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The Ministerial Institute

By JERE D. SMITH

The recent ministerial institute, held in connection with the Northern Union Conference session in St. Paul, proved to be very helpful and interesting in many ways. Visiting workers contributed a great deal to the success of the meeting, as did also the help given by the workers within the union. Many of our workers in this field are young men recently out of college, and they especially were benefitted by the instruction received.

One feature of the meetings was the round table discussions, when every one felt free to ask questions or offer suggestions that might be helpful. Many of our men being rather new in the work were particularly burdened with matters pertaining to church order and discipline but we did not have sufficient time to discuss all matters that were presented.

It would be well if every worker in the union, as well as our laymen, would give careful study to the

"church Manual." Every one who does not have one already should secure a copy of the 1942 edition of this manual. It is the guide book by which we give counsel to all of our churches. It is the product of careful study and preparation on the part of church leaders of experience and ability, and has been adopted by the denomination as the official authority in matters of organization and discipline.

Special study should be given to the summary of fundamental beliefs beginning on the bottom of page eighty. There are twenty-seven of these beliefs presented in a concise, clear way.

Attention should also be given to the baptismal vow beginning in the middle of page eighty-six. These are the questions that are to be asked of all baptismal candidates at their pub-

lic examination. No worker should feel free to substitute a list of questions of his own in place of this list, because in so doing confusion and misunderstanding will be brought in. No minister is free to be a law unto himself, but is to be guided by the whole body in these matters. If any one has ideas contrary to the denominational teachings he should keep those ideas to himself.

The reasons for which a person may be disfellowshipped are very plainly stated on pages 108 and 109 and cannot easily be misunderstood.

The Bible standards for Christian living are all-sufficient and certainly are void of offense. In order for us all to be in unity and of one mind in the faith, may we not wholeheartedly subscribe to these Bible principles and do our utmost to instill them into the hearts of God's heritage over whom we have been placed as under-shepherds?

A Brief Survey of Our Relief Work in Europe

By J. J. STRAHLE

Director of European Relief

Through the various articles which we have written for our church papers, our people have become greatly interested in the relief work we are doing for our needy people in Europe. Many of our church members have written in to the General Conference asking us as to how we are getting food to our starving people. We are therefore giving you a report at this time to let you know what has been accomplished and what we are doing through our relief program at the present time.

Through the friendly cooperation of

the Danish Government, we have been sending to our relief leaders in Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Poland a steady stream of food supplies such as butter, cheese, cooking oil, barley flakes, sugar, powdered milk, and soap. These have gone by truck loads to the various countries referred to above. We were also very fortunate in securing permission from the Swedish Government to buy and send food supplies into the British Zone of Germany.

Our brethren in Germany are well organized for relief work so that when shipments arrive, both food and clothing are distributed to our very needy people.

In order that sustenance might reach our brethren living in the American and French Zones, we contacted the Swiss Government. Through the help of the International Red Cross we were able to secure the needed food supplies and sent them into Germany from the north and the south nearly every two weeks. However, there was one big

problem before us, that of getting food supplies into the eastern part of Germany. We had investigated every means to find a way to supply our needy people in that particular territory. On my last visit to Sweden, I heard that the chairman of the relief societies of Germany was in Stockholm. I succeeded in gaining an interview with him and found him most friendly. He belongs to one of the large denominations in Germany and offered us a solution to our problem. We thus found a way to send the food supplies in sealed cars to a warehouse near Berlin in care of our organization, and from that place a welfare organization helps us to get the food and clothing into the East German Union. Nearly 20,000 of our people reside in that zone.

Through our relief program, we have been able to reach about 60,000 of our people, and through them we have helped a large number of others who are in great need. Aside from the countries referred to, we have also sent food and clothing to many of the other lands of Europe, but where our people are now able to get along without further aid.

Many have asked whether they should put forth all their efforts in sending packages to Europe or whether they should send their money to the General Conference for European relief. It is far cheaper to secure the food in the near-by countries than to send it from the United States. It is also less expensive for transporting the food from these adjacent sources of supply to our people. You will observe that money sent through the General Conference will enable us to do far more for our people than by sending packages from the States; however, some have stated that they would like to send packages direct to some of their relatives or friends. This can be done, but you should be sure to insure them so they will not be lost along the way. We hope that a steady stream of funds will continue to flow into the treasury so that we can continue the relief program for our starving people in Europe.

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Missionary Volunteer Secretary's Report

Seventh-day Adventist youth are without question among the finest young people of all the world, and to save such and train for service is one of the most interesting and thrilling works ever given to man. I hardly know which is greater, the tremendous responsibility or the overwhelming opportunity and privilege of participating in such a work, but as workers gathered here we are charged with this glorious task. Joel prophesies of a great youth's movement in the very last days when he tells of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. He says, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . your young men shall see visions." Joel 2:28. The messenger of the Lord says, "In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause." "Gospel Workers," p. 67.

It is our pleasure to bring to you a brief report of the Missionary Volunteer advance in the Northern Union Conference for the last five years, as compared with the previous five-year period, which includes the entire time the Northern Union has been reorganized as a separate conference.

We praise God for our youth in this union as we report such encouraging missionary advances, for you will note that in the major phases of our youth's movement there are substantial gains. The average number of societies has increased from 166 to 535, and our society membership from 2635 to 6809. These increases during the war emergency years when so many of our young men, as well as our young women, were away from their homes and churches, has not come without real effort on the part of our local conference secretaries and workers throughout the churches, to whom we give hearty thanks. Our reporting societies have more than doubled. The number of young people baptized has increased during the three quarters of 1946 to an all-time high, thus showing a gain for the five-year period. The amount of Ingathering funds reported also shows a small gain, while the total gain of missionary units amounts to

71,374. On the other hand the educational features, such as the number of reading course and Bible year certificates, present a challenge to us, for they have a loss over the previous period as does also the number of juniors invested. There seems, however, to be quite an upward trend in the number of vocational honors issued, there having been over three times as many issued during the last five years as in the previous term.

We have carried on a very much expanded junior camp program, which has netted great results in the saving and training of our boys and girls. It was in Spirit Lake, Iowa, twelve years ago that the first junior camp was conducted for the great plains country. From that single camp, conducted for a large region in this central area, we have expanded our plans until we now conduct one or two in every local conference, making an annual enrollment for our union of nearly 500 juniors. The camps always conclude with a real revival, at which time practically

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every junior that has not been baptized joins a baptismal class.

We all recognize that this is youth's hour, young people are in the lime-light. There are voices on every hand calling; there are opportunities from every angle beckoning. Our country calls, industry calls, and the worldly professions call; and youth are responding, organizing, studying, and training for action. The very atmosphere is charged with the spirit of advance, adventure, revolution and change. World movements, world thinking, and global consciousness are being molded by world communications and travel. These trends are but forerunners for the carrying out of the great aim of advent youth, "The advent message to all the world in this generation." To this triumphant task, we, the youth's workers of the Northern Union, pledge our all.

K. L. GANT

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Evangelism —

Keynote in 1947

Never before was this term so general. Every department is sounding the phrase, and all activities are being meshed in the work of evangelism. Every goal in the home missionary program is keyed to the tune of greater evangelism in 1947.

In our union conference recommendations, as well as in the instruction given in the evangelistic institute which followed, the theme of evangelism was strongly emphasized by Elder N. C. Wilson, president of the North American Division, and by Elder J. D. Smith, president of the Northern Union Conference. The workers responded enthusiastically to the subject, and we left the meeting determined, with God's blessing, to make 1947 a record year in the number of souls saved.

The home missionary and Sabbath school departments, with the Missionary Volunteers, are synchronizing plans and activities to minister to this objective. Each Sabbath school class will strive to build up the attendance and to win at least one soul each year. Once each quarter, on a Sabbath not so utilized in the regular missionary program, the Sabbath school will omit the missions story, or review (or both where necessary)

to allow time for the members to relate their experiences in looking for and in winning souls.

The home missionary department will work toward the same objective in fostering a wider circulation of literature, and in closer follow-up methods. It will train lay preachers to give Bible studies and to hold cottage meetings, and will encourage twelve and a half thousand believers to find students for the 20th Century Bible Course.

Dorcas federations and Sabbath school associations will bend their services toward the same end. In all of these missionary activities we are assured of the energetic assistance of our great army of consecrated Missionary Volunteers.

Our efforts in behalf of the "Liberty," Signs," and Ingathering campaigns will be prefaced with systematic endeavors to find interested people to whom will be sent other literature and the free Bible course. We believe that the consecrated toil of ministry and laity will, under the blessing of God, result in many souls accepting the message in 1947. Let us all rededicate ourselves and our means to that worthy objective — evangelism

GEORGE BUTLER

Publishing Department Secretary's Report

Once again we are privileged to gather for the purpose of reviewing the paths over which our God has led us since last we assembled in union conference session; also to seek Heaven's guidance in counsel and in planning for still greater accomplishments during the next quadrennial period.

It would seem needless to remind you that during the period covered by this report, the nations of earth were engaged in a war of such magnitude that the usual programs for procedure in all domestic lines were greatly disrupted. What is probably the most amazing event during this entire period when the production from commercial enterprises, resulting from lack of manpower and machinery was probably below any previous minimum, and when people stripped of all other hope were seeking most earnestly for some reliable help for spiritual composure, God, who has never ceas-

ed to lead His people, made available paper in sufficient quantities for the printing of our message-filled books which were sold in numbers never before attained in Seventh-day Adventist circles.

While the pioneers of this movement longed for, worked for, and prayed for this larger circulation of our literature, one cannot help but wonder if their vision foreshadowed the circulation of today. However, we do not conclude that the zenith has been reached, but we must remain determined to press on to new heights which, under the blessing of God, will be attained.

During the five-year period ending December 31, 1946, there were a number of changes in field and book and Bible House leadership in each of the four conferences within the Northern Union. These, and other factors, which enter into the five years' business may have detracted from a higher ratio of advance. But allowing for these apparent hindrances, and also the fact that the 1946 report is incomplete, the five-year period, 1942-1946, shows a healthy gain in the number of persons who have joined the church as a result of the literature ministry, as well as in subscription books sold. As you will know, it is impossible at this time to state positively just how many are keeping the Sabbath as the result of the colporteurs' efforts; yet our records reveal that during this five-year period more than 200 persons were baptized as a direct result of contacts made by colporteur evangelists.

You may also be interested in knowing that since 1937, when the Northern Union was again organized to function as a union entity, literature sales by the colporteur evangelists serving in the Northern Union Conference have shown a substantial increase over each of the preceding years. Eternity however, will make known the fruitage of the \$436,079.78 in literature placed in the homes during the four-year and eleven-month period by the regular, part-time, and student messengers of the printed page.

For the substantial gain of \$268,272.53 in the sale of books actually delivered, over the previous five-year period, we are most grateful, and pray the Lord to water the seed sown

that it may bring forth fruit a hundred-fold.

During the fifty-nine months covered by this report, a large number of students strengthened their faith in God while earning scholarships through the sale of our gospel literature. In addition to the regular and part-time house-to-house canvassers, we have one representative selling to the public school systems exclusively, through the combined efforts of our faithful magazine and book evangelists, millions of pages containing the message for this time have been placed into the hands of judgment-bound people living within the territory of the Northern Union Conference.

To the world at large the future may look dark, but to Seventh-day Adventists, there is "nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." "Life Sketches," page 196.

It is with confidence in this assurance that we launch out into the new year with plans for a more extensive circulation of our message in printed form.

In closing I wish to thank each fellow worker in this union and each local conference for the loyal support and cooperation shown this department of the organized work; and to each of the publishing department secretaries who toiled so nobly side by side with the colporteur evangelists, I must say that it has been your vision and determined efforts to achieve, under the blessings of God, that has made this report possible.

P. D. GERRARD

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Help for the Helpless!

No man can successfully cope with the terrible power of sin and vicious habits. Drug addicts and drunkards, victims of vice and human wretchedness of every description are among

the thousands who write to the Voice of Prophecy for spiritual help. Every Thursday morning, at eight o'clock, Pacific Standard Time, we take these cases to God in prayer. Typical of the great need is the following letter:

"Dear Sirs: I have heard about your prayer circle in which you pray for those who need special help and I want you to pray for me. I am a victim of drink. I do not have the will power to resist a drink when it is offered to me. I am desperate to stop drinking. Pray that the Lord will give me faith to claim power to overcome this evil habit. Pray that if it is His will that He will turn my appetite against the alcohol. Pray that I may become truly converted and become a real Christian, able under God's power to stand on my own feet. Thank you very much.—'One who needs help.'"

This appeal for help could be repeated again and again. In desperation these unfortunate people turn to God for deliverance. Your prayers on behalf of the thousands of helpless ones who regularly appeal to the Voice of Prophecy for spiritual comfort and advice will be deeply appreciated. Join our Thursday morning Prayer Circle, and at eight o'clock let the voice of prayer be heard in your home. Multitudes of prayer warriors the world around will be on their knees too, imploring God's help for the helpless. If you are working at that time, silently breathe a prayer to God for deliverance. Your own soul will be blessed as you think of others, and the Voice of Prophecy will receive spiritual power to accomplish its world radio mission for God as together we turn our faces to Him.

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Religious Liberty Offering

Sabbath, January 25, is the day designated in 1947 as Religious Liberty Day.

To us as Seventh-day Adventists, the very words, religious liberty, remind us that some day we will not be

privileged to enjoy the liberty we have today. We must ever be alert and take advantage of our opportunities to educate the public regarding the principles of religious liberty. Surely once a year is not too often to remind ourselves of our duty and responsibilities in this respect.

We invite our isolated members to join those of our churches in providing a liberal offering for the purpose of sending the "Liberty" magazine to public officials, editors, attorneys and other prominent and influential individuals.

F. W. SCHNEPPER

Sheyenne River Academy News

Once again we send you greetings from Sheyenne River Academy. The first semester will soon be over, so we are busily preparing for semester examinations.

We still find time to carry on a campaign for the "Northern Echo," our annual. Our fellow students have contacted most of you, asking for your subscription. The charge for our annual is only \$1.00. If you have not sent in your subscription as yet, either because you have not been asked or just have not got around to it, won't you please do so today? The campaign will end in just a few days, and we need at least 400 more subscribers to make our annual a real success. We need the help of everyone who reads this, and to you, we promise the biggest dollar's worth of value available today.

On Sabbath afternoon, January 11, J. F. Knipschild, Jr., conducted an investiture service here at the academy. Six young people were interested as friends. Elder Knipschild's father accompanied him and gave an inspirational talk at the regular church service. We are looking for a much larger group to be invested this spring, before the close of the school year.

We begin our second semester on January 27. We still have room for a few more students. Some of you doubtless know of a young person who should be receiving his training here to face the battles of life. You, friend, might be that one. Stop and think! What are God's plans for your future? What are your plans? Our hopes and dreams are realized only if we train ourselves and work to-

ward that end. Here at S.R.A. we have a well-trained faculty that is willing and anxious to help you with life's problems. Won't you give us a chance to aid?

WILLIAM NORDRUM

The Academy Barn Burns

It is with regret that we must announce to the constituency the destruction by fire of the barn at Sheyenne River Academy, on Saturday night, December 21. The fire started about ten o'clock, apparently in the southeast corner of the hay loft. A wind was blowing from that direction which quickly spread the flames. The cause is unknown although it is supposed that it started either from defective wiring or by spontaneous combustion. Everything seemed to be in proper order when Brother John Hinger, the farm manager, left the barn about an hour previously.

As Brother Hinger was preparing to retire he glanced out the window and noticed sparks flying from the direction of the barn. As he rushed to the barn he could see the fire was already well advanced. Others quickly joined him and they were successful in getting all the milch cows out of the barn. Besides the loss of the building and equipment, we also lost three horses, four heifers, and the herd sire, as well as considerable hay and other feed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

We were faced with the immediate necessity of providing shelter for the milch cows. The cement walls of the cow barn portion, while badly damaged, were still standing. The next day, at a hastily called meeting of the available members of the academy board, together with the counsel of some local members who were helping to clean things up after the fire, it was decided that the best thing to do would be to build a temporary flat roof on the cement walls and use this until a new barn can be built next spring or summer. Volunteer help was invited from the Harvey and Manfred churches, and a number of our brethren willingly responded. By the time this report reaches the field it is expected that our dairy herd will be sheltered in this temporary enclosure.

This is a severe blow to us at a time when we are straining and putting forth every effort to raise the

necessary funds for our new administration building and heating plant. This just means that more funds than ever must be provided. We trust that our people will keep this in mind as we come to you for your further support of the academy improvement program.

F. W. SCHNEPPER

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New Prices Effective January 1, 1947

Since a number of our people sending in orders for some of our periodicals have included payment at 1946 prices, we take this opportunity to list some of the new prices effective January 1, 1947.

"Signs of the Times," 1 year	1.75
"Our Little Friend," 1 year	1.35
Senior "Sabbath School Quarterly" 1 year	.35
Primary "Sabbath School Quarterly," 1 year	.35
Single copy	.10

NORTH DAKOTA BOOK AND
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Wedding

"Blest Be the Tie"

Darlene Schroder and Harry Reile were united in marriage on November 27, in the Jamestown church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schroder, of Cleveland, North Dakota and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reile, of Jamestown, North Dakota.

Three vocal numbers were rendered before the vows were spoken: The writer sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds;" J. F. Knipschild, Jr. sang, "Ah, Perfect Love," the brother of the groom, Arthur Reile, and his wife sang "Pilot Me, Oh Gracious Saviour." The wedding march was played by Mrs. R. Patzer and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Reile have both attended Union College and now Mr. Reile is teaching school in the Jamestown vicinity, where they are making their home.

The many friends of the young couple wish them continued happiness as they journey life's pathway together.

REINHOLD PATZER

NOTICE!

Please do not send your used clothing for European relief to the conference office, but rather send it direct to the warehouse in New York City. The address is as follows: Atlas Transportation,

447 West 36th St.
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A Colporteur Experience

On Tuesday of this week, a young family invited me to lunch with them and also bought "Modern Medical Counselor" and "Bible Readings" from me.

When I pointed out to them the chapters in "Bible Readings" on Trusting in Jesus, Cheerfulness, and Contentment, showing them how the mental and spiritual attitudes affect the physical condition of the body, the young mother said, "I have worked in a tuberculosis sanitarium, and while there the treatments that impressed me most of all were these same treatments you have pointed out to us, — the importance to each patient of reading the Bible, putting their trust in Jesus and being cheerful and content."

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Sabbath, January 25, has been set aside by the General Conference as the day when the Religious Liberty Offering is to be received in all of our churches. The proceeds from this offering go to the local conference, where these funds will be used to cover the expense connected with furnishing the names on our "Liberty list" with subscriptions to the "Liberty" magazine. The larger your contribution, the more names we can care for. This list of names is a very select one, consisting of doctors,

lawyers, judges, legislators, congressmen, senators and civic officials. From year to year the list is enlarged as your generosity permits.

Seventh-day Adventists are the only people who put out such a periodical as the "Liberty" magazine, dedicated to preserving religious freedom. It is the authority and the weapon to combat the forces which right now are consolidating to place strictures on our religious liberty. What a privilege to patronize it and circulate it among key men who have a tremendous influence in shaping public thinking and legislation.

The day will soon come when we shall not enjoy freedom as we do now, in preaching and teaching the truth. Dire will be the consequences, dreadful will be the times. Should we not do what we can while we can and while freedom of action and of the press are still permitted? "The banner of truth and religious liberty which the reformers held aloft, has in this last conflict been committed to us. The responsibility for this great gift rests with those whom God has blessed with a knowledge of His word. We are to receive God's word as supreme authority. We must accept its truths for ourselves. And we can appreciate these truths only as we search them out by personal study. Then, as we make God's word the guide of our lives, for us is answered the prayer of Christ, 'Sanctify them through thy truth; Thy word is truth.' John 17:17. The acknowledgement of the truth in word and deed is our confession of faith. Only thus can others know that we believe the Bible." "Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 402, 403.

May Heaven make our hearts tender and our gifts large, as the offering for religious liberty is given on Sabbath, January 25.

W. A. DESSAIN

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God's Need of Teachers

There is no movement on earth today advancing with as great a degree of certainty as is the advent message. The various agencies of the church need to be employed in order to carry out God's gigantic task. Among the most important of these is the evangelistic agency of the church school.

As the work becomes larger, the need for help becomes greater. And how true are the words of the Master when he said: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Where can God find laborers? In secular institutions or among the people of the world? The answer obviously is "no." The question asked Adam and Eve, "Where art thou?" might be applied to many today who are giving their services, their time, and their talent to teaching in the public school system, and at the same time permitting the dearth of teachers in God's appointed schools to continue.

Perhaps some of you are employed as teachers in schools of the world. It is to you I would address this appeal. God needs your talents in teaching for Him in His divinely-appointed schools. Where else can God call for teachers should you refuse His call?

Our need for church school teachers is still acute. The joys of full-time service in this part of the Lord's vineyard are many. May the Lord place this burden upon you, and may He guide you in your decision. I would be happy to hear from you as to your desire in this matter, or to answer further questions you may have.

J. O. IVERSEN

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The M. V. Corner

Did you know that 1947 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Missionary Volunteer organization? May every society in Iowa make this anniversary year the best one.

Oak Park Academy listed in its report for December that 1,040 pieces of literature had been distributed. Good for Oak Park!

Word from the Hawarden society tells us that they have organized both a sunshine band and a prayer band. Through their sunshine band they brought Christmas cheer to a number of homes.

Speaking of Christmas cheer, the Des Moines society did very well. On one Sunday afternoon they distributed seventeen boxes of fruit to shut-ins for the holiday season.

Recent M. V. rallies were held at Cedar Rapids and Davenport, with

some of the neighboring societies also in attendance. The days were filled with interesting activities and were climaxed with a renewed determination on the part of the societies to make 1947 a banner year.

Further announcement will be made shortly about the forthcoming North American Youth Congress to be held in San Francisco, September 3 - 7. Our goal will be at least one delegate from each M. V. society.

We are happy to welcome among the new societies for 1947, the Ames, Algona, and Des Moines Philadelphia societies.

M. V. DEPARTMENT

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Iowa News Notes

Miss Violet Eder has connected with our office force and is assisting in the Book and Bible House. She comes from the South Dakota Conference where she was a stenographer. We are very happy to have her with us and feel sure she will enjoy her work and association with the people of Des Moines.

Among recent callers at the office were Miss Genevieve Booth, of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. F. J. Ryan, of Waterloo.

Word has just reached us of the death of Brother George C. Lauterbach, of Sumner, Iowa. We sorrow with his many other friends over the passing of this brother. Obituary will appear later.

Elder Arthur G. White, grandson of Mrs. Ellen G. White, is scheduled to spend the week end, January 17 and 18, with the Des Moines church, speaking Friday night, Sabbath morning, Sabbath afternoon, and in the evening.

Elder Shuler's effort is still in progress, with quite a number interested, but who have not as yet taken their stand. We feel sure many more will yet join our ranks and go all the way with the people of God. The meetings are being held in the church at 13th and Des Moines Streets.

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The Value of Lay Work In Soul Winning

I have just received a letter from Elder Ralph Combs, who was formerly an Iowa Conference worker but is now superintendent of the French

West Indian Mission. The membership of this mission as given in the 1946 Yearbook was 692. This makes the following quotation from his letter very interesting:

"I believe that I mentioned in my last letter that 1945 was their largest year in baptisms in the history of the mission here, with ninety-eight baptized. This year it seems certain that we will baptize from 220 to 225, about half on Guadeloupe and the other half on Martinique. In meeting with the officers of the churches of Martinique, the goals for Martinique alone for next year have been set at 248. I might say that half of these are already in the baptismal classes. No doubt Guadeloupe will have nearly as large a goal. I will say frankly I believe that souls are not won much more easily here than they are in the States, perhaps a little, but the larger response is without question due to the work of the laity. If the members in the States would do half of the lay work that the members do here, I firmly believe that the baptisms there would double in a year. Occasionally one finds a church here that is asleep, that is not working, and their baptisms show it."

Surely, this constitutes a mighty challenge to each of our church members to do more work than ever before for the salvation of souls. This means that during the past year that mission had baptisms equal to about thirty per cent of its membership. Think of what such figures would mean to our Iowa conference.

The letter continues to tell about some of the severe persecutions which are going on in that field and the hardships under which the work is being carried on, which bear out the fact that the work indeed is not easy there.

January is the month for enrollment for service. Have you decided, carefully and prayerfully, what missionary work the Lord would have you to do in 1947? Let us plan now for a strong program, both on the part of our laymen and our churches, in the giving of the gospel and the winning of souls in 1947.

W. S. SANDERS

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Special Church Officers' Meetings

Church officers' meetings will be held as follows: in Mankato, Week-end of February 8; Duluth, February 15; Wadena, February 22; and in the Twin City area, March 1. The meetings will begin on Friday night, at seven-thirty, and continue all day Sabbath. In the Twin City area there may also be some meetings on Sunday mornings. The church elders, Sabbath school superintendents and secretaries, M. V. leaders and secretaries, and the missionary leaders and secretaries are invited. Although these are the only ones who are especially invited, all members who have the opportunity may attend these meetings. We trust and believe that we will have a good representation from our churches at these four meetings, and that the Lord will richly bless us as we study this work.

E. R. COLSON

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The Arrowhead Dorcas Federation

The next meeting of the Arrowhead Dorcas Federation will be held in the Duluth church, Tenth Avenue East and Sixth Street, on January 30, beginning at 10 A. M.

An interesting program has been prepared by Sister Dickenson, of Hibbing, the new president of this federation. Elder George Butler, of the Northern Union Conference, Elder C. E. Guenther, of the Minnesota Conference, and Elder W. R. Archbold, also Harley Schander and A. C. Woods of this district, are expected to be present to assist in the program.

The Dorcas societies of the Federation are as follows: Duluth Senior and Junior, Virginia, Hibbing, Two Harbors, Cloquet and Tamarack. Other churches in the area which do not have an organized Dorcas society are also urged to send representatives to this meeting.

We hope every member of these societies will be present to help make this first meeting of the year a real success.

MRS. EMMA CHRISTENSEN,
Federation Secretary-Treasurer

News Notes

"Training Light Bearers" a new book dealing with the "how" of giving Bible studies, is now off the press. Beautifully illustrated, and bubbling over with practical instruction, this new volume will be the textbook for Bible service classes. Several of these training classes are already scheduled for our conference, and every church should plan to hold one during 1947. "Training Light Bearers" is available in paper for \$1.00, and in the cloth binding for \$1.50. Order from your Book and Bible House.

Elder C. E. Guenther returned from a recent visit to the believers in Austin with an enthusiastic report of the work in that city. With an approximate membership of seventy, the Austin church contributed over \$12,000 to the cause of God in 1946. The Sabbath school offerings for the fourth quarter of 1946 were in excess of \$450, a weekly per capita of fifty-two cents. The children's divisions of the Sabbath school are now meeting in a beautiful room newly furnished in knotty pine. Mrs. Don Prosser newly-elected leader of the children's divisions, in conducting an excellent program and the attendance has doubled during the first two weeks of 1947. The entire church edifice is neat, immaculately clean and artistically decorated. The believers in Austin are indeed bringing honor to the message by their good works.

A conference-wide survey is being conducted by the home missionary department to ascertain the progress made in the Minnesota dark county mailing project. One district and several churches have already reported complete coverage of the territory assigned them. When this survey is completed, unfinished territory will be reassigned in order that every home in the state may soon be reached with our message. New mailing literature to be used in completing the program will be available soon.

The publishing department of the Minnesota Conference is happy to report that during the year of 1946,

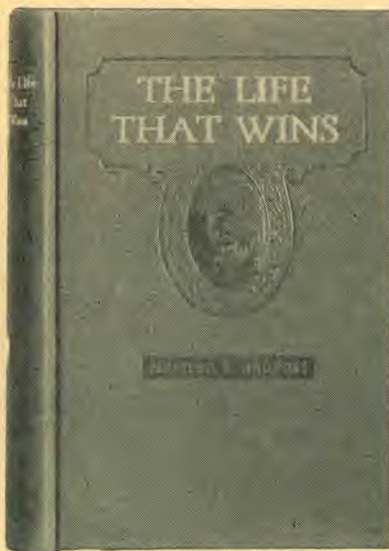
\$58,480.79 of truth-filled literature was delivered to non-members. This is a 39.4 per cent increase over 1945. Truly the Lord is preparing to make a short work in righteousness.

Obituaries

PULLEN.—Clarence Albert Pullen was born September 1, 1885, at Oakland, Iowa, and died December 29, 1946 at his home in Nevada, Iowa. He came to Nevada twenty-three years ago to work in the Iowa Sanitarium and after leaving the employment of the sanitarium he did private nursing until his health failed. He leaves to mourn: his wife, four brothers, one sister, and five children — Kenneth, Vinton, and Richard Pullen, of Emmetsburg, Iowa. Ronald Pullen, of Galt, California; and Mrs. Charles Hagenberg, of Orlando, Florida. Brother Pullen had been ill for some time and realized that he might be laid to rest at any time. He loved to attend church services and prayer meetings and often testified of his hope in Jesus. We believe that he rests in peace awaiting the call of the Life-giver. A number of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects as we laid our brother to rest. Elder A. L. Miller assisted the writer in the funeral service.

C. A. LARSEN.

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Dunham.—William H. Dunham was born at Baldrin, Minnesota, on April 15, 1876, and died at Brainerd, Minnesota, on January 4, 1947, after a long illness. He leaves to mourn: his wife; two sons, Donald and William; one stepson, George McDonald; and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Lela Peck and Mrs. Doris Rosina; also several grandchildren. Interment was in the Mission Township cemetery, the writer officiating. For many years Brother Dunham was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and he greatly appreciated the knowledge of the third angel's message.

T. N. Neergaard

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Sunset Calendar

January 24, 1947

Des Moines, Iowa5:19
St. Paul, Minnesota5:08
Bismarck, North Dakota5:33
Huron, South Dakota5:32

January 31, 1947

Des Moines, Iowa5:27
St. Paul, Minnesota5:18
Bismarck, North Dakota5:44
Huron, South Dakota5:42

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Union Publishing Department Sec'y

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