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## Publicity Work Progresses

By J. R. FERREN

It was a great privilege to attend the meetings of conference workers held recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. The interest among these workers to give more publicity constantly to the work of our churches and evangelists we found very live and active.

At Milwaukee we worked out a story, featuring the Wisconsin Academy building program on the farms near Columbus, and other plans made at this meeting. Workers took copies of this for publication in their local papers when arriving home. A week later when I returned to the office here, I found from one large city pastor clippings of three stories he had had published in two newspapers. He had gained a new vision of the newspaper possibilities. The Milwaukee *Journal*, the leading paper there, with a circulation of over 300,000 ran a story for us about the school plans in both city and state editions of one issue. The editor handling this was most cordial, and told me that he greatly appreciates our work, is in friendly contact with Elder Carl W. Guenther, Milwaukee pastor, and will be glad to publish our church items.

There are two good papers in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the morning *Herald*, and the afternoon *Press*. Both were very liberal with space for the reporting of the workers' meeting held in our church there. The *Herald* sent reporters to two of our evening meetings. Every issue during the session carried a report of the council of workers.

Most encouraging is the way in which news consciousness is growing

among our ministers and church leaders everywhere. It is good to talk with men who are getting their material published, and feeling the reaction of it in their communities. There is much very fine press work being done in Wisconsin and in Michigan. And I am sure the same interest is found in Illinois and Indiana. In fact, we have received here from our Clippings Bureau good reports taken from the Peoria, Illinois, papers of the Illinois workers' meeting held there just before the Michigan meeting.

Let us work and pray that this press work may go forward and become a mighty factor in giving people correct information about Seventh-day Adventists.

During recent months I have made personal acquaintance with the editor of *The Protestant Voice*, the foremost weekly of its kind in the country, published in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He occasionally publishes an article about Seventh-day Adventists, and seems to take pleasure in doing it. I met him in Cleveland, Ohio, just before the Wisconsin meeting, and again we talked about church publicity. "It is doing a great deal for your church," he said. "By many people your church is misunderstood," he added, and said some most encouraging things as to the effects he believes the type of information we are giving out is having.

This to me is something of a challenge, and I pass it on, knowing that in the Lake Union Conference our leaders are alert to use the press in giving out correct information by which people may better understand the Seventh-day Adventist church.

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## INDIANAPOLIS SOUTH SIDE EFFORT

"ALL through the large cities God has honest souls who are interested in what is truth."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. IX, p. 98.

October 15, 1944, marked the opening of a very successful Sunday night evangelistic effort in the South Side church in Indianapolis.

Brother R. K. Cemer, the pastor-evangelist, is assisted in the visiting and Bible work by Mrs. Floy Addis, lay Bible instructor, Miss Phyllis Williams and Miss Mary Kent, conference workers. The church members are giving their loyal support by conducting prayer bands, distributing literature, distributing Home Bible Study lessons and announcements, and by bringing friends and relatives.

From the first night, the attendance has been excellent and the offerings good. Preceding the formal opening of the service, Brother Cemer gives a short illustrated talk on the subject of health and many pages of lessons and recipes are included in the Home Bible Course. Special music is provided by the church choir, ladies' chorus, and also by friends from our sister church on the north side.

We now have two hundred and sixty-eight names on our calling list. The Lord has blessed us with twenty-seven souls thus far. Twenty-five were baptized by Elder S. E. Wight, and two were added on profession of

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## ENTERING WEDGE

WE ARE told in "Counsels on Health," page 425, "We have come to the time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us." On page 533, "Take hold of the medical missionary work and it will give you access to the people. Their hearts will be touched as you minister to their necessities. As you relieve their sufferings, you will find opportunity to speak to them of the love of Jesus." Page 462, "Literature bearing on this point is the helping hand of the gospel, leading souls to search the Bible for a better understanding of the truth. The sale of our health literature will in no way hinder the sale of publications dealing with other phases of the third angel's message. All are to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord." "There will be suffering ones, plenty of them, who will need our help, largely among those who know not the truth."

The very thing *Life and Health* teaches and is endeavoring to do is what people need and are interested in. The shortage of doctors and nurses, the need for the right selection of

proper foods during this food rationing period, the knowledge of food elements and their values, the proper combination of foods—this information comes to them in the pages of the *Life and Health*, known as the National Health Journal.

Ten years ago our pioneer health journal had a circulation of 30,000 including subscriptions and bulk; 16,000 subscriptions alone. This included both Adventists and friends not of our faith. To date for 1944, *Life and Health* has a monthly average circulation of over 150,000 in total subscriptions and bulk; 118,000 are subscriptions alone. But here is an interesting feature for you to study. Over 54,000 non-Adventists have subscribed for *Life and Health* for five years. Colporteurs have reported hundreds of soul-winning experiences, telling of souls that have been won to the truth through the medium of the five-year subscription plan. These colporteur evangelists enter the homes as health workers, get five-year subscriptions to *Life and Health*, then trend their conversation toward current events. Then the colporteurs directly and indirectly, as conditions warrant, suggest that their earnest conviction concerning present world conditions and the solution of problems is based on a practical understanding of the Bible. At each visit they discuss this matter a little further and people gradually become interested and make inquiries. As a result Bible studies are given, religious books are purchased and read by the customers, and souls accept the truth.

The following are two statements from our *Life and Health* workers who have been most successful not only in selling but in interesting people in this truth:

"I myself cannot praise it enough and I know there are others who feel the same way. In 32 hours of actual canvassing, I have taken orders for

\$200 on that plan and my partner \$150, while both working in the same homes together. I believe all the other colporteurs would do well to benefit by this plan as we have. We have also found it to be a wonderful *opening wedge* for placing our truth-filled literature in many homes where it would have been impossible otherwise."

"I worked with *Life and Health* for one and a half years before combining it with a book. I left it in hundreds of homes and it was greatly appreciated. This very day a number of people said, 'I'd much prefer the journal coming for five years.' *Life and Health*, having the highest rating and circulation, and not found on newsstands, getting it for sixty months at present-day price (guarantee against increased paper and ink costs), carrying new discoveries in medicine and science, treatments and methods, and the free personal correspondence service, really means something to the American people, I find. Then too, people will pick up a journal and read it through, perhaps in an evening. They are convenient to file and always available to refer back to. People are amazed at the cost. Today a lady said she expected to pay \$25 for the five-year service."

Many of our people would do well to give careful and prayerful study to this plan, as it has proved and is prov-

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#### Missionary Services for February

First Sabbath Missionary Service—February 3.

Topic: Dorcas Day

Weekly Missionary Service:

February 3—"What Dorcas is Doing in the Local Church."

February 10—"Corresponding with Men and Women in Service."

February 17—"SIGNS OF THE TIMES Campaign."

February 24—"Missionary Experiences."

It is recommended that these missionary services be observed in all our churches as outlined in the monthly editions of the "Church Officers' Gazette."

ing a soul-winning work. "This is the very work our people ought to be doing at this time." Ask your publishing department secretary about soul-winning opportunities in your conference.

### ONE DISTRICT OVER ITS GOAL

IMAGINE our surprise on visiting district 26 down in the southern tip of Illinois, where Brother and Sister Burns are so valiantly holding out, to discover that before the end of the month of January, this district was well over its Ingathering goal!

We were told that much of this Ingathering had been done by caroling during the holidays. On Sabbath in the Du Quoin church, we were introduced to a group of fine girls who had done very excellent Ingathering. One of them raised \$100 herself.

Imagine the joy a district leader must feel to have Ingathering out of the way and the decks cleared for a full year of evangelism.

Our congratulations to the Burns and the churches they minister to, with an expression of gratefulness for the wonderful example they have given the rest of us in the other districts in the field.

HENRY F. BROWN

### MOHAMMEDANISM AND ADVENTISTS

ON the back page of your quarterly is a statement which I hope you noticed; or do you read the back page of the quarterly?

It says, "In Africa alone, Mohammedanism, is winning a million people a year directly from heathenism." We win perhaps two or three thousand souls a year in Africa. Islam, another name for Mohammedanism has no central organization. It is divided into several antagonistic sections. They have no training schools, no hospitals, no paid priesthood; they have no mission program; and yet they win converts. "How," do you ask?

Dr. Rowland Allen in his book "The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church" gives the reasons as follows: "Islam spreads in Africa mainly through the spontaneous activity of its converts . . . converts to Islam seek teaching for themselves that they may lead their fellows. They travel sometimes from Nigeria to Cairo to learn. . . . If we allowed our converts to preach, the gospel might spread like wild fire. . . . One convert to Islam is the sure first-fruits of a great harvest. Islam advances automatically."

What a terrible shame to Christianity and to Seventh-day Adventists in particular that the Mohammedan—

without a Bible, without schools to train him or his converts, with no hospitals for his sick, no preachers giving all their time to evangelizing, no missionary organization, no papers or books, no missionary goals, no General Conference to direct missions—should win converts by the millions because each Mohammedan is a convert-maker. If these believers in a false prophet will win souls and add to the prestige and the growth of their church, how much more should we, with all of our advantages and with our light and truth, do?

HENRY F. BROWN

*Union Home Missionary Secretary*

#### The Peace of God

Keep me quiet, Master,  
Patient day by day;  
When I would go faster,  
Teach me, Thy delay.

Restless, oft I borrow  
From the future care;  
Teach me that tomorrow  
Shall its burden bear.

From Thy full provision  
Daily, richly fed;  
By Thy clearer vision  
Ever safely led.

Let me to my brothers  
Turn a face serene,  
Sharing thus with others  
Peace from the Unseen.

—William Adams Brown

## WORK AMONG WAR PRISONERS

By LOUIS HALSWICK

ACCORDING to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., dated January 5, 1945, there were at the beginning of the present year 361,331 prisoners of war in 425 camps in the United States. These included 307,931 Germans, 51,071 Italians, and 2,629 Japanese. The number of German prisoners has increased continually.

Among these prisoners, sent to the United States from Africa, Italy, and the "Western Front," we have found several Seventh-day Adventists. Some of these were Seventh-day Adventist ministers, and others were in the Medical Corps. Most of these brethren were anxious to contact our people in America, and were listed in the several camps as Seventh-day Adventists. They have been treated well by our Government authorities, and were informed that they need have no fear as to their religious affiliations.

The Commanding Officers and the Chaplains of the camps have been cooperative in helping to contact Adventist prisoners of war and in rendering needed help.

Our main mission work has been to encourage Adventist war prisoners by personal visits and in supplying the camps with needed reading matter. Elder L. H. Christian and others have done good work along these lines.

We are happy to state that the following of our German and Italian books have been passed by the censors and can be sent to the camps through the Commanding Officer or the Chaplain:

### Italian

Verso la Luce  
Il ritorno glorioso di Gesu  
Guida a Gesu  
Meditazioni sopra il Sermone sul Monte  
Solo con Dio  
La Fortuna di Maria Speroni

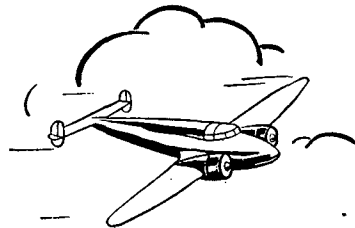
### German

Der Weg zu Christo  
Die Quelle der Kraft  
Die Hoffnung der Welt  
Christi Gleichnisse

These books can be ordered in sets or singly, through your Book and Bible House.

It is not advisable for everyone to start sending books to the camps. This work must be done orderly as the way opens. You can, however, write your home missionary secretary that you would like to help pay for literature placed in the camps, and ask him to see that several sets of books are placed in every camp in your local conference. Your home missionary secretary, or some other authorized person, will then contact the camp officials for permission to place the books. Several hundred sets have already been placed, and many small books given away.

The same plan holds true in regard to our papers and tracts. We are not permitted to go into the camp and give away books, papers and tracts. It all has to be handled through the Commanding Officer or through the camp Chaplain. The books and papers are then placed in the reading rooms.



## God Bless Our Men

God bless our men in air, on land, and sea  
Full well we know how dear they are to Thee.  
Where'er they go, whatever they may dare,  
God ever keep them in Thy gracious care.

God guard our men by night as well as day,  
For we, at home for them will ever pray  
That war and strife and enmity may cease,  
And Thou wilt send us everlasting peace.

God guard our men. Oh, keep them ever near!  
Make strong their faith and drive out all their fear;  
Give them a vision of Thy saving love,  
That nothing in this world can ever move.

God guard our men, and though just now they roam,  
Grant us our prayers and bring them safely home.  
God bless our foes and cause all eyes to see,  
That peace, O Christ, can only come from Thee.

—E. Sparrow, Cardiff, England

We are already sending many clubs of the German and Italian papers, but much more can be done to place our papers in the camps. During the *Signs* campaign and on the "Home Foreign Day" Sabbath, March 4, funds should be made available for this purpose, and for giving the message at this time to those who read another language. Tell your home missionary secretary, or your Book and Bible House, that you want to pay for a certain number of German and Italian *Signs* and they will take care of the rest.

That the books and papers are much appreciated we know. One Chaplain writes: "Many thanks for your kind letter and the books. . . . Would it be too much to ask for 50 copies of this and other similar books in the German language?"

From an Italian camp the following words were received: "I feel that this is an opportune time to place literature with the Italians while they are here in our midst. . . . If I had the money I would gladly buy literature for them."

Will you kindly give prayerful thought to this important work. You will find a good program for March 4 in the *Church Officers' Gazette*. This is an opportune time to give the message to those of other nationalities.

## INDIANA CONFERENCE

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faith. Many more have signified their intention of uniting with us at the next baptism to be held February 11. The baptisms follow the sermon on Sunday night and help much in bringing others to a decision.

We solicit the prayers of our HERALD readers that many more may be won for Christ and His truth.

MARY KENT

### NEWS NOTES

ELDER W. A. Scharffenberg addressed a full church at La Porte on Sunday evening, January 28. The colorful picture of China's need as painted from the background of his own experiences in that country made a direct appeal to every heart. Following this service, Elder Scharffenberg met with the La Porte Society of Missionary Men, an organization which has developed under the leadership of Elder H. N. Williams. Nearly twenty men were present to voice a united interest in the growing missionary program of this society which has assumed as its name, "The Golden Rule Brotherhood."

Elder S. E. Wight spoke to our people in Indianapolis North Side Church on Sabbath, February 3. Miss Marian Wight and Miss Phyllis Williams sang a duet which was much appreciated by the entire congregation.

Miss Marian Wight spent some time with her folks as she was en route to Washington, D. C., to take up secretarial work in the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. We appreciated her kindness in helping out in the office during the time she was home and we wish her God's richest blessing as she takes up her work at Washington.

Elder M. D. Howard met with the congregation at Muncie last Sabbath. Elder W. A. Nelson spoke Friday evening in the North Side church in In-

dianapolis and then Sabbath worshipped with the believers in Marion.

Columbus appreciated the visit of Brother E. H. Craig and Brother Forrest Skaggs. Inasmuch as the pastor of the Richmond district is away attending the Theological Seminary, Brother P. T. Jackson's visit to their church was much appreciated.

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"To expect defeat, is nine-tenths of the defeat itself."

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### ILLINOIS COLPORTEUR SCHOOL

UNDER the leadership of our new publishing department secretary, Clyde H. Smith, our annual institute for training colporteurs opened in the Peoria church Tuesday evening, January 23, with an inspiring sermon by our conference president, Elder L. E. Lenheim. The following three days were spent in intensive training, with a large part of the instruction being given by Elder W. A. Higgins in his inimitable manner which held the close attention of his listeners throughout.

Others who helped with the instruction and inspiration during the meetings were the pastor of the Peoria church, Elder R. J. Winders; D. A. Bailey, representing the book department and Elder J. M. Jackson representing the periodical department of the Review and Herald Publishing Association; Elder S. M. McCormick, representing the conference Bible Correspondence School; W. C. Whitten, associate publishing department secretary in Illinois; and C. B. Burgess, Bible House manager

On Sabbath morning we were very fortunate in having Elder V. T. Armstrong with us to deliver his message

in behalf of reconstruction. To accommodate the overflow crowd, this service was held in the spacious auditorium of the Women's Club, after which the hospitable ladies of the Peoria church served us with a tasty plate lunch in the basement of the church.

There was a large attendance at the meeting Sabbath afternoon, when the colporteurs related some of their most interesting experiences. At the closing service, goals were set which when reached will give us an increase of forty per cent over the deliveries for 1944. The meetings were very faithfully attended throughout, not only by the colporteurs but by many of the church members as well. The interest in colporteur work is running high in the Peoria church.

Some excellent reports have just been received for the first week following our institute. Let us pray earnestly for these gospel workers and petition God to lay the burden of such work on the hearts of any others who have ability and a love for lost souls. Perhaps you should heed the call. Think it over.

C. B. BURGESS

### MISSIONARY VOUNTEER PROGRESS

THE newspapers today are giving a great deal of space to the Russian winter offensive and as I write, they are thirty-five miles from Berlin. So also the M. V. department of the Illinois Conference is in the midst of their big winter campaign. We have already had several occasions for our promotional work and invite you to notice the following itinerary for further plans.

February 17—Broadview Chapel, Junior Rally

February 24—Peoria M. V. Rally

March 3—West Central Child Evangelism Institute

March 10—Du Quoin M. V. Rally

March 17—Danville M. V. Rally

We will proceed according to plan and invite each of you in these various areas to rise up in mass at the appointed time and we will either capture or destroy the enemy.

We will endeavor to make these rallies as interesting and profitable as possible. The rally proper will be two and a half to three hours on Sabbath afternoon with a social gathering and choice moving pictures in a local hall in the evening. The HERALD will carry a weekly notice of these gatherings.

ROLLIN A. NESMITH

### SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS' INSTITUTE

A SPECIAL institute will be held for the Sabbath school officers of the Chicago area on Sabbath, February 17. The meeting will be held in the West Central church, 5701 Midway Park, at 2:30 P.M. All Sabbath school officers and division leaders should be present at this meeting. Many suggestions and answers will be given regarding Sabbath school problems.

If you are a Sabbath school leader, you will not want to miss this meeting.

S. M. McCORMICK

### MEN WANTED

A CHICAGO business man called me this morning seeking advice as to where he might secure a Seventh-day Adventist returned veteran.

The company operates on a five-day basis. They now have some S. D. A employees and are so highly pleased with them that they are seeking another to fill a vacancy. This individual should be a veteran of World War II.

Anyone interested in the above should write or call Rollin A. Nesmith, Box 29, Brookfield, Illinois.

### CHICAGO JUNIOR RALLY

THE Juniors of Chicagoland plan their first rally for February 17 in the Broadview Academy chapel. One of the special features of the afternoon will be a Temperance Oratorical Contest on the junior level. However, most of the original orations will be on the "Evil Effects of Tobacco."

The special music will be given by the Juniors. Parents, make available to your Juniors this inspiring program.

ROLLIN A. NESMITH

### DISTRICT TWENTY-SIX OVER INGATHERING GOAL

JANUARY 24 saw district 26 of southern Illinois over the top in Ingathering. We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every member who helped in spite of ice, snow, and zero weather. Special mention goes to the church school children, who, with the help of their teacher and two other young people, raised in a short time \$350 in singing band work. We feel that the Lord will surely bless these children who never complained in spite of cold weather and we are glad to mention them as follows: Misses Nellie Allen, Marva Lita Stevens, Shirley Stevens, Marlene Hubbard, Dawna Jane Roe, Mary Stocks, and Donna Jean Drury.

The cooperation of the elder members was the best it has ever been and we appreciate it more than we can say. God loves a willing heart and there were many to help during Ingathering this year. Each town worked gave more than last year in every instance, and many kind commendations were received from the contributors. We feel that the unusual success of the campaign in January was due to the fact that the business men's budget for the new year had not as yet been depleted by other drives.

So to district 26 "thanks" for your hearty support of the campaign, and may God richly bless you during this present year.

WM. E. BURNS

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"The man who has begun to live more seriously within, begins to live more simply without."—*Phillips Brooks*.

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"A smile is the only thing which break out on your face and improve it."

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" 'Tis not the dying for a faith that's hard; 'tis the living up to it that is difficult."—*Thackeray*.

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### WORKERS' MEETING

THURSDAY, January 11, 1945, will long be remembered as a red-letter day in my life and the life of many others who were present at the first workers' meeting of the Lake Union Conference. As this was my first opportunity to attend *any* conference meeting, I was indeed thrilled to be numbered among the faithful leaders in our conference.

Elder T. E. Lucas, superintendent of the M. V. department of the union, opened the first devotional session with an inspiring message which urged the workers to "Wake up, Get up, Dress up, and Look up," that they might be "Caught up" when Jesus comes. He emphasized the phrase, "Look up" by using these texts: Ps. 34:5, Heb. 12:2, and Luke 21:28. It is a dangerous thing to look in, and fatal to look back. Our only safety lies in "Looking up."

Neither time nor space will permit me to dwell very long on all of the speakers, therefore, I have chosen those whom I have heard either for the first or second time to write about. Elder Russell Nelson, of the Texico Conference, was the first young minister that I had the privilege of hearing. Never shall I forget his sermon which caused both young and old to sit motionless as the spoke. Do you know that we are saviours? Well, we are! We are placed here by God to act as saviours to those with whom we come in contact. Whom have you been instrumental in saving? Think it over! We cannot enter heaven unless we take someone with us.

Elder C. D. Henri, one of our young ministers who may soon depart for a

faraway land as a missionary, ably presented "Music in Church Services." We are admonished to sing the ageless advent hymns more in our services. They still have the power to touch hearts, and to cause sinners to see the necessity of repenting and being baptized.

Elder R. F. Warnick, who is the district leader of the Detroit area, spoke on "The Responsibility of District Leaders." My appreciation for a district leader was heightened when I heard this topic discussed. Let's not criticise but cooperate with our district leaders.

W. J. Kisack, educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary, discussed "The Place of the Youth in our Church Program." The year 1945 will see a much greater responsibility placed upon the broad shoulders of our Seventh-day Adventist youth. For, after all, are they not to be the ones to "finish this work"? My prayer is, "Lord mold me and make me a fit vessel to work in Thy vineyard."

MARIAN DAVIS

### MORE "SIGNS"— MORE SOULS

THE *Signs of the Times* campaign for 1945 is on. It started February 15 and will continue until the end of March. During these weeks we are asking our Missionary societies and churches as a whole to devote much of their time to the circulation of this valuable soul-saving journal. The *Signs of the Times* holds a very unique position among our periodicals. It was ordained of God to accomplish a great work in the saving of souls, and it has succeeded and will continue to succeed if we all get behind it and endeavor to place a copy of this valuable paper in each home, not only of our members, but others not of our faith as well. Special efforts should be put forth to get the *Signs* in the hands of ministers and active church workers of other denominations. We sin-

cerely hope that the goal which we have set for each church will be reached and passed. As we go forward in this 1945 campaign, let us bear in mind that in the *Signs* is printed a living message for a dying world.

J. GERSHOM DASENT

### WORLD CONDITIONS AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OFFERING

NEVER before in the history of this world has the outlook been so dark. Every time the dial is turned on the radio we hear of death, destruction, sabotage, race riots, murder, and cases of immorality. Certainly the devil is walking to and fro in the earth seeking whom he may devour.

Isaiah, writing over two thousand years ago, saw our old world in its present condition. He saw that darkness would cover not a portion of the earth but the whole world. He saw that the people would be in gross darkness. Certainly this is a very vivid picture of conditions as they are today. Even men who profess no religion fear the future for they see only a dark wall before and turmoil on every side.

While the old world staggers in its drunken condition, God calls His people to action. In a world of darkness, without hope, God calls upon His people to arise and shine for their light is come. This is indeed a mighty challenge for the church to meet. But in all ages God's true church has successfully met the challenge of the hour. I believe the remnant church will be no exception.

On February third, the call to raise one million dollars was sounded throughout North America among our people. This fund is to be used for reconstruction work in countries where enemy action has destroyed many of our hospitals, schools, and churches. Many of our people responded with liberal offerings. One person in our South Bend church contributed \$700; another contributed \$200, still another \$50, and many

smaller amounts. Many of our other churches have responded the same way. Much of this is in pledges and is still to come in. I believe every pledge will come in as promised. It will be greatly appreciated if every pledge is paid to your local church so the treasurer can include this offering, in full, in his report for February. Some did not give nor pledge. No doubt you, too, will before the end of February.

F. N. CROWE

Acting Sec'y-Treasurer

### NEWS NOTES

EARLY in the month of March it is our intention to publish in our union paper the names of the churches, its membership, and the amount they have contributed in the Reconstruction Drive.

Please do not fail to send in to the office the names of those who have contributed \$25 or more.

The first Minute Man in the Ingathering for 1945 is Sister Nannie M. Manley, of Richmond, Indiana. She sent in \$14.50 with this testimony, "This is my Minute Man goal. As God has blessed me to have it, I want to send it now to help bless others and to win souls."

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### ENCOURAGING RESULTS

OUR mail this morning brought us the happy news that the Wisconsin Conference has reached the high mark of 1,055 in its subscription list for the *Review and Herald*, which figure shows that we are 12 above our regular goal. We are certainly very happy over this and rejoice that so many of our brethren are receiving the weekly visits of the *Review*. As we think of the field, however, we are convinced that there are still many families that

are not receiving it. Our subscription list should stand at about 1400, and so we would appeal to all who read this, and who have not as yet become subscribers to the *Review*, to decide at once to join the *Review and Herald* family. Again we would appeal to the church officers to help each church member to have access to the *Review*.

The Society of Missionary Men of the Milwaukee area had their second meeting last Sabbath with Elder Scharffenberg present. At this time the organization was completed, and Brother Ray Bernhardt was chosen president, with Dr. Paul Neff as secretary, and Brother John Stier as treasurer. Some thirty members are enrolled, and we believe that this organization will become a strong factor in our work in the Milwaukee area. We were certainly grateful to have Elder Scharffenberg with us at that time.

We are already receiving material for the *Signs* campaign. Our present subscription list stands at about 3500, and the brethren are suggesting that our field should reach at least 4000. As we read the *Signs* from week to week we are convinced that it is one of the mightiest agencies in our work in creating a favorable attitude among people and in leading them toward the right way. Scores become Adventists every year as a result of the reading of the *Signs*. We hope that all church missionary societies will give study to increasing their clubs. We will say more about this later.

It seems that during 1944 our brethren have had unusually blessed experiences in the Sabbath school Investment effort. A few days ago we received from the Underhill church a report which we are sure might be repeated from many other churches. We give the report to you herewith:

"... the last of our Sabbath school Investment has been paid in, totaling \$246.80. The Lord certainly has blessed the humble efforts of His children.

One brother gave profit on certain land, \$50; another the best pine log, \$30; a farmer the best calf, \$26.80; profit on chickens, eggs, pennies, nickels, 50 cents for certain months, day's wages. One young lady gave tips given her in an ice-cream parlor. Sewing brought another \$5. Profit on rug making. Not all took part, but those that did expressed God's blessing on their work."

We think that was a real Investment for thirty Sabbath school members.

G. F. RUF

### NEW COLPORTEUR ACTIVITY

THE Wisconsin colporteurs have been coordinated with all other conference departments in a plan to double the church membership within five years.

Their part will be in enrolling interested people in the new Conference Correspondence Course and in arranging for personal Bible studies either by the district pastor or lay members who are qualified to give studies. In order to put greater emphasis on these two objectives, they will be reported each week in the Colporteur Newsletter.

The Wisconsin Conference is giving increasing recognition to the work of the literature evangelist. At our recent workers' meeting the regular full-time colporteurs were called in to take part. The colporteurs told their experiences and emphasized the need of more colporteurs and also the need of more determined personal follow-up work. Each district pastor determined to do more than ever before to urge his members to prepare for the literature ministry. In order to reach our membership goal, dear believers, we need your help, Won't you do what you can?

There is a factory here in Madison that pleads for people to come in and work even if it is only for a few hours each week. Surely God's work is

equally as important. With God's help, can't you plan to spend a few hours each week in taking message-filled books to your neighbors and friends and enrolling them in our correspondence course?

We need at least fifty full-time women colporteurs, but besides that we need the help of every Seventh-day Adventist who can work from one to twenty hours each week. If you can work at least one hour each week in the colporteur work, write me today. There will be opportunity for you to get special training at a beginners' institute which will be held in early spring. Write today—don't delay.

F. J. KINSEY

### FROM DISTRICT NINE

A REPORT on the proposed World Calendar was presented to the Ministerial Association of Columbia County at their last meeting held in Portage. The reaction to this report might well provide cause for alarm, if it is in any measure indicative of the attitude of the religious leadership of the Middle West.

Not one of the members had even heard of the proposed reform, either through his church channels or by secular means. Though a full and unbiased report of the facts was given, none of the members were disturbed over the issue or its possible consequences. The gist of the chairman's summing up was: Nothing has been said to us; nothing has been done about the matter here in Portage; the common people would not stand for the change; therefore it cannot happen here!

The *Religious Liberty* angle found no responsive chord, and the men were unperturbed by the challenge to the weekly cycle. "One day in seven," was the general interpretation of the Sabbath commandment.

The men of the Portage district are seeking to adapt the tremendous possibilities of the Adventist Men's Fellowship to the circumstances of an essen-