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## 1945 Literature Accomplishments

A brief summary of the literature activities in the Northern Union Conference for 1945 will be of interest to every reader of the OUTLOOK. It has been a most interesting, and yet perplexing, year from the publishers' viewpoint; but through it all, the Lord has richly blessed in providing the men and materials so that very few disappointments have resulted.

In the four conferences of the Northern Union, books and tracts were sold to the amount of \$141,-271.95, which is about \$30,000.00 more than the previous year. Of this amount, \$112,000.00 were for subscription books, sold principally by the colporteurs, and that is the largest amount ever sold in the Northern Union Conference in any one year so far as we have record.

A negro preacher was illustrating his faith in God. "Yes," he said, "if God told me to jump through a brick wall that had no hole in it, I would do it. It is for me to do what God tells me, without question, and it is for God to make the hole in the wall."

We need more of this kind of faith in our everyday experience. We need to step out in faith and do the things that God has asked us to do, and leave the results in His hands. Following that plan will enable us to take the gospel to people and places that may seem impossible to reach. The results are generally gratifying. The following letter emphasizes this point.

"My friends in Christ:

"This letter is to inform you that I am in receipt of your letter of

BY R. E. BOWLES

Congratulations to our colporteurs and to those who led them in their work! More than 25,000 books were placed in the homes throughout the union conference as the result of the work of our colporteurs. 16,800 of this number went into Iowa. That was fine work, Brother Oliver!

While the regular colporteur group forms the backbone of our sales force, students really made a record for themselves last summer by large sales, and fifty-eight of them are back in school enjoying the benefits of their work. Ten colleges and academies are represented by this student group.

Through our Bible Houses, every church member in the Northern Union purchased, on the average, trade books to the amount of \$2.04

## Within Prison Walls

BY W. L. BARCLAY

December 28, 1945, for which I want to thank you and give an explanation.

"I should have written you immediately on my release, but honestly, what with the joy freedom brings, and then too the excitement of moving all my personal belongings from Stillwater, I just simply couldn't have made it any sooner. All my belongings as yet have not reached me. Until they do, probably within the next ten days, I shall refrain from answering any lessons due you and beg that you not only excuse me but try to understand.

"I want you to remember that this study is not a thing of the past with me. I need it and need it

each. With the excellent new books available, this figure could be improved. Doubtless 1946 will record greater sales to our own members as a great many buy books while at camp meeting.

To those who have led out in training and assisting our colporteurs and laity to become efficient in sales work, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation. To those who have opened their homes and hearts to the "bookman army," thereby assisting in the results obtained, we also say "Thank you." And we want all of you who have had a part in making 1945 the best literature year in our history, to know that in return, the publishers pledge their best efforts to provide the finest books and magazines possible for 1946.

badly. In fact you, in a measure, are responsible for my determination to seek higher and more noble fields of service for our Lord and for His name's sake. I thank God for you and such as you. I ask only that you be patient and I will not fail you nor Him.

"Once again I thank you for your interest. May God richly bless you and your work is my prayer. I am  
Yours in Him."

This letter clearly shows that the power of God is able to penetrate prison walls and touch the hearts of law-breakers. Through the Bible correspondence course this man found definite help that has led him to Christ. Others in the same prison are also taking the course and we are praying that



they too may find a closer association with God.

When we first learned that there was a group of prisoners taking the Bible correspondence course we tried to arrange to conduct meetings with them, but were informed by those in charge of the prison that it would be impossible. We had faith to believe that God could 'make a hole in the wall,' however, and prayed to that end. Later, Elder Piper informed us that he had been granted permission to hold a meeting in the prison once a month.

Satan has built many walls to hedge us in and keep us from doing missionary work. He does not want us to give Bible studies or to encourage our friends and neighbors to enroll in the Bible correspondence school. But the work of God on earth must be finished, and we must exercise more faith in Him and press forward together in the greatest soul-winning campaign we have ever conducted. Let us do all we can to reach those who are in a more terrible prison than that made with walls of stone—the prison house of sin. Christ has given us our orders. We are to go into all the world with the gospel. We must follow His orders without question. He will reward our faith.

### "Present Truth" for January

#### No. 1 Increase of Knowledge

In the amazing events of this twentieth century and the increased knowledge of the Book, we behold the marvelous foreknowledge of God and the fulfillment of divine prophecy. Man's ingenuity has served to speed the gospel, and God has wrought that His promise, "I will come again," might be fulfilled to you and me.

#### No. 2. Daniel II.

In the short period since World War II, nations already are openly grouping themselves into blocs and spheres of influence. The words of Daniel's prophecy given in explanation of the great image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, are significant to every man to the close of time. There will be a real world betterment only when the part of the prayer Jesus taught us to pray is fully answered — "Thy kingdom come."

Never was there such need as now to know the meaning of the

times. These two issues are the first of twenty-four members to be mailed on *Present Truth* subscriptions entered this year. Send names now of those to whom you want these papers sent while their message is most timely. For only 50 cents you can send the complete series. In Canada, 85 cents; foreign and District of Columbia, 75 cents. Order from your Book and Bible House.



### Letter Excerpts

"What a wonderful lesson is Number Seven! I am not ashamed to say that tears filled my eyes when I read and studied of the beautiful home that awaits the faithful. When I was a small girl I believed that heaven was a place where we would reign in spirit only, and I felt that life would become monotonous with such a schedule as would be followed each day. What a revealing light this lesson has thrown across my unstable belief! Now I know that heaven will be a wonderful home where we can fulfill the plans and hopes that this life has robbed us of or that we shall not have time to complete before death claims us. I am so glad that your lessons have Bible references with each italicized topic; that way we know that we are not merely studying the writings of men, but the words of our heavenly Father. It is amazing how many revelations these lessons bring forth. Things that I've often wondered about are answered for me in the Great Book, but because I have not had a plan until now for studying the Scriptures, I had not found them."

"I must state that I am thoroughly confused over this Sabbath lesson, and I thank you for confusing me. It is leading me to study my Bible as never before."

"When I first found out that you were Adventists, I was cross about it for I was getting well along with the course, and enjoyed it. I stopped

for a while, and then you wrote and asked me what the trouble was. Well, since you were fair with me, I thought I would go on, so I completed the Bible course. I then completed your new course and since then I have met the minister and after a good visit with him, I decided to unite with the church. I am now having a perfect record in daily lesson study. My friend is enrolled in your course and is having some question as I did. I wish you would write her as you did me, and I am sure she will also complete the course."

### Union College News Items

Registration for the second semester is continuing throughout this week, with more students arriving every day. A large number of service men have made arrangements to enter, and several courses are being especially arranged for their convenience.

Elder W. R. Beach, secretary-treasurer of the Southern European Division visited the school over the week end of January 18 to 20. Students, as well as church members in the community, were privileged to hear him speak at several services. Elder Beach is passing through on his way back to Europe, from whence he arrived a few weeks ago.

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He was in Switzerland during the years of the war.

Union College was privileged to have Elder E. D. Dick, secretary of the General Conference, as a guest over the week end of January 11-13. Having recently returned from a tour of our mission stations in West Africa, he presented a graphic picture of the needs of the work there. While here he interviewed a number of students who were interested in foreign mission service.

English teachers from academies in the Central and Northern Union Conference will meet for a council at Union College January 25-29. W. Fletcher Tarr, head of the English department, will be in charge.

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## Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk

The readers of the OUTLOOK will be glad to join me in bidding a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kirk from the Florida Conference, who have recently come to Minnesota. This fine couple will take charge of the Beacon Light Church in Minneapolis, as well as the colored work in general in the Twin Cities. They have arrived during a cold spell in our fair state, but apparently they are liking it. We wish for them God's special blessing and wonderful success in adding members to the Beacon Light church. Welcome, Brother and Sister Kirk. C. V. ANDERSON.

## History of the Lamberton Church

July 3, 1944, was a hot, sultry day in southwestern Minnesota. Lamberton, a little city of 1,000 people, had been drenched by rain the previous night. In spite of this, the air was heavy and thick. A pre-holiday quiet hung over the town. A large van with the words "Minnesota Conference of S. D. A." on its side, drove slowly down the main street. After several stops it pulled into a vacant lot one block from the business district and began unloading.

A small group of spectators gathered. What an odd cargo the truck held. It seemed to be mostly chairs and big canvas bags. Little children, sent to "spy out the land," went home with the report that it was a tent church and even had a piano.

July 4 passed quietly except for another downpour. All was still in the new camp. However, early on the morning of July 5, the neighbors were aroused by thudding sounds. They saw two young men pounding posts into the ground in a large circle. These men didn't look like professional post drivers for they occasionally missed a stroke. Then how rapidly things happened! Three small tents were pitched at the edge of the lot. In answer to their inquiries, the spectators learned that these were "living tents." The two men and three young ladies worked as though they were racing against time.

A big pole went up; then a circular top was suspended. "Is it a merry-go-round?" some asked. Netting was pinned to the top and sidewalls were hung. Two screen doors were fitted into the walls. A large wooden false front was erected and painted a gleaming white. Picket fences were strung and the lawn was mowed. Then two big signs were hung over the gate. One said, "Welcome." The other proclaimed that this was "The Bible Hour" tent.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday passed in busy activity. The camp hummed with preparations. The crew worked gaily and energetically. However, Friday evening the buzz of activity ceased. The five young folk appeared all dressed up. The sound of saw, hammer, and work song had vanished. An air of quiet reverence and rest hung over the little camp.

Suddenly the town was covered with handbills and the local paper carried a large advertisement and news story. These proclaimed that Ervin L. Sorensen would preach on prophetic Bible subjects. Everyone should come early to the Bible Hour Tent to enjoy the song service led by Jerry Lien. Mrs. Norah Jenkins, a Bible Instructor, would be there to greet them. Chalk drawings, trumpet solos, and vocal numbers would also be on the pro-

gram from time to time.

Sunday evening the tent was prepared for the opening night. The attractive rostrum was enhanced by two baskets of beautiful flowers. Long before the service was scheduled to start a lady made her way to the tent. The gate was still hooked, so she went to the end of the fence and came in behind it. She was the first person who came to the tent to worship, and she was baptized in the first baptism at the end of the summer. A good crowd was in attendance that first night and when the last person had left, the members of the evangelistic company knelt and thanked God for answering their prayers.

Thus began the work of Seventh-day Adventists in Lamberton. I know that you feel a glow in your heart as you read this article, wishing that you might have a part in spreading the gospel of a soon-coming Saviour in new fields. You can have a part in the very work mentioned above. You can help raise the banner of Prince Emmanuel above Lamberton. If you want to feel a glow of personal satisfaction when the Lord commends those who brought His gospel to Lamberton, watch the subsequent issues of the OUTLOOK for the further history of the Lamberton Church and for the way in which you may have a part in the work.

JERRY M. LIEN, Pastor District 10.

## The Lyceum Theater Meetings

In one of His closing sermons Jesus spoke of the "cares of this life" indicating that these "cares" would constitute a grave danger to His followers during the closing age of this world's history. No one is more keenly aware of the truthfulness of this prophecy of the Master than the present day evangelist and the pastor. In fact, almost all thoughtful people recognize that these "cares" constitute one of the most grave problems of our age. There are so many things to do, so much that is really needful, things that just must be done, things that take time, thought and human energy. In our complex, compound, crumbling civilization, many of these "cares" seem to be "musts." Social machinery has been multiplied, and it is increas-



ingly intricate. Life is very complicated. Then added to the "musts" there are many things that are not really non-essentials, yet they are not really essentials either. They are nice but we could do without them, or at least put them off. Some of these things are good in themselves if they don't crowd out better things. Others are more openly harmful—shows, clubs, lodges, parties, some kinds of reading, time-consuming mystery stories on the radio, and many other programs that leave one with a "let down feeling." The lust of the eye, and the ear, the love of show and display, the call of the world, are ever drawing many from the upward way. These are the things that largely constitute "the cares of this life."

The evangelist must compete with it all—shows, clubs, the onward rush for a good time, the highly specialized advertising of the night spots, sports, and the bright lights of the "broad way." How to check the multitude, how to catch the eye of the passer-by, how to induce the crowd to pause long enough to listen so that an interest may be aroused, are real problems, problems that are constantly growing in magnitude. Surely the devil has done a masterful piece of work in developing this dizzy whirlpool of society wherein thousands lose their perspective and their spiritual poise and fall out "by the way." To overcome this the evangelist in a large city must use unusual methods. He must catch the eye before he can catch the ear. Bill boards, posters, window cards, hand bills, newspaper ads, phone calls, postcards, radio and electric signs all have to be used; and then every church member must cast his influence, use all his personal persuasiveness among his friends on the side of the effort, not only by inviting friends, but also by attending personally and bringing as many with him as possible. After all this is done, there is need for much intercessory prayer for "as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth children." (Isaiah 66:8).

The "Prophecy Speaks" family of workers have been very thankful for the goodly degree of personal support and for the financial aid which the church members of Minneapolis have so faithfully

given, and we earnestly plead, "Don't become weary in well doing." Arrangements have been made to continue the meetings in the Lyceum Theater each Sunday night during 1946. The seed sowing has taken much time and effort. The seed should now be watered with earnest tears of supplication, warmed by Christian love, and cultivated by many visits. The "first fruits" have begun to appear. Fifty-four have been added to the Minneapolis churches since the effort began.

Remember us often at the throne of grace. Pray that we may not only sow much seed but that we may also reap an abundant harvest during 1946.

F. E. THOMPSON.

### Minneapolis Southside Church

It was a pleasure to meet with the Minneapolis Southside (formerly Swedish) Church on East Franklin Avenue, on Sabbath, December 22.

The membership of fifty-three was almost equaled by the attendance, although weather conditions were not favorable. There is an evident interest in the young people and children, and plans are being laid for the early organization of a Missionary Volunteer society.

The communion service was celebrated; Elder Nordstrom, the pastor, officiating. Almost all of those present remained for the ordinance of humility. It was good to see a goodly number of men participating in the blessed fellowship.

Plans are under way for the obtaining of a new and more commodious church building. We are confident that the blessing of heaven will rest abundantly upon this faithful group of believers.

J. H. RHOADS.

### The Wing River Dorcas Federation

Members of the Wing River Dorcas Federation met at Eagle Bend, on Sunday, December 9. Much of interest was discussed and each society represented gave an interesting account of work done during 1945.

Elder Barclay, Elder Harder, and Pastor R. E. Fuller were pres-

ent and gave us valuable help. Elder Barclay showed pictures of needy peoples of Europe and urged us to share our food and clothing with them.

Officers were elected for the new year. Mrs. Leonard Martinson, of Fergus Falls, will continue as president, with Mrs. H. M. Sonnichson, of Wadena, for her assistant. Mrs. McPhail, of Eagle Bend, will be the secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Louis Moore, of Hewitt, will be her assistant.

We look forward to a bigger and better year in 1946.

NINA WINTON, *Acting Secretary.*

### News Notes

Elder J. H. Rhoads, educational secretary for the Minnesota Conference, is earnestly endeavoring to supply Minnesota with the very best teachers available for the 1946-47 school year. Several of our present teachers want to continue their education next year, which is laudable. Elder Rhoads is at the present time visiting Emmanuel Missionary College and Union College in search of teachers.

Though this is somewhat late, you should be informed that Minnesota has held its annual colporteur's institute in Mankato again. The North and South Dakota colporteurs joined us in this five-day institute. Brother Abelson, publishing department secretary, is working enthusiastically, and already reports are improving. He has visited Maplewood Academy and Union College. In both places a very fine group of prospective colporteurs for Minnesota has been organized. We are looking forward to the largest group of colporteurs this coming summer that we have had in a long time. May the book work in Minnesota be increasingly successful.

Elder Gerrard gave very able assistance in the colporteur institute. Elder Anderson, our conference president, spent Friday night, Sabbath, and Sunday there, sounding the keynote upon which the colporteurs may well build during the year of 1946.

Elder Barclay planned to visit the Austin and Rochester churches on Sabbath, January 19.

We are glad to pass on to our churches the information that the literature provided for distribution



to interest people in the Bible correspondence course, has all been ordered from the Book and Bible House. It is in your hands and we plead with you to see that it is placed in the homes of the people immediately. We are now working definitely on a greater plan to reach more homes quicker and at lower cost. We hope to be able to announce something more definite before many weeks. In the meantime we urge that all literature in the churches be used in order to be ready for the continued program as it develops. The one goal in mind is contacting every home in Minnesota and giving opportunity for learning more of this wonderful message.

Elder Anderson is kept busy with various appointments and counsel meetings. He is studying and planning with the Maplewood Academy building committee at the present time, endeavoring to get some definite plans in shape before presenting them to the churches. He planned to meet with the Maple Plain church the week end of January 19, then to be at the Auditorium Church in Minneapolis on the 26th; and at Duluth to assist in the grand opening of the tabernacle effort there on Sunday, the 27th.

We are happy to announce that the list of students in the Bible correspondence course is growing week by week. Several very definite interests have developed and some members have been added to our churches as the result. We shall be glad to have everyone cooperate in this correspondence school, for it is a soul-winning agency.

We have recently had a change in the stenographic force of the Minnesota Conference. Miss Esther Stoehr, who has been in the educational department of the conference for the last three years, is attending Union College the second semester. We wish her much of God's blessing and success in her undertaking. Miss Florence Hall, whose mother resides in Minneapolis, and who has been laboring in the Illinois Conference office for a number of years, comes to the Minnesota Conference office with a wealth of experience. We bid Miss Hall a hearty welcome and wish her God's blessing among us.

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Offering Sabbath, January 26  
MAKE IT LIBERAL!

### Duluth Effort Begins

On Sunday night, January 27, the Duluth tabernacle effort will begin. This will be the first time we have tried to start an effort in mid-winter. It was our hope to be ready to begin last fall, but a heavy building program, along with labor shortage, made this impossible. Last year was the first year since I entered the ministry that I was unable to begin an effort. This was very much regretted, but there seemed no other way.

We never know what to expect at this time of the year, but we are making our plans in faith. The services will run three nights weekly—Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday nights—and will be held in "The Temple of Prophecy" located on the corner of Fourteenth Avenue East and Superior Streets, in Duluth. We are making an urgent appeal to all of our people living in the vicinity of Duluth to help us make the opening night an overflow meeting.

Besides Mrs. Archbold, the evangelistic company will be made up of the following persons: W. R. Dennis, who will have charge of the music; Mrs. J. M. Mershon, and Mrs. W. R. Dennis, who will play the pianos. Mrs. Mershon will also furnish music with her marimba. J. M. Mershon will assist me with the radio programs and in the pulpit. Mrs. W. H. Sansam and Miss Therma McDowell will be Bible instructors.

We solicit the prayers of the OUTLOOK family.

W. R. ARCHBOLD.

### Maplewood Academy News Notes

Since the holidays, some of our service men who have recently been discharged have applied for enrollment at Maplewood. William Koenig came back in time to take the last period of the first semester, and by diligent study has made up the full semester's work in the subjects for which he registered.

Kenneth Zummach and Herluf Jensen will make a good start in the new semester. There are also three other students who will register for the second semester. They are: Fern Larsen, George Lehman, and Genive Byer. We welcome these students, old and new, into the Maplewood family.

Mr. Paul James of Texas, has visited the academy recently in the interest of the building program. He was contractor for the new boys' dormitory at Southwestern Junior College and can be of valuable assistance to Maplewood in the procuring of materials and in the actual construction work which the academy is soon to undertake.

We are glad to report that the long awaited carload of redwood lumber for the craft shop has arrived, and is safely stored away in the new lumber shed. Because of this, the shop will soon be in full production again.

The Maplewood craft shop is continuing its program of expansion. Brother Art Hight, a returned service man with an industrial arts degree from Aberdeen State Teachers' College, and with practical experience in craft shop work in our own schools, has been employed to assist Brother Wilson in the management of the craft shop, with the aim of increasing production and also improving the quality of the products of the shop.

We are glad to welcome Brother Hight to Minnesota and to Maplewood, and I know he will give good direction to the work in the craft shop.

Let me also remind boys over sixteen years of age who are not in school at Maplewood at the present time, that we have work opportunities in the craft shop for two or three young men to either build up credit for the coming school year or take part-time work while earning their way in the shop.

J. V. PETERS.

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"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." *Psalms 27:14.*



## Repetition Does It

Advertising is an intriguing business. It takes into account the laws of human psychology and balances its appeal with delicate precision. It has become a science and a profession in this modern era.

Probably the most commonly conspicuous characteristic that marks advertising as we know it, is its persistence. We Americans will buy almost anything whether we need it or not, if the virtues of the product are extolled by long and loud acclaim.

Last night we heard about it on the radio; now we read of it in the morning news. As we drive home the bill boards are telling us the merits of it. Handbills declare its worth. We get it in announcement, dialogue, rhyme, prose, musical ditty. First they say it, then they play it; next they sing it, and sing it and ding it until it takes pre-eminence in our thoughts, even though it be a bauble or gadget of slight consequence.

Advertisers make you see it, and hear it, and smell it, and feel it. They hold it before your eyes; it talks to you, shouts at you; it touches you, grips you; and finally lays hold upon you with such purseripping compulsion that you succumb to its imperious demands.

If for the greed of gain a catchpenny gew-gaw can be exchanged for the cash of millions of Americans by the relentless process of combined vocal, optical, olfactory and histrionic illusion and delusion, why are we so slow to take a lesson from the "sales" book of these indefatigable vendors of the world's values, vanities and vices? What might the Adventist church accomplish within itself and among men everywhere were it to properly learn and apply this principle of importunity.

Let me illustrate. We have at Hutchinson, Minnesota, an academy that we should all be proud to own and patronize. It is staffed by a corps of competent, consecrated teachers. Here we are at the beginning of the second semester. I am wondering what would happen if all of the forces of all of our churches were turned loose for the promotion of our good school.

Let the pastor preach it; the elder exhort it; the congregation "amen"

it; the choir sing it; the saints pray it! If our young people could hear all of us saying "Go to Maplewood," today, tomorrow, a week, and a month, and a year from now; if church leaders would sincerely keep saying it, and if conference workers would everlastingly preach it; if every member would exalt the idea as the highest and best objective toward which our youth might aspire, there would be a mighty "going sound" in Minnesota in the direction of our academy.

That our school is the best place, the only place, and God's place for our boys and girls, ought to mightily possess the thinking and living and doing of all of us.

Then, brethren, let us put the slogan into evangelism, our books, our periodicals, the sermon, the Sabbath school lesson, the M. V. program, the prayer meeting, the Week of Prayer, and the family worship service. Let us cause this slogan to motivate and dominate in all our relations with our youth until they become so completely imbued with the necessity of attendance at our own academy and college, that all who are now in the public schools, where God says they ought not to be, shall be enrolled in the institutions which meet the accreditation standards of the angels.

Our academic enrollment would vault; our present facilities would be inadequate; our academy administration would be blessed with new perplexities, and our academy board would have thrust upon it the compulsions of new expansion; our aroused ministry would forthwith lay the burden of an enlarged Maplewood upon the hearts of a loyal constituency. The cords would be lengthened, the stakes strengthened, the bills paid; many more of our youth would be saved; and our blessings would overflow under the smile of heaven.

Brethren, let us advertise the place where God has placed salvation for our children.

J. H. RHOADS.

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"Every sincere prayer is heard in heaven."

## North Dakota Conference

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## The Bowdon Church School

A number of years ago I read a sentence that has stayed by me in just as vivid a way as when I first read it: "Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it." To add the word "Bible" would do no violence to the phrase, and it would more closely picture the aim of our educational system, beginning first in the home, then the first all-important step outside the home—the church school.

The Bowdon church has recognized this axiom and as our church school nears the half-way mark for the school year, nothing but advancement has been recorded in the education of the youth under the charge of Miss Ellen Widmer, the church school teacher.

Besides conducting an efficient school, Miss Widmer has received one-hundred per cent support by her pupils in making the church school Junior Missionary Volunteer Society an "A" society in the conference. At present the students are active mailing temperance literature to every box holder in the township. Thus, along with their theoretical training in the three "R's," the children are exercising the practical part of their Christian education which children attending public schools are not given, but which is all-important in their training. The public schools are sadly lacking in the training they are able to give. A few may survive such an environment, but the gamble is a presumptuous risk that need not be taken by parents who are conscientiously concerned about the little ones they are responsible for leading down the rugged road of life.

In the line of extra-curricular activities outside of the J. M. V. Society, the church school has presented various programs given entirely by the children. Prior to the holidays the students gave a very fine program before a large audience of members and non-members at which time funds were raised to purchase additional equipment needed by the school.



The Bowdon church school is a going concern, because anything that has been appointed of the Lord cannot fail if the church members and parents unite in a whole-hearted effort to make way for the hand of God to work through this vital means of soul-saving. Let us do our part.

Possibly there is a danger that some of us may have failed in the past in attempting to operate a church school, and that we are pessimistic about our ever being able to make it a going concern in our particular locality. If you are one who has been taking such an attitude, three lines from the book *Church Organization and Administration*, by the late Elder O. Montgomery, will be good medicine:

*"Without a vision there is no burden;*

*Without a burden there is no sacrifice;*

*Without a sacrifice there is no reward."*

We, in Bowdon, are thankful to be one of the family of church schools in our union conference. The Lord has dealt kindly with us. He has planted the tree, the church school, and we know that there is sure to be fruit if we tend and nurse it in the proper way.

The sand of time is fleeting; so begin to plan now for a church school in your vicinity this coming autumn.

J. F. KNIPSCHILD, Jr.

## News Notes

Elder J. O. Iversen has just returned from a trip to Union College where he has been interviewing prospective church school teachers for the coming school year.

Elder F. W. Schnepfer is itinerating in the western part of the conference. He plans to visit Bismarck, Hebron, Golden Valley, Beulah, Williston, Wheelock, Minot and Kenmare. He will be counseling with the district leaders in these sections of the state.

J. L. McMillin, a colporteur from Canada, worked with Brother A. H. Liebelt in our field for a few days last week. Brother McMillin held the record last year for sales in rural areas, and his demonstrations were an inspiration to our North Dakota colporteurs.

Give liberally to the Religious Liberty offering.

## South Dakota Conference

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### The Bowdle Church Goes Forward

No doubt many of you heard of the disastrous fire at Bowdle recently in which the Bowdle Seventh-day Adventist church burned to the ground. This was a terrible blow to all concerned. About three thousand dollars worth of improvements had just been made on the building when the fire occurred. Friends all over the conference were stunned by the news.

But the Bowdle members are not dismayed by this loss. At the time of a visit there which the writer recently made over the Sabbath they were found to be of good courage and planning to go forward early in spring with building a new church, probably on the former site. In fact, at the time of this writing two of the brethren are en route to the State of Washington to purchase a carload of lumber to be used in erecting the new building. Blue prints are being drafted for the structure and plans are being made to go forward in a strong way by early spring. The congregation is meeting in the Bowdle Methodist Church for the remainder of the winter.

The courage of the members at Bowdle is excellent. Their faithfulness is greatly appreciated by the conference. During 1945 they contributed more than \$13,000 in tithe, and over \$19,000 in both tithe and offerings.

May heaven grant them blessings according to their needs and their faithfulness during the present year and the months just ahead!

W. A. DESSAIN.

### Religious Liberty Offering

The privileges and liberties which you, who read this, enjoy have been purchased and made possible through great sacrifice. Your enjoyment of religious freedom was not made possible overnight. Much blood was shed before this privilege became the rightful inheritance of the democracy. But this freedom is being encroached upon right in our

own beloved country. We must beware lest we take for granted that we shall always have this liberty. We must continually keep before the public and men of affairs this vital issue. It is through the medium of the *Liberty* magazine that we can accomplish this. January 26 is the day set apart for a very liberal offering for the cause of religious liberty. The entire amount received will be used for sending the *Liberty* Magazine to those who should read it and who can act for the cause of freedom. We are planning to increase our conference subscriptions to 750. This can be made possible by taking one for yourself and also contributing liberally at the time of the religious liberty offering. Remember the date—January 26.

E. T. GACKENHEIMER.

### A Letter from France

The hearts of the members at Leola were greatly encouraged and cheered not long ago, when they received a letter from Bordeaux, France, relative to a clothing shipment that was received. The letter was sent to Miss Emma Jacobs. She in turn sent the letter to me and I am sure that you, who are readers of the *OUTLOOK*, will want to know of the contents, so here it is: This is a translation from the French: "The Seventh Day Church of Bordeaux has received four barrels with garments and clothing from the U. S. Your letter has been found in a pair of man-shoes. So I don't know what kind of a garment you had sent. We have had much joy in being able to deal out these wonderful things. There were lots of clothes for children and babies, very warm and comfortable. There also were summer dresses for women and young girls. It would be very kind of you to thank the American Adventists for their gifts. I should want to know if all these gifts have been made only by Adventists for their European brethren, and if you belong to this denomination. During this terrible war, we were very unhappy. We had much to suffer, yet God has helped us ever to bear our difficulties of all kinds, and throughout we remain cheerful and confident in the promise of the glorious coming of our Lord soon. The world



is on the wane and we are longing for our great Redeemer's coming—our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Please do accept, with our grateful thanks, our kindest regards.  
(Signed)  
R. Pointet."

Let us continue to give clothing and send it where it will do the most good; and that is to our brethren in war stricken countries.  
E. T. GACKENHEIMER,  
H. M. Secretary S. D. Conf.

**Mitchell Church News Items**

The Mitchell Dorcas society re-organized on Tuesday, January 8, after being inactive for a year. Plans were discussed for work to be done throughout this year. Mrs. E. S. Evenson has been elected as secretary.  
  
A social gathering for the young people of the Mitchell church was held at the home of Brother and Sister Widmer on Thursday, January 3.  
MRS. R. R. WIDMER, Dorcas Leader.

**Iowa Conference**

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**"Our Liberties We Prize"**

We as a people have regarded our religious freedom through the years as something of inestimable value. Many times we have seen this religious liberty hanging in the balance as it were, but God has seen fit to continue to grant us a certain amount of liberty in order that we may carry on His work.  
  
At the present time this freedom, as has been the case on some occasions in the past, is in a precarious situation. There are forces, both seen and unseen, which are endeavoring to destroy our right to worship and carry on our work in the way that we see fit. We must not slacken our efforts to fight for this inalienable right.

Sabbath, January 26, is the date that has been set aside for our religious liberty program and for the offering. This year may we give most liberally as the opportunity is presented to us.  
  
JERE D. SMITH.

**The Exira M. V. Society**  
  
On the evening of January 8, an M. V. social was enjoyed at the home of Brother Henry Johnson. The losers in the friendly M. V. Reading Course contest entertained the winners. It has been customary for some years for the church to divide into two bands, and the side that finishes first is entertained by the band that finishes last. A good spirit always prevails, and a good time is enjoyed by all.  
  
This past year Sister Dolly Hanson, the M. V. leader, kept a very accurate record of all the books read and all the certificates granted, and it has been an outstanding year for the Exira M. V. society. It has led the conference in certificates granted, seventy-five in all. Three hundred books were read. We are all proud of the accomplishments of our Exira society, and it is already planned to make 1946 a record-breaking year also.  
W. S. LAWRENCE.

**News Notes**

With eleven reports yet to come in, the Investment totals for the conference are now \$10,707.50. This is an increase of about \$2,000.00 over last year and we are sure that when the reports are all in the total will show a much larger increase. Now is the time to plan your Investment so 1946 will be the best year in the Investment history of Iowa.  
  
Elder J. D. Smith recently conducted the funeral service in Keokuk, Iowa, for Mrs. Ella Gilchrist.  
  
Recent visitors at the office included Mr. J. L. Neal, of Osceola; Mr. H. H. White, of Glenwood, and Mr. Charles Brown, of Wellman.

**Sunset Calendar**

| January 25, 1946       |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Des Moines, Iowa       | 5:20 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota    | 5:10 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 5:35 |
| Huron, South Dakota    | 5:34 |

**ADVERTISEMENTS**  
  
Advertisements and business notices are not solicited but are published as an accommodation and service to our readers. The right is reserved to reject any or all advertisements when space is short, and such advertisements as are acceptable should first be sent to the local conference office for approval of the officers and passed on by them to the editorial office in Minneapolis. For each insertion the rate is two cents a word, with a minimum charge of fifty cents cash to accompany the copy for the advertisement.—Editor.

**Extra Money.** Men and women earn extra money for Investment. Good article for Dorcas Society. Two out of three people buy. Sold by leading concerns. Big discount. Send for sample and details. Fisher Mfg. Co., 231 East Ave., Rochester 4, New York. 1-8-4t.  
  
**A Wonderful Letter.**  
  
in the handwriting of Mrs. E. G. White, lithographed, with printed copy of the same. This letter was written to me at the beginning of my work in Washington. It will repay the study of a lifetime. For copies of this invaluable document send whatever you think best to help defray expenses of printing, to me at 404½ West Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland. J. S. Washburn.

**Editor's Note.** — Elder Wahsburn has sent to me a copy of the above mentioned letter and I consider it a very helpful one. I am confident you will not be disappointed if you send for a copy of it.—Editor. 1-8-4t.  
  
**Wanted.**—A single man to work on farm for the season. Electricity, tractor, and milking machine. State age, experience, and wages expected, in first letter. Lloyd Tombleson, Ellsworth, Wisconsin. 1-15-2t.  
  
**Workers Wanted.** — Graduate nurse to take full charge of small hospital at night; also hydrotherapy technician understanding colonics; and a book-keeper. Write to: New Park Sanitarium and Hospital, 107 Breeze Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. 1-15-3t.  
  
Here it is at last! Claire's Jel, 100% vegetarian dessert, made with raw sugar prepared just like Jello. Eight flavors. 15 cents a package, 7 packages for \$1.30 postpaid. A fine item for Dorcas societies and church schools to sell. Write for wholesale prices. Vegetable Juice & Products Co., 480 E. Main, Box 145, Rochester, N. Y. 1-15-5t.

**Colporteur Report**

| P. D. Gerrard, Union Publishing<br>Department Secretary<br>For Week Ending January 12, 1946 |        |      |             |        |
|---|--------|------|-------------|--------|
|   | Bk.    | Hrs. | Orders Del. |        |
| Iowa—C. J. Oliver, Secretary  |        |      |             |        |
| Bahr, Elsie A.  | BTS    | 18   | 11.20       | 11.20  |
| Crellin, Mrs.   | GC     | 2    | 7.00        | 5.80   |
| Greer, W. J.  | GC     | 30   | 36.45       | 43.95  |
| Hartshorn, Jack   | MMC    | 38   | 105.40      | 52.70  |
| Jay, Mrs.   | BR     | 31   | 86.10       | 75.90  |
| Miller, Opal  | BPS    | 30   | 148.20      | 57.00  |
| Niswonger, H. W.  | Misc   | 34   | 400.45      | 400.45 |
| Shelton, Glenn  | MMC    | 36   | 102.35      | 66.65  |
| Tabler, Mrs.  | BR     | 11   | 51.75       | 11.95  |
| Totals for Iowa   |        | 230  | 948.90      | 725.60 |
| Minnesota—L. E. Abelson, Secretary  |        |      |             |        |
| Burghart, Flossie   | MMC    | 21   |             | 38.30  |
| Christensen, Gladys   | NGH    | 1    | 8.50        | 14.50  |
| DeBolt, Alvina  | MMC-BR | 29   | 25.25       | 24.25  |
| Evenson, Karl   | MMC    | 12   |             | 2.75   |
| Finch, William  | BR     | 58   | 106.55      | 106.55 |
| Jenkausk, Marie   | MMC-BR | 23   | 54.70       | 35.85  |
| *Johnson, Robert  | MMC-BR | 112  | 311.75      | 241.75 |
| Jones, R. J.  | GC     | 46   | 112.95      | 103.75 |
| Linstad, Clare  | Mag    | 12   | 8.35        | 8.35   |
| Pederson, Mrs. L. M.  | BR     | 16   | 53.40       | 42.30  |
| Rust, Virginia  | Mag    | 49   | 36.90       | 36.90  |
| Santini, Harold   | MMC    | 10   | 16.70       | 26.95  |
| Sorensen, Edward  | BR     | 44   | 77.95       | 77.95  |
| Totals for Minnesota  |        | 413  | 813.00      | 760.15 |

**South Dakota—V. R. Johnson, Secretary**  
Hardin, Helen —BTS — 27.95 27.95  
Torkelson, Gunda —BTS — 9.00 15.50  
Hutchins, Madeline —H-R 5 3.05 23.25  
Prock, Ben —H-R 35 53.75 53.75  
Totals for South Dakota 40 93.75 120.45  
**North Dakota—no report.**  
Totals for Union 683 1855.65 1606.20  
\*Three-week report.  
  
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