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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me: because He hath anointed Me to preach good tidings . . ." Isaiah 61:1.

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Religious Liberties Might Be Quickly Withdrawn

By ALVIN W. JOHNSON, *Secretary
Religious Liberty Association*

We have recently seen demonstrated in the United States Congress how pressure can be exerted from a combination of certain religious and political interests. A religio-political maneuver resulted in a surprise action taken only a few hours before the adjournment of Congress last July, whereby the United States Government agreed to pay more than \$8,000,000 in claims to Catholic schools and religious orders in the Philippine Islands.

It should be noted that these claims, based upon food and services furnished to the Americans during the 1944 liberation campaign of the Islands, had previously been rejected under the War Claims Act of 1948, refused on two different occasions by the War Claims Commission, and more recently by its successor, the Foreign Service Settlement Commission.

Perhaps the point of greatest interest in this case, however, was the procedure followed in the passage of the bill making this appropriation possible. Protests had been made by important and influential organizations, by a number of church groups, and scores of individuals, to the proposed legislation. The protests contended that the bill was a gross violation of the principle of separation of church and state, and revealed rank discrimination by giving the lion's share of the proposed payments to one particular church. Despite these



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IOWA REACHED \$54,000 GOAL FOR 1957 INGATHERING. PUSHING ON TO NICE OVERFLOW.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO IOWA FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN 1957 INGATHERING CAMPAIGN. THE LORD HAS WONDERFULLY BLESSED YOU AND YOUR FAITHFUL CO-WORKERS AND MEMBERS.

R. H. NIGHTINGALE
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protests, and only six hours after an announcement had been made by the Senate Judiciary Committee to the effect that there would not be sufficient time before adjournment of the Senate to consider this particular measure, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee obtain-

ed the Senate floor and announced that the Committee was ready to report the bill. On the last day of the session, shortly after the Senate convened, the Chairman of the Committee obtained unanimous consent from the Senate to suspend the rules and file the bill. The bill

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was called from the calendar and passed without debate. Then, despite further protests to the President, the bill was promptly signed by the Chief Executive and became law.

In the light of such actions we are reminded of how we have been told that, "The professed Protestant world will form a confederacy with the man of sin, and the church and the world will be in corrupt harmony." *General Conference Bulletin*, 1891, p. 257.

Again we read:

"The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected." *Great Controversy*, p. 592.

The messenger of the Lord has told us to "arouse and come to the front. Be staunch to defend your religious liberty." MRS. E. G. WHITE, *Review and Herald*, January 1, 1889.

As we come to Religious Liberty Sabbath, January 19, 1957, everyone can have a part in defending his liberties by giving generously to the Religious Liberty offering. The larger the gift, the greater the number of people who can be reached with *Liberty: A MAGAZINE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM*.

Help for New Church Schools

Recently the Northern Union Committee voted to help in the establishment of new church schools in our area. This word will come as a great encouragement to many of our churches who do not have the blessing of a Christian school in their midst.

The following is the action: "Voted, to appropriate 20 per cent of the teacher's salary the first year a school is established and 10 per

cent the second year of operation of said school, with the understanding no school has been in operation for at least three years prior to this period and that the school have at least six students from more than one family. It is understood that the local conference join in this by appropriating 30 per cent of the teacher's salary the first year and 25 per cent the second year. This plan would make it possible for a school to receive half the teaching salary expense the first year and 35 per cent the second year."

This means that the church establishing a new school next September would receive help from the Union Conference and an unusually high subsidy from the local conference the first and the second year. Many of our churches should plan now for the establishment of Christian education for their children this coming autumn.

Those churches which wish to take advantage of this rare opportunity should get in touch with their local educational superintendent and begin laying plans for a new school.

Please consider these instructions as given by Mrs. E. G. White:

"Upon every Christian parent there rests the solemn obligation of giving to his children an education that will lead them to gain a knowledge of the Lord." *Counsels to Teachers*, p. 205.

"And as believers are raised up, and churches organized, such a school will be found of great value in promoting the permanence and stability of the work. Workers in new territory should not feel free to leave their field of labor till the needed facilities have been provided for the churches under their care. Not only should a humble house of worship be erected, but all necessary arrangements should be made for the permanent establishment of the church school. This matter has been plainly presented before me." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 108.

"The schoolroom is needed just as much as the church building. The Lord has persons to engage in the work of establishing church schools as soon as something is done to prepare the way." *Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 109.

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"This One Thing"

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *Philippians* 3:13, 14.

The above words are worthy of much thought now in the first days of the new year. If we have sincerely confessed the mistakes of the past, they are forgiven, and we should forget "those things which are behind." Ahead of us is the future. What will we do with it? Some of us may set out to acquire more land or to build bigger bank accounts. We may be determined to get a new car or to have more attractive clothes.

Paul cast aside all worldly consideration and determined to do one thing—to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Of course, Paul had many routine du-

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ties. At one time because funds were not available for missionary work, he made tents. Be assured, however, that while he was making those tents, he was at the same time doing the "one thing." He was presenting the everlasting gospel with unlimited zeal.

Probation will soon close. Jesus will soon appear in the clouds. The end of all things earthly is imminent. It is most certainly time for us to place the emphasis where it should be placed. It is time to say with Paul—"this one thing I do."

When we can say those words with a sincere heart, sin will be unattractive to us. Evangelism will be the key word in all of our thinking. That will be true regardless of our vocation in life. It will be true of farmers, ranchers, builders, teachers, colporteurs, ministers, etc. When we can make that declaration, the Sabbath school offerings will go up, the tithe will flow in freely, large quantities of truth-filled literature will be distributed, brotherly love will prevail, Sheyenne River Academy will be a great evangelizing agency among our young people, and the church schools will accomplish what they are designed to accomplish.

By God's help, let's make 1957 what it should be. Let's do "this one thing."

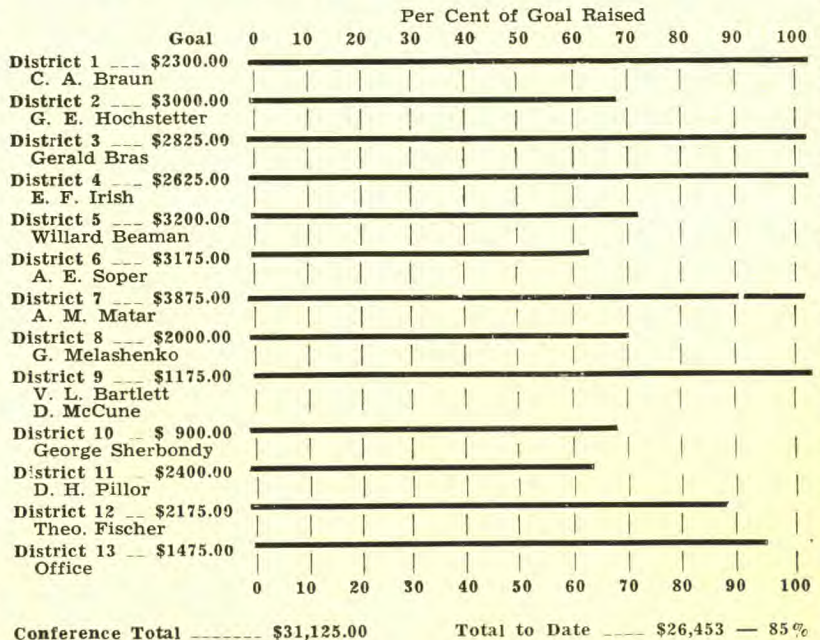
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Ingathering Honor Roll to December 31, 1956

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Johnny Knopp	159.00
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Raymond Steinke	50.00	Mrs. Sam Mauck	25.00
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Larry Karpenko	42.60	Mrs. A. Cheadle	23.11
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Mrs. Andy Christianson	40.00	Paul Henderson	23.11
Mrs. A. C. Zapara	40.00	Elisha Hiestand	23.11
John Willey	38.00	Mrs. George Melashenko	23.11
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George Werner	35.00	Neh. 4:6	
Mrs. Jack Demchuk	34.01		
Mrs. W. Beaman	32.94		
Mary Harr	32.07		
Sharon Steinke	31.61		
Linda Layman	30.30		
Mrs. Ida James	29.90		
Walter Fandrich	29.88		
James M. Reiswig	29.87		

Four Districts Over Ingathering Goals

* The Grand Forks District under the leadership of Gerald Bras, the first district in North Dakota to reach the 1957 Ingathering goal,

celebrated their Victory Rally on December 22. K. D. Johnson and R. D. Steinke were guest speakers. R. W. Link of the Whitsett-Link Evangelistic Crusade in Fargo led out in the music.

* The Williston District under the leadership of C. A. Braun held their Victory Rally on December 29 with O. R. Rees of the Northern Union as guest speaker.

* The Beach District under the leadership of E. F. Irish also celebrated their Victory Rally on December 29 with R. M. Whitsett as guest speaker. A baptism for 6 new converts was conducted in the afternoon.

* Word has just been received from A. M. Matar of Fargo that his district is also "over the top." We expect to hear that other districts will be over shortly.

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## Caroling in Jamestown

Christmas caroling began in the usual way in the Jamestown church. Eight solicitors came each evening to go out with the two caroling units assigned to the church. Each evening many precious minutes were wasted getting the equipment in order and oftentimes without advance notice from the machines, everything stopped. Then there was always the chance that a howling blizzard might come down from the arctic and put a stop to the caroling.

After experiencing a few of these things, the members of the Jamestown church tucked away all the machinery for the season, called out 24 solicitors and the entire city was worked in three nights where it had taken 15 the previous year. All other caroling territory belonging to the Jamestown church was worked in the same manner. The solicitors simply told the people that we were making our annual Christmas call for general humanitarian and welfare work. The people gave just as generously as they had in the past when the carols were played. In fact, the Jamestown church had a \$150.00 gain over the previous year and also had the satisfaction of knowing that a big job was done.

The Dorcas ladies made each evening a festive occasion by pro-

viding hot drinks, soups, and other refreshments.

A. E. SOPER, *Pastor,*  
Jamestown District

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## Eric Hare to Visit South Dakota

Eric B. Hare of the General Conference Sabbath School Department will conduct a Sabbath School Workshop at the Bowdle Seventh-day Adventist Church February 1 through 4, 1957. We feel that it is a real privilege to have Elder Hare with us for the second time in less than a year and hope that many of those interested in the Sabbath school work will be able to attend.

In addition to meeting with those who will be going through the workshop at Bowdle, Elder Hare has consented to hold a short session at Watertown on February 5, 1957. This will be an afternoon and

evening institute and all those in that area are urged to make plans now to attend.

Remember! Bowdle, February 1-4, Sabbath School Workshop; and Watertown, February 5, afternoon and evening Sabbath School Institute. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to improve your Sabbath school "know-how!"

J. N. NOBLE,  
Sabbath School Secretary

## New Publishing Department Secretary

We are very happy to announce to the people in South Dakota the arrival of a new publishing department secretary.

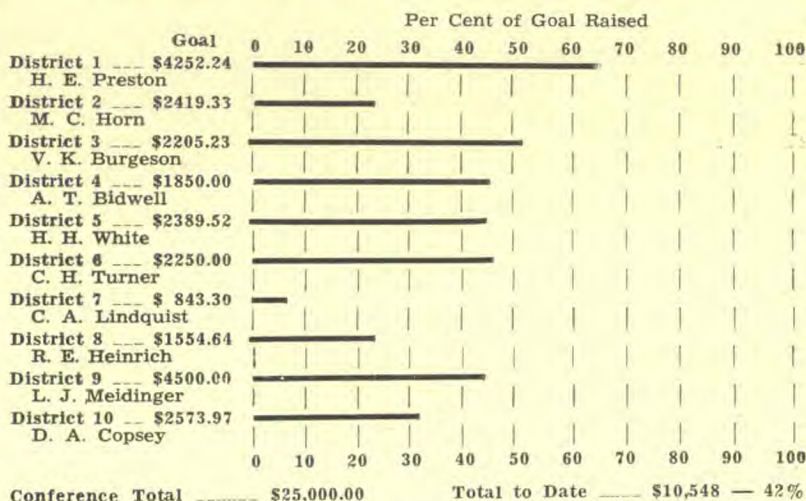


H. F. Anderson

You may recall that last fall H. E. Preston took up regular ministerial-pastoral work. Elder Preston had been in the publishing department for many years and desired this change, which was

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granted by the Conference Committee. This naturally left a vacancy in our publishing department. The Conference Committee invited Howard Anderson, publishing secretary of the Minnesota Conference, to come to South Dakota.

Elder and Mrs. Anderson, with their four children, have moved to Watertown. We are happy to welcome the Andersons to our Conference and we bespeak for Elder Anderson the wholehearted cooperation of all of our people. We believe that he will give the book-work good leadership and that we will have a strong force of colporteurs taking the printed page to all parts of South Dakota.

O. T. GARNER, *President*

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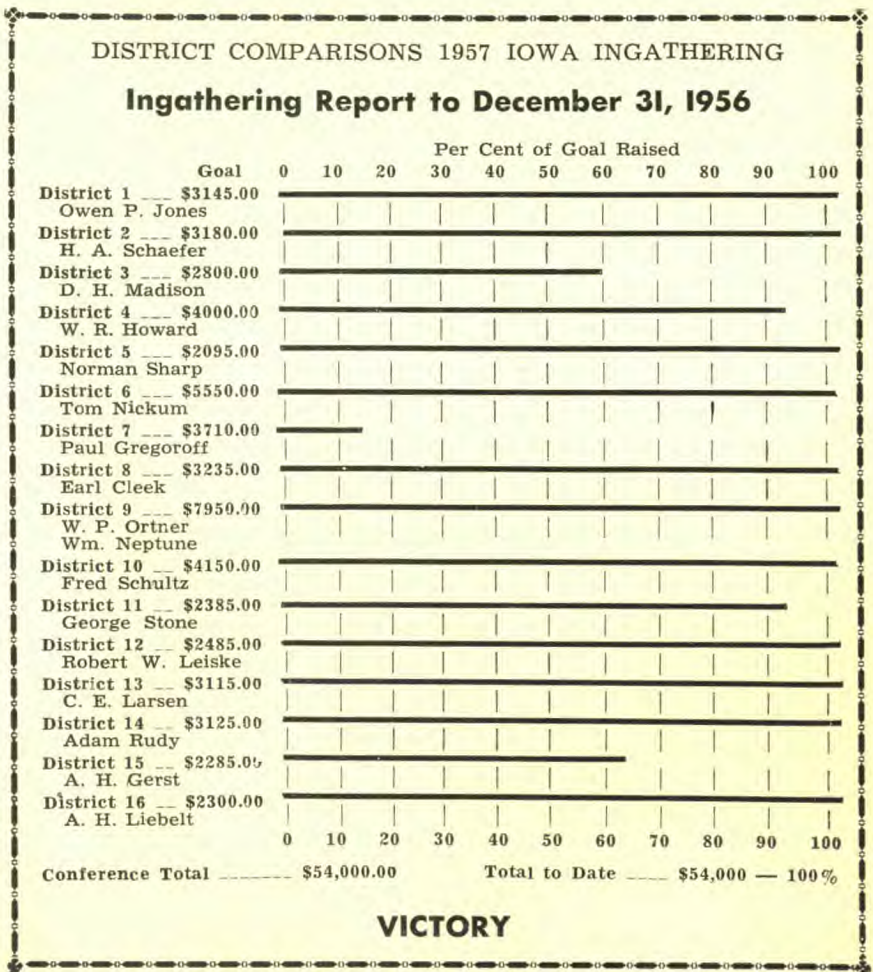
Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association

## Victory in Sight!

I wish that I was able to report the Iowa Conference "Over the Top" at the time of the writing of this article for the OUTLOOK. Mails have been moving so slowly and there has been little communication from certain areas of our field. From what has come in over the week end, however, we can report some \$53,190.00 of our \$54,000.00 goal. At this writing eleven of our districts have gone over their goals. To each worker and to the dear members who have worked so untiringly to make this possible, we say a hearty thanks.

The eleven districts which have been reported over are: No. 1, O. P. JONES; No. 2, H. A. SCHAEFER; No. 5, NORMAN SHARP; No. 6, T. A. NICKUM; No. 8, EARL CLEEK; No. 9, W. P. ORTNER and W. NEPTUNE; No. 11, ALBERT GERST; No. 12, ROBERT LEISKE; No. 13, C. E. LARSEN; No. 14, ADAM RUDY; No. 16, A. LIEBELT.

There are still five districts that have not reached their goals but they are working hard to be over by the time this article reaches the field. This will afford a substantial



overflow for the cause of God and missions.

Churches "Over the Top" to date are: ESTHERVILLE (MM), RUTHVEN, SPENCER (MM), SPIRIT LAKE, TERRILL, CHARLES CITY (MM), GRINNELL (MM), FORT DODGE (MM), HUMBOLDT (MM), LAKE CITY (MM), AMES, MARSHALLTOWN (MM), BOONE (MM), ATLANTIC, AUDUBON, EXIRA, HARLAN (MM), DES MOINES, GUTHRIE CENTER, NEWTON, WINTERSSET, COUNCIL BLUFFS (MM), GLENWOOD (MM), CRESTON, KNOXVILLE (MM), LIBERTY CENTER, OSCEOLA, OSKALOOSA (MM), ALBIA, BIRMINGHAM, CENTERVILLE, FAIRFIELD, OTTUMWA (MM), BURLINGTON (MM), FORT MADISON, KEOKUK, CHEROKEE, HAWARDEN, and SIOUX RAPIDS (MM).

You will note that 17 of our churches are Minute-Man churches. They are to be highly commended for reaching this achievement. Many other churches are very near this goal. I am sure that if all of

our mail could have been handled we would have been able to report many other churches in our victory list.

*Sincere thanks to all who have had a part and to all who will work with us to finish the task.*

E. T. GACKENHEIMER

## An Ingathering Experience

On Tuesday evening we went to Eddyville to carol. There were four of us, Gail Dunkin, Cleo Dunkin, Jessie Snyder, myself (Richard Dunkin) and the driver, Tom Snyder. We went with heavy hearts because we were all a little tired of caroling. Everything seemed to be working out wrong and we were getting a late start. Our pastor, R. W. Leiske, had already gone before and received permission from the mayor to carol in Eddyville, but suggested that we call on "his honor" on the



night we decided to go, to avoid any embarrassment. However, this we failed to do because we did not know where he lived, and we didn't want to waste any more precious time. After several encouraging experiences, we were finally stopped by a large, well-dressed man, who had driven up in a 1957 Ford Station Wagon. He came over to me and asked if I had anything to do with Seventh-day Adventists. I thought he was the mayor and that we were on our way to jail. But instead he handed me a \$10.00 bill and stated further that anything pertaining to Dr. Rue was certainly all right as far as he was concerned.

He had served with the U. S. Secret Service in Korea and had become acquainted with Dr. Rue, who was a personal friend of his, and when he read the tract which we had left at his home a few moments before, he wished to give an additional offering to that which his mother had already given at the house.

It is quite an experience to receive a \$10.00 offering from someone who comes out into the night seeking for you.

We told him he could learn more about Seventh-day Adventists and what they believe by enrolling in the Free Bible Course offered on the back of the caroling leaflet, to which he replied, "I surely will."

We were very happy to have a small part in such a wonderful work and proud to be called Seventh-day Adventists.

RICHARD DUNKIN

Especially remarkable is the effect on backsliders. Stories come to the office of former believers who have fallen away, who have grown ashamed of their faith. Then on some Sunday Faith for Today comes onto the screen. Its simple message in story, sermon, and song given with appealing dignity, is welcomed and approved by an entire group. Then, the backslider suddenly finds himself saying that this is his church, that he believes this message. Again and again such backsliders have themselves become centers of influence for the truth.

The Faith for Today TV offering given on January 26 will mean that our television ministry can continue. Let us give double what we have ever given in other years. May this be the largest television offering in our history. May many more souls be reclaimed as a result of our gifts and offerings.

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## New Year's—1957

Two very interesting quotations are recorded on page 337 and page 96 of *Messages to Young People*. Please notice them. "In the morning the Christian's first thoughts should be upon God." "Beware how you neglect secret prayer and a study of God's word. These are your weapons against him who is striving to hinder your progress heavenward."

We have started the new year and how anxious we are to make this the best year ever in our Christian experience and in winning others to the faith. Here we have the necessary daily habits to help us be a true Christian. Yes, start the day with God in prayer. One has well said, "Talk to God before you talk to man. Read what God says before you read what man says." How important this is, making first things first.

Another wonderful quotation is recorded in *Steps to Christ*, page 70: "Consecrate yourself to God

in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me, and let all my work be wrought in Thee.'"

And the messenger of God goes on to tell us, "This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ."

Along with the prayer life we must spend time daily in studying the greatest book in all the world, the Bible, God's book, a compass and a guide, a map that leads us to heaven. I trust your Bible cannot have a diary such as the one I am quoting to you now as written by Dr. William Riley Nelson. Surely, as we read this diary of the Bible it reminds us that we too have neglected this most wonderful book.

## FROM THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

January 15—I have been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights of the New Year my owner read me regularly; now I have been forgotten, I guess.

February 2—Clean-up day! I was dusted with some other things and put back on the shelf.

February 7—My owner used me for a short time looking up some references. A friend had died and she wanted an appropriate text to write a letter of sympathy.

March 7—I have been dusted today and placed on the center table in the sitting room. Special company, the preacher, has been here, but now I am back on the shelf again.

April 2—Busy day! My owner led a devotional lesson and had to look up some references. She had quite a time finding me and then she hunted and hunted to find the references she wanted. She's not very well acquainted with me, you see.

May 5—I'm here in Grandma's lap. She is here on a visit. A tear dropped on Colossians 2:5-7.

## Faith for Today TV Offering

On Sabbath, January 26, 1957, our believers in North America will be invited to give to the annual Faith for Today television offering.

Our television work has proven over and over again that it is one of God's chosen avenues for hastening the ingathering of souls. Working quietly in homes of the rich as well as the humble, the Adventist telecast impresses hearts of old and young with its parable messages.



May 6—I'm in Grandma's lap again this afternoon. She has spent most of her time reading I Corinthians 13, and the last four verses of the fifteenth chapter.

May 7, 8, 9—I've been in Grandma's lap each of these afternoons; I'm there now. It is such a comfort to be appreciated, loved, and held tenderly. She reads me part of the time, and then she just sits and pats me.

May 10—Grandma's gone, and I'm back on the shelf. She kissed me before she left though.

June 4—Had a couple of four-leaf clovers tucked away between my leaves today.

July 1—I've been packed away in a trunk today with some other things. They are off on a vacation, I guess.

July 7—I'm still in the trunk.

July 10—I'm still in the trunk, although nearly everything else has been taken out. Other things first, I guess.

July 15—Well, I'm home again, and back in the same old place. Quite a journey we had, but I can't see why they took me. I was not out of the trunk while we were gone.

August 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Two magazines, a novel, and an old hat on top of me. I wish they would take them off.

September 10—Clean up day! I was dusted and put back. I'm lonesome—wish Grandma would come back.

September 12—Mary used me for a few minutes today. A few references for Sabbath school.

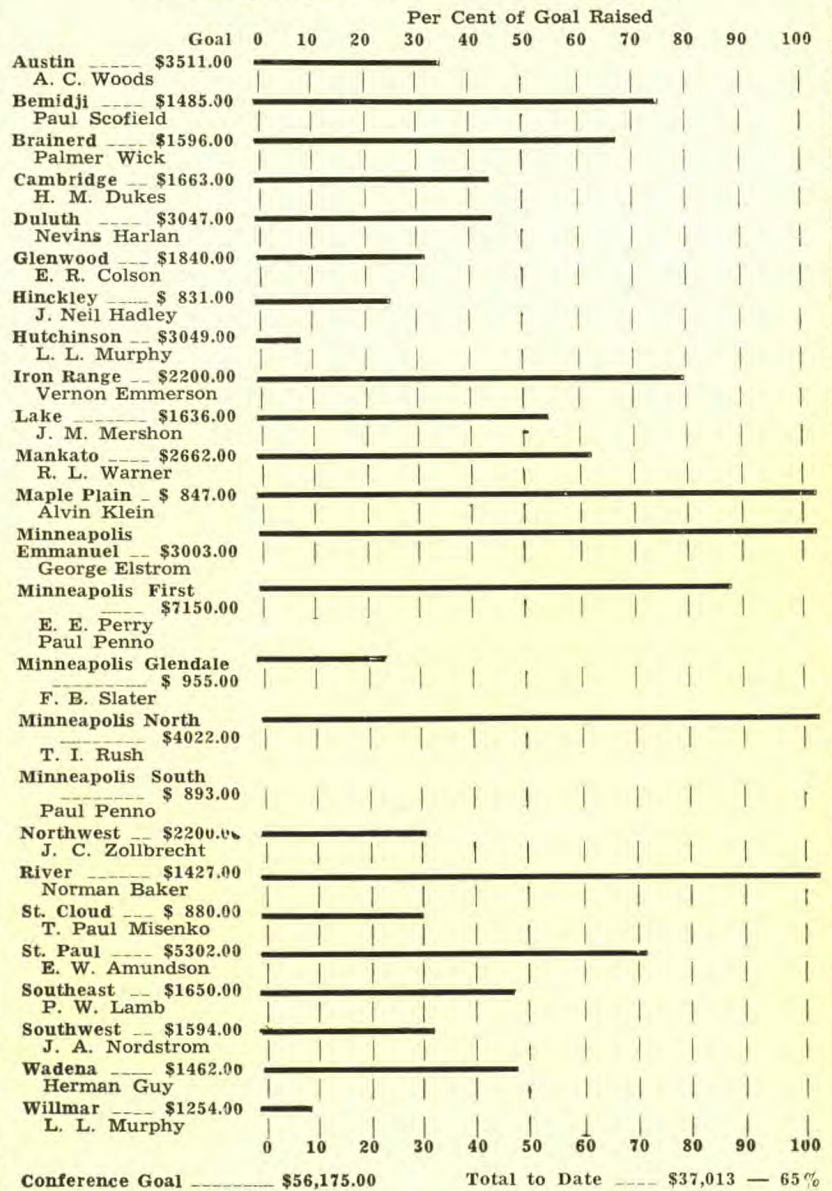
October 5—I was carried to church on Rally Day and held up to be counted. I'm glad to be used even that way.

December 31—Tomorrow I expect to have a knife slipped between my leaves by a blindfolded person who will place a finger on a verse, then the blindfold will be removed and the verse read. Suppose the finger should rest on John 5:39!!

Tomorrow the New Year will be here. I wonder if it will be as lonesome as this one has been? On the shelf, under the dust and magazines and novels, old hats, in the trunk for days and days. If only my owner would read me and get

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my messages of cheer and instruction. How I would like to help! Won't you pray that I may have that opportunity!

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We are anxious to make this year, 1957, a most wonderful year here in the Minnesota Conference. To do this we must make God first in our lives letting Him direct our words, our actions, and our

thoughts. Let us remember every day of this year as though it were a sign staring us in the face saying, "Beware how you neglect secret prayer and a study of God's word." C. H. LAUDA, President

### Ingathering Experiences

There are many experiences that might be given from our recent



caroling Ingathering program. Today I will list just a few. I have a very interesting letter here from V. W. Emmerson. He writes as follows: "Last evening we were out caroling. The temperature was 24 below when we started and 26 below when we stopped. However, four of us secured \$40 in spite of the cold. So far we have a little over \$1100 reported and we have not heard from International Falls. Both Hibbing and Blackberry have gone over their basic goals. We certainly appreciate the wonderful cooperation given us by Jerry Coyle.

"Yesterday I visited the eleven Protestant pastors in Hibbing and two Catholic fathers and presented them with *The Desire of Ages*. I also told each of them about our Ingathering work. In fact, I mentioned our Dorcas welfare clothes and food baskets at the ministerial meeting about two weeks ago. Actually, we have received no antagonism from the churches so far this year. In fact, some of the pastors actually contributed to our Ingathering fund.

And then we have a very interesting report from the Red Wing and Stillwater churches. Both of these churches have reached their Minute-Man goal for 1957. N. W. Baker is certainly to be complimented for his excellent leadership in this district. Red Wing shows 78 per cent of their membership participating in the Ingathering program. There are 15 Minute Men, 3 double Minute Men, and one triple Minute Man. In Stillwater they reached their Minute Man goal 10 days before Christmas. Sixty-six per cent of the membership participated. There were 8 Minute Men, 5 double Minute Men, 3 triple Minute Men, 2 members who reached 4 Minute Man goals, and one member who reached a 7 Minute-Man goal.

We congratulate these wonderful Minute Men from the Red Wing and the Stillwater churches and from all of our churches here in Minnesota. We appreciate the wonderful way in which pastors and members have cooperated in the caroling season and we do hope now that all of our churches will move forward with their busi-

ness solicitation during the month of January. Let us all be Minute Men for God in 1957. May we encourage our conference church members to send in their \$23.11 in January so that they too will have a part in this great program of advancing the work of God. May 1957 be a most fruitful year for you in soul winning is my earnest prayer.

C. H. LAUDA, President

## The Spirit of Two Churches

Naturally, all of us pride ourselves on being friendly and we would like to think that our church is the friendliest in the land, and friendly we should be. But how friendly should we be? Is our degree of friendliness sufficient? Are our Minnesota churches ardently friendly?

These and many other questions arose in my mind as I read the following report of Voice of Prophecy experiences from a Voice of Prophecy letter. This item was entitled: "A Contrast Between Two Churches":

"My wife has taken your Faith and *Daniel and Revelation* Bible courses. Since I have seen the great change in her, I am also interested in your lessons. My wife went to the Seventh-day Adventist church here, but not many were present and *they were not very friendly*. Since she did not feel welcome, she did not go back. Do you have another church close by?"

"I would like you to know that I am convinced regarding the true Sabbath. I was not reared an Adventist; but after marrying an Adventist, I decided that I would like to know something about the church. I became very interested when a wonderful lady told me about the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. She sent my name to you; and when I received my first two lessons, I read them right away. I knew then that I was going to enjoy the ones that were to follow. I began attending the church close to where I live, and *everyone was so warm and friendly*. All were willing to help whenever I needed anything. I am nineteen years old, and I am so thankful that I found the Lord before I was any older."

## NOTICE

We have received word that the Voice of Prophecy radio program has had a change of time over two stations in Minnesota. The corrected time schedule is as follows:

Fairmont

KSUM Sun. 10:00 a. m.

Willmar

KWLM Sun. 10:30 a. m.

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How sad it would be to find out "when the roll is called up yonder" that some person who visited our church and looked for hope, help, and friendship was turned aside and lost, eternally lost, because we did not have the warmth of true Christian fellowship. None of us would want that experience. Rather, we want the thrill of having someone tell us on the "sea of glass" that "I am here because you welcomed me with open arms when I was searching for truth and dropped in at your church."

E. F. FINCK

## SUNSET CALENDAR

### January 11

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|--------------------------|------|
| Des Moines, Iowa         | 5:03 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota      | 4:51 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota   | 5:15 |
| Huron, South Dakota      | 5:16 |
| Rapid City, South Dakota | 4:34 |

### January 18

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|--------------------------|------|
| Des Moines, Iowa         | 5:11 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota      | 5:00 |
| Bismarck, North Dakota   | 5:25 |
| Huron, South Dakota      | 5:25 |
| Rapid City, South Dakota | 4:42 |



## Sermon Subjects

January 13—What Jesus Said About the Holy Spirit

January 20—What Jesus Said About Angels