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Evangelism in Shanghai, China

By C. B. MILLER

The summer of 1937 found our work progressing well in the large city of Shanghai. The headquarters for our work in China has been located here for many years. During this time three churches have been organized for our Chinese believers. One of these is located in the eastern part of the city where are located several of our institutions. Another church is connected with our Shanghai Sanitarium and Hospital on the western outskirts of the city, which takes care of the needs of this institution and the members in that locality.

The third church and oldest of the group is situated at Range

Road in the most congested part of the city. This church was built many years ago and was well attended by a large group. The war, however, brought sudden changes and a large part of the city there was greatly damaged and many of our church members either left Shanghai or moved to other parts of the city. The large city clinic adjacent to the church is still operating and the church takes care of the group connected with the clinic and members who still live near.

Now we feel a great need for a central church for the other be-

lievers scattered throughout the city. At present a group of about 300 have been meeting in the auditorium of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. However, the rental of this hall has proved inadequate as it can be used only at specified times. We need a good church building where general meetings can be held and also evangelistic efforts.

During the war years our members were faithful and many believers have been added to our churches in Shanghai. In the month of June fifty more persons were baptized and added to our churches in this city alone. This brings our

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Colporteur Customer Cooperation

By WILLARD ANDERSON

As I was walking past various stores and places of business along Olson Highway Boulevard, in Minneapolis, I was about to turn the corner on Humboldt Avenue when I was impressed to turn back and open a door leading to a stairway and apartments on the second floor. At the top of the stairs, I knocked on the door to the right. The door was opened by a kindly looking woman who readily invited me in. Her husband, who works for the railroad and is ordinarily away six days out of ten, was also at home that day.

After a few minutes of conversation I lead up to the introduction of *Medical Counselor*, which resulted in an order in the best binding on the easy-payment plan. On one of my later visits to collect a



Willard Anderson

payment, this lady gave me the name and address of a sister-in-law who, she thought, would be interested in a medical book.

I called on this lady who ordered *Medical Counselor* and a Bible. She paid for both of these within a month so I gave her *Great Prophecies* as a premium for promptness in paying her account. I also gave the former lady a *Great Prophecies* for telling me about her sister-in-law.

Several weeks later I again contacted the first lady for another payment and learned that she had become quite sick with a severe cold and had been confined to her bed for several days. Previously she had expressed a desire to have a good Bible so at this time she selected a good medium-priced Bible and enrolled for the Twen-

tieth Century Bible Course. On my next visit she purchased *Bible Readings* and told me of another friend, who, when contacted, purchased *Medical Counselor* and *Bible Readings* in the best bindings.

From this, you will see that opportunities for placing message-filled literature in homes can become quite numerous through the help and cooperation of customers who are desirous of having their friends become acquainted with the truth for this time.

I thank the Lord for these experiences and for the many more encouraging experiences that I have had in the ten months that I have worked as a colporteur evangelist in Minnesota.

WILLARD ANDERSON.

Evangelism in Shanghai, China

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total membership of the Shanghai churches up to 767 at the present time. Our workers are greatly encouraged and long to see many more in this large city accept Christ as their Saviour. The time is surely ripe for a good harvest of souls. We want to hold evangelistic efforts this coming winter, but as yet have not found even a room where meetings can be held.

The division has now voted to build a church, and we are glad to know that a recent Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is to help in this project. Our Chinese believers have already contributed liberally, and we pray that our members all over the world will see the need and willingly give of their means to help build this house of worship.

search for truth in God's Holy Word. The Voice of Prophecy is a rock of truth." California.

"The Holy Spirit through this Bible course has opened my eyes to the great truths of life. I behold wondrous things out of the law." Virginia.

"This course has opened an entirely new world for me. It has taught me things of the Bible and of my Lord that I never heard of before. It also taught me when the true Sabbath is." Pennsylvania.

"I listened to your program on the air for over a year before I sent for your Bible lessons. Now I see my great mistake in waiting so long. The study of these Bible lessons has been the biggest and best thing that has ever come into my life." Ohio.

"At last I have found answers to questions I have always longed to know, and a peace and satisfaction in my heart I never had before. Thanks to the Voice of Prophecy." Ohio.

"I have been drawn much closer to your denomination through the study of your Bible lessons. I hope very shortly to be baptized into the remnant church. The Voice of Prophecy truly is a beacon light shining through a veil of darkness." Massachusetts.

"Right through all of my lessons until the very last one, I have been thrilled with all the truthful things I've learned. If I had gone to church all my life I could not have learned one-third as much." West Virginia

Stenographers and Teachers Wanted

The General Conference has several unfilled calls for stenographers and lady teachers for girls school work in our overseas divisions. If there are any mature young women who are qualified as stenographers or teachers and who would be willing to volunteer for foreign mission service, we would appreciate their getting in touch with the Secretary of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington 12, D. C. Please give training, experience, age, and the names of two or three conference workers who are acquainted with

your work. The need is urgent. Who will respond?

J. I. ROBINSON, Associate Secretary

Did You Know?

Home Missionary No. 2

- That our systematic (system-at-it) literature program is already showing encouraging signs of success?
- That some lay-brethren and sisters are giving Bible studies to from one to twenty-four families?
- That backsliders have been discovered and are returning to the church?
- That during the last quarter we had twenty-five Bible training classes in operation, with 250 members learning how to give Bible readings?
- That our aim is at least one new church in a "dark county" in each conference in 1948?

"Ye are the light of the world."

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Burlington Home Missionary Rally

Sunday night, January 11, following a fellowship dinner in the recreation room of the church school, a home missionary rally was held. The Burlington church membership was divided into three groups which met simultaneously. The young people met in the second-floor classroom, the women met in the recreation room of the school and the men assembled in the church primary department chapel.

Two new groups within the Dorcas society were formed, the "Nightingales" and "Willing Workers." The "Nightingale" group will meet evenings for welfare work, with Mrs. F. M. Wiedemann as secretary. Mrs. Frank Weil is the Dorcas leader. In an address to the women of the church, she said that during 1947 the women of the Burlington church shipped 2,147 pounds of food and 1,256 pounds of clothing abroad for relief of the suffering, in addition to food and clothing, and \$312.00 which was used to aid the needy in Burlington.

Marvin Stigge presided at the meeting of the youth of the church. He said in his address to the young people that the senior young people of the church had visited every home (500) in West Burlington every Sabbath for six weeks, to encourage Bible study and urged that the plan be expanded to include all of Burlington this year. Plans were made to finance the literature program. The young people voted to provide a recreational program for the church youth each Saturday night and a progressive club was organized.

The men of the church organized a "Society of Missionary Men" to live up to the aim to be "social to save." A. W. Ekstrom was elected

president of the group and Donald Smutzer, secretary.

The home missionary department of the church coordinates its activities through the home missionary executive committee reporting to the church board. The executive committee consists of the pastor; home missionary leader, Joseph Wardle; Dorcas leader, Mrs. Frank Weil; assistant home missionary leader (Y. P. M. V. literature crusade captain) James Wardle; president of the Society of Missionary Men, A. W. Ekstrom; and the home missionary secretary, Alma Nelson.

PAUL WHITLOW.

News Notes

Paul T. Gibbs, professor of English at Emmanuel Missionary College, addressed the Burlington church at the worship hour, on December 20. He and Mrs. Gibbs recently visited his brother and family, G. M. Gibbs, who is a physician and one of the elders of the Burlington church.

An early graduate of the Iowa Sanitarium school of nursing, died at New London, Iowa, on January 11. He was George L. Edger, a member of the Mt. Pleasant church. Brother Edger, who was known during the influenza epidemic of World War I to have never lost a patient, also served as an army nurse. The writer conducted the funeral services at New London.

PAUL WHITLOW.

Burlington's KBUR Broadcasts Voice of Prophecy Program

Southeast Iowa and central Illinois now have a better opportunity to hear our international radio program every Sunday. Radio Stations KBUR and KBUR-FM (1490) of Burlington, Iowa, present the Voice of Prophecy transcription at 1:00 p. m. every Sunday. This new time began January 4.

This is the ideal time, Sunday, to find people at home and willing to listen to religious radio programs. Listener response helps es-

tablish a radio program. If you can hear this program well invite your friends to tune in and please express your opinion of the broadcast to KBUR radio station, 300 National Bank Building, Burlington, Iowa.

PAUL WHITLOW.

The Burlington Home and School Association

Mrs. Donald Smutzer, president, and Miss Marlyn Jahnke, secretary, of the Burlington Home and School Association conducted an outstanding meeting on Thursday evening, January 15.

"Home training is the greatest factor in character building and it is very difficult for the school and church to correct the results of a poor foundation laid in the home," declared Elder J. O. Iversen, conference educational secretary, who was guest speaker at the meeting.

The young people's Missionary Volunteer quartet sang at the meeting. A sound moving picture, "That Boy Joe," was shown. Also shown were colored motion pictures of the Youth's Congress. A public address system was used to present sound recordings made at the recent San Francisco gathering of our youth.

Elder Iversen spent Friday, January 16, checking the curriculum of the Burlington church school in its relation to the Northern Union educational manual. He also called together the members of the school inspection committee and with them graded the school according to the point system of the Survey Manual of Elementary School Standards. When Elder Iversen has checked the points earned with the Table of Evaluative Standards and Grade Equivalents at the Des Moines office, the school board and teacher will receive notice of the grade earned.

PAUL WHITLOW.

"Christ took with Him to the heavenly courts His glorified humanity. To those who receive Him He gives power to become the sons of God, that at last God may receive them as His, to dwell with Him throughout eternity."

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News from District No. 5

From District No. 5, consisting of the Forest Lake, Stillwater and the Minneapolis South-side churches, we offer this brief report. The South-side church has just had its annual business meeting and reports were rendered. It is wonderful to realize that more than \$8,000 passed through the hands of the treasurer, and of that about \$6,000 has gone to the Minnesota Conference. The year has been full of all kinds of experiences, but the church has been strengthened, and the spirit has been and still is very encouraging. We were very glad that all who were elected as officers for the year of 1948 accepted their positions, and we are looking forward to a year of great accomplishments. With the loyal and willing members of the South-side church always ready to cooperate in order to further the cause of God, we look for still richer blessings from Above. Though we have not had the additions in membership that we would have like to see, yet the membership has been growing. As for the future, we hope to be able to have meetings of some kind, perhaps cottage meetings, and already we have made plans for two such meetings. We are a bit handicapped because of not having our own meeting place, but by the blessing of God we hope to be able to start on the church building project that has been planned.

Services are conducted in both the Swedish and English languages. More than fifty non-members are receiving the Swedish Bible correspondence lessons, and more than 300 *Sions Vaktare* are going in to non-members' homes here in the City of Minneapolis.

Reports from the correspondence school students are encouraging. One man wrote: "Detta Ar Vad Jag Har Sökt Efter For En Lang Tid." "This is what I have been searching for for a long time." In

the coming Signs campaign we are encouraging the members to gather names and addresses of those of nationalities other than the English as well as for the English. We are asking the readers of this article to remember the work of the South-side church in their prayers.

But we have also the work of the Stillwater church at heart and perhaps a brief report of this part of the district would be in order. The Stillwater and Forest Lake churches were added to the district after the death of Elder Piper. We hardly felt competent to follow in the footsteps of this experienced worker of the Lord, but we did not refuse to step in and do our best.

During the year 1947 there has been some very necessary remodeling work done at the Stillwater church, so that we now have two very fine rooms on each side of the rostrum. But that is not all. We also have a baptistry which is very necessary in a Seventh-day Adventist church. For this we can only say "thank you" to Brother Martin Martinson, who not only did the work but also supplied the material. The writer spent several days helping and there were others of the members who helped, but Brother Martinson did the major part of the work. We are thankful for the loyal membership of the Stillwater church. Work is also carried on at the prison and the Stillwater church started this work. Eight of the prison inmates have been baptized there and four or five others are ready for baptism, so we are looking forward to another such occasion there in the near future. We are also planning cottage meetings at Stillwater two nights a week, and when the decoration of the church is completed we plan on going to the church auditorium with the meetings. We thank God for the blessings we have received at the Stillwater church from the Giver of all good gifts.

At Forest Lake we have a company of believers but we hope some day to be able to carry on an effort there that will establish a church. There are honest souls there, too, who will rejoice in this message if they are given a chance to hear

and accept. At Forest Lake we are meeting in the homes of the members, and during the summer months there have been as many as thirty-five present.

The reports from this part of the vineyard are encouraging. We thank the Lord for the privilege of serving as loyal a district as District No. 5 has proven itself to be. May God abundantly bless these dear people as they continue to witness for the Lord and work for the salvation of souls.

J. A. NORDSTROM.

Minnesota Missionary Volunteers

A Correction

I wish to correct an error which appeared in the Minnesota column, in the January 20 issue of the OUTLOOK. The secretary-treasurer of the Lake Eunice M. V. society for the year 1947 was Wesley Nelson. We appreciate his faithfulness in reporting the activities of that society.

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A Tragic Fire

It is with deep regret that we write of the death of little Venita Neff, two-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister W. C. Neff, our workers in the Grand Forks district.

In an accidental fire which started in their apartment located in the basement of the Grand Forks church building, their children both suffered third degree burns on Tuesday morning, January 20. On the evening of the same day little Venita passed away at the Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, her death being caused by the severe burns. Their son, Neal, at the time of this writing, still remains in a critical condition, however, there seems to be good hope of his recovery. Brother Neff also

suffered minor burns on the right arm. The fire caused an estimated \$6,000.00 damage.

Words cannot express the grief and sorrow brought to the family and friends by this tragic loss, however, Brother and Sister Neff are sustained in this hour of trial by the blessed hope that some day they will fully understand the reason for this heart-rending experience, and they take comfort in the knowledge that the resurrection morning will soon be here, when the family will once more be united.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday morning, January 23, at the Hanson-Anderson Funeral Home in Grand Forks. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Those assisting in the service were Brethren O'Brien, Rahn, and Melashenko.

I am sure that the hearts of our people will be moved in sympathy and sorrow as these lines are read. We would ask for Heaven's richest blessings to rest upon this family in their bereavement.

W. K. CHAPMAN.

M. V. News Notes

Encouraging words of missionary activity are coming in from various societies in the conference. A letter has just been received from the Kulm society leader, Mrs. Edgar Schlenker, in which she writes: "On the first Sabbath of the new year, January 3, we organized a sunshine band with a membership of twenty-five. Now we are busy passing out literature from door to door. We are planning to visit the sick and shut-ins and have our gatherings for prayer meetings."

We appreciate the work of all the society secretaries, but special tribute is here given to the Gackle society, with Mrs. August Lang as secretary, for promptness and faithfulness in reporting to this office. Other secretaries to receive special honor for work done in 1947 are: Mrs. Alvin Horab, Williston; Walter Miller, Streeter; Phyllis Hanson, Nome; Mrs. John Demchuk, Butte; and Mrs. A. J. Sievers, of the Taylor society. Secretaries



Starting to Lay the Brick for the New School and Administration Building. Pictured left to right: I. E. Anunsen, Conference Secretary-treasurer; D. C. Butherus, Conference President; William Bechthold, Building Foreman; L. G. Barker, Academy Superintendent; Foreman of Bricklaying Crew, and One of the Bricklayers.

for 1948 are urged to secure the M. V. secretary's record book from the Book and Bible House.

The report for the last quarter of 1947 reveals that North Dakota Missionary Volunteers distributed 10,274 pieces of literature, made 391 missionary visits, gave help to 727 needy persons, and conducted 99 Bible readings. Surely an encouraging report. Let us endeavor to accomplish even greater things for God this new year as we join in the "Share Your Faith" crusade sweeping through the ranks of Missionary Volunteers throughout the country.

M. V. DEPARTMENT.

Please Pay Pledges Promptly

The Beginning of a Reality

For some weeks we have been promising our people in North Dakota that we would begin the work on the walls of our new administration building at Sheyenne River Academy. Due to the extreme cold weather we had in December it delayed our work considerably, and in view of the cold weather it was felt that we should build a shelter around the proposed new building in order that the construction work may be done satisfactorily.

On Monday morning, January 5, 1948, we saw the beginning of a reality when we witnessed the first bricklaying process. The accompanying picture was taken showing



Shelter for New Building Construction at Sheyenne River Academy

this stage of the progress made. We are very happy indeed over this occasion and we rejoice with you, and express to God our gratitude for making it possible to continue our building program without further delay.

We feel that the Lord has been with us in the securing of materials and also in finding the bricklayers to carry this building project to a completion. We hope that you will continue remembering us in your prayers that the work may go steadily forward in this conference and at Sheyenne River Academy. May we at this time solicit the cooperation of our constituency in paying their pledges immediately so that the work may not be hindered for lack of funds. This, dear believers, is the beginning of a reality, and with God's help and your support it will be completed.

D. C. BOTHERUS

Tithing—No. 17

"When we rob God we rob ourselves also. We give up the heavenly treasure for the sake of having more of this earth. This is a loss that we cannot afford to sustain. If we live so that we can have the blessing of God, we shall have His prospering hand with us in our temporal affairs, but if His hand is against us, He can defeat all our plans and scatter faster than we can gather."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 272.

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Plainview Academy

I'm sure that the readers of the *OUTLOOK* will be interested in learning that we are now seeing the first results from our Youth for Youth Crusade that we held in Redfield this winter.

A young man sixteen years of age went before his school superintendent and told him that he was not planning to attend high school this second semester.

As nearly as I can remember, the superintendent asked him why he was not going to be there. The young man said that he planned to attend Plainview Academy instead of the high school. The superintendent again asked "Why?" His reply was, "I want to learn about the Bible." "Do you know that they teach we are to keep Sunday on Saturday?" asked the superintendent. "Well that is right according to the Bible, isn't it?" asked the young man. The superintendent then looked down at the card he had in his hand containing information about the young man and he said, "It says here that you are a Lutheran." "Well, I am not really a Lutheran," said the young man. "My parents used to go to the Lutheran Church, but I have never joined any church." Then the superintendent asked, "Are you planning to join the Adventist Church?" The young man said he believed he would.

This family has been receiving Bible studies once every week following our evangelistic effort in Redfield. It was during our last Bible study there that the boy expressed a desire to go to our school. His parents were both surprised and delighted and of course so were we. For the next few days he took his semester examinations at the high school, notified the superintendent of his change, and this week he enrolled at our school.

By this experience we learned that both parents believe our message. Let us pray that they will also take their stand. One lady that I study with on Monday afternoon has also expressed a desire to keep God's Sabbath. This Sabbath will be the first that she has ever kept. Her husband and children are much opposed. This dear lady also needs our prayers.

Early Ingathering

Some days ago the workers of the South Dakota Conference met to make plans to advance God's cause during 1948. It was indeed an inspiration to listen to the reports from the field. We have an excellent group of men and women leading out in the work in this conference. Of course "more souls

during 1948" was the discussion of the hour. We must make this year a better year in soulwinning. This is the work to which we have been called. All activities must center in this objective. Jesus has promised never to fail us if we surrender our all to Him. Here are some of the plans for your immediate consideration in the churches. It was suggested that we conduct an early Ingathering campaign. Let's visit our neighbors while they have time for our visit. Later on in the spring people will be busy and will have little time. Our business friends have worked out their budget for the new year. The ones who call first will get the best results. The Ingathering is God's work, more people will be contacted during the campaign than during any other time of the year. This is our chance to let others know what Seventh-day Adventists believe.

To alter our program, causing an atmosphere of suspense, the suggestion has been made that we conduct a "secret campaign." No opening date has been set but April 15 will be the closing "victory" date. By that time we will have covered the field and shall announce our success, for God will not allow His people to fail. We are confident that we will all enter into the Ingathering with heart and soul. Let us arise to do a good work.

The Ingathering supplies have been sent to the churches. If more material is needed write the conference home missionary department. The minute-man goal for 1948 is \$18.00 for seniors and \$9.00 for juniors. The financial goal is to "Do Our Best." Our objective will be to cover the field. Remember, *it is not enough to hold the line, we must advance!*

H. R. KUEHNE.

News Notes from the Book and Bible House

The Missionary periodical, *Present Truth*, which has been printed by the Review and Herald for so many years, is being transferred to the Pacific Press at Mountain View. It will have a new cover design, new two-color features and

also new topical presentations for the current year. There will be a slight increase in price so the new subscription rate for a year will be 75 cents.

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Home Mission News

Reports from the churches with regard to home-mission work are indeed encouraging. Here are just a few samples. Glen Marcoe, the elder of the Rapid City church informs us that a Bible service training class has been organized consisting of twelve members. The church has bought a projector and a set of film strips for active Bible work. That is good news. Brother W. Hoffman, the elder of the Hurley church has organized a Bible service training class. Brother Hoffman is well qualified to lead out in lay evangelism. We are confident that the Lord will guide in these endeavors at Hurley. Brother Pierson, of Sioux Falls, has bought a set of film strips and is planning

to conduct meetings in his community. There are so many talents in our churches. Let us use our God-given talents for the glorification of His name.

The young people of the Mitchell church have caught the inspiration. Brother Widmer informs us that the youth of that church are actively engaged in giving studies.

The members of the Aberdeen church, under the leadership of Brother Davis, have reorganized for their second campaign to cover the City of Aberdeen with literature. About ninety per cent of all churches in the state are now actively engaged in the dark-county work. With an active program like that there must be results. In our planning let us earnestly strive to make the year 1948 outstanding in soul winning.

H. R. KUEHNE.

News from District No. 5

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new church school at Hebron. For some time the faithful brethren have been working in spite of the cold weather to finish a new building which houses the church school, and provides living quarters for the teacher, besides some rooms which are rented to help defray expenses. The school is 20x30 feet, has gas heat, water, and is modern in every way. The church school is near the church and has a large playground adjoining.

Miss Dorothy Bauman, the church school teacher, is very happy to move into the new building. The old school will be made into a modern Dorcas room. The school building is the result of hard work and sacrifice by a small group of church members. All of the work was done by two brethren of the church. Surely this shows a spirit of diligence and sacrifice, the kind that will eventually finish the gospel work.

We have been holding meetings at Hebron since September 26, and plan to continue. The people still come and some are showing a definite interest. Many are convinced and have expressed a desire to

obey the truth. We have enjoyed working with the church members for new converts. Each member has had a definite interest in the meetings and has been giving Bible studies. We hope and pray that these interested ones will soon be members of the true church. The Hebron church has also tripled its Ingathering goal for 1948.

We are enjoying our work at Bismarck and a number of people are preparing for baptism, and awaiting the day when they may unite with the remnant church. We have almost finished the present literature program and also the Ingathering. The young people have been carrying out the most of the literature program. Sunshine bands are conducted by the young people also, meeting at the hospitals and the Old People's Home. The singing is appreciated very much, especially by the people in the home.

The Dorcas society members, under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Carlson, have been very busy, and to date have shipped six barrels of clothing as well as many boxes of food to the needy overseas. Many needy people at home have also been helped.

Mrs. Nobel Carlson is teaching the Bismarck church school, which has an enrollment of sixteen fine, energetic young people who are always willing to witness in some way for the truth.

We ask an interest in your prayers as we continue to labor for souls in this district. We know the time is short and many are looking for light in this uncertain world.

E. E. AND MRS. KUNDEL.

A Good Financial Year

The year that has recently ended has been a good year for the South Dakota Conference as far as our financial income is concerned. The Lord has wonderfully prospered our people during this year. They have not been unmindful of these blessings and have turned in more tithe than in any year in the history of the conference. In fact, the total tithe for the year amounted to \$143,673.74. And, for the month of December alone the tithe amounted to \$29,936.73 which was

more for this single month than the amount received for the whole year of 1937, just ten years ago.

Unfortunately our mission offerings have not kept pace with the remarkable increase we made in tithe. We wish that it were otherwise for the needs of the mission field are so great at the present time. The total mission offerings for 1946 amounted to \$47,375.12, while in 1947 they were \$46,357.88 or about \$1,000 less than the amount received for the previous year. The Ingathering, however, showed a good increase over the previous year. For 1946 it was \$14,933.99, and for 1947 it was \$16,232.63. For this increase we are profoundly thankful, and we hope that the Ingathering for the new year will be even larger. The Sabbath school offerings showed a slight decrease under the previous year. Let us plan to make this up during this new year. The new average Sabbath school offering goal is 35 cents a week per member instead of 30 cents per member. But since we cannot purchase half as much with our dollar, now as we could a few years ago, should not our Sabbath school offerings be much higher than they have been?

All of the tithe which we receive from our members is not retained in the conference for local work, but a large percentage of it is sent on to the Union and General Conferences, and a good deal of that goes to help in the foreign mission fields. And so out of the tithe received last year \$58,609.41 was passed on to build up the work outside of our own field. We are glad in this way to supplement the regular mission offerings so that the work in foreign fields may go forward with ever increasing success.

G. L. SATHER.

OBITUARIES

Jensen.—Peter Christian Jensen, the son of Christian and Louise Jensen, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, July 3, 1881. He died at his home near Terril, Iowa, October 26, 1947, at the age of 66 years. When he was seven years old, he came with his parents to America and settled on a farm in Clay County, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. In 1905, he was united in marriage with Helen Kathryn Paulsen, of Graettinger, Iowa. To this union five children were born: Myrtle (Mrs. Henry Kallevig), of Willmar, Minnesota; Arthur, of The Dalles, Oregon; Elvina (Mrs. Myron Schornstein), of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; and Roy, who passed away in 1927 at the age of 12; also one daughter who died in in-

fancy. He operated a farm near Graettinger until 1915, when they moved to Minnesota where they resided until 1934. They then came back to the home place in Iowa, where they lived until his death. Besides his wife, he is survived by his three children, and nine grandchildren; also one brother and three sisters. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1927 and was a faithful member until his death. Neighbors and friends were all impressed with his confident faith in the soon coming of Jesus. Burial was in the Crown Hill cemetery at Ruthven, Iowa.

W. Rendall Caviness.

Chamberlin.—George W. Chamberlin was born in Berlin, Wisconsin, November 10, 1867, and passed to his rest at Minneapolis, on January 6, 1948, having reached the age of seventy-nine years. After attending the Lyceum Theatre evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder M. K. Eckenroth, Brother Chamberlin was baptized into the Adventist faith in February 1947, and became a member of the Minneapolis Auditorium Seventh-day Adventist church. Those left to mourn his passing are: one son, Harvey W. Chamberlin; four daughters—Mrs. Bessie Hoyt, Mrs. Alvin Pearson, Mrs. F. H. Willing, and Mrs. A. F. Gaar; eleven grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. He was laid to rest in the Hillside cemetery at Dodge Center, Minnesota, where he will await the call of the Life-giver.

P. C. Jarnes

Eager.—Mrs. Cora Abbie Eager was born in Zumbrota, Minnesota, and spent all her life in this state. After a lingering illness she passed away December 16, 1947 at the age of seventy-six years. Her husband preceded her to his rest several years ago. For some time she made her home with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eager, of Robbinsdale. For many years she has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, in which faith she fell asleep. She is survived by: one daughter, Mrs. Frank Putnam, of Bruno, Minnesota; two sons, Floyd, of Robbinsdale, and Charles, of Wayzata, Minnesota; also seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jasper Hill, of Bruno, Minnesota. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and she was laid to rest, to await the call of the Life-giver, in the little cemetery at Brownsdale, Minnesota. Memorial services were also conducted by the pastor of the First Covenant Church of Minneapolis.

F. E. Thompson.

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| | Book | Hours | Orders | Del. |
| Bahr, E. | LH | 22 | \$28.90 | \$28.90 |
| Greer, Mrs. W. J. | BR | 31 | 86.65 | 141.25 |
| Hoyt, E. | MMC | 26 | 33.70 | 63.70 |
| Keller, Norman | MMC | 21 | 37.20 | 21.10 |
| McBain, Mrs. E. | MMC | 8 | 39.00 | 21.45 |
| Pt. Tm. Work. | BTS | 6 | 48.00 | 48.00 |
| Schnoor, N. | RH | 44 | 428.60 | 428.60 |
| Weikum, R. | BR | 33 | 40.55 | 58.20 |

| Totals for Iowa | 191 | 742.60 | 811.20 | |
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| MINNESOTA—L. E. Abelson, Secretary | | | | |
| Allen, Ray | MMC | 16 | 114.10 | 114.10 |
| Anderson, W. | MMC | 40 | 82.35 | 82.35 |
| Burghart, F. | MMC | 39 | 46.85 | 46.85 |
| Curtis, Ed. M. | MMC | 40 | 47.75 | 47.75 |
| Forbes, Mrs. J. | MMC | 10 | 37.75 | 37.75 |
| Fuller, Lorraine | BTS | | | 102.50 |
| Hanson, T. O. | MMC | 22 | 51.10 | 40.90 |
| Loo, Charnig Hee | BTS | 35 | 137.55 | 137.55 |
| McKenna, Mrs. | BTS | 10 | 23.30 | 23.30 |
| Watson, Charles | MMC | 28 | 31.65 | 23.55 |
| Weinberger, A. | BTS | 7 | 2.40 | 2.40 |

| Totals for Minnesota | 247 | 574.80 | 639.00 | |
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| SOUTH DAKOTA—J. L. McMillin, Secy. | | | | |
| Braithwaite, D. | RH | 27 | 65.25 | 67.05 |
| Jones, R. J. | RH | 40 | 192.60 | 192.60 |
| Kinsey, Ralph | RH | 48 | 296.75 | 262.50 |
| Rishor, Mr. and Mrs. | RH | 17 | 26.25 | 14.10 |

| Totals for South Dak. | 132 | 580.85 | 536.25 | |
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| NORTH DAKOTA—A. H. Liebelt, Secy. | | | | |
| Brown, H. A. | RH | 9 | 66.18 | 66.18 |
| Jones, M. N. | RH | 29 | 76.50 | 13.70 |
| Poore, O. L. | RH | 2 | | 6.95 |

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| Totals for North Dak. | 40 | 142.68 | 86.83 | |
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| Totals for Union | 610 | 2040.93 | 2073.28 | |
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SUNSET CALENDAR

February 6, 1948

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| Des Moines, Iowa | 5:35 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 5:53 |
| Huron, South Dakota | 5:50 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 5:27 |

February 13, 1948

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| Des Moines, Iowa | 5:44 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 5:37 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 6:04 |
| Huron, South Dakota | 6:00 |

February 20, 1948

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| Des Moines, Iowa | 5:53 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 5:47 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota | 6:09 |
| Huron, South Dakota | 6:09 |