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## Those Sabbath School Lessons on the Home

There was a parable put forth by the Master Teacher—do you remember?—about a sower who went forth to sow. The seed that He sowed on various kinds of ground: some on the beaten path, where it was soon lost; some on stony ground, where it quickly sprouted but, being shallow-rooted, very soon died; some on thorny ground, where the briars sprang up lustily and choked it; but some on good ground, where it took root deeply, spread, thrived, and bore good crops of from thirty to a hundred fold. And you know how the Master applied the parable to the sowing of truth and the various minds and hearts to which it came.

Now I couldn't say whether your heart, and yours and yours, is hard, or stony, or thorny, or whether it is a heart that loves truth, and gives it nourishment, and makes it broaden and deepen and bear much fruit. But I hope you will not forget that good seed, without being given a chance to grow, will never do you any good.

In the first quarter of this year we had most valuable Sabbath school lessons on the Christian home. And there was widespread interest in them throughout our churches, among young people and our parents and workers. There was a chorus of I suppose a hundred thousand "Amen's." It was good seed. The question arises, however, how much our homes benefitted from those studies. A great deal, I hope. And yet, you know, you can't expect thirteen lessons to compass the whole field of home life, parental instruction, and child training. The great benefit will come to minds and hearts aroused to study further, and to reform, and to progress in Christian home-making.

No other work can equal in importance the parent's work. "Ministry of Healing," page 377. The success of the church depends upon home influences. Id. 349. The only education worthy of the name is that which fits

young men and women to stand as Christian teachers at the heads of their families. Id. 444. The importance of the parents' work is supreme, and the training of parents is essential to the complete success of Christian education. "Education," page 276. How tremendous in their meaning and implications are these statements!

Have you, fathers and mothers, and you young men and women of maturity, resolved to study further into this most important subject, and to fit yourselves for your vitally important duties? Thank God that the Sabbath school has startled you into thinking of the importance of the home. What now?—hard, beaten ground? stony ground? thorn-cursed ground? or good ground? The Home Commission stands ready to help you, with its various courses comprehensive in their entirety, and with personal counsel and guidance. You know: The Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Arthur W. Spalding

## An Urgent Invitation

An urgent invitation is hereby extended to every conference and all workers and church members to join the publishers of foreign-language "Present Truth" in circulating a special number on the meaning of present day conditions. This special will be issued in four languages; Greek, Russian, Slovakian, and Hungarian. We hope other languages will follow, but we have been asked to start with these.

Feeling certain that every conference and our entire constituency will join heartily in this program of circulating this special foreign language "Present Truth" in the above four languages, we are making a sweeping reduction in the price. If initial orders can be received totaling at least 20,000 in each of these languages, we shall be able to quote the rate of only one-half cent per copy, which is just one-half the usual price.

Surely, with hundreds of thousands of people in the U. S. A. who read and speak these languages, an initial printing order of 20,000 of each lan-

guage will only be a start toward warning all these people, and we can print even more as the need may demand. Already orders have come in for 5,000. This special "Present Truth" in foreign-languages ought to have a 100,000 circulation. It will contain the message people sorely need just now.

Get your order off to your nearest Bible House at once. We hope to begin printing in ninety days, and trust the initial orders will be here by then. Remember we are making the special price of only \$5.00 a thousand, and only 50 cents a hundred on this special number. Some orders can, of course, be larger than others, depending upon the foreign population in your vicinity. Some conferences should circulate this special number by the thousands. We hope every church member will order some for personal use. Our presses are ready, but we must await the orders. Won't you place them with your Bible House today? Should total orders fall short of 20,000 of each language, we shall have to increase the price. So help us make possible this low rate by faithfully doing your part in circulating as many as possible. Surely this special number should be read by every Greek, Russian, Slovakian, and Hungarian. Won't you help make it possible?

D. A. Cone  
Circulation Manager  
International Branch

## Union College Colporteur Institute

The colporteur institute for the three unions which comprise the Union College constituency, met here March 3-11, occupying four chapel periods, the Friday night vesper hour, and the Sabbath services. Elder C. E. Weeks, Secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, was at the college from March 5-7, speaking to the students in the first meetings and encouraging them to faithful service in their home fields. He also spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath.

Aside from the chapel periods, the institute held group meetings in the mornings and evenings and a fine spirit of cooperation was manifested by the more than one hundred students who attended.

Representatives from the different fields were: P. D. Gerrard, N. J. Aaboe, C. G. Cross, Roger O. Baker, Robert H. Brown and C. A. Lindquist, from the Northern Union; J. M. Jackson, E. F. Coy, P. E. Shakespeare, F. L. Burkhart, L. E. Loomer, and C. M. Norman from the Central Union; and J. A. P. Green, A. E. Van Noty, Claude Grannon, Frederick Lee, and O. S. Plue from the Southwestern Union.

Marjorie Hight

## Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program



Assignments for Eighteenth Week  
April 28-May 4

Volume: "The Great Controversy  
"Prophecies Fulfilled" pp. 391-408

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### Gem Thought

The first and second angels' messages were given at the right time, and accomplished the work which God designed to accomplish by them. G. C., p. 405.

### Books

James H. Snowden has given us the following gem regarding the value of books:

"Books are battalions of words which in their massed might are charged with mysterious and almost miraculous power of molding and merging many, and even millions, of minds into one thought and purpose and life. They resurrect the past and create the future. The scepters of kings and emperors are puny playthings compared with these magic wands. Read them, meditate upon them, hug them to your hearts until they soak into your souls and make you wise and rich and strong."

We are happy to announce at this time that the 1940 Pacific Press cata-

logue is now available. It lists a large number of books that have not been catalogued before, and also contains some new features which are very interesting. It gives the searcher for books some valuable information regarding authors and the classification of our publications. The catalogue is free and may be obtained from your Book and Bible House.

J. M. Rowse

## Iowa Conference

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Make wills and legacies to Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association.

## Christian Education Rally at Sioux City

If there was ever a "boost-the-school week" or a church school rally in any of our churches, I have never heard of it until such a rally was suggested and carried out by the Home and School Association of the Sioux City church. The leaders of the association entered into the proposal with a determination to make the experiment a success.

The two chief objects of the rally were (1) to bring the subject of Christian education before the church in a way it has never been presented before so as to impress our people with the importance of such a training for their children, and (2) to enroll all our children in the church school. These worthy objectives were recognized by all, and many parents expressed their desire to work out a program in that direction.

A program and a social committee were formed to arrange for the occasion. Friday night to Thursday night of the following week was the time chosen. On Friday evening a symposium was conducted, with many of the church members taking part, using the Spirit of prophecy's counsel on Christian education. Short quotations from the Spirit of prophecy were neatly painted as posters and placed in front of the church for the occasion. A motto and an aim were carefully prepared and hung over the platform. To close the first meeting, Elder E. H. Oswald gave some timely counsel on the subject.

On Sabbath, Elder Oswald, in two powerful and timely sermons, presented the subject of Christian education from the standpoint of the home, the church and the school. These sermons

will not soon be forgotten by those who heard them. They constituted an urgent call to parents and church officers to provide the training the children must have if they are to be prepared for the life to come.

A goal of fifty students was set by the Home and School for the coming year. All during the services the church school children wore badges, on which were the words, "I will be one of fifty, will you?"

Included in the week's rally was a program by the church school children at the Y. W. C. A., before a capacity crowd. Each child was encouraged to realize that he has a definite part of the program, and they all enjoyed it.

The following days of the special week were "open house" at the school, and Elder W. A. Howe, educational superintendent of the conference, came on Thursday and closed the week with an address prepared for the occasion.

We hope that something has been started here which will be emulated all around the field and become an annual occurrence in the church, the same as any other yearly program. May this rally not only increase our school attendance, but also impress our people to loyally support in every way the cause of Christian education.

W. R. Archbold

## Results of Work for the Colored

At the close of the Sioux City effort for the colored people, twelve new believers were buried with their Lord in baptism and were organized into a Sabbath school.

At the recent Sabbath school convention held at Smithland the officers of the new school were present and manifested a keen interest. We appreciate (Continued on Page 5)

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## *Union College Medical Corps Camp*

Everett N. Dick  
Major Commanding

### U. C. Medical Corps—Summer, 1939

During the Civil War the General Conference committee sent Elder J. N. Andrews, later our first foreign missionary, to see President Abraham Lincoln and explain to him the attitude of Seventh-day Adventists toward war. As a result of that mission the Adventist people were granted the status of noncombatants in the military forces of the United States. The denomination has appreciated this recognition of its principles. We recognize that we owe support to the national government as well as to God, and if we ask for non-combatant status we should be prepared to fill efficiently our places in such capacity.

The General Conference has placed its stamp of approval upon the medical-corps training. Such training has been given at Union College for seven years. At the Autumn Council of 1939 it was voted to put into operation even more extensive training in all S. D. A. colleges. The Council voted also to offer such training in a summer camp for the boys who do not attend college. The hundreds of young men in this field should take this training and be ready to step into the medical branch of military service in case of war.

Last summer a camp of nine days was held on the Union College campus. Fifty-three boys from eight states attended. This summer, in accordance with the

General Conference recommendation, we are holding a camp twice the length of the one held last summer. At the conclusion of this course of training, each young man will be given a certificate issued by the General Conference stating he has had such training.

Elder J. L. McElhany, President of the General Conference, urges all young men to take this training:

"It is our hope that those who receive this instruction will in time of war be granted some line of non-combatant service in harmony with their conscientious convictions. Our leaders are anxious to cooperate with and assist every member of the church who is situated so he can avail himself of such training."

This summer the camp will be held from June 3 to 23. It will be divided into two sessions of nine days each. Those who attended last year may, by attending the second half this year, qualify for the General Conference certificate. At the close of the camp a five-day Teachers' Red Cross course will be offered on the campus under the direction of the American Red Cross, whose regional headquarters is St. Louis. This course is available only in large centers and that only occasionally. The Red Cross is extending a real courtesy in holding this school on Union College campus expressly for Adventist youth.

## Are You Ready For The Crisis?

War rages, involving half of the people on the surface of the globe. Its clouds hang low over our own fair land.

When the crisis comes will you be ready? Will you have such training that it will be to the advantage of the United States government to place you in non-combatant service?

Will you be trained so you can save life instead of destroy it?

### WHO MAY ATTEND

The Union College Medical-Corps camp is held for men of military age who do not have the privilege of attending college. The college boys receive this training during the school year. In the summer it is offered to others. If you are seventeen or more years old and are in harmony with the denominational principles, you are eligible to attend.

### PROGRAM

The program is strenuous, consisting of twelve hours of activity each day. The drill and physical exercise will be interspersed with instruction in first aid, litter drill (stretcher bearing), anatomy, camp hygiene, personal hygiene, organization of the army, defense against gas and airplane attack, army regulations, and the rights and duties of non-combatants in time of war. Two hours a day will be spent in recreation, games, and swimming. Two hours a day will be given to spiritual instruction and man's duty to God.

This spiritual preparation to be given to the young men who attend this summer session will consist of a thorough preparation in Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. The course will be comprised of the following: a study of Bible doctrines. Messages to Young People, Steps to Christ and the last section of Great Controversy. This series of studies, carried on every day of the camp, will culminate, if the preparation has been thoroughly done, in the receiving of the certificate for the Advanced Study and Service League; as recommended by the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference.

Aside from this, there will be discussions each evening of the principles of non-combatancy during war time, of what comprises real conscientious objection, of how to conduct oneself in the presence of the officers and other soldiers of the army, etc. Every effort will be put forth to give our young men the instruction they will need to have in order to stand the test in circumstances such as our young men in Europe are meeting today.

By taking this course a person in no way lays himself liable to a call to the colors before one who has not had the training, but he does make himself more valuable to the government in the medical work than in a combatant branch of the service and hence, when called, will be more likely to be placed in that service.

### EXPENSES

The expenses have been made as low as possible. In fact it is doubtful whether one could spend the time in a tourist camp, taking his meals at a restaurant at less expense than one can obtain his board, room, recreation facilities, and this vital instruction in the Union College Medical-Corps camp. This low figure is made possible by cooperation of the local conferences, the union conferences, and the college in handling the publicity work and furnishing the instructional staff and living quarters.

The expenses are as follows:

<b>Eighteen-day camp</b>	
Registration Fee .....	\$ 1.00
Room rent .....	6.68
Board, served in cafeteria [estimated] .....	14.14
Tuition .....	3.50
Laundry, [estimated] .....	2.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$27.32</b>

**Nine-day camp [estimated cost]**

<b>Red Cross Teachers' Training Course</b>	
Room rent .....	\$ 2.15
Board [estimated] .....	4.50
Tuition, instruction furnished by the American Red Cross and Union College .....	Free
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 6.65</b>

Each man will be expected to bring the following. bedding, Bible, and personal toilet articles. Bring also one dress uniform consisting of one pair of white duck trousers, one white shirt, one solid black four-in-hand necktie, and a pair of black shoes. A field or every-day uniform of tan will be purchased at the camp in order to insure uniformity. This will cost approximately three dollars. Tennis shoes and other athletic equipment should be brought.

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

All entrance requirements other than scholastic will be the same as for regular college students. No college credit is offered for the course.

### TENTATIVE APPLICATION BLANK

I hereby make application to enter the Union College Medical-Corps camp.

I understand that

Those who attended the camp last year or who have taken one year of Medical-Corps training at Union College should enter the second section.

Those who have never had any of the training should take the first and second section.

Completion of the training given in the two entitles one to a denominational Medical Corps certificate.

Any one who holds the American Red Cross standard and advanced first aid certificates can attend the third section. I wish to enter:

☐ 1st Section of 9 days [June 3-12].

☐ 2nd Section of 9 days [June 13-23].

☐ 3rd Section [Red Cross Teachers' First Aid Course] [June 24-28].

[Indicate which section or sections of the camp you wish to enter by placing an X in the appropriate squares.]

I have not smoked in the past two months.

I agree to abide by the rules of the college which are in force during the regular winter session and to obey any rules which shall be announced. If I find myself not in agreement with the rules, I shall cheerfully withdraw from the camp.

I am ..... years old and am a member of

..... church  
[If not a member, state connection with the church.]

Signed .....  
Applicant.

I hereby recommend this young man as one in harmony with S. D. A. standards and suitable to attend the camp,

Signed .....  
Pastor, local church.

Signed .....  
Conference M. V. Secretary.

Send this application to your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

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ciate the very good help given this group by Miss A. L. Tibbs, the Bible worker.

The Des Moines Philadelphia church is throbbing with new life and courage. Practically all of its members are actively engaged in some branch of the Lord's work. We have almost completed a program of raising money to install a new water system, an improvement which will cost approximately \$75.00.

We have long felt the need of an efficient Dorcas Society in our church. Sunday, April 7, a Dorcas Society was organized under the able leadership of Mrs. Maud Thompson.

During the same week we also organized a Laymen's Bible Class, the object of which is to train the members of the church for more efficient lay-evangelistic work. We are of good courage: our people are responding wonderfully.

R. T. Hudson

### Larger Evangelism

Every true Seventh-day Adventist in Iowa is grateful for the excellent increase in the membership of the Iowa Conference during 1939, and every sincere member should be encouraged over the plan already laid for larger evangelism during 1940.

As an organization we have been called into existence for the sole purpose of giving a warning message to the world. How can this purpose be quickly accomplished, so long as we continue to give the message only to those who have already heard it, allowing them to consume the larger part of our time, means, and energy?

At times, it appears as if we have become so involved in promotion work, building projects, and the many local activities of the church that we lose sight of the need of evangelism done in a direct way, by the preaching of the message from the platform. In other words, there is danger that the operating of the machinery which we have developed will take so much of our time and effort that we will become blinded to our chief objective—the winning of souls.

The story is told of a business man who once advertised for an office boy. Several boys answered the advertisement. The man took them into his office and told them a story of how he had fired his gun at an owl in the loft of his barn. The barn, as a result, was set on fire and burned. After he had finished his story he

gave the boys an opportunity to ask questions. They inquired about the horses, wagons, harness, and other things. Finally one little fellow who had not said a word, asked, "Did you kill the owl?" That boy got the job. He kept his eye on the objective. If we would reap the results which we should, let us keep our eyes upon the chief objective of the church—evangelism.

Larger evangelism will strengthen every phase of our work, for it will mean an increase in our membership and an increase in membership means an increase in tithes and offerings, thus, there will be more money for both the home and foreign fields. Best of all, evangelism is the one thing which will bring us to a realization of "the blessed hope." Matt. 24: 14.

Will our members, young and old, throughout the conference prove their interest in this plan for larger evangelism by being faithful in the filling of the dime containers, thus making it possible for the evangelists in Iowa to carry on a stronger work? These containers with the coins in them will be received on May 18.

C. L. Vories

### Iowa Students at Union

They were preparing for a colporteur institute at Union College, and so the conference presidents of the Northern and Central Unions were invited to join the field secretaries in counseling with the students from the several states. Brother Aaboe and I had some very pleasant and interesting interviews, and I thought the readers of the "Outlook" would like to share with us some of the information we gained.

I wish to assure you that we can well be proud of Iowa's young people at Union College. They are taking an active part and carrying their share of the work there. For instance, I noticed the various activities in which our girls were participating, and found that Helen Colby of Cedar Rapids, was editor of the "Clock Tower" during the first semester; Moneta Cavinness of Nevada, Ruby Howell of Ventura, and Mildred Martindale of Des Moines, are active in the Sunshine Band; Ila Nelson of Elkhorn, is a member of the church choir, the Girls' Trio, and the Ensemble; Alpha Rahn of Council Bluffs, is teaching in the kindergarten department of the Sabbath school; June Hanson of

Sioux Rapids, is a member of Delta Sigma Pi (the Commercial Club); Maxine James of Marshalltown, is in the Ensemble; Donna Johnson of Des Moines, is in the Art Club; Gladys Pettit of Des Moines, is a member of the Commercial Club; Frances Wedell of Des Moines, is in the International Relations Club; Sarah Brown of Sharpsburg, was one of the prayer band leaders during the first semester; Alice Mae Hadden of West Des Moines, is a prayer band leader and has been helping in an effort at University Place; Avonelle Hayes of Beaman, is secretary of the Mission Band, associate leader of the Master Comrades, and a prayer band leader; Celia Johnson of Hawarden, is associate editor of the "Clock Tower," and vice-president of Kappa Theta; Lois Johnson, also of Hawarden, was a Sabbath school teacher and prayer band leader during the first semester; Della Wiltse of Modale, was president of Kappa Theta during the first semester and at present is teaching in the kindergarten department of the Sabbath school; Violet Hanson of Sioux Rapids, is a prayer band leader, secretary of the freshman class, and a member of the church choir, the Madrigal Singers, and the Ensemble.

Among the boys I found that Glenn Wiltse of Mondamin, is a member of the Boys' Glee Club; Clarence Hilliard of Waukon, is active in the Mission Band; Ross Rice of Grinnell, is one of the deacons of the College View church and secretary-treasurer of the academic science division of Sigma Iota Kappa; Robert Fuller of Waukon, is a member of the Mission Band, the Seminar, and the International Relations Club, and assistant leader of the Master Comrades; Stanley Jensen of Missouri Valley, is also a member of the Mission Band; Milton Bates of Osceola, is a player in the Union College Band; and Arthur Finch of Hawarden, is a member of the International Relations Club.

This list isn't complete, I know; but I just thought our Iowa readers would enjoy knowing what Iowa young people are doing at Union College.

DeWitt S. Osgood

### Dorcas Federation Meeting

On Wednesday, April 10, the first Dorcas Federation meeting in the Iowa Conference was held at Des Moines. There was an attendance of about eighty women, representing the churches from Marshalltown, Boone, Nevada, Osceola, Winterset, and Des

Moines. The officers elected for this district Dorcas Federation are as follows: President, Mrs. Reed of Des Moines; Vice President, Mrs. Chapin, of Nevada; Secretary, Mrs. Woerner, of Nevada; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Jackson, of Winterset.

J. O. Marsh

## Iowa Sanitarium News

A Red Cross First Aid Course is being conducted by Doctor Chapin and his helpers at the Sanitarium twice a week. Twenty-eight are enrolled in this course, including seniors of Oak Park Academy, Sanitarium workers, and the girls who are taking the nurse aid course at the Sanitarium.

### New X-ray Equipment

We have been very happy to see the way the local organizations have cooperated as our committee has worked with them in the plan to buy new x-ray equipment. Not only have they cooperated in the committee work, but also have furnished 50 per cent of the funds for the new x-ray. This has truly been a great help. The Sanitarium has been at a disadvantage for sometime because of our antiquated x-ray equipment; and, now that our hopes are being realized, we are very happy. The new machine is being installed at the present time and will soon be in service. We are sure that it will be a great blessing to the patrons of the Sanitarium.

### Items of Interest

Miss Ada Terwilliger, who recently underwent surgery, is able to resume some of her duties.

The medical staff of the Sanitarium, under the direction of Doctor Chapin, is giving health talks and demonstrations in Des Moines one night a week in connection with Elder F. F. Schwindt's tabernacle effort.

## News Items

The Burlington congregation is to have a church home. Elder DeWitt S. Osgood visited this important center recently to counsel and plan with our people there relative to their proposed new church building.

Elder W. A. Howe, educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the conference, is spending a week with the Cedar Rapids church. He recently returned from Redfield, South Dakota, where he conducted the spring week of prayer at Plainview Academy.

According to Elder J. O. Marsh, home missionary secretary, the "Signs" campaign is progressing very

well this year. Our workers in the office can vouch for this statement, having been very busy of late listing scores and hundreds of "Signs" subscriptions. And this is as it should be, for more "Signs" means more souls.

Elder F. L. Peterson, Secretary of the North American Negro Department of the General Conference, was a welcome visitor in Iowa recently. He joined Elder R. T. Hudson in ministering to the colored believers who comprise our Philadelphia church in Des Moines.

Elder H. K. Christman, of the Southern Publishing Association, recently spent a day in Nevada. He called at the Sanitarium and Conference headquarters and spoke to the students at Oak Park Academy.

H. W. Niswonger, special field representative among the schools in the interest of health, temperance, and character-education publications, writes that "business is good," and that it is almost impossible to keep a sufficient stock of books on hand to meet the demands. His sales during a recent week reached an all-time high of \$587.06.

The Iowa Sanitarium and Hospital reports some important improvements and advance moves during recent weeks, that should materially better the service offered by this institution. A new Picker-Waite X-ray unit has just been installed, one-half the cost of which was provided by popular subscription on the part of the residents of Nevada. Two new 4-bed hospital wards have also been provided and furnished on the fourth floor. These wards will enable the Sanitarium to offer a low rate to those requiring hospitalization where ward service is desired. Plans are also under way for the reconstruction of the power house.

The Conference books were closed for the month of March, showing a large tithe and a goodly sum for missions. The following table of comparative tithe receipts and mission offerings for the first quarter of the respective years, 1936 to 1940 inclusive, reveals a good steady increase in which all will rejoice and take courage:

	Tithe Receipts	Per Capita
First Quarter, 1940	\$17,011.88	\$5.24
First Quarter, 1939	14,305.83	4.84
First Quarter, 1938	15,057.57	5.21
First Quarter, 1937	13,369.31	4.55
First Quarter, 1936	11,769.96	3.99

	Mission Offerings	Per Week Per Member
First Quarter, 1940	\$5,162.83	.122
First Quarter, 1939	3,999.13	.110
First Quarter, 1938	3,986.63	.106
First Quarter, 1937	3,630.58	.095
First Quarter, 1936	3,747.22	.098

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## Sabbath School Consecration

Each member of the Sabbath school should seek to be a winner of souls. Every individual knows some one who might be susceptible to the influences of the message if properly and definitely approached. In the process of working for others, our own experience will be deepened.

The officers and teachers of our Sabbath schools are the leaders in Sabbath school evangelism. As appeals are made from heart to heart, souls will be won. A good plan is to hold a consecration service in each division of the Sabbath school at least once or twice a year.

When the little children and juniors are taught to take part, they are preparing to become leaders as they grow up. A public confession of Christ strengthens the character.

G. E. Hutches

## Wedding

A quiet home wedding took place on Thursday afternoon, April 10, 1940, at the home of Brother and Sister Eugene Babcock of Dodge Center, Minnesota, when Donald Edward Mathis of Brooks, Georgia, and Evelyn Mae Pierce of Dodge Center, Minnesota, were united in holy matrimony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Clara Pierce, and Roy J. Wilkins, a cousin of the bride, attended the bridegroom.

The home was beautifully decorated with flowers and streamers in memory of the first marriage in Eden before sin marred the lives of our Father's children. The neat, attractive simplicity of the entire service, including the delightful refreshments, and the general conduct of all, made the atmosphere seem sacred, and left a blessing in the hearts of all present.

Brother and Sister Mathis will locate on a farm near the Dodge Center church, where they will have their membership, and where their

fellowship and ministry will be a comfort and help to the work of God so dear to every Adventist heart. We believe these dear young people will find the pathway of life sweeter by their consecrated lives, and that God will richly add His blessing to this new home.

J. W. Christian

## News Items

Elder J. E. Weaver of the General Conference Educational Department, and Elder C. H. Lauda, are on a tour this week, visiting and inspecting all the Minnesota church schools.

Fifteen hundred dollars were raised Sabbath, April 13, in the Auditorium church in North Minneapolis for a building fund. The plan is that this, added to what already has been raised, will complete the beautiful new structure.

A meeting of the Twin City workers was held at the conference office Thursday morning, April 18, with Elder J. E. Weaver as the speaker.

Seven new colporteurs are expected to join the Minnesota ranks as a result of the institute recently held at Union College. Brother Cross is

visiting Maplewood Academy Sunday and Monday of each week to give help to the young people there who are planning to work in the field this summer.

Brother Carl Sundin opened a series of meetings in the new church at Hackensack, Sunday night, April 14. The workers there were thrilled with the overflow attendance.

Elder E. Murray, returned missionary from South America, spent the past week meeting appointments in Northern Minnesota and the Twin Cities.

Dr. E. C. Mitchell, Brother Lowell Edwards and Brother R. H. Zima are holding a lay effort in the Brooklyn Center church. Their efforts are being blessed with a good attendance and an excellent interest.

The effort being held in Duluth by Elder E. A. Piper is progressing nicely, and overflow crowds are reported on Sunday nights.

All over the state churches are responding with increased offerings for the Missions Extension Fund.

Begin planning now for the youth's congress and camp meeting at Anoka, June 19-21, and 21-30.

Wagner, and Florence. The schools that reached more than 50 cents per capita for the Thirteenth Sabbath offering are Toronto, Hecla, Montrose, Watertown, Batesland, Sioux Falls, LaPlant, Britton, and Mitchell.

B. A. Scherr

## Tolstoy Investment Plans

To give you an idea of how the churches are taking hold of the Sabbath school Investment, we are listing Investment items as reported by the Tolstoy Sabbath school secretary, Miss Maggie Bollinger: Saving pennies in the blessing box, half acre of rye, one acre of barley, one goose, five per cent of a 33 acre field of wheat, eggs laid in a certain nest, money earned during the summer, Sabbath eggs during the month of July, 10 cents for every time it rains in June, Sabbath eggs during the month of May, one hen, all eggs laid on Sabbaths, all eggs laid during April, one-fourth acre of barley, one chicken from every 25 raised, eight chickens, one rooster, and one acre of rye.

If every Sabbath school takes hold like this one, there will certainly be a large Investment offering this year. We should like to have the reports of the other Sabbath schools so that we may know of their plans.

B. A. Scherr

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## How Does Your Sabbath School Rate?

The General Conference rates our Sabbath schools the following way: Sabbath schools that have 90 per cent of their Sabbath school membership, 50 per cent with daily study (not attendance), a 10 per cent increase in Sabbath school offerings over those of the same quarter of the previous year, or an amount equivalent to 25 cents per member for the quarter, are in "A" grade. Those Sabbath schools meeting two of the above requirements are in "B" grade, and those meeting only one of the above requirements are in "C" grade. All below this are "Below" grade.

The rating of South Dakota Sabbath schools for the first quarter is as follows:

A Grade: Hecla, Brookfield, La Plant, Redfield, Bowdle, Tolstoy, Madison, Sioux Falls, Watertown.

B Grade: Wagner, Toronto, Elk Point, Britton, Aberdeen, Ash Grove,

Keldron, Hot Springs, Florence, Batesland, Rapid City, Red Shirt Table, Lakeside.

C Grade: Montrose, Leola, White River, Chamberlain, Huron, Chance, Coleman, Mibridge, McLaughlin, Greenway, Lemmon.

Below Grade: Burke, Bison, Custer, Swan Lake, Spearfish, Pierre, Java, Fort Yates, Mitchell.

Special mention should be made of the honor schools. The Toronto and Hecla Sabbath schools had the highest average offerings for the first quarter of 1940 as follows:

Toronto: weekly per capita of 75 cents for the twelve Sabbaths and a per capita of \$3.14 Thirteenth Sabbath.

Hecla: weekly per capita of 41 cents for the twelve Sabbaths and a per capita of \$1.10 for Thirteenth Sabbath.

We would not forget to mention the Sioux Falls Sabbath school. This large school has increased its per capita to .154, for the twelve Sabbaths, and to 50 cents for the Thirteenth Sabbath. The schools above the 15 cents per capita average are Toronto, Hecla, Montrose, Brookfield, Watertown, Batesland, Sioux Falls,

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## Baptism at Lisbon

Sabbath, April 13, was a special day for the believers at Lisbon and in that vicinity because seven new believers were baptized and joined the church.

Brother and Sister Torkelson came to North Dakota three years ago, and they have worked in District No. 7 ever since then, doing good, faithful work. This winter he held an effort at Lisbon, and the Lord blessed his efforts with a group of new believers. Several baptismal services have been held in District No. 7 during these few years. Brother Torkelson and his good wife have been called to Western India. We dislike to see them go, but our loss will be India's gain.

Yes, Sabbath, April 13, was not only a happy day for the believers

of District No. 7 but also a sad one, for they had learned to love Brother and Sister Torkelson. Our prayers go with these dear friends, and we wish them abundant success in their new field overseas.

Geo. Loewen

## Watchman Campaign

Elder I. C. Schmidt, the home missionary secretary, suggested a good plan that I want to pass on to you.

It is for the young people of each society to place a copy, or copies, of the "Watchman" in each public library, no matter how small it may be. Someone will read the magazine and receive good instruction from it.

When used for missionary purposes, the price is only 60 cents a year. Now is the time to subscribe to the "Watchman," and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Geo. Loewen

## Big Week for Youth

Everyone is interested in education today, and young people are especially interested in educating themselves and helping others at the same time.

We as youth have the great privilege this year of assisting in the establishment of our mission schools around the world by taking part in the Missions Extension program. The General Conference plan is to establish mission schools in Italy, Cuba, Java, Madagascar, and the Colombia-Venezuela territory.

As you think of the needs of these countries at this time and the liberties you enjoy, what will you do? The individual goal is \$2.00 for senior members and \$1.00 for Juniors. Let's do our part! We may not have the opportunity to give of our means to missions much longer. Therefore, when the call for funds comes, we believe the young people of North Dakota will do their part.

Geo. Loewen

## The Passing of a Pioneer

Eldred Miller Strong was born at Halls Harbor Nova Scotia, September 5, 1861, and his earthly pilgrimage ended December 12, 1939 at Medford, Oregon.

On April 1, 1884 he came to Wahpeton, North Dakota. It was during the spring thaw, and he walked through the melting snow for over thirty miles to a point west of Hankinson where a relative had taken a homestead, and where the homestead was located on which he was to make his home. He later walked back to Wahpeton to file his claim and again returned to the homestead by foot. During that summer he managed to secure oxen, and broke fifty acres of prairie sod. That fall when winter set in, he went to Todd County, Minnesota, to work in the woods, and logging camps during the winter.

During the fall and winter of 1884, Elder Dimmick, an Adventist minister, held meetings in Todd County. Mr. Strong and a companion wood cutter attended these meetings and accepted the message. A group of believers was organized, and through the years, at Clarissa, Browerville and Eagle Bend, these believers maintained the "faith once delivered unto the saints." Mr. Strong was united in marriage with Henrietta DeBolt in 1885. They were privileged to attend early camp meetings at Round Prairie and Osakis, Minnesota, and later at Minneapolis. However, they made their home at the Hankinson, North Dakota, homestead. Here they lived until 1909 when the family moved to Walla Walla, Washington where they resided until 1914 when they moved to Culesac, Idaho. In 1929 they again changed their place of residence to Medford, Oregon.

Brother Strong was a man of deep religious convictions and experience, a thorough Bible student, and a man of good judgement. He was an industrious man, and what he did was done with his might. After he accepted the Adventist belief, he spent much time in visiting scattered believers over the boundless prairies, and in colporteur work. When the North Dakota Conference was organized about 1892, Brother Strong became a member of the conference committee, and remained such as long as he lived in North Dakota. He was liberal with his means in supporting the cause of God.

All of his sons and daughters attended our academies and colleges. The Strong home was a haven of refuge for colporteurs, and often several made this their base for working adjacent territories with our books. Many a young man has found a friendly home there while working nearby territory with our truth-filled books and literature. On Brother Strong's farm many of our young men found work during the years that Brother Strong was farming. Today these are found as teachers, ministers, missionaries, doctors, and leaders in church work.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14: 13.

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." Ps. 37: 37.

Brother Strong fell asleep in his 79th year, fully assured of a part in the first resurrection. Thus ended a life of usefulness in God's cause and in service for others. He is survived by his wife five daughters, and one son, another son having preceded him in death during 1939.

O. J. Gundset

Lang.—Christina Wall was born in Lockawah, Russia, March 10, 1871 and passed away at the Trinity Hospital, Jamestown, North Dakota February 28, 1940, at the age of 68 years. February, 12, 1894 she united in marriage with Fred Lang. They made their home in Russia for some time, later moving to the United States in 1903 and locating near Gackle, North Dakota. During the last few years they have lived in Gackle, where they resided at the time of Sister Lang's death. To this union were born seven children, four boys and three girls. Gottlieb, Lydia, and Pauline preceded the mother in death, the oldest daughter having died in early childhood. The three living sons are Gustaff, of Jamestown; August and Fred, both of Gackle. Sister Lang gave her heart to the Lord and when she was twenty-six years old. In 1909 she embraced the message as taught by the Seventh-day Adventists. Being a peacemaker, and a student of the Bible, she loved Jesus and often spoke of His coming. She was a good wife, mother, and neighbor, praying much for her children. Her desire was to see her three boys take their stand for God and join the church before she died. We believe her prayers will be answered soon. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband; three sons; one sister, of Lodi, California and eleven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in the school auditorium at Gackle by Joseph Braun and the writer. Burial

was six miles northeast of Gackle, near the Seventh-day Adventist church. She sleeps awaiting the call of the Life-giver, to whose coming she has looked forward all through the years.

Geo. Loewen

Canning.—Richard Canning was born in Belfast, Ireland, June 17, 1866 and died at Seton, Minnesota, March 28, 1940. He came to Minneapolis in 1910 and has lived in this vicinity ever since. He joined the Adventist church in 1912, later drifting away from the truth for a time, but he was re-baptized and died in the faith. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one grand daughter, two brothers and two sisters in Ireland. A group of those not of our faith listened with rapt attention while the writer spoke of the truths that have inspired us to become a different people.

H. A. Vandeman

## Sunset Calendar

"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.

APRIL 26, 1940

Des Moines, Iowa ..... 7:07  
St. Paul, Minnesota ..... 7:11  
Bismarck, North Dakota ..... 7:46  
Pierre, South Dakota ..... 7:33

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## Colporteur Report

P. D. Gerrard

### Union Field Secretary

Week ending April 13, 1940

	Bks.	Hrs.	Orders	Del
<b>Minnesota—C. G. Cross, Sec.</b>				
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	52	26.75	2675
G. L. Cunningham	HG	48	17.75	
Karl A. Evenson	H set	46	144.65	69.80
Mrs. Avery Paul	HR	45	24.50	10.00
R. J. Jones	GC	44	27.75	7.50
William Greer	BR	41	25.00	11.25
H. E. Preston	H set	40	49.50	8.20
Carrie Powers	Mag.	40	11.55	11.55
Carl A. Klein	GH	38	15.30	5.15
Agness Wickstrom	Mag.	32	6.10	6.10
Mrs. Cunningham	HG	24	7.50	.50
Harold Santini	HP	22	30.30	7.90
Judith Dufstrom	Mag.	13	17.45	3.95
Mrs. Sparrey	Mag.	2	.45	.45
Total		487	404.55	169.10
<b>Iowa—N. J. Aaboe, Sec.</b>				
Roy Chamberlain	BR	48	41.00	12.25
H. W. Niswonger	Mag.	38	169.30	169.30
Roy Skutvik	BR	39	22.45	1.10
Howard Strickland	BR	36	14.25	7.00
Total		161	247.00	189.65
<b>North Dakota—Roger Baker, Sec.</b>				
Elmer Christensen	BR	44	20.25	11.50
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Total		50	22.25	17.30
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