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF FORTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR TWO MONTHS (NINE WEEKS) ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1938

Conference	Membership	Amt. \$3.60 per Mem.	Amount Rec'd	Amount Short	Per Member 1938	Per Member 1937
Colorado	4050	\$14580.00	\$ 7624.24	\$ 6955.76	.209	.113
Kansas	3074	11066.40	2115.76	8950.64	.076	.065
Missouri	2851	10263.60	2389.55	7874.05	.093	.091
Nebraska	3046	10965.60	2227.20	8738.40	.081	.091
Wyoming	571	2055.60	772.82	1282.78	.150	.099
Totals	13592	\$48931.20	\$15129.57	\$33801.63	.124	.092

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Of Major Importance.—"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 390.

Advantage of Yearly Subscriptions.—"A mistake has been made in soliciting subscriptions for our periodicals for only a few weeks, when by a proper effort much longer subscriptions might have been obtained. One yearly subscription is of more value than many for a short time. When the paper is taken for only a few months, the interest often ends with the short subscription. Few renew their subscriptions for a

longer period, and thus there is a large outlay of time that brings small returns, when with a little more tact and perseverance, yearly subscriptions might have been obtained."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 399.

The Watchman—Its Place in the Work.—"THE WATCHMAN is to have a place in the field at large. It bears the message of truth as verily as do *The Review* and *The Signs of the Times*. It will accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work in all parts of the world. Its field is wherever subscribers can be found for it."—*Special Testimonies, Book A.*

Work in Day of God's Preparation.—"There is a great work to be done in the day of God's preparation, in devising and executing plans for the advancement of His cause. Our publications should have a wide circulation; for they are doing a great work."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 600.

Portentous Events



About present times the servant of the Lord has written: "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."—"Testimonies," Volume 9, page 14. It has been predicted by the noted Colonel E. M. House, the former confidential adviser of Woodrow Wilson, that in this coming universal conflict the United States will assume war leadership. And that reflection brings us to the realization that perhaps the most significant signs for the church in America are those which we see appearing right here in our homeland. "We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude."—"Testimonies," Volume 9, page 11.

What better could illustrate the assertions concerning "the unsettled state of society" than the observation that, despite the efforts of the G-men to improve conditions, we still have an underworld army of 4,300,000 criminals. I quote again: "Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails."—*Ibid.* Years ago I used to marvel at the statement: "Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of . . . little children," but no one can sit at the editor's desk and see the parade of pictures of sex criminals who attack little children, which are sent in by the commercial photographers every week, and fail to be startled into

the realization that here is a direct fulfillment of a definite though heretofore unexplainable statement made when such crimes were practically unknown.

Ninety millions of our population attend the movies each week, the films of most of which are not pitched above the age of the moron. In addition, 70,000 amateur groups are entertaining the public. When ancient Rome could no longer be entertained, that government collapsed, for society had already bogged down.

During the year 1937, 4,017 strikes occurred. These cost the country a total of \$5,000,000,000, or added between \$160 and \$175 to the maintenance cost of each family in the United States last year. Nothing like such frequency has ever before occurred. We have never even approximated such a large number of strikes, and despite the fact that our government has been more friendly to labor than any before elected to office, the solution of the problem confronting capital and labor is as distant as at any time in the past; for concerning our national officials' efforts the Lord has said: "They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis."—*Id.*, page 13. "Through the working of trusts and the results of labor unions and strikes, the conditions of life in the cities are constantly becoming more and more difficult."—*Id.*, page 90. No wonder then that we have a recession! No wonder that the last survey discloses more than 10,000,000 unemployed, and the assertion has gone unchallenged that we have as large an army of unemployed as we had five years ago.

Can we turn to the nominal church for help at such a time? Let us quote

again from the servant of the Lord: "Even the church, which should be the pillar and ground of the truth, is found encouraging a selfish love of pleasure. When money is raised for religious purposes, to what means do many churches resort?—To bazaars, suppers, fancy fairs, even to lotteries and like devices."—*Id.*, page 91. That these things are seen in the church today needs no proof, and lotteries have become so popular that the public conscience no longer reacts unfavorably against gambling. In fact, one great religious weekly has said: "America is afflicted with a mania for gambling such as has not previously existed in this country except in the mining camps of frontier days." It then goes on to point out that the church has a definite responsibility for this condition, and cites the arrest of a prominent clergyman for misuse of the mails in promoting his "Miraculous Medal as a bait for his garden stakes." A great Catholic weekly suggests that these conditions arise from "piffling preaching," which would be corrected by a return to the Holy Scriptures. Surely Protestants should not be outdone in the advocacy of Bible teaching by their Catholic brethren.

There are those who believe that moral decadence will be corrected by religious legislation. Doubtless this occasioned the introduction of three dangerous bills into the Congress of the United States during this session,—bills which threaten the overthrow of the sacred liberties of the American people. The reform calendar with its blank days has been offered, despite the fact that it has just been rejected by the League of Nations. No Seventh-day Adventist need be told the dangers inherent in this bill which must almost insure the loss of the continuity of the weekly cycle and the identity of the seventh-day Sabbath. Another bill imposes a fine of \$5,000 or two years' imprisonment upon anyone who advocates or teaches principles of government based in whole or in part upon opposition to or discrimination against individuals of any particular race or religious creed.

The third bill would prohibit, under penalty of a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years, the sending of any "papers, pamphlets, books, pictures and writings designed or adapted, or intended to cause, racial or religious hatred, or bigotry, or intolerance."

While all three bills are dangerous, the last two most definitely abridge both civil and religious freedom. Should either of these pass, freedom of the press, of speech, and of soul would be at an end.



Perhaps all these bills will be defeated. Seventh-day Adventists should pray and work to this end, but some day some such bill is going to pass, which will make it a criminal offense not only to print literature which by bigots will be declared to be "intended to cause racial or religious hatred, or bigotry or intolerance," but to pay for the printing of such literature, to belong to an organization that prints or pays for the printing of such literature, or to sell or distribute such literature. Strangely, one of these bills singles out the native-born citizen. According to its provisions, an alien or a naturalized citizen would not be affected. The naturalized citizen or the alien could print and circulate anything that he pleased, but only those native born, who have descended from those who founded here a nation without a king and church without a pope, would be affected by its provisions.





Controversy," page 587. Crimes of the most revolting character will be laid at our door because we do not favor religious laws. The rapid changes seen in America offer us no assurance that years must pass before such intolerance will be seen here. Certain it is that our publishing houses will be the objects of attack when that day arrives. Our literature will be proscribed, and those who offer it for sale or free distribution will be arrested and imprisoned. By

such omens of a terrible day should we be admonished to put forth greater efforts than ever in the distribution of our message-filled literature. By these developments would we urge that you make WATCHMAN-MESSAGE Day all that it should be to you and your church, and that you make possible the wide circulation of the message-filled pages of these magazines among your neighbors and friends.

JAMES EARL SHULTZ, *Editor*

“And after these things . . . The earth was lighted”



The opening phrase and practically the last words of Revelation 18: 1 attract our attention. For long years Seventh-day Adventists have believed that this verse provides the prophetic setting for the greatest religious awakening of modern times, the loud cry of the third angel's message.

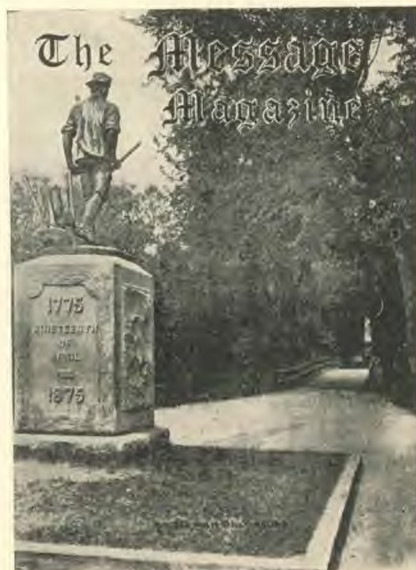
It takes no more than a casual survey of the happenings among the nations of earth at this present moment to convince us that the time of trouble is right upon us, and that we are near the end. Racial and international animosities fanned to feverish heat, military preparations of gigantic proportions in prospect of another universal cataclysm, nations moving rapidly within the shadow of dictatorial and despotic leadership of unprecedented severity, both civil and religious liberty slowly being strangled under the rising tide of despotism,—all these crises of human origin and devising combine to complete the tragic picture portraying the final collapse of human civilization.

With this side of the picture we are all too familiar, and for present purposes we find a desirable source of comfort and cheer in the other aspect of the story. “And after these things . . . the earth was lighted with his glory”—the glory of God. To the faithful, believing child of God there is a marvelous significance attached to this inspired expression. Long years ago, in one of her first visions, the servant of the Lord saw this great awakening in all its glory, and presented it in the following words: “At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.”—*Early Writings*, p. 27.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are moving into the scenes of the last act of the drama of earthly affairs. “The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock, and view the glory of God. The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn.” — *“Testimonies,”* Vol. 9, p. 231.

In this inspired comment the setting of the stage presents two important considerations. On the one side is Satan “bringing in his masterly power”; and on the other side our smaller message-filled publications, “scattered like the leaves of autumn,” will “call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock.” And this brings us to a brief analysis of an essential act in this

Well will it be if our people are definitely aroused by the provisions of these bills which directly threaten our most sacred rights. Sooner or later a Sunday law is going to be enacted. Then will the character of the dragon mentioned in Revelation 13 be manifest in a nation founded upon and dedicated to the principles of civil and religious freedom. Opposition voiced or published against such Sunday laws will render one subject to the penalties of such a bill as the foregoing, and the public conscience will be inflamed to inflict its penalties by charges of bigotry directed against us by the clergy. Notice the following: “Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called ‘Christian sabbath,’ and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society.”—*“Great*



great closing drama: utilizing our literature to reach the masses with the truth of God.

Practically thirty years have passed since a very definite message came to this people from One who spoke with authority, urging that our publishing brethren in Nashville begin to print a journal that would present our distinctive doctrines to the masses in every section of the country. Answering that inspired counsel THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE soon made its appearance, and has continued its onward march through the years as a full-message journal of unique distinction. Following this excellent missionary adventure, and in answer to an urgent need of something of a similar nature for the colored race, THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE entered the field less than four years ago, and during this short span of its existence has created an enthusiastic response in every direction of the compass. During the past two years alone there has been an average of practically one hundred copies of these full-message journals placed in the hands of judgment-bound souls every hour of time, day and night. In this, as in other great adventures in the proclamation of the third angel's message, we are constrained to exclaim: "What hath God wrought!"

THE TRAIL OF SOUL-WINNING CONQUEST

One of our home missionary workers in New York state recently related the following experience: "In my work from door to door I met a Mrs. Blank, whose grandmother was a devoted Adventist. As soon as she learned I was a Seventh-day Adventist she immediately asked for a copy of THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE, as she remembered her grandmother was a regular subscriber. I was glad to have a copy of the current issue, which I placed in her hands. Discovering she was interested in the truth, I endeavored to cultivate this interest by delivering a copy of THE WATCHMAN to her each month. She seemed much interested in the state of the dead, since a member of the family had joined the Spiritualists. Naturally she was anxious to learn all about this subject in order that she might be able to dissuade her relative from falling a victim to this great deception. I studied this subject with her briefly, and invited the entire family to attend one of the lectures on the subject by our pastor. They attended the meetings faithfully, and finally began to attend the special Bible study each Monday night. I visited the family recently, and found they had subscribed for THE WATCHMAN, and that they had

been paying tithe for some time. On a recent Sabbath four members of the family, including the mother and her daughters, were buried with their Lord in baptism. The father, an ardent reader of THE WATCHMAN, was present at the service. He was a theatrical manager for a number of years, but is now very much interested in the truth."

In similar vein, stories of thrilling adventure with THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE come to our attention from time to time. Only recently one of our faithful sisters in St. Louis, who has been doing most commendable work with THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE, sold two copies to a pullman porter at the Union station one morning. He took one copy with him to his lodging place, and left the other with the wife of a Baptist minister next door, who received and read it most graciously. A few days later the minister inquired of the porter from whom he received the copy where he could subscribe for it for an entire year. The minister stated that he had preached from the magazine with practically no changes in the material.

Time and space forbid an extensive rehearsal of a wealth of experiences with our full-message journals constantly flooding our office from every section of the country. It is sufficient for us to say that, in a unique sense, these journals have been ordained of God to occupy an essential place in the closing drama which will lighten the earth with the glory of God. This is evidenced, not only by unusual circulation records, but also the soul-winning results that follow along the trail of our WATCHMAN and MESSAGE magazines.

The times call to a prayerful consideration of some factors that will open

before you a door of opportunity for more fruitful soul winning.

1. *Subscribe for The Watchman or Message Magazine* for yourself and those for whom you are burdened. A careful perusal of the journal of your choice for an entire year will keep you in touch with the world situation in the prophetic mold, and will also provide an excellent and effective approach to individuals on your prayer list. A special subscription rate is now available. (WATCHMAN, 60c a year, or 3 yearly subscriptions for \$1.50; MESSAGE, 35c a year, or 3 yearly subscriptions for \$1.00.)

2. *Make a liberal contribution* to an offering during this special week, March 26 to April 2, to be used by your conference in placing THE WATCHMAN and MESSAGE magazines in the public libraries for an entire year. Thousands frequenting the reading rooms of these institutions will thus have access to these full-message journals.

3. *Dedicate your talent* to the work of selling WATCHMAN or MESSAGE MAGAZINES in your community. If you cannot devote all your time to this inspiring type of literature ministry, endeavor to spend at least a few hours each week selling or taking subscriptions for the magazine of your choice. Thus you will be making your happy contribution to the finishing of the work of God.

Let us determine to avail ourselves of the appeals of this special Watchman Week, and to utilize the facilities thus provided in our full-message magazines to direct anxious truth-seekers to our wonderful faith,—earth's most alluring hope amidst the tragic scenes of this mighty hour.

H. K. CHRISTMAN,
Circulation Manager

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Please send me information concerning WATCHMAN (MESSAGE) worker's rates, selling instructions, territory, etc. I desire to devote at least hours each week to this work.

Name.....

Address.....