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## They Are Here

ALFRED W. PETERSON

*General Secretary, Young People's Department, General Conference.*

The prophet Paul, with his eyes upon our times, wrote: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Tim. 3:1. The perilous times are here. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover recently said:

"The criminal ranks of America, already going into action against you and your children, are being reinforced by juvenile delinquents who are coming of age. They are the neglected sons and daughters, in many cases of parents who worked for four years in war production plants in congested industrial centers. Some are the pampered and irresponsible victims of too progressive educational systems."

That danger to us and to our young people is real. In the United States today there is an army of six million criminals—one criminal for every twenty-three inhabitants of the nation, according to Mr. Hoover. He goes on to say that more boys and girls 17 years of age are being arrested than in any other age group. There has been an increase of 198% in the arrests of girls under 18 years of age since the last peacetime year of 1939. The arrests of 18-year-old boys have increased enormously. He says further:

"It is true that a crime wave usually follows every war, but this one we face today may engulf us with unprecedented rapidity and magnitude because of some new factors in our social life."

Some of the factors directly and indirectly responsible for this general condition might be numerated as follows: magazines and movies which glorify crime, liquor, gambling, political corruption which weakens law enforcement, protection of criminals, and congested living quarters and broken homes.

No parent or church officer ought to comfort himself with the thought that his children are not in danger. The after influences of this war are reaching into every hamlet and home in the country in a greater or lesser degree. The times are crucial. If the problems of youth were ever the problems of the church, it is

now. If the church is to remain strong it must keep its young people strong. The only wholly satisfactory remedy for what is engulfing society, and which must influence more or less every young person of the church, is conversion—surrender to Christ.

This Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer, March 9-16, therefore is crucial. It is one of the most important spring Weeks of Prayer that the church has ever held. Every church board should lay definite plans to reach every boy and girl connected with every family of the church. A series of revival meetings should be conducted in every church in behalf of its young people. Let the church throw its arms about its youth. The young people in our smaller churches need this Week of Prayer as much or more perhaps than the young people in larger churches where strong pastors are regularly in charge.

There will be many churches which will not be blessed with the ministry of a conference worker, but this should not hinder the holding of meetings during Missionary Volunteer Week. The March *Church Officers' Gazette* contains material and studies which make it possible for any godly leader in a church to conduct a series of meetings which shall culminate in an effective revival. Let prayer bands be organized in every church among church officers, mothers and fathers, and Christian young people. Let personal work be done. The possibilities for Missionary Volunteer Week are but faintly revealed in the following figures showing the conversions among young people in the various union conferences during Missionary Volunteer Weeks in 1944 and 1945:

Unions	1944	1945
Atlantic	28	166
Canadian	0	70
Central	46	116
Columbia	176	298

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## A Special Appeal to the Colored Constituency

Sabbath, March 9, is the official date for the Riverside Day offering in all of our colored conferences and churches in North America.

At the recent Autumn Council it was voted "That the colored constituency of the North American Division be asked to raise fifty thousand dollars for furnishing and equipping the Riverside Sanitarium." We are asking you to take this responsibility seriously.

The General Conference has been very liberal in appropriations to this institution. During the last two years they have contributed outside of the regular annual budget \$250,000 for the erection of a modern sanitarium and hospital unit and for the installation of city water. The work of bringing city water to the institution has almost been completed. Blueprints for the new building have been secured and accepted by the General Conference committee, and a contractor has been employed and will soon be on the job.

We are appealing to each conference and each church to put on an intensive program to raise at least one dollar per member on Sabbath, March 9, when the offering is taken. We must have \$50,000 from our colored constituency by March, 1947, when we hope to take the second offering. In former Riverside Day offerings we have given very sparingly. Now we must not fail to play our full part in the fostering of the only sanitarium devoted entirely to our needs.

The completing and equipping of this institution will enable more of our young people to train for nursing. Also a much larger number of souls, precious in God's sight, will be benefited physically and spiritually.

Let us foster the same spirit of enthusiasm and liberality as is manifested on the Thirteenth Sabbath.

May heaven's guidance be with you.

GEORGE E. PETERS

*Secretary, North American Colored Dept.*



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Lake	56	397
Northern	74	93
North Pacific	261	298
Pacific	264	590
Southern	57	460
Southwestern	91	91

Totals 1053 2579

This is a mighty harvest for a single week of work in behalf of our young people. But, this is not enough when we realize that approximately 8000 boys and girls in the Adventist churches of the North American Division reach the age of decision each year.

The conference Missionary Volunteer secretary will be asking church elders for the following information: Was Missionary Volunteer Day, Sabbath, March 9, featured in your church service by an appeal to the whole church in behalf of the children and youth? Did the meetings of the week culminate in a revival? How many young people 30 years of age or under joined a baptismal class as the result of Missionary Volunteer Week? How many young people 30 years of age or under were baptized as a result of Missionary Volunteer Week?

May God make this Week of Prayer a mighty influence in bringing the youth to a decision for Christ and binding them to the church.

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## Bible Correspondence Interests

Letters from Bible Correspondence School students continue to come in. Following are excerpts from several letters:

From Cedar Rapids, Iowa: "I can truthfully say that I have been blessed both spiritually and mentally in the hours of my study. I love the Word of God. I have been trying hard to take hold on everything the Lord would have me to do. That is my desire, and I am happy to say your Bible course has been to me in every way a blessing, teaching me how to study my Bible; and as I continue, still praying to my Father in heaven to guide me, I pray that He will

bless you and the entire staff, and may the school always reach out a helping hand to all who are trying and striving so hard to understand God's Word. May God bless you and keep you."

From Wichita, Kansas: "I thank you for your loyalty to God. I am an old woman over seventy, yet I am a Bible student and have been ever since I have known Christ. I have gotten much satisfaction and much instruction from your beautiful lessons. May the Lord bless you in all your Christian efforts."

From Titian, M. L.: "I am enclosing two test papers of my Bible course. I am really elated over the fine way in which the course is prepared, and I am anxiously awaiting the next group of lessons. I am very happy to report that there is a good opportunity for study and worship here on Titian. We have some good evangelistic meetings, and they are conducted by servicemen. We would ask that we be remembered in the prayers of your group. We have really been blessed by answered prayers over here."

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## Harrisonville Evangelistic Effort

The evangelistic effort at Harrisonville opened Sunday night, February 24. The public responded to the advertising to the extent that it was necessary for the lay evangelists to conduct two services, one service following the other. At the first service when the chapel became filled to capacity, the remainder of the crowd was asked by the ushers to wait until the next hour. This they did. Then as one crowd filed out, another crowd filed in to hear the lay preachers explain the Scriptures and the meaning of current events in the light of Bible prophecy.

The effort is being conducted by the laymen of the Northeast Kansas City church and is sponsored by Dr. E. H. Owen, local elder of the Kansas City Central church, and by Elder H. W. Christian, superintendent of the Kansas City district. Brethren C. M. Cuning and Orville Fletcher are the principal speakers. Professor Lloyd David, principal of the Kansas City Junior Academy, with Miss Naoma Draper at the piano,

## Missouri Tithe Corner

"There are marvelous spiritual blessings connected with giving a tenth to the Lord. It is a wonderful stimulant to faith; it strengthens obedience in all other lines; it brings light to the mind on other subjects; it is a safeguard against greed and stinginess; it makes benevolence a fixed affection in the soul, and not a spasmodic action; it makes us appreciate our nine tenths far more; it makes God's special providence more real to us; it makes the conscience tender, and gives sweeter access to God in prayer."

—Dr. G. D. Watson, in his book, *Soul Food*.

furnished special music for this introductory meeting. Brethren V. P. Kennedy and Edward Martin, laymen of the Northeast church, and Sister Hyer, head deaconess of the Central church, were there to serve as ushers and to welcome the people. A free copy of *Steps to Christ* was given to each in attendance. The offering received at this first meeting was over \$18.

Another interesting feature was the provision made by Dr. Owen to convey the sermon to the patients in the hospital. Those seated in the parlor remained for two hours to enjoy the music and the message presented by Brother Cunningham.

Pray for this Harrisonville effort and other similar lay evangelistic efforts now in progress throughout Missouri.

J. H. McEACHERN

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# LAY PREACHER SPECIAL

## The Call

The time has come for an army of lay men and women to join the regular conference workers in proclaiming God's truth for this closing hour. It is high time to awake. The trumpet is sounding and all available reserves must be brought up for the final struggle. Lay people from all walks of life whose hearts are on fire to win souls and who have been quickly trained and equipped for this vital work must be enrolled immediately in the Lord's army.

The responsibility of proclaiming God's present-hour message to all the world is the one supreme task of the advent church, and, dear brethren and sisters, we need and must have your help. The year 1946 is our time of opportunity in God's service, and we call for every man and woman who can preach the truth to have a part in this blessed work while the opportunity is still ours.

N. C. WILSON

## The Burden

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." God is looking for workers. He is in earnest. Much will be lost if He cannot find many helpers before the break of the storm that will cause destruction in the field.

It is God's plan that every member of the church should have a part in carrying the gospel to those who still sit in darkness. And why should not every member want to have a part? One would naturally conclude that everyone who loves the truth and has learned to love Jesus would have a burden resting on his heart to give the truth to his loved ones and friends. He would want them to learn of Jesus and His soon coming.

God is looking for men in every walk of life to make a real sacrifice and go out to give the message to others. Notice this striking statement: "God will move upon men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth."

"God has organized His instrumentalities to draw all men unto Himself. He sends forth to His work many who have not been dedicated by the laying on of hands." *Missionary Pioneers*, p. 11

## Explanation

The reason for this special lay preacher issue this week is to give opportunity to our executives and departmental leaders responsible for this work to express their faith and confidence in the work which is now being carried on by our faithful men and women everywhere and to challenge them anew for larger things to be accomplished in the days to come.

As you read these messages and find your heart strangely stirred, your vision enlarged, and your faith strengthened, we invite you to write your conference office and make application for membership at once.

D. E. REINER

## Phases Covered

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Many such will be seen hastening hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to give the light to those in darkness. The truth is as a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those who sit in darkness. . . The Spirit will be poured out upon those who yield to His promptings." *Testimonies*, Vol. 7: 26, 27.

Right now, God through His remnant church is sending forth a clarion call to laymen to boldly go forth to give the message to others. Some may have a talent to hold meetings and preach the truth in homes or small halls; others may have the blessing of God upon them as they go forth to hold studies with their neighbors.

If you are one who has a real burden to have a part in the Lord's work, but you feel that you have not the courage, or that you do not know how to go about

## The Purpose

In giving the divine commission, Christ did not limit the work of lay preaching to ordained men alone, for He himself sent out seventy laymen to preach and to heal.

The purposes of lay preaching are manifold. In this brief space allotted to me, I can mention only a few.

1. To make room for spirit-filled men who, because of circumstances, can never be ordained as ministers and yet can be used mightily in the winning of souls.

2. To permit men and women to work for souls in the out-of-the-way dark places where ministers can never go.

3. To open thousands of homes for Bible studies and cottage meetings where the ministers would never be invited.

4. To foster a greater spirit of evangelism in our churches.

5. To discover talents for stronger leadership in connection with our church work.

6. To bring about another Pentecost in our day for the speeding of God's work in the earth.

In the Central Union alone we have an army of over two hundred who belong to our lay preachers' band, but there is room for thousands in our field. We, therefore, extend another call to you to come and join our ranks. Send your name to your conference office. Offer your services; get into the work. Do it now, for soon it will be forever too late.

D. E. REINER

it, may I suggest that if you have taken the time to study and feel that you can explain in a simple way the doctrines that make us a people, God will help you, and you need not fear.

All that is needed is the right exercise of the will to get started. Make the decision to go forth, and God's Holy Spirit will be with you. Pray for help to give at least one or more nights each week to the Lord's work.

D. E. VENDEN

"There are men who will be taken from the plow, and sent forth by the Lord to give this message to the world." 7T:270.



## The Joy

Lay preaching is nothing new to the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Saviour's commission to the church is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." It is indeed a joy to present the last warning message to those who are uninformed regarding the blessed truth that God has given to the remnant church.

At the time when the great persecution arose against the church at Jerusalem, the members were scattered all about the region of Judea and Samaria. The apostles, however, continued in Jerusalem, while the members of the church who were scattered throughout the field "went everywhere preaching the word." These men engaged in lay preaching were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the people gave heed unto the things which were spoken by them. Great miracles were wrought in delivering souls from the bondage of sin and wickedness.

The spirit that was manifested in the days of the apostles is still with the church, and it has been my privilege to witness marvelous results in lay preaching work. A few years ago when I labored in one of the conferences in the Lake Union, I had the privilege of baptizing annually for two of the lay preachers who brought in from fifteen to twenty-five souls a year. These men were filled with joy and gladness as they presented the candidates fully instructed in

the cardinal points of the message and grounded in the faith delivered to the saints.

Surely there must be many more in the Central Union territory who are anxious to enter lay preaching work. Our prayers will be with those who will humbly consecrate their efforts, energy, and strength to give the last warning message to lost souls.

E. H. OSWALD

## The Preparation

As we think of the personal preparation for lay preaching, we think of the personal preparation of the regular ordained minister, for the lay preacher must pass through the same stages of heart and mind preparation as does the ordained minister before he can become an efficient instrument in the hand of God. As the lay worker thinks of preparing for a greater work for God, I would like him to think of the following steps:

1. *Feeling Our Undone Condition.* As we look at ourselves we are led to cry out with the prophet Isaiah: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." As we think of this statement we feel that we must have a higher power—a cleansing power, a purifying power. That power we find in Christ, and as we accept Him and His righteousness, our unrighteousness and our un-



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done condition will be covered by His righteousness, and between us and heaven there will be an open channel for communication.

2. *Personal Relationship with Heaven.* When the obstructive condition between heaven and the child of God has been removed, he can walk and talk with God as Enoch did of old. His connection with heaven can be so close that he knows what heaven's will is, and he can with confidence present his requests to the throne of grace. This is the true relationship that should always exist between heaven and the worker for God.

3. *Need of Constant Prayer.* It is the privilege of every praying child of God to see the face of God every morning before he sees the face of man, and as he beholds the face of God and talks with God, those with whom he comes in contact will perceive in him a power far superior to human power—a power that will work in the individuals' lives to bring about a change. As a person continues to associate with this type of worker, he becomes changed himself, often without fully recognizing the change that is taking place.

4. *Filled for the Purpose of Filling.* An empty vessel cannot fill other vessels; an empty soul cannot fill other souls. We, like the disciples, must be filled with the Holy Spirit, for we must have before we can give.

J. H. ROTH



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INSTITUTE HELD IN DENVER

## The Youth

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the world!"—*Education*, p. 271.

This, I believe, gives a true estimate of the value of our youth in the evangelization program of this denomination. In the early instruction which came to us regarding our army of youth, whether they were asked to form companies and as soldiers of Christ enlist in the work and put all their tact and skill into the Master's service, or whether they were encouraged to form companies and see what could be done by each accountable human agent in watching for and improving opportunities to do work for the Master, they were always encouraged to work for others.

I think there is no excuse for the young people's department of Missionary Volunteers except to help these young people find an outlet for their energies, talent, and vision in service for other youth. When the energies of youth, with their resilience, their endurance, strength, and enthusiasm, are harnessed, controlled, and directed, a powerful influence is set in motion in whatever direction that energy, and ability, and vision is turned.

Youth can work for youth to particular

advantage. We live in a day of advance, and youth is on the march. Seventh-day Adventist youth organized and directed can do much in saving other youth. The challenge is thrown out to the young people of the Adventist faith in the Crusaders' organization of the Missionary Volunteers. This youth's organization within the Missionary Volunteer society prepares young men and women for service. It offers them courses in Bible, provides films for their use in presenting the truth, and aids in equipping them for work for others. Most important of all, however, these young people need to be made to understand that their services are wanted and needed by their church. When this is understood, there is an abundance of valuable help available to those who lead out in carrying the gospel.

G. R. FARRIC

## Our Confidence

That which succeeds inspires confidence. Christ set the pattern for us all in every detail of missionary activity. His plan has succeeded and will come to an ultimate triumph ere long.

Christ founded the work of the Christian church on the shoulders of laymen. It is said in *Desire of Ages*, page 141: "With the calling of John and Andrew and Simon, of Philip and Nathanael, began the foundation of the Christian church. John directed two of his disciples to Christ. Then one of these, Andrew, found his brother, and called him to the Saviour. Philip was then called, and he went in search of Nathanael. These examples should teach us the importance of personal effort, of making direct appeals to our kindred, friends, and neighbors."

When everyone has a part in soul-winning, then Christ will come. Let us give special encouragement to our

lay brethren who have special talents in holding cottage meetings and Bible readings to go forth trusting in God.

G. E. HUTCHES

## The Results

It is indeed encouraging to see many of our faithful laymen bringing men and women to a decision for Christ. In many instances the baptisms of our ministers are increased where we have laymen at work giving Bible studies or holding a public meeting.

In a recent evangelistic effort our evangelist baptized seven souls who were thoroughly indoctrinated and brought to a decision by one of the faithful members of his church. Another member of the same church had a group of four ready for baptism. In another church a humble lady presents five to ten persons each year to the pastor of the church for examination.

We might relate many more instances where our laymen are doing a noble work for their Saviour. "In many places consecrated men and women may be seen communicating to others the light that has made plain to them the way of salvation through Christ. And as they continue to let their light shine, as did those who were baptized with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, they receive more and still more of the Spirit's power. Thus the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 54.

The results of our labors will not always be seen in this life. We must not become weary or fainthearted, but be continually doing the work that is commissioned to us. On the other side our reward will be given to us. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." N. C. PETERSEN



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## The Helpers

Who is better situated to secure help for his work than a lay preacher? He knows the talent in his church. He knows what time they could spare to assist him. If one helper fails, he can soon find another. Since he is a layman himself, his appeals find a more ready response than if a preacher should call.

In every fair-sized church there are those who can sing, or play an instrument. Others can act as helpers in distributing literature; still others can invite their friends and even use their cars.

It is far better for a lay preacher to have a close associate than to work alone. It makes for confidence, for greater efficiency. The work is more likely to continue longer and come to a more successful conclusion. We, therefore, appeal to our church members to offer their services to our laymen and share in the glorious harvest which is sure to come some sweet day.

B. A. SCHERR

## The Field

This is an age of mass movements and mass thinking. There is little room for the rights and convictions of the individual. No matter how much the social and political structure of present government and society may change, the fundamentals of soul-winning in its applications for the desire of mass conversions will fail unless we cling to the divine plan of winning souls *one by one*.

The symbol of individualism is the home. It is in the home that religion has its beginning; it is in the home that the desire for communion with God will be cultured and cherished; it is in the home that hearts will surrender to God's will. This message will not find its final fulfillment in the might of large evangelistic efforts, but in the mass contacts



An Organized Sabbath School at Mansfield, Mo., the Result of the Work of Brother M. V. Killgore, a Lay Preacher.

and visits of the homes of the people. Consecrated laymen, on fire with compassion, will go from house to house "visiting families and opening before them the Word of God."

Where shall we go? There is but one choice—the homes. Visit your friends and your neighbors and you have results. The plan of giving Bible readings in the homes is of divine origin. If each member would contact but ten homes for a period of four months, presenting our truth-filled literature, every home in the United States would be contacted in this unbelievable short period of time. What are we waiting for? Let us visit the homes! H. R. KUEHNE

## The Equipment

"The laymen, though they have the precious light of truth, excuse themselves on the plea that they cannot preach. This excuse will not avail."—Mrs. E. G. White. This is the statement made by thousands of our laymen. Recently a lady said, "I feel I should be giving Bible studies, but I don't know how." After having a definite program outlined for her, she went out with a determination to win one soul. Seven were baptized during the year and four more are almost ready for baptism as the result of her zealous work.

There are various methods and equipment which can be used to aid one who is burdened to seek souls.

1. Film strips. This method is intensely interesting to old and young alike. After covering the 28 leading doctrines of the Bible with pictures and texts, one is finally brought directly to a decision.

2. Books and literature. No other denomination has a better selection of books and literature than do Seventh-day Adventists. In these writings can be found our most valuable material.

3. Correspondence school lessons. This plan is rather new and is becoming very popular. These lessons are used by organizing a community Bible school. The layman becomes the instructor, while each student fills out his test sheet. These tests are gathered up and sent to the conference Bible school for correction.

"We do not need eminent men so much as good, true, and humble men. God calls for those of all classes and all trades to work in His cause."

DON R. REES

Kansas held two institutes, but the pictures taken there were not clear enough to be used.

## The Prayers

Missouri has a group of lay preachers who are a real asset to the conference. As I travel about the state I find church after church that was raised up from its very beginning by laymen. These self-supporting workers did not stop by merely bringing a few souls into the truth; they did not run away and leave them, but stood by the effort until a place of worship was established and a new memorial to the third angel's message was built in that part of the state.

The good work is still going forward. At this writing several lay efforts are in progress, and many cottage meetings and Bible studies are being conducted. We herewith appeal to our ministers and laymen everywhere to remember these faithful soul-winners in their daily prayers. When there are difficult situations to be met, it is a wonderful encouragement to know that someone is praying for you.

J. H. McEACHERN

## The Types

Jesus has said, "If any man serve me, let him follow me," and Peter, writing to us of Jesus, reiterates that Christ has left "us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

To follow in the steps of Jesus is to walk in the path of eternal success. Christ's ministry was never a failure; His work was triumphantly successful. The zealous lay preacher will long meditate upon the way Jesus labored, that he, too, might follow the way to true success.

At the well with the woman of Samaria, Jesus disclosed for us His labors for a one-soul audience. Here Jesus was the "Bible worker," turning the heart of this apparently disinterested seeker for truth to the fountains of living waters. As he revealed to her heart the divine



Five Lay Preachers and Five Converts of Boulder, Colo.



truths, she openly acknowledged her belief in Him. Nicodemus was another of His one-soul audiences with whom He held a private "Bible study." This night study was the means of starting Nicodemus on the way to the kingdom of heaven. The lay preacher must first learn to be a Bible worker; he must learn to work for the one-soul audience before success can mark his efforts.

Jesus frequently held "cottage meetings" with those who had it in their hearts to know the way of life. These were chosen, select groups, gathered in the homes of His friends. To these He unveiled the mysteries of eternal life. His disciples were of the inner circle in these cottage meetings. Jesus was working for these followers of His. In these gatherings He taught divine truths, relieving hearts of doubt and misconception. God has chosen the lay preachers, with the ministry, to carry the gospel to the homes of the people. There, meeting with the few gathered together, we are to "open the Word of God to their darkened minds." This home work, which through the ages has borne such wonderful fruitage, is a second step in a broadening service for God. The lay preacher will follow this step.

The open-air meetings and public discourses are enlarged means of evangelism used by the Master. To the multitudes on the hillside and in the synagogues, He preached the words of life. Soul-piercing convictions followed, converts were won, "and the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about." The lay preacher of this day who would follow His steps will, after growth by experience, seek for this larger way of impelling men to Christ. It is not the first step, but follows in the train of the others. As God leads step by step, let us follow Him, for His ways are the ways of success.

E. E. HAGEN

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### A Visit to Shelton

It was my privilege a day or two ago to spend a little while at Shelton Academy visiting the students and teachers and participating in a very splendid program which the boys gave in honor of

the girls. Since it was my first visit to this fine school, my impressions are still fresh in my memory. I believe that the boys and girls of Shelton are among the finest young people I have met anywhere. They are a bright, intelligent, earnest group, and I much appreciated the privilege of associating with them for the short time I was there. As I would expect in one of our schools, I found the teachers to be earnest and consecrated. I was particularly impressed with the excellent work being done for the boys by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Koenig. I am glad to hear that plans are being laid for more dormitory space; I am sure it is needed.—W. F. TARR.

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### Did You Know That—

The total Sabbath school offering for 1945 was \$57,489.61?

In the Colorado Conference there are 76 Sabbath schools, including branch Sabbath schools?

The total Investment offering was \$8,203.29?

There were 2,171 honor cards and 170 ribbons issued for the year?

Twelve churches received an "A" grade; 17 a "B" grade; 24 a "C" grade, and 23 no grade at all?

Every quarter there was an average of 976 missing members?

Certainly with this challenging report before us, we should aspire to lay larger plans during this year. May the Lord help us as we work for Him.

DON R. REES

### Subscribe to the Youth's Instructor

With the coming enlargement of the *Youth's Instructor* there will be an added feature of special appeal to young people not of Seventh-day Adventist faith. This phase should be kept foremost in mind as church members subscribe for this youth's periodical.

Two serials running now, one by Elder R. E. Finney called "The Road Back" and the other by R. L. Odom entitled "There is a Difference," present leading doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists. And these articles especially

appeal to young people.

Here is an opportunity to win other young people to the message by subscribing to clubs of 5, 10, 25, or 50,—yes, even 100— and passing them out to our neighbors. The *Youth's Instructor* is now geared to serve the dual purpose of acquainting "outside" young people with what the Bible really teaches, as well as continuing to provide enlightening material for our own young people.

Pastors, district leaders, local elders, young people's leaders, Sabbath school superintendents, and missionary leaders, do not be satisfied with a subscription list that merely includes all the young people in your church. Branch out and use the *Youth's Instructor* as a literature medium to reach the young people outside the church. Help Colorado to be out in front when the final subscription tally is made, not merely for the sake of going over the goal, but for the sake of the additional souls which will be won as a result.

The price: Single subscriptions, \$2.35 per year; club price, \$2.15 per year.

G. D. HAGSTOTZ

## Business Notices

WANTED: Experienced S.D.A. baker for old established business, one who can handle either bread or sweet doughs. Permanent position and good wages to right party. When replying state age, experience, size of family, also telephone number. The Vegetarian, 1125 6th Ave., San Diego 1, Calif. 10-3

WANTED: Married man for general farm work. School bus and mail route by house. Electricity. J. O. Lorenz, La Salle, Colo. 10-2

FOR SALE: Old established Battle Creek Treatment Rooms. In business in Denver 35 years. Fine place for man and wife. If interested write for particulars. Anxious to sell. 1206 15th St., Room 17, Denver 2, Colo. 10-2

MADISON FOODS at Madison College, Tenn. offers Dorcas societies an opportunity to introduce health foods to church members and neighbors and at the same time raise money for church projects. Write for full particulars.

WANTED: Man and wife to clean and care for church property. Wages: \$60 per month, plus apartment, heat, gas, and lights. If interested, write: Pastor, Central Church, 4234 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Mo.

WANTED: Young experienced man to operate tractors and power machinery on modern wheat farm. Good wages, paid overtime by the hour. No chores. To start work about April 1. Oscar Larson, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

### Sabbath Begins

Friday	March 8	March 15
Colorado, Denver	5:59	6:06
Kansas, Topeka	6:23	6:30
Missouri, Kansas City	6:18	6:25
Nebraska, Lincoln	6:26	6:33
Wyoming, Casper	6:02	6:14



# Report of Central Union Literature Ministry

Secretary — C. G. Cross

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1946

Esther Lindsio — Assistant

A Year From Now What Will You Wish You Had Done Today?

H&amp;R means the Colporteur is selling a combination of health and religious books. When alone H signifies health books and R signifies religious books.

## Colorado Conference

B. Y. Baughman, Secretary  
Clifford Yarnell, Assistant

Colporteur	Book	Hour	Order	Delivery
Lea, George	H&R	44	74.70	74.70
*Miller, R.	H&R	68	210.00	157.15
*Jackson, E.	H&R	43	282.40	259.60
Bailey, Ura	H&R	36	67.00	60.50
Barr, Pauline	R	27	50.00	56.00
Gordon, N.	H&R	13	80.60	108.50
Hayer, Mrs. A.	H&R	24	50.30	50.30
Larson, Fred	H&R	39	18.00	79.75
Leach, L.	H&R	25	78.30	54.35
Schlotthauer, Mrs.	Mag.	15	99.25	99.25
Zulauf, Fred	H&R	29	74.85	83.35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>363</b>	<b>1085.40</b>	<b>1083.45</b>

## Kansas Conference

C. L. Wilber, Secretary  
Jack Bogle, Assistant

Colporteur	Book	Hour	Order	Delivery
Friesen, E.	H&R	12	149.55	49.25
Hadel, Mrs.	H&R	17	28.90	48.80
Hager, Ivol	H&R	32	127.40	128.55
Northern, Mrs.	H&R	25	26.04	26.04
Place, Mrs.	H&R	1		
Place, Wm.	H&R	36	78.30	78.30
Price, Carl	H&R	32	55.80	55.80
Shunk, Mrs.	H&R	10	18.80	18.80
Stark, L. A.	H&R	40	182.05	129.25
Holm, S.	H&R	27	24.75	16.50

Ledington, M.	H&R	9	27.35	20.15
March, A.	H&R	26	77.00	42.00
Remmers, T.	H&R	17	24.00	9.75
Remmers, Mrs.	H&R	12	19.40	10.40
Robinson, Mrs.	H&R	9	20.00	
Harris, Marvel	H&R	28	55.20	55.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>333</b>	<b>909.54</b>	<b>676.79</b>

## Missouri Conference

P. M. Lewis, Secretary  
Kenneth Wenberg, Assistant  
Robert White, Colored Assistant

Colporteur	Book	Hour	Order	Delivery
Bias, L.	H&R	12		70.85
Boborovsky, J.	H&R	35	53.95	43.35
Brauss, Mrs.	H&R	36	34.60	34.60
Brauss, Mrs.	H	36	34.60	34.60
Clegg, F. E.	H&R	31	45.90	48.38
*Coleman, L.	H&R	82	278.03	150.05
*Davis, Mrs. D.	R	58	174.05	174.05
Dennis, A.	H&R	19	54.75	55.60
Dion, A.	H&R	23	102.60	75.60
Foskett, I.	H&R	29	23.45	21.10
Haythorne, R.	H&R		10.20	10.20
Hines, Les.	H&R	28	95.04	70.45
Hinton, F. M.	H&R	16	51.20	51.20
March, S.	H&R	29	154.00	123.50
Milham, W. A.	H&R	39	127.05	127.05
Olds, L. M.	H&R	39	69.60	51.20
Otto, Paul E.	H&R	38	134.15	104.05
Grubbs, C.	H&R	26	13.85	
*Blackburn, B.	H&R	12	39.00	19.00
Part-time worker	H&R	8	30.00	30.00
Riedy, E.	H&R	8	54.00	40.50
Baurichter, V.	Mag.	7	43.30	43.30
Foskett, R.	Mag.	33	54.70	54.70

Hake, Mrs. H.	Mag.	8	8.30	8.30
Lile, Midge	Mag.	35	31.55	31.55
Vincent, Della	Mag.	2	10.00	10.00
Wooliver, O.	Mag.	9	14.85	14.85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>1784.97</b>	<b>1540.20</b>

## Nebraska Conference

L. E. Loomer, Secretary  
Mrs. Kathryn Randolph, Assistant

Colporteur	Book	Hour	Order	Delivery
Aitken, J. B.	H	37	41.30	21.10
Martin, Laura	H&R	27	21.90	
Mead, Miss C.	H&R	31	56.10	56.10
Richards, E.	H&R	25	80.20	
Teter, B. A.	H&R	20	56.40	68.40
Wallace, F. D.	H&R	24	24.00	24.00
Conover, Helen	H&R	25	30.50	38.50
Nelsen, Rose	HR	30	62.45	47.05
Seery, Mrs. H.	H&R	23	74.70	71.00
Cooper, Mrs.	H&R	9	10.00	13.50
Shipley, Mrs.	R	2	36.00	48.00
Dishman, K.	R	4	10.20	
Speidel, E.	R	8	11.10	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>265</b>	<b>514.85</b>	<b>387.65</b>

## Wyoming Conference

R. E. Williams, Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hour	Order	Delivery
*Gallagher, C.	H&R	66	151.80	71.90
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>151.80</b>	<b>71.90</b>
Union Totals		<b>1723</b>	<b>4446.56</b>	<b>3759.99</b>
*Two weeks				

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## Workers' Meeting

The workers' meeting at Denver, which was held in the Central S.D.A. church February 20-21, proved to be of great spiritual uplift and inspiration to the Colorado and Wyoming workers. Elder W. H. Branson, vice-president of the General Conference, gave excellent help, placing before the workers the great need of the hour and inspiring them to enter into larger and more effective evangelism during the year 1946.

Elder R. Ruhling, secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions, also gave an inspiring message during the devotional hour at the very beginning of these meetings. The burden of his message was "a thorough preparation for the work that the ministry has been called to do." He emphasized the fact that God's ministers are sent forth as peacemakers.

Elder A. S. Maxwell, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, greatly stressed the need of presenting the third angel's message to those about us.

We believe that the spirit which prevailed throughout the entire session will be felt in each district as the workers return to their respective fields. We appeal to the brethren and sisters of the Wyoming Conference to remember the workers in their prayers. The work is moving ahead steadily, and we are anxious to make the year 1946 a banner year in soul-winning work.

E. H. OSWALD

## News Notes

Elder and Mrs. Oswald just returned from a visit to Thermopolis, where they spent the week-end of February 23. They found the believers of good courage. They also visited Elder and Mrs. Reile at Worland and laid plans for further work in larger evangelism.

Elder and Mrs. Smith are very anxious to build up the work at Rock Springs

and feel that the first step necessary is the remodeling of the church building in order that a series of meetings may be conducted in that city. Elder Oswald and Brother Johnson are planning to visit Rock Springs in the near future to lay definite plans for the remodeling of the church.

Brother R. E. Williams is attending the colporteur institutes at Shelton Academy and Union College. We hope that a fine group of young people may become interested in the Wyoming Conference and spend their summer vacation selling books and periodicals in our field.

Word has just been received from a lady at Lost Springs, Wyoming, to the effect that she is deeply interested in the message and has completed the 20th Century Bible Course. We hope and pray that she may become fully established in the third angel's message and identify herself with God's remnant people. She is the only believer in the vicinity of Lost Springs.

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