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MY CREED

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
 I would be pure, for there are those who care;
 I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
 I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
 I would be giving, and forget the gift;
 I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
 I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift.—Sel.

THE LAW OF EXPEDIENCY AS APPLIED TO RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

K. C. RUSSELL

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient." Margin: profitable. 1 Cor. 6:12.

From this Scripture it will be observed that the question of expediency is one with which the Bible deals, and therefore can be considered with profit by us. The International Dictionary defines the term as follows: "The quality of being expedient or advantageous; fitness or suitableness to effect a purpose intended; adaptableness to self-interest; desirableness; advantage; advisability."

There is no department of this great work where the law of expediency should be exercised more than in this one. Illustrations can be cited all through the Bible where wise expediency was exercised by God's faithful people. Samuel, the prophet of old, exercised expediency when he was directed by Jehovah to anoint Saul as king, in that he did not advertise what he was to do; but apparently went to a city in the land of Zuph to sacrifice.

The Saviour's exhortation to his disciples to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves, is but another way that he employed in teaching them to exercise expediency in the work of soul-saving. Numerous examples of this kind can be cited in the labors of Christ for perishing men.

Observe Christ upon the occasion when the

poor, unfortunate woman stood helpless and trembling before her accusers. The Saviour might have unfolded to them the dark catalogue of sins of which they were guilty, but instead he silently traced in the sand with his finger. Then he arose and said: "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." The reader will remember the result of this act of divine wisdom, for in our imagination we can see these wicked and self-condemned Pharisees with shame departing with bowed heads from the scene.

Another exhibition of this principle of divine expediency was manifested when the Saviour was questioned by the Pharisees as to the source of his authority. How easy it would have been for him to tell them in a few simple words; but, no, the wiser way was to apply the law of expediency. Thus he proceeded to ask them the question, "Was the baptism of John from heaven or of men?"

Again, when the Pharisees and Herodians sent their delegates to him for the purpose of entangling him in his talk regarding the great question involving the limits of civil authority, we have displayed in his reply another remarkable example of divine expediency. After asking them to show him the tribute money, he added, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Again, we see Christ journeying on foot with his disciples to Emmaus upon the day of his resurrection. When they reached their destination, the record states, "He made as though he would have gone further;" but the disciples said, "Abide with us, for it is near evening," and he went in "to tarry with them." Was it wrong for Jesus to make as though he was going further?—No; but you will say that it was a wise and tactful way for him to work under this particular circumstance, for he did not wish to tell them in plain words that he was the Christ. He desired that they should recognize this for themselves.

This divine principle was also exhibited in the lives of the apostles. The ninth chapter of first Corinthians abounds in examples of this kind in the work of soul-saving. The Apostle Paul says in this connection: "And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without the law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

Doubtless the most signal illustration on the point of expediency recorded in the New Testament is the one that is found in Acts 16:4, when the chief apostle "took and circumcised him (Timotheus) because of the Jews which were in those quarters; for they all knew that his father was a Greek." This incident might appear to the careless reader a compromise of principle, in view of the fact that the practise of circumcision was regarded by those who believed the gospel as a denial of one's faith in Christ, when practised as a means of salvation; for the ceremonial law, of which this was an important part, had been done away at the cross. However, the salvation of precious souls was greater in the apostle's mind than any obsolete ceremony. It was he who said under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of God." 1 Cor. 7:19. From this it will be plainly seen that an obedience that is produced by the Holy Spirit was of the greatest importance.

The methods employed by the Waldenses in their missionary endeavors are also worthy of careful study by Seventh-day Adventists, in view of the fact that we are doing a work very similar in character to theirs. Their efforts in teaching those who were groping in darkness of papal superstition were also characterized by the exercise of expediency, as the following from "Great Controversy," page 71, will show:

To have made known the object of their mission would have insured its defeat; therefore they carefully concealed their real character. Every minister possessed a knowledge of some trade or profession, and the missionaries prosecuted their work under cover of a secular calling. Usually they chose that of merchant or peddler. They dealt in choice or costly articles, such as silks, laces and jewels, which in those times could not be readily procured, and thus they found entrance where they would otherwise have been repulsed. All the while their hearts were uplifted to God for wisdom to present a treasure more precious than gold or gems. They secretly carried about with them copies of the Bible, in whole or in part, and whenever an opportunity was presented, they called the attention of their customers to

these manuscripts. Often an interest to read God's Word was thus awakened, and some portion was gladly left with those who desired to receive it."

These illustrations will help us to understand more clearly the instruction the Lord has given us of late regarding the exercise of expediency in sometimes refraining from offensive labor on Sunday. A number of years ago we were taught that to refrain from ordinary labor on Sunday would incur the displeasure of God, and thus we should receive the mark of the beast. Really, it became a matter of conscience with many sincere and honest Seventh-day Adventists that they should engage in some noisy vocation on Sunday, in order to show their Sunday-keeping neighbors that they did not regard that day as the Sabbath. Many illustrations might be cited to show the extreme ideas that were held concerning this question; but this will be unnecessary to many Seventh-day Adventists, as they are familiar no doubt with the history of these years. We have, however, learned since then by practical experience that simply refraining from Sunday work which gives offense is not in any sense receiving the mark of the beast, for if it were otherwise, we should all have long since received it and be doomed to everlasting destruction.

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From the Field

Iowa Conference

WHERE TO SEND PETITIONS

Those who have been circulating petitions against the proposed Sunday observance bills of the District of Columbia should send them at once to their respective congressional representatives, addressed Capitol Building, Washington, D. C. The names of the representatives are here given:

- No. 1. Hon. Charles Kennedy.
- No. 2. Hon. Albert F. Dawson.
- No. 3. Hon. Chas. E. Pickett.
- No. 4. Hon. Gilbert L. Haugen.
- No. 5. Hon. James W. Good.
- No. 6. Hon. Nathan E. Kendall.
- No. 7. Hon. John A. T. Hull.
- No. 8. Hon. William D. Jamison.
- No. 9. Hon. Walter L. Smith.
- No. 10. Hon. Frank P. Woods.
- No. 11. Hon. Albert H. Hubbard.

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR FOR 1910

Sample copies of the Morning Watch Calendar for 1910 have recently come to hand from the

General Department at Washington, D. C. The booklet is gotten up in a neat cover design and will make a nice present for friends. We trust that all our young people will secure copies of it both for themselves and others in whom they may be interested.

The increasing interest in this plan of daily devotion and Bible study is surely an encouraging feature of our Missionary Volunteer work. This little booklet will help you to form the habit which may mean your eternal salvation. Though it is quite inexpensive, it may be of inestimable value to a friend who is seeking to live a noble life. It will be a dainty Christmas or New Year's gift.

Order from the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. Price 5 cents each. Those who may desire envelopes for remailing will have these furnished upon request.

M. M. HARE.

THE SIOUX RAPIDS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Our first term of school has just closed and we cannot but have a feeling of satisfaction as we review the work which has been done. The school spirit is unusually good, and the interest and industry of the students is most gratifying.

As we consider the careful, conscientious work done by all the students, we feel that those are being especially blessed whose one ambition is to prepare themselves for more efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

God is blessing us abundantly in temporal as well as spiritual matters. We are assured of a larger attendance for the winter term than we have had for the fall term. Just at present we are rejoicing over a fine little chapel organ, which has just been purchased for school use.

We are of good courage and are sure the good people of Iowa will yet hear more about the Sioux Rapids Intermediate School.

MR. AND MRS. H. M. COLBURN.

OXFORD MILLS

The meetings conducted by Sister Syp were fairly well attended, and have left a good impression. Miss Nellie Bonjour was with her, and the work of both speaker and singer was much appreciated. Two united with the church and three have signed the covenant to keep all the commandments of God. We feel considerably strengthened and better prepared to do work for the Lord. W. C. Field was ordained elder of the church and other officers were elected.

MRS. LYDIA FIELD.

IOWA NOTES

Sister Flora V. Dorcas, the conference Sabbath school

secretary, has received a number of very nice letters from members of the Children's Mission Band. Some of the letters contained money, and others told of money to be sent later. Sister Dorcas promises to answer these letters as soon as possible.

After the ingathering campaign, and as a result of the experience gained in it, our church people are prepared to enter upon a campaign with the Family Bible Teacher. Church missionary secretaries may with profit to the cause advocate this line of missionary work.

Brother G. C. Hoskin, the conference treasurer, visited the companies at Boone, Ogden, Pilot Mound and Dana during the week of prayer, and not only enlarged his own experience, but was an aid to the people with whom he was associated.

Brother C. W. Hollingsworth, the conference canvassing agent, would like to get into communication with a number of energetic young men and women who would like to become skilled salesmen for our subscription books.

Professor and Mrs. Lamson have moved into the East Cottage with the boys, who no doubt will feel that they are enjoying the comforts of home as Sister Lamson exercises her motherly care over them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Egbert, formerly employed at the Sanitarium Bakery at Des Moines, have moved to Nevada, where Brother Egbert will be connected with the sanitarium work.

The steam heating plant has been put in working order in the academy building and in the East Cottage, and work on the West Cottage will be commenced at once.

The study in connection with the Sabbath School Teachers' Reading Course begins in January, and it is hoped every teacher will take part in it.

A baptismal service was held at the Stuart church last Wednesday, Professor Lamson officiating.

North Dakota Conference

A CHANGE IN THE OFFICE AT FARGO

As all have heard of the illness of Sister Robinson it is not necessary to repeat any of her sad experience. We are sorry to announce that she has not recovered sufficiently to continue her work at the office. Her faithful work, and her long connection with it, has made her almost indispensable there, but for her own good, as well as for the sake of the work, she has had to lay her burdens down and seek, by complete rest, and probably a change of climate, to regain her former health and strength. No doubt all will feel sorry that a change in the office will have to be made, but we trust that God will lead in the future, as he has in the past, that the work may continue to prosper although changes in human hands may be made.

Let us continue to pray that God's healing hand may rest upon Sister Robinson and that she may soon be restored to the work to which she has dedicated her life, if it be his will.

Brother E. L. Spencer, of New York, has been invited to take the work at the office. He is highly

recommended as a business man, and we hope he may render acceptable service.

When sending money to the office do *not* send it in the name of Mrs. Alice H. Robinson, but to the North Dakota Tract Society, Box 285, Fargo, N. D. Send all orders and make drafts as well as checks payable in that way, and it will save a great deal of trouble and delay. C. J. KUNKEL.

A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE TRUTH

A twenty-five-year-old Sunday law, which has always been a dead letter, has lately been revived by the preachers and good church people of Grand Forks, who thought they were called to help the Lord to "defend the Sabbath." Delegates visited the mayor several times, so he finally ordered the chief of police to take the names of all violators and give them to the city attorney for prosecution. The attorney was absent from the city at the time, but on his return one hundred fifty names were handed to him. The "good" (?) work went on until I heard that two hundred seventy names had been handed in.

Our president called my attention to it, and I visited the attorney and had a study with him on both Sabbath-keeping and Sunday enforcement. He, being a liberty-loving man, saw the truth, and said emphatically, "I am not going to put the whole city in jail." He was then directed to draw up a law that could be enforced on all alike. In so doing he first introduced a proposition to repeal the old law. This stirred the devout church people and the preachers, who joined in sending petitions to the city council asking it not to repeal the law. I was promised a hearing, but "certain" ones had heard that "an Advent was going to show from the Bible what was right," and I was barred out.

The next day I prepared a paper, visited the council clerk, asked for a hearing at the next meeting, and my request was granted. I then visited one of the councilmen and gave him the paper to read. He had not read two minutes before he reached out his hand, saying: "I am glad to find a man who sees this as I see it."

December 6 was set for the next hearing, and just before the meeting I again visited the clerk, who promised to notify me when the proper time came. When the time came the clerk leaned over to the mayor and whispered something. The mayor then said: "I understand that here is a certain Rev. Jorgensen who would like to address the council. Mr. Jorgensen, you are allowed to speak." I then stepped out on the floor with the remark: "I am profoundly grateful for this privilege of addressing your honorable council. The thoughts I have in mind I have written down so as not to re-

peat anything." I then read the article I had prepared. At first it was rather oppressive and heavy to read, but I sent a prayer up to him whose cause I was defending. I had read only a few sentences when the sentiment turned completely and it became easy to read. I read very slowly—at times pausing slightly—emphasizing the different thoughts, and it seemed to have an effect on the entire council, for at the conclusion they were fairly wild with enthusiasm, clapping their hands and stamping the floor. And after the meeting they nearly all tried to be first to shake hands with me, expressing their appreciation, saying: "Your article just met my mind," or "You amply defended the truth," or "This man belongs to my church." "Mine, too." The mayor said he hoped I would get the paper printed, and so did others, as they wanted to read it to their families, so I had one thousand copies printed and circulated in the business part of the city.

This was also translated and put into a Norwegian paper which has a circulation of fourteen thousand copies. We are indeed thankful for such an opportunity to present this part of the message.

N. M. JORGENSEN.

THE DEDICATION OF THE WHEELOCK CHURCH

Our people at Wheelock were very happy to be able to make the announcement that their neat house of worship was ready for dedication. The date for this service was set for December 12, at 2 P. M., and announcements to this effect had been sent to all of their neighbors. Elder Underwood had promised to be with us at the time, if the weather did not hinder him. We had also invited Elders Rhoads and Hayward, so there was plenty of help. Although we encountered a snowstorm, as well as rainstorm, the people turned out well considering everything. Good attention was paid to the words spoken, and God witnessed to his word.

The people of the town had taken an active part in the building of the church, about \$200 being donated by them. The church is finished in every respect and is practically out of debt. It is hardly three years ago that this little church was organized, so the people feel very glad of this prosperity. Personally I feel glad to have been with them, and hope and pray that they may continue to walk humbly with their God, that more honest souls may be added to their number. C. J. KUNKEL.

SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY

Believing that it will be of interest to the many friends of our school to hear from us occasionally, I take pleasure in writing a few lines

in regard to our experience in connection with the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Thursday and Friday of the first week in November were set aside by the school for the purpose of giving the students an opportunity to take part in this good work. When the call was made for volunteers many were glad to offer themselves; this could be seen by the quick response.

When Thursday morning came we were greeted by a light snow storm, but this did not hinder much. About twenty of us went to the neighboring towns and surrounding country, each with a nice bundle of the Ingathering number of the *Review* under his arm. Prayers were offered that the good Lord would prepare the way and open the hearts of the people. These prayers were answered. To this the Friday evening meeting testified. It was a blessing to listen to the different ones who had taken part, as they related their precious experiences. We could see the Lord's leading in the effort. This should give us courage to press forward, and not to rest until the work is finished. Then these words of the Psalmist will become true, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." We believe the effort was a successful one. It gave those who took part many valuable experiences, brought the truth to some who could not be reached in any other way, and it enables us to add a little over \$78 to the sum in the hands of the treasurer for sending more missionaries abroad.

In closing I wish to say that the good spirit of God has visited our school in a marked manner. Several have already given their hearts to the Lord and others renewed their consecration. Pray for us that the good work may continue until all who are here are converted.

ANDREW ROEDEL.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Prof. Herbert Owen, from Spanish Honduras, where he and his coworkers are conducting a self-supporting school, visited the academy and gave two talks, which he illustrated by chalk drawing. It was very interesting to listen to his experience as he told how the Lord had gone before and prepared the way for the school.

The new church at Wheelock was dedicated Sunday, December 12. Although the weather was not as pleasant as we might have wished, yet the people turned out well. Elders Underwood, Kunkel, Rhoads and Hayward were present.

Brother J. H. Seibel is west of the Missouri visiting among our people near Glen Ullim. He is expected back about Christmas, and will then with Brother J. J. Reiswig enter a new field near Lehr, where a strong call is made for help.

Elders Kunkel and Nielson have left for Minnesota, where they are expected to help locate the Danish-Nor-

wegan school. They expect to return the latter part of the week.

Brother W. B. Payne, our field agent, was married to Sister Elizabeth Wiederspohn December 13. We wish them the blessing of God in their united effort to further the work of God.

Elder Underwood stopped a day at the academy, giving two instructive and inspiring talks to the students. To judge by the faces these were appreciated by them.

Brother J. A. Reiber has been asked to assist in keeping the books at the office in Fargo until the new man takes up his duties.

Brother E. L. Spencer, from Niagara Falls, N. Y., has been invited to act as secretary and treasurer in the office at Fargo.

The latest report from Elder C. Lehr is that his mother is getting well. All of the friends will be glad to hear this.

Brother and Sister Robinson will leave for the Chamberlain sanitarium this week.

The enrolment up to date at the academy is sixty-five, and more are coming.

The academy music class will give an entertainment Wednesday night.

Elder Rhoads is conducting meetings near Minot.

South Dakota Conference

AMONG THE CHURCHES

From Long Lake we went to Glenham. There we found a nice little company of believers who were pleased to be remembered, and they made us welcome. The dear Lord met with us. We praise his name.

Sutley was our next stop. Here a few days were enjoyed in seeking the Lord with the members of this church. Our time here was too short, and the weather was very cold and stormy.

Bowdle was the next place visited. The church at this place is the largest among our German brethren in South Dakota. We did have a feast while at Bowdle. God's good spirit came near, and one dear soul came back to her Saviour. Thank the dear Lord.

At Aberdeen our party separated, Brother Wall went to Elk Point to help during the last half of the Week of Prayer; Sister Miller went to Langford, and Mrs. Watson and I went to Huron and Willow Lake. The Lord is blessing in every place.

G. F. WATSON.

ELK POINT—SIOUX FALLS

We reached Elk Point November 9, and spent a couple of days with the academy family, but the time was too short, and the family too large (a failing (?), however, that we were glad to note) to become very well acquainted with the students. We were pleased to spend some of the time with

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THE BOOK WORK

MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING DEC. 10					
Name	Hrs	Ords	Helps	Total	Del'd
Coming King					
O. Ronning	31	6	\$2 40	11 40	
Totals,	31	6	2 40	11 40	
IOWA—TWO WEEKS ENDING DEC. 10					
Heralds of the Morning					
Anna Nordquist	52	4	6 75	14 75	12 50
Great Controversy					
Glen Shelton	40	25		77 00	
Totals,	92	29	\$6 75	\$91 75	\$12 50
SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING DEC. 10					
Practical Guide					
F. J. Dunn	24	2		\$7 00	70 00
Paul Curtis	16	1		3 00	49 00
Totals,	40	3		10 00	\$119 00
U. C. Totals,	163	38	9 15	113 15	\$131 50

the church school, which seemed to be in a flourishing condition. We are sure that the faithful work of the teacher, Miss Belle Twining, will be rewarded in the years to come in a different way than with dollars and cents.

From Elk Point we went to Sioux Falls, finding there another church school, with Miss Lulu Jones in charge. While this one has few scholars, yet it is just as essential as the one of greater numbers, especially if the children happen to be my children or yours. May the Father of all wisdom bestow wisdom and grace upon these faithful teachers.

MRS. G. F. WATSON.

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

In September I came to the sanitarium at Chamberlain to connect with the Industrial School. When I arrived here there were only six who had assembled to take advantage of this splendid arrangement for those who have no other means of obtaining an education. Shortly after I arrived, Miss Nellie Underwood, daughter of Elder R. A. Underwood, came to take charge of the Bible work and to work with the patients. On October 15 class work began in earnest, the students coming from Oklahoma, North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota until eighteen were enrolled.

I have always wished to work for those who desired to get an education, and, when I took charge of the school work for these students, who are so willing to improve an opportunity for an education, my heart was full of praise to my Heavenly Father for this opportunity.

We have students from the seventh to the tenth grade inclusive, and I must say that I have never seen more earnestness in any class of students than these manifest. They have enough

physical work to keep them healthy and their minds in a receptive condition, and with the economy of time which they are learning I truly believe that this school will be the means of training a large number for active missionary work. There is room for about seven more students this winter.

Sister Underwood is a splendid Bible teacher, and as she has had practical experience as a worker her assistance is invaluable. One of her patients, a Roman Catholic, has become a believer in the Third Angel's Message under her labors, and others are interested. I shall be glad to hear from anyone who wishes to take up the work in the school.

FLORENCE M. AUL.

Minnesota Conference

NOTICE

Very encouraging reports are coming from those who are engaged in the *Review* campaign. All seem to have enjoyed their work. On account, however, of all subscribers having received ten copies direct from the office of the *Review* there are quite a number on hand at the conference headquarters. If any persons can use these in their own communities they may feel free to ask for them. These papers will be fresh for many months to come, and will accomplish a good work even though but little is obtained for them.

S. E. JACKSON.

MINNESOTA NOTES

The large committee, who were to choose a site for the Danish-Norwegian Seminary, met at Dodge Center Monday, looked over the field there and went to Lake City on Tuesday and to Hutchinson Wednesday. The decision will probably be announced next week.

Elder Johansen, now working at Ashby, near Fergus Falls, is having a very good interest and a good attendance. Sister Johansen, who is conducting mothers' meetings and teaching Christian help work, is having even a better attendance.

Elder C. A. Pedicord, of St. Paul, is meeting with good success in his work in the city. A number of people are interested in the literature being distributed, and it is believed fruit will be harvested from the seed sown.

Elder A. W. Kuehl made a trip to Monticello Monday on conference business. It had been planned for him to go to Enfield on Sunday, but because of a wreck no trains went through that day.

Brother F. E. Rew, who has been connected with Bible work in Minneapolis for a number of years, has, with his wife, been called to Portland, Oregon, by the serious illness of his daughter.

Brother Soren Ruskjer, who has been working with Elder Olson at Duluth for some weeks, has gone to Solway for a visit with his parents.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY NOTES

Elder Alway and family recently enjoyed a visit from

Brother Charles Nelson, with whom Elder Alway labored in Utah. Brother Nelson has been in Utah twelve years and now goes to Manitoba, Canada.

A third spelling class was recently organized to accommodate those who could not arrange to join one of the other classes. We hope to have a good, rousing spelling contest occasionally during the winter.

Representatives of the agricultural class attended the Farmers' Institute held in Maple Plain last Friday. They consider the time well spent, and the class received the benefit of their reports.

We were glad to see the familiar face of Paul Heinig, one of our old students, who visited the academy Sunday and Monday enroute to Chamberlain, S. D., where he expects to take the nurses' course.

As the need of more room has frequently been mentioned we shall not mention it this time except to whisper just one word—dormitory.

MISSIONARY ITEMS

The value of heeding the counsel of the spirit of God is emphasized in the fact that the Minneapolis English church has been organized in harmony with the counsel in Testimony Vol. 7, and, as a result of systematic effort, has gathered nearly \$500 on the Harvest Ingathering. All the members seem determined to reach that amount before the campaign closes.

A sister in St. Paul called at the home of her next door neighbor to get her own house key, which had been left there by her husband. She found the neighbor anxiously waiting for her to come, that she might have an opportunity to inquire about our faith. After a good visit our sister arranged to call again, and to bring some reading matter.

We believe that the year 1910 will be a year of advancement in the line of home missionary work in our state. Will not every believer in the state work to this end?

The church at Stillwater has received nearly \$50 on the Harvest Ingathering, and will no doubt go beyond that amount when the funds are all in.

IT WOULD BE WELL

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon his great sacrifice for us, our confidence in him will be more constant, our lives will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with his spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross."

Do you know that the texts in the Morning Watch Calendar for 1910 were selected with reference to our Sabbath school lessons on the life of Christ? In studying the text for each day you will be drawing spiritual life from the Sabbath school lesson for that week. Can you afford not to form the habit of spending a quiet hour with Jesus each day?

Order at once from the young people's secretary. Price five cents. To those who want several

for their friends, envelopes will be furnished for mailing on request.

M. E. KERN.

A NEW GERMAN YOUTH'S PAPER

At the recent General Conference Committee Council held at College View, Neb., it was voted to publish a monthly paper for the German-speaking youth. It has been decided to call this paper *Der Jugendbote* (Youth's Messenger). Its object will be to encourage a deeper missionary spirit in our German young men and women, and to acquaint them more fully with our educational institutions and the progress of gospel work throughout the earth.

The Sabbath school lessons, which have been published in the *Arbeiter*, will have a place in this paper. A reading course will be conducted, taking up first Elder J. N. Loughborough's book, "The Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists." The paper will contain timely and appropriate articles for the improvement and unifying of our German youth, with a view of awakening an active missionary spirit among them, thus preparing them to fill efficient places in the Lord's work. It will be an eight-page monthly, and the subscription price will be 50 cents a year.

To assist in entering this publication as second-class matter, we need a large number of subscribers before the first issue is mailed. Will not all join in helping us to secure this needed list of subscriptions? Address, International Publishing Association, College View, Neb., or your tract society.

CHAMBERLAIN SANITARIUM TRAINING SCHOOL

The advantages of the nurses' training school at the Chamberlain sanitarium are briefly:

A minimum amount of domestic work, as other arrangements are made to carry this line.

A maximum amount of nursing all kinds of medical and surgical cases.

A thorough course in theoretical training.

There are ten instructors.

A religious atmosphere is maintained.

The missionary training is looked after by a competent instructor who gives her entire time to this department.

Twenty consecrated young men and women of mature judgment are wanted at once to enter this class. Write for particulars and calendar.

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ON application made three weeks ago a charter of incorporation was granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the State of Minnesota to the Northern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists. This will give the Northern Union Conference a legal standing, and will enable it to transact any business that may come to it. The incorporators are members of the union residing in the state of Minnesota, and these will serve as trustees of the association until the next union conference meeting. Elder R. A. Underwood was chosen president; S. E. Jackson, vice president, and T. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer.

THE January number of the *Watchman* will be a Present Truth special. The term present truth will be defined and applied, the editor presenting an introductory article on this topic. "Russia's Struggle for the Sea," another of Prof. Magan's lessons on "The Eastern Question," will also be a pleasing feature of this issue. Elder C. F. McVagh, president of the Southern Union Conference, presents an excellent study under the title of "The Three Witnesses," showing the place the Word, the Spirit and the Church occupy in the great plan of salvation. A number of other good articles are given.

A THING to be remembered in asking after one's mission is, that God does not usually map it all out at the beginning for anyone. When the newly converted Saul accepted Christ as his life's Master, and asked what he should do, he got for an answer only that moment's duty. He was to arise and go into the city, and there he would learn what to do next. That is the way the Lord generally shows men what their mission is—just

one step at a time, just one day's or one hour's work now, and then another and another as they go on.

IN 1908 the membership of the denomination was 83,145; the tithe returned amounted to \$1,101,396.47; missionary offerings of \$308,045.68 were made; the sales of literature, including books, magazines and papers, were \$1,286,981.24. There was an increase in membership of over twenty-four per cent during the year, with an increase in tithe of over seventy-one per cent. The offerings to missions increased more than two hundred thirteen per cent and the sale of denominational literature more than one hundred ninety-nine per cent.

REPORTS from the Week of Prayer meetings indicate that they have been well attended, and that the people have been greatly blessed in this association together. The readings were much appreciated, and the practical lessons drawn from them will no doubt be an incentive to better efforts in the cause of the message. The missionary spirit seemed to pervade the meetings, and many expressed a determination to be more faithful in the future in answering the calls to service.

THE Sabbath is mentioned 168 times in the Bible, 108 times in the Old Testament and 60 times in the New Testament. In the Old Testament it is mentioned 77 times as referring to the weekly Sabbath, and 31 times as festival days of the land. In the New Testament, 59 times as the Sabbath of the Lord, and those local Sabbaths which expired at the cross are mentioned once.

BEGINNING with the February number of *Life and Health*, there will be a series of intensely interesting and extremely practical articles on "The Boy." These will be so valuable on account of their practical nature, that every father, every mother, every teacher of boys, and every leader of boys' clubs will feel that any one of these articles is worth the price of a year's subscription for *Life and Health*.

THE Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books; the longest chapter is the 119th Psalm; the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm; the middle verse is the 8th of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah.

THERE are more than ten thousand Seventh-day Adventist children in our denominational schools, where the doctrines of the church are taught every school day to every child.