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## A New Thing

There have always been courageous souls in every campaign who walk ahead of the crowd,—some going ahead just to be ahead, others to bring back a word of courage to those who follow. On the whole, there are not many such advance guards. But never before, according to the statement of our old timers here, have we seen such a mass movement in every section and corner of our union to get the work started and finished before the opening date of the campaign, such as we see this year. Our members in large numbers have already earned their "minute men" emblems and are writing in for them. Some have earned their \$100 ribbons, others \$50, and many the \$25. Over thirty churches have passed their goals thus far, and several whole districts were at the finishing point as the campaign proper opened last Sabbath. Unbeknown to the departmental secretaries and conference workers, the brethren and sisters have gone into the field to do the work. Thousands of dollars have already passed through the church treasurers' hands, and are hurrying along to the ends of the earth on their great mission.

Yes, "it is a new thing". Something strange is moving our people out. We believe the Spirit of God is urging our people on in a new way. It is an hour of expectancy. Conditions in the world at large indicate that we are facing another world crisis. Our people are anxious to do their part and to see the work finished and Jesus come. No wonder they speed up the work. Now that the campaign proper has opened, let every soul step into line and do their part—large and small—and stand by the task until it is done.

At the Iowa and Minnesota workers' meetings which just closed, we found a wonderful spirit in the hearts of our leaders. The burden of every testimony and discussion from the floor was to go out and quickly finish the work. Not a word of complaint was heard. No one thought his goal was too high. Some very touching experiences were related about how

our people are shouldering the burdens this year in going out in this great soul-winning enterprise. Elders Osgood and Peugh are leading out in this layman's work in a strong way. It was a real inspiration to me, personally, to see their earnestness. South Dakota and North Dakota will have a workers' meeting this coming week, and will fully organize their staff and their church leaders for the campaign in these conferences.

We know this year's campaign will be a real success. When such a spirit prevails among the leaders, we are bound to succeed.

D. E. Reiner.

## An Urgent Appeal

Only those who have been assigned to meet with and plan for the brethren in Europe are able to realize fully the wonderful opportunities that are open to the believers in North America for to circulate the message in printed form. Believing that you would be interested in a few excerpts from a recent letter over the signature of L. H. Christian, who for years was president of the Northern European Division, I am giving you the following:

"There is in my heart an urge to write you a few thoughts about our book work. The task of circulating our literature is so vitally important and the crisis and perils of our day so urgent that I am deeply burdened for a decided increase in our sales. While these are going up, they are still far below what the times demand.

"Do we realize as we should that in the sales of our books the eternal destiny of thousands of lost people is at stake? Do we truly sense that in these very uncertain days of startling events our book work might suddenly come to a complete stop any week. My goal has been, as I have told our bookmen overseas, every home in every city or country must have at least two books on the message, also four to six of our other books. To do this, we need a stable, permanent army of well trained colporteurs. The last time I met Elder Lobsack, our mighty old leader in

Russia, now in prison, he said, 'Tell our people in America, with all your might print and circulate books, print and circulate more books, print and circulate yet more and yet still more books.' I shall never forget his burning words. In Russia and many other lands our book work is now forbidden. This is our day to work. Our godly colporteurs are the ambassadors of this remnant church to a dying world with our books."

My brother, my sister, what more could God do to urge you to enter the colporteur field and assist in the circulation of our message-filled books than to give you a description of what is taking place in Europe, China, and many other countries of the world today. If He were here in person today, would he not say: "Say not ye, There are four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Why not answer by saying, "Here am I; send me"?

Write your field secretary today for reservations at the colporteur institute which will be held in your conference shortly.

P. D. Gerrard.

## Help In Every Crisis

The church of God is facing a crisis. The nearer we get to the end of time, the more determined Satan will be to scatter the very elect. Even since the beginning of this movement he has tried to shake the very foundation of the work of God, but has never been successful. The triumph of the Advent Movement is certain. It is based on the prophetic word. It started at the right time and when the work is completed it will triumph.

But as we are marching toward victory we must fortify ourselves with those things that will help us to be true to the principles of the Advent message. The Spirit of prophecy is a gift to be found in the remnant church; and in these wonderful writings that come to us from the servant of the Lord, we find not only counsel regarding our own individual needs, but light that will lead us to the end

of time. Through these writings we are told what we must face between now and the finishing of the work. It does seem therefore that our people should do all they can at this time to secure these wonderful books, and study them anew in a very definite way. We have neglected to do this in the past. In Vol. V, page 676, we are told, "The plain straight testimony must live in the church, or the curse of God will rest upon His people as surely as it did upon ancient Israel." Surely we do not want the curse of God to rest upon us a people. Let us therefore heed the straight testimony and this can be done and will be done only as we acquaint ourselves with the writings of the Spirit of prophecy and live in harmony with its teachings.

We can expect an increase in wickedness and lawlessness as we near the end of time. We must be as a people that these conditions do not creep into the church. In Vol. III, page 324, we are told that "Wickedness and deception are increasing among God's people who profess to keep His commandments. Spiritual discernment to see sin as it exists and then to put it out of the camp, is decreasing among God's people. A spiritual blindness is fast coming upon them. The straight testimony must be revived and it will separate those from Israel who have ever been at war with the means that God has ordained to keep corruption out of the church."

Certainly a testimony of this kind should arouse us. It should cause us to pledge our allegiance to the wonderful gift of the Spirit of prophecy which God has placed among us. Shall we not search our hearts and as we

see our own great need, pledge anew to search the Scriptures daily and study in the light of the word of God this wonderful gift among us? This can be done only by purchasing these books for ourselves and our families.

W. B. Ochs.

### It Helped Me To Accept The Truth

When the message came to me, the Spirit of prophecy was presented among the early topics. It made a deep impression upon my mind, and a favorable one. When I learned that Jesus on that glorious ascension trip, when He was leading captivity captive, also gave gifts unto men, I wanted to know of those gifts. Then further light came, showing that the gifts were placed in the church, and further, that the gift of prophecy was among the chief gifts, and still further that when the testimony of Jesus was confirmed in the church, the church would come behind in no gift. Finding that these gifts were gifts of the spirit, I became interested in the spirit. I was surprised to find that God's spirit was here and moved upon the face of the great deep before man was made; that He, the Spirit, was the agency through which God strove with man to turn him from his wicked ways.

In other words, it seemed that the Spirit was God's instrument through which He was to carry out all his purposes toward man, and that the Spirit would show us things to come, which He would do through the Spirit of prophecy, and that nothing would be done except it be revealed to God's servants, the prophets. And when it was revealed to the prophet, it belonged to us and our children forever.

As I saw how God had used the prophets in times gone by to instruct, reprove, counsel, and protect His people when they were in need of help, it was easy for me to believe that the true church in the last days would be richly endowed with spiritual gifts and fully confirmed in the Spirit of prophecy. "Early Writings" was placed in my hands, and what I saw there filled a longing in my heart, and made it easy for me to believe that this people were the people of God, which thing I have had no difficulty in believing these thirty years since.

In all the problems of our everyday life, from grandson to grandfather, the Spirit of prophecy contains counsel at every turn of the road. If every

Seventh-day Adventist owned and read all the writings of Sister White, we would have light on the Scriptures and the problems of life far in excess of any other people. The devil knows this, and he will work with all his power and the united help of his entire force of fallen angels to get us to put a lot of things before the Spirit of prophecy that we could better do without. We can better do without almost any books on earth than these books. The reading of several pages a day from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, in addition to our several chapters in the Bible, will bring us courage, will sharpen our appetites for the things of God, and will enlarge our vision and help us to realize the times and their meaning.

The counsel given in the Spirit of prophecy is safeguarded for families, a safeguard for institutions, for conferences, for the whole denomination. The devil knows the value of the Spirit of prophecy. He knows that it is Jesus' own testimony. When the devil got John exiled on the Isle of Patmos, it was not for his misdeeds, but for the testimony of Jesus. When he put to death the babes of Bethlehem, it was not for their misdemeanors, but in his attempt to destroy the testimony of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus is the evidence of one witness that the devil knows if it is permitted to be heard his case is most sure to be lost. What a pity that in any home of the Advent people there should be an utter lack of any of the writings of the servant of the Lord, this most precious gift to the church that is to pass through the final struggle of the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

Let us bestir ourselves and our brethren, unionwide, that no home close the year 1937 without a beginning of a library of the writings of Sister White. Just as truly as in the days of Jehosaphat, if we believe His prophets so shall we prosper.

R. L. Benton

### A Guide To The People Of God

The gift that heaven gave to this people in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, is a gift that I am fearful some may not appreciate as fully as they should. While it is true that the Word itself contains every instruction that we as Christians need, yet the Spirit of Prophecy was sent by God to the remnant church to act, as

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it were, as a light to make more plain and clear the beautiful teachings of the Scriptures. All through the history of God's people, whenever a crisis has developed, the Lord has raised up a prophet to lead them, and to counsel them in the way that He would have them to go.

You will recall that when ancient Israel was living in slavery and bondage down in Egypt, that God chose Moses, and prepared him to lead His people out of their bondage. Then you will recall that through Moses, and Aaron, God sent the most specific and definite instruction to His people as to how they should conduct every detail of their lives as they marched toward the promised land. As you read through the chapters recording this wonderful instruction one cannot help but be impressed by the way the Lord gave instruction even to the minutest detail, specifying what food they should eat, how it should be prepared and cooked, the type of houses they should live in, and the material they should be constructed of, and where they should be located; also how they should relate themselves to the heathen tribes about them, and going into detail as to their relationship one with another. In fact, there is not a single detail of their everyday lives that was overlooked in this instruction. If ancient Israel as they traveled through the wilderness toward the promised land had followed these instructions carefully, they would not have weakened and fallen by the way as many did, but the road would have been made safe and plain before their feet, and they would have arrived at their hoped-for destination. During the millenniums that followed, wherever a crisis confronted the children of God, He would raise up a prophet to instruct and lead them, but not once did He raise up a prophet again that gave such detailed instruction as did Moses until the closing days of this earth's history, when modern Israel in its journeyings toward the heavenly Canaan needed just the same kind of instruction and leadership as did ancient Israel. In the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy given through the humble instrument chosen by God to act as His mouthpiece there has come the same detailed instruction that was given through Moses to ancient Israel, only made applicable to the conditions existing in these closing days.

My dear brethren, it is a wonderful

gift that God has given to us in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, and the admonitions contained there are so clear, so true, and so dependable. You will recall the Scriptures tell us that many of ancient Israel murmured against the word of the Lord, and as a result of their murmurings they were lost by the wayside. The same is true of modern Israel, and my dear brethren and sisters, we need to study as never before this instruction which with the Bible is the foundation of our Christian living and experience. Every Seventh-day Adventist should make every endeavor to have available these wonderful writings, and then to give earnest and diligent study to the lessons that they contain. I am convinced that there are two great decisions that every Seventh-day Adventist must make. The first one is when we decide to accept the teachings of the third angel's message, and to separate from the world and the worldly churches and join with God's people in their march toward the kingdom. The second is the decision that must be made by every one who is enrolled in the ranks of the remnant church, to accept wholly, and literally, and without any reservations, the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy. When we do this our journey will be a safe journey, and our entrance into the eternal kingdom is assured. From my own personal experience I know how much I need the guiding influence of this Heaven-sent gift, and I urge all my brethren and sisters, whose faces are set toward the promised land, to study, to pray, and to bring their lives into full harmony with God's holy will. May the illumination of the Holy Spirit shine upon every heart as we endeavor by His grace to enter into this deeper experience.

Glenn Calkins.

"None of us can do without the blessing of God, but God can do His work without the aid of man, if He so choose. But He has given to every man his work, and He trusts men with treasures of wealth or of intellect, as His stewards. Whatever we render to God is, through His mercy and generosity, placed to our account as faithful stewards."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 736.

"Real happiness is found only in being good and doing good."—Messages, p. 210.

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### A Good Start

Minnesota churches received a bulletin last week stating that the official date had arrived for the start of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, but an excellent start had already been made. \$5000 has already been raised, and twenty-one churches are over their goal. The minute-men list is growing rapidly and calls are already coming in for \$25, \$50, and \$100 Harvest Ingathering bookmarks.

Let us make this a short campaign by all working at the same time. Every church should try to finish up this month. We appeal to our isolated believers to all go out early. Surely everyone will want to have a part in this campaign which, by the Lord's help, will be a great success.

J. C. Christensen.

## Minnesota Workers Meeting

A very profitable workers meeting has just closed in Minneapolis. It was held in the Stevens Avenue, English church on Monday and Tuesday, September 6 and 7. Every minister of the conference was present and a number of the wives of workers were there.

We were especially favored by having with us Elder Steen Rasmussen, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, Elder H. O. Olson of the General Conference Bureau of Home Missions and the following representatives from the Northern Union Conference: K. L. Gant, D. E. Reiner and P. D. Gerrard.

A large part of the first day was spent in a very careful study of how we may, as a conference, within a few weeks time complete a successful Harvest Ingathering campaign. Great enthusiasm was shown, and it was finally voted to set October 23 as victory day for the campaign.

All of the near by churches were invited in to attend a meeting held at the church on Monday evening. Elder Steen Rasmussen gave a very stirring address.

Monday evening and all day Tuesday were given over to a careful study of the different phases of evangelism. Surely the Lord richly blessed in the discussions, and our workers returned to their fields determined to win many souls during the fall and winter months.

V. E. Peugh

## Mankato Singing Band

During the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year twenty-two of our members, mostly young people, organized a singing band, set our goal at \$100 and went over it in twelve days. We used a trailer to carry the singers and organ, and worked in the residence section of the city. We sang in the evening from eight o'clock to about nine-forty-five. In spite of the fact that the fair was in progress for nearly a week, our efforts were greatly blessed. People responded well. They seemed to be very fine in expressing their appreciation of the gospel music—some going as far as to say that the music sounded "like the angels singing". Some of those who did not have a cash donation for us contributed canned fruit, jelly, jam, etc. We have about fifty jars of these

to dispose of at an auction to be held this week.

One Sunday morning we tried a new venture. A car carrying four singers and a solicitor went into the country. We drove into the farm yard and sang from the car while the solicitor presented or work. People were very liberal in giving produce such as eggs, apples, tomatoes, etc., when they did not have a cash contribution.

We are already looking forward to the Harvest Ingathering campaign next year. God richly blessed our efforts and to Him we give all the praise and thanks for our success.

Dorothy L. Ludee, Leader.

## District No. 4

We have much enjoyed our work since coming into this district. Our faithful believers have given us the most hearty cooperation.

We held a combined effort for the Eagle Bend and Hewitt churches, closing August 14, with a baptismal service when five were baptized and united with the church.

Sabbath, August 28, was a day of rejoicing for the Staples church. Brother George Nelson, as elder of this church, and Sister Nellie Emerson, as young people's leader, have done most faithful work here. After Sabbath school and a short service in the church, the whole company drove out to the river bank on Brother Nelson's farm to witness the baptism of fifteen new church members. Some of these have grown up in the Staples Sabbath school and we rejoice to see them unite with the church. We also pray earnestly that God will fill their lives with overcoming power.

### Harvest Ingathering

The Eagle Bend church have passed their goal, and the Hewitt church lacks but a few dollars of reaching theirs. The Richville church made \$20 above their goal in three days, and at Wadena they have more than \$50.00 toward their goal. We thank God for the willingness and faithfulness of our dear people to take hold of the work and pray His richest blessing to be upon them.

David K. Olson.

"A man will gain power and efficiency as he accepts the responsibilities that God places upon him, and with his whole soul seeks to qualify himself to bear them aright."—P. P. p. 255.

## News Items

**Organization at Dagget Brook.** A church was organized at Daggett Brook, Minnesota on Sabbath, September 4. The surrounding churches were invited in, and an all day meeting was held. An interesting Sabbath School at 10:00 o'clock was conducted by the members of the local group. At eleven o'clock Elder V. E. Peugh, the conference president, and Elder D. K. Olson, the district leader, conducted an organization service. A group of twenty members were organized into a church. The afternoon was spent in a very profitable way in studying the duties of church, Sabbath School and M. V. officers. Time was also given for the answering of many questions in regard to the various phases of our organized work.

**General Meeting at Royalton.** A very profitable and spiritual general meeting was held at the Royalton church over Sabbath and Sunday, September 4 and 5. Elder H. O. Olson and August Anderson conducted the services. Meetings were held in both Swedish and English. Elder V. E. Peugh was able to be at the meetings for a short time on Sunday, and he preached at the two o'clock hour. The meetings were well attended also by those not of our faith.

## On The Trail

"Today as I was selling my magazines, I had just canvassed the proprietor of a store and was walking out when a customer stopped directly in my path and looked at me as if waiting for me to speak. I immediately handed him the *Watchman*, gave a short canvass, and he bought it without hesitating. I really believe the Lord impressed him to stop. My faith is increasing each day."

"A Catholic family of Polish origin who had recently left the church, were glad for the privilege of studying the Word of God. As I talked with them on the ten commandments, the mother stated that in family study of the Bible, the children had pointed out to the parents that Sunday was the wrong day to keep—the seventh day is the Sabbath—they should keep Saturday. I had a copy of "The Bible Made Plain," which this family purchased even though it took their last quarter."

"I canvassed one lady who had brought a copy of "Bible Readings,"

in the Swedish, several years ago. She said it was the best book on explaining the Bible truths. So then I discussed the advisability of her getting a copy in the English for her children to read. She agreed to this, and so I am in hopes that she and at least part of her family will because members of our fold."

"Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power." C. E. p. 27. Does the Lord call for you, friend? Will you answer now, "Here am I, send me?"

C. G. Cross

### It Will Pay When—

If it will pay us to be "in the work when the Lord comes," don't you think it will pay you to get into the work now? Get prepared for the times ahead. In the "time of trouble" we shall stand all alone. The Spirit of God will be withdrawn from the earth. Do you have an experience that will take you through that time?

Prepare now to be active in God's organization. Prepare to attend the annual colporteur institute to be held soon. The date probably will be October 29 to November 7, and the place and accommodations will be announced shortly in these columns.

If it will pay us to be "in the work when the Lord comes," don't you think it will pay you to get into the work now?

C. G. Cross, Field Secretary

### You Are Still Invited

One week of school is almost completed. Your friends who enrolled September 13 are already organized for progressive study and work. It is not too late for you to enter school. We want you to share in the blessing that a Christian school has to offer. You need a Christian education. You must have this type of purposeful and fortified training. It is God's plan that you should be so educated. Do you respond to your opportunity? The Time of Youth is the ideal time to prepare for life's work. It is very important that you make a beginning in the securing of a Christian education.

The kind of school that you select in which to secure training is one of the most important decisions that you and your parents will make. By the time you have completed your academic course, your habits, atti-

tudes and reactions that control through life will largely be shaped. You need the influence of Christian teachers and friends. The surroundings and the environment of Maplewood Academy will leave a worth while impression on you. It may be an expensive decision to further postpone the entering of school. May we hear from you by telephone or letter?

You will not forget that the preparation for a fuller future life in the new earth is to be made in this world. The academy is operated for the special purpose of giving students a personal preparation for successful living and service.

E. F. Heim.

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### News Items

**Camp Meeting:** If asked for a terse phrase describing the Iowa camp meeting held at River View Park, Cedar Falls, Iowa, I would unhesitatingly use I Chronicles 12:40, "For there was joy in Israel". Everybody seemed happy. They were thankful and glad because of the favorable weather conditions, the shade trees, the large pavilion, the fine accommodations, the unexcelled appointments, the devotional meetings, the excellent attendance, the tasty and palatable meals, the inspiring sermons, the help sent by the General Conference, the liberal offerings, the youth's congress, the book sales, the good reports, the instructive display, the friendly spirit, and the blessings of heaven. Indeed, there was great rejoicing!

**General Conference Help:** General Conference help included M. N. Campbell, vice-president of the North American Division; E. D. Dick, secretary of the General Conference; A. W. Petersen, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the General Conference; Steen Rasmussen, home missionary secretary of the General Conference; and Missionary John Howell of South America.

**The Northern Union:** Representing the Northern Union were, Elders E. H. Oswald, D. E. Reiner, P. D. Gerrard, and K. L. Gant. We regret that the death of Elder Oswald's

father made it impossible for him to be present during the last part of the camp meeting. President M. L. Andreason, of Union College, and Business Manager, H. C. Hartman, gave some very constructive help. Elder J. E. Schultz, editor of the Watchman Magazine, was present, and R. E. Bowles, branch manager at Omaha, represented the Pacific Press, Elder J. H. Roth, president of the South Dakota Conference, Elder J. J. Reiswig, president of the Oklahoma Conference, also Elder E. W. Wolfe, formerly of Iowa but now of Memphis, Tennessee, were visitors on the camp ground.

Space does not permit a rehearsal of all the various activities of the encampment. Neither can we capture the spiritual blessings and inspiration of the services. However much we might wish to transfer them to the members of the conference who were not there, this cannot be done, but a few figures will help to give some idea of what took place.

On the first Sabbath the Sabbath school offering amounted to an even \$800, and the second Sabbath it was \$295.25, making a total of \$1,095.25. The special mission offering on the last Sabbath amounted to \$1,821.77. The Book and Bible House sales were \$1,164.83. We praise God that His people were blessed with a liberal spirit.

There were three baptisms conducted and a number of candidates counseled to return to their home churches that the rite might be performed there.

A number of important resolutions were passed regarding lay-evangelism, the "Win One" movement, religious liberty, Sabbath School Investment, literature ministry, the recruiting of colporteurs, young people's work, medical work, and the educational program. One very important resolution passed should be given immediate consideration. I refer to the resolution setting aside the fourth Sabbath offering for Christian education. Iowa has need of more elementary church schools. The boys and girls at home have not been given the opportunity of Christian education. Iowa's children must not be neglected. These considerations led the delegates at the camp meeting session to vote the taking up of an offering in all our churches for church schools on the fourth of each month. We believe the elders and leaders of

local churches will not overlook this action. The first offering received will be Sabbath, September 25. The offerings to be received in the after-meetings are as follows: First Sabbath, home missionary; second Sabbath, foreign missions; third Sabbath, church expense; fourth Sabbath, elementary schools; fifth Sabbath, church expense. It is understood that this list is not to conflict with the general denominational offerings, which always are to be given first preference over this arrangement.

Radio: The regular broadcast of the Radio Bible School over WHO, Des Moines, is given each Sunday morning at 9:15 A. M., but due to a nationwide hook-up on Sunday, September 26, our program has been transferred to another hour for that date only. So on September 26 we will be on the air in the evening at 10:45 P. M. The time and date should be given wide publicity, as WHO has a clear channel and at night can be heard easily from coast to coast. Write your friends inviting them to tune in. Dial 1000.

Debt reduction: In two years Iowa's liabilities have been reduced more than \$10,000,—a figure so large as this could not and did not just happen. It represents the special blessing of God, the faithfulness of God's people, systematic benevolence and special help. Each member should remember the obligation of the tithe. It is first. It is essential. To withhold the tithe is to invite the curse of God. Unfaithfulness here means sure disaster. On the other hand, the one who is true and honest in the tithe obligation will surely see God's blessing. His prayers will be answered, he will be prospered spiritually and financially. Sooner or later the promises of God will be fulfilled to him. But with the tithe should we not add the 2 per cent? This goes for debt reduction. This is a fair way to apportion this large obligation and surely those who systematically contribute their two per cent will be rewarded. When we think of the tithe, think of it as "must". When we think of the two per cent, think of it as "doing our part."

Harvest Ingathering: At the camp meeting rally it was found that \$2,500 had already been raised in our Harvest Ingathering. District No. 4 was far in the lead of any other district in the conference, reporting something over \$700. But some of the churches already have reached their super goal.

That is fine! We are encouraged to believe that the Lord is leading. Now is the time to get in our best strokes and accomplish the most for the cause. Soon the fall drives will be on and our appeals will be just one more call for money. People who give to us at this time of the year will give more liberally and graciously than later after they have been approached by a number of other organizations. Let us rally to the standard. I cannot too strongly urge the importance of doing with your might what your hands find to do.

DeWitt S. Osgood.

### The Fourth Sabbath Educational Offering

At our recent camp meeting held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, the following action was taken:

"Whereas, the General Conference, seeing the great need of increasing the salaries of our church school teachers, have agreed to give us an increased subsidy, with the definite understanding that we are to live up to stipulated rates; and

Whereas, It is generally understood that additional funds are to be raised from the conference membership,

We Recommend, 1. That a monthly elementary school offering be taken in all our churches, said offering to be remitted to the conference; this offering to come every fourth Sabbath, it being understood that it not interfere with special offerings set apart by the General Conference.

2. That our district superintendents and church leaders assume the responsibility of seeing that this offering is taken regularly."

We are endeavoring to get this under way immediately. The first offering should be taken Sabbath, September 25. The entire offering will be sent in to the conference by the church treasurer along with other conference funds.

The purpose of this offering is to aid churches where there is a need in operating their church school. Faithful church school teachers have all these years, in many cases, worked for less than a living wage. I am sure that all of our workers, church officers, and church members will join in this forward movement to place our church schools on a better financial basis.

We are giving this appeal to all church members whether they have church schools or not, and pray that they will contribute to this fund. We shall be happy also to have the members of the conference church join with us in this offering. The prospects are for a number of good schools in the conference. We should not rest until all the boys and girls have the privilege of attending a Christian school.

We are happy to join the people in their work and will as soon as at all possible visit you in your churches.

Start the movement at once and have a good offering taken in every church in the conference Sabbath, September 25.

J. A. Tucker,  
Educational and  
Y.P.M.V. Secretary.

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### Wedding

Tuesday afternoon, September 7, at three p. m. Lyle Heaten and Irene Dietz were married at the home of Frank Dietz. The writer officiated in the presence of relatives and a few friends. After the ceremony a good wholesome dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Heaten will leave for California where he will take up school work.

Geo. Loewen

"As the disciples, filled with the power of the Spirit, went forth to proclaim the gospel, so God's servants are to go forth today. Filled with an unselfish desire to give the message of mercy to those who are in the darkness of error and unbelief, we are to take up the Lord's work. He gives us our part to do in cooperation with Him, and He will also move on the hearts of unbelievers to carry forward His work in the regions beyond."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 32.

"Faith will increase if, when brought in conflict with doubts and obstacles, it overcomes them."—Messages, p. 12.

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## South Dakota Conference

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### Willingness In The Day Of His Power

In these days when there is a shortage of workers, our lay people rise up to the needs of the hour and fill the gaps of the depleted working force. A very tangible demonstration of this was seen in the Hot Springs church.

The district leader was tied up in an effort. The home missionary secretary was busy in another section of the conference organizing churches and raising funds. But the church members felt that the time had come to put on the campaign in that section where summer tourists abound. After a brief conversation with some of the leading members and the elder of the church, one of the members volunteered to solicit the business section of the town. Her suggestion was approved of by the elder and the conference worker. The district leader's wife was asked to join Sister Henry Sehmunk in soliciting the business people of Hot Springs. They went at the work with a will, and in one week raised \$180 in that town. According to the reports of the home missionary secretary of this church, it has almost raised its \$300 goal. The church goal may not sound so big for large centers, but taking the population of Hot Springs and the surrounding territory into consideration, every one who knows the district will openly admit that these sisters have done a most commendable work in a very short time. With such a spirit and enthusiasm the work of God will be finished in this generation.

J. H. Roth.

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### Words Of Welcome

Elder E. R. Lauda of Colorado has accepted the call to South Dakota, and is now located at Mitchell, South Dakota. The church in the service last Sabbath gave him a royal welcome. The elder in his words of welcome assured Elder Lauda of full cooperation on the part of the church. The conference is happy to welcome Elder and Mrs. Lauda and daughter.

They have entered heartily in the Harvest Ingathering work.

J. H. Roth.

### Hot Springs Silver Jubilee

A most unique plan was devised by the superintendent of the Hot Springs Sabbath School to raise funds for the Silver Jubilee offering, and it proved very successful. The superintendent happened to be the wife of a prominent baker in that city. She conceived the idea of buying raw peanuts and roasting them, then putting them into cellophane bags and asking the merchants located there to sell them for the church. The merchants entered very heartily upon the suggested plan, and after they had sold the peanuts they called for more to supply the demand created. The peanuts were placed upon an upright stand in a conspicuous place in the store, and the people would buy willingly. The Hot Springs Sabbath School went away over their dollar goal per member.

J. H. Roth.

### News Items

Good reports of the Harvest Ingathering campaign are coming in from every section of the field. The Lord is blessing greatly in spite of the fact that money seems to be more scarce this year than last.

Elder Roth was called from Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he was attending the Iowa Camp meeting, to preach the funeral sermon of Elder E. H. Oswald's father.

The Java and Tolstoy churches have been added to the list of churches which have reached their Harvest Ingathering goal.

Miss Lena Myers from the conference office is at this writing taking a much needed vacation.

We wish to call the attention of our German brethren to the fact that the price has been raised on the German Sabbath School quarterlies. The quarterly has been greatly enlarged and many more notes are given in connection with the lessons, which has made it necessary to increase the price. We hope they will bear this in mind when ordering quarterlies. Single copies are 10 cents and yearly subscriptions 40 cents.

Professor A. L. Watt, principal of Plainview Academy, was a pleasant caller at the office in Watertown one day last week, and reported that the

prospects are good for a splendid enrollment at Plainview Academy this year.

Brother Robert Brown, our Field Secretary, assisted the Elk Point church in the Harvest Ingathering last week.

Elder W. H. Hanhardt assisted the Colman church in the Ingathering last week.

We are pleased to report that the Sioux Falls church has reached two-thirds of its goal at this writing. They likely will have gone beyond three-fourths of their goal by the time this reaches the field.

South Dakota Conference.

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### Harvest Ingathering Results

This morning's mail brings me a letter from one of our young people in the conference church. I quote briefly her experience which shows that as a result of prayer she received twice as much as she expected.

"It had been my prayer for some time before going out, that the Lord would touch the hearts of those with whom we were to come in contact, and make them willing to give for the Lord's cause. I had especially prayed for an aged man whom I knew to have the means to give if his heart was touched. Two years ago my aunt had solicited him in the Ingathering, and he had given her \$5. This year I prayed that the Lord would impress him to give me \$10. And as a result of our prayer, and after presenting the Ingathering to him he gave me \$20. Just twice as much as I had prayed for!"

From this experience we see that the Lord still impresses men to give. The servant of the Lord has told us over and over again that we shall go out in this work in faith believing that the Lord will impress men to give of their means for the advancement of the cause. I trust that this experience will impress others to go out in the Lord's work, and believe and pray that the Lord will bless us.

The Harvest Ingathering work is onword in our field. Good reports are coming from the churches and conference church members from all parts of the field. Some are reporting good experiences with excellent results.

W. H. Hanhardt.

**COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR  
WEEK ENDING SEPT. 4, 1937**

Minnesota—C. G. Cross, Sec.		Bks.	Hrs.	Sales	Del.
K. Evenson	Misc.	58	125.20	21.70	
Geo. Nielson	BR	50	13.50	468.75	
**J. Zummach	BR	85	27.45	14.45	
B. O. Engen	Misc.	41	13.25	17.20	
M. Peterson	Mag.	37	17.50	9.00	
V. Rust	Mag.	35	8.40	8.40	
C. Merickle	DND	34	14.55	2.50	
G. Ytredal	DND	33	25.25	2.25	
Miss Powers	Mag.	31	10.00	10.00	
C. G. Rust	Mag.	22	10.70	10.70	
B. Pretlyman	GC	19	38.75	6.25	
Christopherson	Mag.	19	8.55	8.55	
J. Dufstrom	Mag.	17	18.00	10.00	
Mrs. A. Paul	HR	17	3.85		
Frederickson	Mag.	16	54.50	47.50	
Julia Berg	RJ	12	19.00	25.50	
H. Santini	Mag.	11	12.00	12.00	
A. Gerrard	Mag.	9	6.30	5.00	
E. W. Cates	RJ	7	4.25	8.00	
*Mrs. Lequier	Mag.	24	11.70	11.70	
H. E. Preston	GC	3		17.50	
J. Skadsheim	Misc.		25.00	25.00	
Luella Preston			4.25	4.25	

580 471.95 746.20

**South Dakota—R. H. Brown, Sec.**

L. Smith	BR	29	48.00		
Rose Reuer	H	39	17.70	10.20	
Charles Root	BR	17	14.50	3.75	
Darrel Holtz	BTS	15	3.50	8.75	
Edna May	H	13	3.10	1.60	
B. Claridge	H	15	1.50	10.00	
H. Kunsman	BR	12	1.10	8.85	
A. Dorland	H	15	.30	10.80	

155 89.70 53.95

**North Dakota—F. L. Burkhardt, Sec.**

Leo Merkel	DND	8	4.75		
***M. Wahl	BR	154	147.75		
Mrs. Burkhardt	H		1.95		
Mrs. Gaffney	H-LH		2.50		
E. Schield	LH		1.00		
Mrs. Wahl	LH		2.00		

162 159.95

Grand Total 897 721.60 800.15

- \* 2 weeks
- \*\* 3 weeks
- \*\*\* 4 weeks

"Successful work for Christ depends not so much on numbers or talent as upon pureness of purpose, the true simplicity of earnest, dependable faith."—D. A. p. 370.

"Not the amount of labor performed, or its visible results, but the spirit in which the work is done, makes it of value with God."—C.O.L. p. 405.

### Obituaries

**Wicks:** Mrs. Rachel Wicks was born in Stavenger, Norway, October 14, 1865, and died in Sioux City, Iowa, August 31, 1937. At the age of 23 Sister Wicks came to the United States, and was married five years later. Her husband preceded her in death. On June 15, 1929 she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. We are confident that she will come forth at the call of the Life Giver. She leaves to mourn, two sons and two daughters, also one brother and two sisters. Services were conducted by the writer, and burial was made in the Floyd cemetery.

W. R. Archbold.

**Lindberg:** Isreal Lindberg was born in Ormsen, Dortha Len, Sweden, August 21, 1867, and died August 24, 1937. He came to the United States in 1887 and settled in Kittson County, Minnesota, where he remained until 1893 when he moved to a farm east of Roseau. In October 1894 he was united in marriage to Elvira Sjodin. To this union eight children were born, of whom two preceded him in death. Some forty years ago he accepted the truth and became a member of the Roseau church. He is survived by his wife and six children. The funeral was conducted from the Roseau Methodist church August 29, where the writer spoke words of hope and comfort to the large assembly of relatives, church members, and friends. He was laid to rest in the Roseau cemetery awaiting the call of the Life Giver.

David Gulbrandson.

### Sunset Calendar

September 17, 1937

Des Moines, Iowa.....	6:21
St. Paul, Minnesota.....	6:20
Bismarek, North Dakota.....	6:52
Pierre, South Dakota.....	6:39

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

**Eidemiller:** George Eidemiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Eidemiller, was born in Dubuque County, Iowa, February 19, 1856. He died on the home farm, southwest of Middletown, Iowa, August 30, 1937. October 25, 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Prehm at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. To this union were born, two sons and three daughters. Nearly 43 years ago Brother Eidemiller accepted the "present truth" and ever remained a faithful Christian. His companion, three daughters, and one son survive, but not without hope. Services were conducted by the writer. We laid our brother to rest awaiting the summons of the Savior.

A. L. Miller.

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Advertisements and business notices are not solicited, but are published only as an accommodation. They must be sent to the local conference office to be approved by the conference officers before being published in the Northern Union Outlook. For each insertion the rate is two cents a word with a minimum charge of fifty cents, cash to accompany the advertisement.

Wanted: Man to work on farm. Good year-round job. Not many chores. Work done with modern machinery. State age and experience. Milo E. Smith, Riceville, Iowa, Route 1. 13-4

Wanted: Competent S. D. A. woman or older girl to take charge of modern home. Four in family. Mother works part time. State age, weight, and qualifications in first letter. Mrs. A. A. Reid, 611 Pokagama Ave. Grand Rapids, Minn.

"The path of sincerity and integrity is not a path free from obstruction, but in every difficulty we are to see a call to prayer."—D. A. p. 667.

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