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

## Birthdays Should Remind Us of God's Care

BY KENNETH H. EMMERSON, Assistant Treasurer, General Conference of S.D.A.

It is impossible to have a birthday and not be reminded of our dependency on the Lord for every year of His life-giving care. Birthdays give us an opportunity to express our appreciation to God for the many blessings we receive from day to day.



Kenneth H. Emmerson

As early as 1890 Ellen G. White wrote: "On birthday occasions, the children should be taught that they have reason for gratitude to God for His loving kindness in preserving their lives for another year. . . These birthday gifts are recognized in heaven."

Later in 1894 Mrs. White stated: "Do not let the day pass without bringing thanksgiving and thank offerings to Jesus."

After reading these quotations from Mrs. White, I began to wonder just how far back the Birthday-thank offering idea goes. I find that at the beginning of the 1900's the birthday offering slogan "a penny a year," became popular in our churches.

In 1905 birthday boxes were promoted.

In 1908 J. N. Loughborough championed the Birthday-thank offering, not only for children but urged it for adults as well.

In 1917 the first birthday offering envelopes were printed.

In 1919 these envelopes became so important that the Birthday-thank offering became one of the official sources of mission income for the Sabbath school and was reported separately. By this time the total birthday offerings amounted to \$4,019.76. Work was rapidly expanding into new areas, and Birthday-thank offerings were sacredly set apart for new work and new workers in the mission fields.

We find in the records that in 1927 the Birthday-thank offering went for new work in Russia and Turkey. In 1928 this offering went to Malaysia. By this time the Birthday-thank offering had passed the \$25,000 mark. In 1934 the Birthday-thank offering amounted to \$28,997.14.

As the work progressed it became more and more difficult to tell in advance just what new work should benefit from the Birthday-thank offering. Because of this, special projects are not presented for this promotion. Instead, these offerings go into the regular mission budget. However, each year the amount budgeted for "specials" including new buildings, new equipment, new lands, etc., is from four to ten times larger than our Birthday-thank offerings.

In 1927 the following account appeared in the *Ministry* magazine concerning a Brooklyn Sabbath school:

"One church member made a thank offering because of a definite answer to prayer; a sister has given

an extra dollar every week for a year in gratitude to God for the conversion of her husband; a sister and her husband took a long auto trip, and were so grateful to God for His protecting care over them that they gave a liberal offering; the unconverted husband of one of our sisters sent a dollar each week because he believes that he is placing the money where it will do good; a brother on his spiritual birthday gives one dollar for each year he has been in the truth. . . And it is not all dollars which make up the thank offering. People who have financial difficulties to meet still put in something every week. People give because the love of God constrains them."

From the small beginning of \$4,019.76 recorded in 1919, the Birthday-thank offerings have grown to \$313,268.90 in 1963. We most certainly are living in the last hours of this world's history. There is a loud and true call to a renewed dedication and effort to take the Word of Truth to this sin-filled world. The goal for the Birthday-thank offering for 1964 is \$350,000.00. This goal will be reached! Will you have a part in it?

Surely every member in the Seventh-day Adventist church feels a deep gratitude for the manifold blessings and marked protection of God received during each year of life, and will be thrilled and happy to give material expression of appreciation to God the Giver of all mercies.

## The Method

(This is the second article in the series devoted to studying the problem of soul winning and organizing the forces of the church into greater evangelism.)

The example of the Scripture shows that Jesus organized His disciples and His followers and sent them to specific places of labor. They were sent two by two and they maintained a connection with one another through means of letters and reporting back to headquarters from time to time. When items of controversy cropped up, the brethren got together and discussed the problem and then made a decision on the basis of all the facts. We see in the New Testament the fact that Jesus gave His blessing to organization. And now, two thousand years later, we find in the Spirit of Prophecy the reiteration of this same necessity for organization.

In *Christian Service*, p. 72, we find a number of comments which plainly state just how we are to go about this organization.

"Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. Let there be in every church well-organized companies of workers to labor in the vicinity of that church. In our churches let companies be formed for service. Let different ones unite and labor as fishers of men. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers."

It is quite evident that the finest way that we can carry on evangelism in our churches is to organize our members into groups or companies to labor with non-believers. Now, we ask ourselves, just how can this be done, and who is going to decide the formation of the companies?

On page 62 of *Christian Service* the answer is given: "The elders and those who have leading places in the church should give more thought to their plans for conducting the work. They should arrange matters so that

every member of the church shall have a part to act, that none may lead an aimless life, but that all may accomplish what they can according to their several ability."

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act a part, some part in God's work." *Ibid*, p. 61.

This is quite evident then that there is an organization within the church that has been given the responsibility of arranging the church membership roles so that everyone can be in a band and can have a specific assignment. When we read that "the elders and those who have leading places in the church should give more thought to their plans for conducting the work," the application is quite obvious that this means the church board and/or the Home Missionary Council of the church. The Home Missionary Council has been given the responsibility of the over-all church missionary program and has the duty to see to it that every single member is assigned a special post of duty according to his several ability. On page 75 of *Christian Service* we read "Everyone who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty."

Then, if we are to believe these words, it becomes obvious that our churches must be organized if we are ever going to accomplish the task that God has given us to do. This organization is done on the level of the Home Missionary Council which recommends to the church board for final approval this type of band organization and member assignment.

The age-old method of winning souls has been the individual method; two people going down the street knocking on doors, talking to the people about Christ, and giving them Christian literature. If our Home Missionary Councils will divide the church territory into small segments and then assign bands to each segment, then each band assign individual members two by two to small portions of their territory, the entire church will have a task to do and a task they can do because it will not be so large that it cannot be done.

In our next article we will discuss "Tools for the Task" and what each team of workers can do to warn the people of the Northern Union.

P. F. PEDERSEN  
Northern Union  
Home Missionary Secretary

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## Educational News Notes

Parents and friends of the Pierre Church School visited a Science Fair prepared for them by the Church school students of grades 5 to 8. Miss Nyman, the teacher, has been helping the young people in many very special science projects throughout the year.

The Huron Church School had an enlightening week end field trip to the Badlands where they dug for fossils. They also visited our Red Shirt Mission.

The Sioux Falls Church School had a most educational Field day visiting the Radio-TV Station, the Humane Society Shelter, the zoo, the Bottling Company, and the Old Home Bakery. The Guide at the bakery

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explained the work so even the youngest children understood. The final visit was at Heldts Leather and Taxidermy Store, which claims the world's largest collection of wild animals owned by one individual. Forty-two of these animals are from Alaska or Africa. Nevertheless, the bakery was the students' favorite tour of the day. D. G. Albertsen and Mrs. Elaine Waite helped Mrs. Brinley with the Educational Tours.

NEVILLE GEORGE  
Superintendent

**Temperance Notes**

The Sioux Falls Church is purchasing its own copy of the film, "One in 20,000."

J. C. Parmele reports very interesting experiences in promoting a "quit

smoking" program in Aberdeen. Many Aberdeen people wish an educational program in the public schools.

Dr. Jerome Jablonski and Merle Tiffany have had wonderful privileges in using our temperance films in the Ridgeview-Eagle Butte area. The A.A. of Eagle Butte recently asked for the frequent use of our films after being introduced to them in another Eagle Butte meeting.

The temperance work is a soul-saving work, and can be a wedge to win others who already believe as we do about liquor. Yesterday a patient from Eureka stopped by my hospital room and visited. She said she believed it was wrong to drink, smoke, dance, and play cards. She probably won't be in a Seventh-day Adventist Church next Sabbath; but

we did have a long and earnest discussion about present-day signs and Christ's soon coming. She believes in these things, too.

NEVILLE GEORGE, Secretary

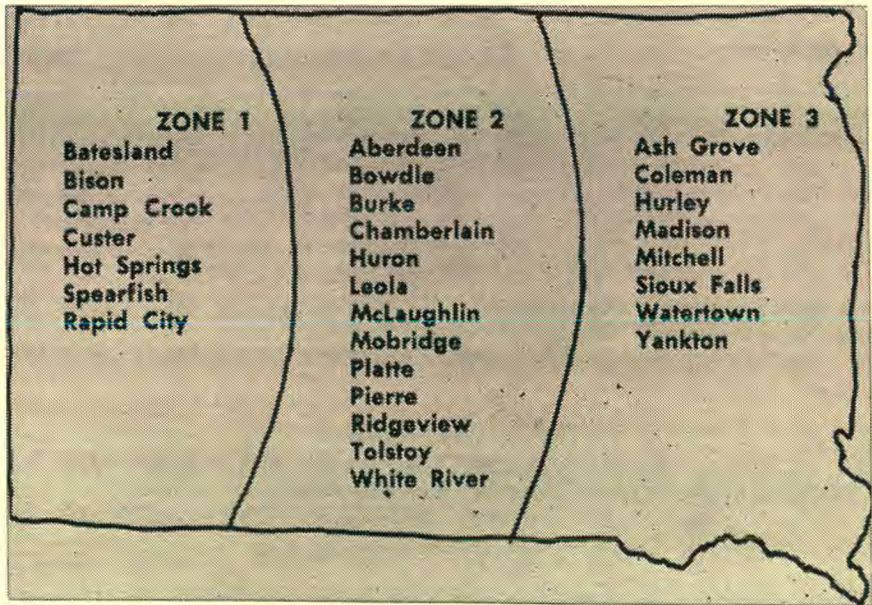
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**Prophetic Guidance Schools**

On January 7 and 8 forty students began the Prophetic Guidance Course in two schools—one at Knoxville and one at Oskaloosa. On Wednesday, May 13, twenty-eight had completed the course and were ready to receive their certificates. There are several who are continuing to study and will be finishing their course in the future. Among the group that finished were three Junior youth and an 82-year-old mother. F. J. Kinsey, of the conference office, was the guest speaker at the graduation service.

At the graduation service opportunity was given to those who completed the course to testify concerning the value of the study to them. A young man stated, "This is the first time I have understood the place of the Spirit of Prophecy in the history of the Adventist church." Another long-time member of the church seconded the above testimony and further stated, "I now un-



**SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION**

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..... TEEN CAMP — Ages 13-16 — July 19-26

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Camp as marked and promise to abide by all camp regulations in the true spirit of Missionary Volunteering. \$1.00 deposit is enclosed.

SIGNED .....  
PARENTS' SIGNATURE .....  
ADDRESS .....



Three young people completed Prophetic Guidance Course in Knoxville

# Forest Ridge Youth Camp

## CAMP FEES

The cost for each camper is \$20 per week, which includes crafts, meals, lodging, bus transportation, and insurance. \$3 are required with each application. The remainder is paid when registering at camp.



A \$2 reduction is allowed when two or more are from the same family. Campers living west of a line which runs North and South through Osceola, Boone, and Webster City shall be granted

a further reduction for the lack of bus transportation.

Make your check payable to Forest Ridge Camp  
MAIL TO — J. W. Wilson, Camp Director  
Box 1475  
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## BOYS CAMP

July 12-19  
Ages 9-15

## GIRLS CAMP

July 19-26  
Ages 9-15

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- NATURE
- SWIMMING



derstand the relation of the Spirit of Prophecy to the Bible.”

Our 82-year-old student was particularly impressed with the representative life of the Messenger of the Lord. A church elder stated he now understood the Spirit of Prophecy as one of the gifts of the church. A young mother declared

she had never enjoyed a course more than she did this one. All testified of the blessings the study brought to them and were enthusiastic in saying that every member of the church should take this course. Have you availed yourself of this blessing?

C. E. LARSEN, *District Pastor*

## Oak Park Academy News

✪ The students and faculty of Oak Park Academy express their appreciation to the Alumni Association and the Opal Club (Oak Park Academy Ladies) for the new green velveteen stage curtains which now hang in the chapel. They replace curtains purchased by the class of '43.

The new curtains were made by Mrs. Bill Sager, wife of the laundry manager, assisted by W. A. Sowers and Mrs. Charles Ross, wife of the farm manager.

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✪ The Home Economics Department at Oak Park Academy has received enough Betty Crocker coupons to get sixteen place settings of Melamine dinner ware for class use. These coupons have been contributed largely by readers of the OUTLOOK to whom the department expresses sincere appreciation. More coupons can be used. Please continue sending them to the Home Economics Department, Oak Park Academy, Nevada, Iowa.



Prophetic Guidance Class—Knoxville

### Television Evangelism

Iowa is fortunate that two television stations are carrying IT IS WRITTEN, one in Cedar Rapids, and one just across the river from Davenport, in Moline, Illinois.

Letters received (like the one below) at the conference office in Des Moines, indicate that the spiritual message of IT IS WRITTEN is really reaching many hearts:

"I enjoyed your program so much yesterday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. I did not feel able to walk to church so I listened to radio and watched T.V. May your program stay on the air until Jesus comes. I would like the booklet and picture. Thank you."

One viewer, after seeing a recent telecast wrote the following poem. Perhaps thousands of others have answered the question in the same way, but haven't had the talent to write a poem about it.

#### WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH JESUS?

Last Sunday morning while watching  
And listening to you speak,  
I heard you ask a question,  
Its answer we should seek.

You asked what we intended  
To do about the love,  
Which comes from out the blessings  
Of a Saviour up above.

You asked us if He'd find a place  
Within our lives to be,  
If He should come a calling  
In the homes of you and me.

I've thought about this question  
As to what I'd do with Him,  
If He should come to visit  
My life on earth so dim.

He guards our home both day and night  
And through His love so true  
I've found the thrilling answer  
To the question asked by you.

And by His help I'll try to do  
The things in life I find  
Throughout each day along the way  
Can bring me peace of mind.

As a writer for His name  
Each time I do my part,  
There'll always be a place for Him,  
I'll keep Him in my heart.  
Forrest Mowry  
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

### Baptism In Burlington District

The commission to every layman is "Lift Him up." "Our work has been marked out for us by our Heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls,—channels through which His love is day by day to



From left to right, back row: M. H. Thames; Dr. and Mrs. John O. Ford, laymen from the Burlington church; Mrs. Shirley Pangborn, from the Burlington church; Mrs. Mildred Salladay and Miss Alice Lewis, laymen from the Fort Madison church; their trophies standing in front of them. Front row: Mrs. Margaret Greeson and Mrs. Jewel Pforts, taken into the Burlington church; and Mrs. Margaret Jones, taken into the Fort Madison church. These laymen will be quick to tell you that there is no greater joy than seeing souls they have worked for, take their stand for Christ. Yes, May 30 was a high day in the Burlington district. M. H. Thames

flow to the perishing." Vol. 9, p. 150.

The church of Christ upon this earth is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men lost in sin. Everyone who is born again has been chosen by the Saviour to work for the salvation of perishing souls.

May we of the Burlington District present to you three newly-baptized members, also the laymen who believed the command and promise in Eccl. 11:1, "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."

### Double Golden Wedding Celebrated

A double wedding fifty years ago, conducted at Des Moines camp meeting was relived Sunday, June 7th, in a double golden wedding anniversary celebration for Elder and Mrs. Liono L. Grand Pre and Elder and Mrs. Ross J. Sype at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Coy of Ames. Mrs. Sype is a sister of Mrs. Coy. More than a hundred guests gathered in the rose garden to visit with the honored couples and friends of former years.



Elder and Mrs. L. L. Grand Pre and Elder and Mrs. Ross Sype who celebrated their double golden wedding anniversary recently.

Fifty years ago Elder J. C. Clemens (a first cousin of Mark Twain) solemnized the marriage of the two couples. Both brides were graduate nurses of the class of 1913 of the Iowa Sanitarium and Hospital in Nevada. Elder Grand Pre had just graduated from Iowa State College engineering course, and Elder Sype was a young Adventist minister.

After some time as an engineer, Bro. Grand Pre decided to give his whole time to the Lord's work and in 1915 the Iowa Conference invited him to become the Field Missionary Secretary. He held this position 10 years in Iowa, and since has labored for the Lord in New York, Minnesota, Montana, California, Oregon and Old Mexico, eleven years south of the border. They now live at Roseburg, Ore.

The Sypes began their ministry here in Iowa for their first four years. They labored in the Inter-American Division fourteen years and later in Canada, Oregon, Washington, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee, returning to Florida to retire.

But that retirement is only in name, as Elder Sype serves as chaplain of the Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital at Avon Park, and Sister Sype heads a department there. Sister Sype was always very active in Harvest Ingathering. Just last fall she brought in a good sum as usual,—working in the evenings with two singers, after filling her position at the Hospital during the day.

We wish both couples heaven's richest blessings as they continue in God's service.

Mrs. ALBERT H. OLESEN

*The Nevada, Iowa newspaper ran a three column picture of the Grand Pres and the Sypes accompanied with a 16 1/2 column inch front page story. Ed.*

## MINNESOTA

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## 1964 Application Blank

Mail \$1.00 with application to:

NORTH STAR CAMP—MV DEPT.  
1854 Roblyn Avenue  
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Name .....

Address ..... City .....

Age ..... Date of Birth ..... Grade .....

I hereby apply for enrollment at the North Star Camp, and if my application is accepted I agree to abide by all camp regulations.

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Signed .....

Parent or Guardian

Address ..... Telephone .....

Church .....

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICE OF CRAFTS AND NATURE

### CRAFTS

<i>Teen Camp</i>	<i>Junior Camp</i>
Archery	Archery
Ceramics	Ceramics
Wilderness Living	Camp Craft
Plastics	Plastics
Pioneering	Indian Arts & Crafts
Canoeing - Girls	Horsemanship
Life Saving	Communication
First Aid	
Horsemanship	

### NATURE

<i>Teen Camp</i>	<i>Junior Camp</i>
Birds	Birds
Flowers	Flowers
Trees & Shrubs	Trees & Shrubs
Canoeing - Boys	Amphibians
Amphibians	Seeds
Seeds	Rocks & Minerals
Rocks & Minerals	

### CAMP DATES:

*Teen Camp*—July 12-19 Ages 13-16

BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS

*Junior Boys Camp*—July 19-26 Ages 9½-12

*Junior Girls Camp*—July 26-Aug. 2 Ages 9½-12

### WHAT WILL IT COST:

One camper \$19.00—(Including Craft & Nature)

Two campers from one family—\$1.00 discount,

\$1.00 discount if application is in by June 1.

## Baptism At Hibbing

Another convert arrayed himself under the bloodstained banner of

**THE NEGRO ON PARADE**

The Glendale S.D.A. Church is presenting a benefit program of spiritual music on the life of outstanding negroes on Sunday, June 21, 1964 at 4 p.m. Guest artist will be Daniel Jackson, pianist. Also appearing will be Glendale's own trio, The Glendettes; The Jubiliers; Carrie Johnson, soloist. The public is invited.

Mrs. Vivian Wright  
Glendale S.D.A. Church

Christ as Loren Carlson received baptism Sabbath, May 30, in the Hibbing Church. Loren joined the church at Blackberry.

Present for the occasion were his fiancée, Joanne Lushanko, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carlson of Hutchinson, the membership of the Hibbing Church, and Pastor and Mrs. James Wolter and family. Elder Wolter is associate pastor of the Stevens Avenue Church in Minneapolis.

Following a vocal solo by Mrs. Arthur Wiedenhoft, Elder Wolter gave a talk based upon the experiences of Job. Lewis Anderson examined the candidate, after which Elder Wolter administered the sacred rite of baptism.

How wonderful to see new converts publicly take their stand for Christ, to walk in all the counsels of His Word.

Lewis O. Anderson, Pastor  
Hibbing Church

**MINNESOTA PASTORS ADOPT AGGRESSIVE SOUL-WINNING PLANS**

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church

6. Provide for closer cooperation between the literature evangelist, pastor, and members in regard to leads for the sale of our literature, and in the follow-up of interests created by the literature evangelist.

7. Urge every member to make greater use of the vast amount of help to be secured through the books and magazines available from the Book and Bible House, both for personal growth and for missionary purposes.

8. As workers in the Minnesota Conference, present a united front to the laity in calling for a conference-wide program of total evangelism.

9. Utilize the month of July to present these objectives and to organize the forces of our churches, using as a basis for our work the territory assignment plan recently adopted by the Northern Union Conference.

10. Seek by pastoral visits and calls during the summer months to secure the enrollment of every school age child in our own church schools this fall. Promote Christian education actively from the pulpit, and give positive leadership in the financial operation of the school.

11. Ask each pastor to conduct at least two series of evangelistic meetings in his church or district each year, one in the spring, and one in the fall, announcing the dates well in advance and organizing all the missionary activities of the church so as to contribute to the success of the meetings.

"In all our work let us not forget, Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered

to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow me." (Ministry of Healing, p. 143)

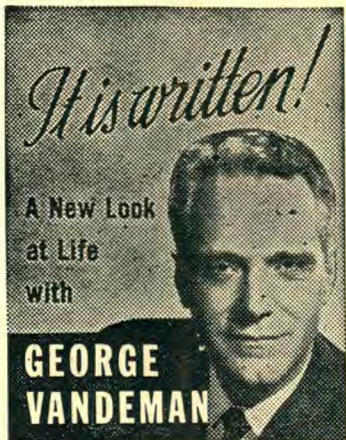
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KEYC, Channel 12, Mankato  
Sunday 5:00 p.m.  
June 21  
Subject:  
Time Shall Be No Longer

**MAKE A . . . VOICE CALL SUNDAY**  
Invite Others to Listen

June 21—Other Worlds in Space  
June 28—The Names of God

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

June 19

Des Moines, Iowa	7:52
St. Paul, Minnesota	8:02
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:41
Huron, South Dakota	8:19
Rapid City, South Dakota	7:39

June 26

Des Moines, Iowa	7:53
St. Paul, Minnesota	8:03
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:42
Huron, South Dakota	8:20
Rapid City, South Dakota	7:40

All Time Given is Standard Time.

# NORTHERN UNION *High* LIGHTS!

## Minnesota Pastors Adopt Aggressive Soul-Winning Plans

BY J. L. DITBERNER, *President, Northern Union Conference*

All district pastors, departmental leaders, and literature evangelists of the Minnesota Conference remained a day after camp meeting to examine their own hearts and also their plans in relation to the great work of soul-winning. G. C. Williamson, conference president, made an earnest appeal for consecration, dedication, and loyalty to be manifest in the lives of each worker present. This message was followed by an hour of stirring testimonies from both workers and wives as to their desires to be wholly dedicated to God and His work.

H. M. S. Richards, Voice of Prophecy speaker, in a short message pointed out the importance of private devotion and study in the life of the minister. He said that activity without spirituality could not be accepted as total service by God.

Elder Williamson presented a series of objectives which had been approved by the Conference Committee. These plans were carefully studied by the whole group and after encouraging remarks from R. S. Watts of the General Conference, and the union conference president, they were enthusiastically adopted.

These objectives are based on the plans which were adopted at the Minnesota Conference Constituency meeting held at Hutchinson this Spring. They also are in harmony with the over-all objectives of the Northern Union. Although they are the marching orders for the leaders and church members in Minnesota, everyone in the Northern Union

could well receive a blessing from the challenge presented in the following series:

"In harmony with the clear counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy to so organize our work that every member has a part in evangelistic missionary activity, and keeping in mind that, 'the work of God on earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers' (*Gospel Workers*, p. 352), we submit the following objectives:

1. Begin immediately in every church to educate our people to their individual responsibility to engage in personal soul-winning work, making clear the place of the Holy Spirit in this work, and stressing the importance of the fruit of the spirit being manifested in the daily life and demonstrated in the courtesy and tact of every personal contact with others.
2. Utilize more fully the abilities of the conference departmental secretaries in assisting the pastor in organizing and training the church members for services.
3. Continue to emphasize spirituality and leadership ability in the selection of church officers, giving special attention to examples in soul-winning work.
4. Ask each church to set a definite objective for souls to be won the remainder of this year, and each successive year thereafter. Utilize every department of the

church and every individual member in reaching the objective set by the following methods:

- a. Establish one major branch Sabbath School for every church in the conference.
  - b. Launch a visitation and reclaiming program in each church, using the Sabbath School class as a unit in this work.
  - c. Encourage every member to participate in the Bible study or Bible marking plan of personal evangelism.
  - d. Expand the welfare work of the church and give closer attention to securing and following up interests through the medium of service.
  - e. Encourage active missionary work on the part of the youth in developing Voice of Youth meetings, Friendship Teams, Fireside Evangelism, personal Bible studies, and securing of enrollments for the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today courses.
  - f. Make a concerted effort throughout the conference to increase the number of Bible school enrollments by continuous promotion in the church, Sabbath School, and MV Society. Provide a regular time each month in the mission period when reports of this activity are received.
5. Work immediately and earnestly toward the objective of securing at least one full-time literature evangelist in each district, with additional part-time workers in each

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