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### FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

Held in Minneapolis, Feb. 13-20, 1928

The opening meeting of this session was held on February 13, at 7:30 p.m. The following named persons were seated as delegates:

**General Conference Representatives:**  
Elders B. E. Beddoe, G. W. Wells, N. R. Nelson, E. F. Hackman, and C. L. Bond, Prof. C. W. Irwin, and J. F. Morse.

**Union Conference Representatives:**  
Elders Chas. Thompson, H. J. Sheldon, Anol Grundset, M. L. Andreasen, G. R. E. McNay, H. Meyer, and H. H. Hicks, and Mr. I. G. Ortner, Mr. G. A. Campbell, and Mr. R. E. Bowles.

**Iowa Conference:** G. A. Nystrom, W. C. Flaiz, J. C. Nixon, H. A. Fish, T. H. Jeys, A. L. Miller, J. H. Rhoads, M. W. Shidler, R. F. Bresee, D. K. Olson, V. G. Anderson, J. R. Nelson, J. W. Dorcas, Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas, J. C. Christensen, T. C. Nethery, A. P. Hanson, J. E. Shively, and Thelma Josselyn.

**Minnesota Conference:** A. R. Smouse, Louis Halsvick, O. Christensen, O. O. Bernstein, August S. Anderson, G. L. Budd, A. J. Haysmer, W. A. Schebo, M. H. Odegard, C. Edwardson, A. H. Rulkoetter, Mary D. Hopkins, M. E. Anderson, E. L. Sheldon, Alice E. Mattson, H. M. Hiatt, B. O. Engen, A. W. Johnson, A. A. Dirksen, F. H. Yost, Mrs. V. B. Cummings, C. H. Miller, O. T. Garner, I. J. Bjerke.

**North Dakota Conference:** W. I. Mon-

tanye, F. F. Schwindt, J. C. Michalenko, P. E. Berthelsen, R. R. Neuman, S. A. Reile, A. A. Carscallen, B. A. Scherr, R. H. Wentland, G. P. Gaede, H. Wentland, G. J. Engevik, E. A. Piper, A. A. Leiske.

**South Dakota Conference:** J. H. Nies, W. F. Hahn, W. A. Keuhl, C. M. Babcock, P. G. Stanley, I. V. Minner, Gordon Oss, J. R. Staton, K. A. Evenson, Mrs. Grace Stewart.

An action was passed inviting all ordained ministers not seated as delegates, and representatives from the Pacific Press to participate in the deliberations of the conference.

At this meeting, Eld. Chas. Thompson gave the opening address. The following named persons were placed on the standing committees:

**Committee on Nominations:** B. E. Beddoe, Chairman; M. L. Andreasen, Geo. R. E. McNay, T. C. Nethery, W. I. Montanye.

**Committee on Plans:** C. W. Irwin, Chairman; G. A. Campbell, H. J. Sheldon, Anol Grundset, Mary D. Hopkins, H. H. Hicks, H. Meyer, L. Halsvick, I. G. Ortner.

**Committee on Credentials and Licenses:** G. W. Wells, Chairman; Chas. Thompson, T. H. Jeys.

Tuesday, after giving consideration to the Religious Liberty work, and the present agitation on Sunday legislation, the delegates took action to send a word of protest against the Lankford Bill HR78 to Hon. F. N. Zihlman, Chairman Committee of District of Columbia. The following resolution was passed and forwarded by wire to the Hon. F. N. Zihlman:

"To the Honorable F. N. Zihlman Chairman Committee on Dist. of Columbia.

Delegates of the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists now in conference assembled, repre-

senting Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota, believing that religious legislation is contrary to letter and spirit of our national constitution, respectfully protest against passage of Lankford Sunday Bill HR78."

On Wednesday, February 15, the Committee on Nominations brought in their report, and the following were elected for the coming quadrennial term:

For President, Charles Thompson; Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor, I. G. Ortner; Educational and Miss. Vol. Secy., H. J. Sheldon; Home Missionary Secretary, Anol Grundset; Field Missionary Secretary, G. A. Campbell; Medical Secretary, Dr. J. F. Morse; Religious Liberty Secretary, Charles Thompson.

For Executive Committee: Charles Thompson, I. G. Ortner, M. L. Andreasen, H. Meyer, H. H. Hicks, G. R. E. McNay, H. J. Sheldon, Anol Grundset, G. A. Campbell, Dr. J. F. Morse, A. J. Haysmer.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

**Ministerial Credentials:** Charles Thompson, H. J. Sheldon, Anol Grundset, M. S. Reppe, H. Grundset, A. G. Christiansen.

**Ministerial License:** I. G. Ortner, G. A. Campbell, J. M. Peterson, R. E. Hoen, Hakon Muderspach.

**Honorary Ministerial Credentials:** O. Madsen, W. A. McKibben, N. M. Jorgensen, J. H. Seibel.

**Honorary Missionary Credentials:** Gust Freeman, P. E. Hoen, Mrs. N. M. Jorgensen.

The Committee on Plans brought the following resolutions before the delegates which were enthusiastically discussed on the floor, and adopted by unanimous vote of the delegates:

**I WHEREAS,** The past quadrennial



period has shown the loving care of God over His cause and His people in a marked manner in the prosperity in our Conference in many ways, be it

**RESOLVED**, That we hereby earnestly express to God our gratitude and praise for His blessings, and renew our pledge of consecration and untiring service for the finishing of the task before us.

**II WHEREAS**, The budget system has aided our conferences and institutions in carrying on work within their incomes,

**WE RECOMMEND**, 1. That all our conferences continue to use the budget system, and endeavor to carry out its purposes more fully.

2. That, where necessary, help be secured from the Union Conference auditor in making out the budget.

3. That the conference committee pass upon the budget after it has been prepared.

4. That special study be given to a balanced budget, so that conferences shall operate within their incomes.

5. That economy in office and field expense be carried out in every possible way consistent with progressive plans.

6. That monthly financial reports showing the budget allowance and actual operating expense to date be prepared and studied by conference administrative officers, thus enabling them to check irregularities, and to take steps necessary to effect all economies in operating, and thus place our conferences on a safe financial footing.

7. And further, That committees of survey be formed in this Union Conference, consisting of the Union Conference president, the Union Conference auditor, the local conference president, and the local conference treasurer in the conference to be surveyed, with a representative of the General Conference when available, adapting the plans to local conditions.

**III WHEREAS**, Experience has demonstrated that the resident plans for colportage is one of the most successful plans

(a) In gaining the confidence and friendship of the people,

(b) In winning souls to the truth through our literature,

(c) In aiding the colporteur to economize on expenses,

(d) In affording the colporteur an opportunity to be more with his family; therefore,

**WE RECOMMEND**, 1. That as far as possible, the residential plan of placing our colporteurs in the field be adopted.

2. That in the selection and instruction of these resident colporteurs, emphasis be given to the spiritual, soul-winning results.

3. That the territory be districted in such a way that each district can be worked within a year by one colporteur; the number and needs of these districts to be kept before the churches.

4. That all our conference employees share the responsibility with our field secretaries in interesting and securing persons suitable for resident and other colporteur work.

**IV WHEREAS**, The Spirit of Prophecy says that "The Sabbath School should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ," therefore,

**WE RECOMMEND**, 1. That we continue to encourage daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson.

2. That we endeavor by precept and example to secure the perfect attendance of every member.

3. That while we untiringly work to keep the home fires burning for the salvation of souls, we also urge upon our Sabbath School members the importance of liberal offerings for the saving of souls in regions beyond through the agency of the Sabbath School.

**V WHEREAS**, The success of the Sabbath School lies largely in the hands of the officers and teachers, and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize that trained leadership is one of our most pressing needs, therefore,

**WE RECOMMEND**, That a greater effort be put forth to enlist all Sabbath School workers in the Workers' Training Course, and

**WE FURTHER RECOMMEND**, That all Sabbath Schools be encouraged to establish and maintain regular teachers' meetings.

**VI WHEREAS**, Many church members are missing from our Sabbath School ranks,

**WE RECOMMEND**, That the assistance of every worker be solicited in an effort to find these missing members and enlist their support in the promotion of all Sabbath School endeavor.

**VII WHEREAS**, The Investment Fund Plan adopted by the General Conference Sabbath School Department provides a way for every member to have a part in greatly increasing the mission funds,

**WE RECOMMEND**, That all our Sabbath Schools take an active part in Investment work.

**VIII WHEREAS**, We are living in an age of unusual opportunities for the young, yet an age which threatens to undermine the simplicity, earnestness, devotion, and spirit of self-sacrifice which should characterize Seventh-day Adventists: and,

**WHEREAS**, We believe the only security is found in a life of complete consecration to God and His service,

**WE RECOMMEND**, (a) That our conferences launch an active evangelistic program in an effort to reach all our young people during 1928, presenting to them in a simple, constructive way the doctrines of the Advent Message, including the fundamental truths of Christian experience, such as are found in "Steps to Christ".

(b) That as ministers we endeavor to give a more sympathetic consideration of the problems of youth.

(c) That we encourage workers to put forth earnest efforts to become personally acquainted with every boy and girl, every young man and woman in their fields of labor and spheres of activity, and by a sympathetic personal approach, endeavor to help them with their problems and lead them into a definite Christian experience.

(d) That in connection with all evangelistic efforts in their behalf, young people be enlisted to cooperate through the local Missionary Volunteer Society.

**IX WHEREAS**, Experience has proved that there is great benefit in bringing society officers together for the consideration of mutual problems, for the deepening of spiritual experience and for uniform promotion of conference plans among the young people,

**WE RECOMMEND**, That a Missionary Volunteer Officers' Institute be held in each conference once a year.

**X CENSUS OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**WHEREAS**, In order to reach and do the most effective work for our young people, it is important to have a complete list of their names and addresses, together with certain facts about them,

**WE RECOMMEND**, That all our workers cooperate with the Conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries in taking a complete census of the young people between six and twenty-five years of age, during the present year; and that, in harmony with the plan of the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, such census be made once in each quadrennial period, during the year preceeding the Union Conference Session.

(To be concluded)



## SHOULD BE SENT INTO THOUSANDS OF HOMES. NOW IS THE OPPORTUNE TIME

### An Anxious World Awaits an Explanation of Stirring Events

February 25—March 10 has been named as the date for a special effort in our territory to increase the circulation of our missionary periodical, the SIGNS. We behold on every hand multitudes in confusion, and perplexities of every sort fill the world. A bewildered humanity stands awed and helpless, wondering what the next day will bring in horrors and atrocities.

Dear reader, we have been entrusted with the saving message of which the world is so much in need, and ought we not in a larger degree than ever before to share these blessings with a perishing world by sending them through our literature the invitation, light and hope that the blessed story of Calvary offers to every sincere seeker for truth?

#### Signs Bring Results

"Five people were brought into the church by one member, who is giving out five Signs a week. All five, besides her husband, to whom she was distributing her papers, accepted the truth and were baptized. She states that she is very glad to be able to help distribute the SIGNS."

"I didn't see the way, how I would be able to keep the Sabbath, since my husband is opposed to it. After reading the Signs of the Times, I came to the point where I had to take a stand. After I put my will in the Lord's will, I could do what seemed to be impossible."

Seventeen years ago, a Mrs. — received a small package wrapped in a page of the Signs. As she unwrapped it, she happened (?) to notice an article on the state of the dead. She was interested and read it at once. On the opposite side she read an article on the Sabbath question. Both of these appealed to her and she studied carefully, accepting these articles as greater light. She tried to find out who published this sheet and after a long search finally located the Seventh-day Adventist people. She is now rejoicing in present truth and is a member with us.

Another writes: "I accidentally ran across a copy of the Signs of the Times. After reading it, I was converted and made up my mind I was going to know more of Him. I subscribed for the paper and what wonderful truth I have gotten from it."

One sister relates: "Not long ago, I

visited a family who are now keeping the Sabbath, who came into the truth through reading the Signs. They seem to be very happy in their new faith, and when I was there the lady told me that she could never thank us enough for sending the papers to her."

If space permitted, we could quote many more of most interesting experiences of Signs results, but we must not be satisfied with past experiences. The question confronting us now is: What results will we help to accomplish in 1928? We cannot expect to reap without first sowing. Let every church secure a club of Signs with which to sow its territory. All isolated members should add their part in helping to scatter Signs in their immediate territory, as well as mail to unconverted relatives and friends.

Hundreds are looking for Bible religion and true godliness. Will you help pass it on to other inquiring souls who are without God and hope, but honestly in search of truth. Scatter our literature and in this effort help us scatter Signs.

Be sure to secure of your missionary secretary a copy of the large four-page Signs News, and the interesting pamphlet, "The Story of How."

Dear reader, will you help us give to inquiring minds God's eleventh hour call to repentance, and send the Signs with its soul-winning message into hundreds of new homes in this Union. Do it now!

Anol Grundset.

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### AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

I have just received a letter from Brother Boorom, one of our faithful colporteurs, wherein he relates an interesting experience.

"It was late in the afternoon and a heavy snowstorm was coming on. I had no money and no place to stay for the night, but I was not worrying. God's wonderful promises came to my mind and I knew that He had some blessing in store for me.

"I was approaching a beautiful home and after introducing myself as a Christian worker I was invited in by the lady of the house. She asked me to be seated and immediately began to weep. As I had not talked with her I wondered what was the matter and what it all meant. While I was waiting for her to quiet down

so I could talk with her my mind went back to the quotation on page 13 of the 'Colporteur Evangelist' where we are told that angels will minister to us and that if we are born again and are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit God will lead us and give us the needed strength. After a while the lady quieted down and I was wondering what she would say.

"She then told me that all that afternoon her mind had been on God and that she felt so much in need of help, and was so glad that I had come at that time. She wanted to live a better life and bring up her children for God and asked me if I had any help for her.

"I had quite a talk with her and tried to help her the best I could. Of course I got her order and when I started to go she asked me if I would not please stay there that night which I was very glad to do. Afterwards she insisted on my staying at her house while I canvassed the community. This I also did."

It is experiences such as this that cheer the heart of the colporteur. May God bless the faithful men and women that go from door to door offering our blessed literature to the people. They need and should have our prayers and every encouragement possible.

M. L. Andreasen.

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### CHURCH TREASURERS NOTICE

For some reason nearly one-third of the church and company treasurers were either late with the January remittance, or sent in no remittance at all for that month. If all had sent in their report and done it promptly our record for January would have been much better, also quite a large amount of mission funds would not have been delayed a month in reaching the fields where it is so much needed. Particularly for the benefit of the new church treasurers, let me explain that the remittance should be sent in every month as early as possible in the week following the last Sabbath in the month, so if any treasurers have not yet sent in the February report when this is read, please send it at once. Thank you.

A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

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### WHAT SOME HAVE DONE

I thought that our Minnesota believers would like to know some things that have been accomplished by the lay members during the year that has just passed. Of course statistics tell only a small part. Eternity



alone will reveal the full results of our missionary activities. Then again the reports I receive do not give all that is done by our people. I wish we could get a full report from all our members.

I find that the average number sending in a report each month has only been 464 out of a membership of 3855. Only about one out of seven has reported. From these reports I find that the average number giving Bible readings each month in the homes of the people were 32; number engaged in Christian Help work 124; number engaged in literature work 240; number having definite prayer lists, 102. I also find that the few that sent in their reports made 13,054 visits, held 1963 Bible readings, gave 2296 treatments to the sick; gave away 821 bouquets; they spent 17,991 hours in Christian help work; gave away 6672 articles of clothing; gave nearly \$2,000.00 worth of food and fuel to the needy; distributed 95,352 papers and magazines; 43,991 tracts given away. They took 4194 subscriptions to our periodicals, distributed 8762 books; wrote 5006 missionary letters and received 1456 favorable replies. We know of fourteen who have been added to the church as a result of the efforts of our lay members. I think this is a good report from one-seventh of our membership. What would it have been if all had done faithful work and reported.

Shall we not make 1928 the best soul-winning year we have ever had? Let us all do practical missionary work and be faithful in reporting.

A. J. Haysmer.

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#### MINNESOTA ITEMS

We were sorry to receive word last Thursday regarding the death of Brother Myron Fish at Warroad. Arrangements were made for Elder Engen to conduct the funeral service. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Elders Andreasen and Haysmer planned to conduct a church council at the Detroit Lakes church over the last week end.

Elder Edwardson stopped at the office last Wednesday before returning to his field of labor at Willmar and in District No. 8.

If any of our readers are interested in the purchase of some good unimproved farm land in northern Minnesota at a very low price, please write

to Brother Smouse at the office for particulars regarding this land which the conference has for sale, the proceeds from which go to the cause.

Brother Wm. F. Flint whose address is 4346 - 6th St. N. E. in Minneapolis, has a well equipped printing plant at his home and has had many years of experience, but on account of poor health this winter in unable to be away from home and solicit business as it is necessary to do in the cities on account of the keen competition in that line. So he would greatly appreciate any kind of job printing that our readers might send or refer to him. His overhead expenses are very low so he is in a position to quote very reasonable prices and he guarantees his work to be satisfactory.

The church service offering next Sabbath, March 3, is a very important one as we are depending upon it to renew about 1450 subscriptions to the Liberty Magazine for the different classes of officials and leading men throughout Minnesota to whom we have been sending it and where we are confident it has been accomplishing much good in behalf of the religious liberty cause. It is especially important that these men continue to receive the Liberty Magazine during this period when Congress is being assailed as never before by the advocates of Sunday laws, so please make your offering to this fund a liberal one. The various classes of men supplied in this way are given in another item in this issue. This offering should be sent in full to the conference office by the church treasurer with the March remittance as it is a local conference fund.

Next Sabbath, March 3, is Religious Liberty Day, as was emphasized in several articles last week. In addition to the offering for the Religious Liberty Fund to renew the Liberty Magazine to the members of the Legislature and other prominent men throughout the state, the members of each church should also renew their own subscriptions and arrange for as many more as they can to be sent to their friends and neighbors. It should not be sent, however, to those who receive it from the conference fund, so in order to avoid duplications the various classes of men receiving it in that way are listed here. Please note them carefully as follows: Members of the State Legislature, judges of the district and supreme courts, the county officials including county

attorneys and superintendents of schools, the editors of leading newspapers throughout the state, the public libraries, and about 125 other prominent educators such as presidents of colleges and other schools. There never was a time in the history of our work when there was a greater necessity of carrying on an educational campaign to enlighten the people of this country regarding the principles underlying Sunday law legislation than the present. And placing the Liberty Magazine in the hands of these leading men is one of the best ways to do this work. The Liberty Magazine is recognized everywhere as a high class magazine and it carries weight and conviction to its readers. A special subscription rate is made at this time of 25 cents a year.

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#### MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Last Sabbath Elder M. E. Anderson gave two stirring sermons, one Friday evening and the other Sabbath morning. His themes were "Faith" and "Missionary Experiences."

On Sunday evening the girls of West Hall entertained the boys of East Hall and the faculty in the dining room. The girls were all dressed in Puritan maiden style and their program was in keeping with their apparel.

Miss Yaeger manifested her interest in her girls last Wednesday night after worship, by giving them a pleasant surprise in the form of wafers and ice cream.

Prof. M. E. Cady gave a most instructive and interesting talk at chapel last Tuesday. His subject was "The Proper Use of the Voice." Students said, "We could have listened to him two more hours." Teachers said, "It was wonderful." We hope he will come again.

## Iowa

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#### THE SILENT BIBLE WORKER

The "Signs of the Times" coming to the homes of thousands every week truly has been well named as a "Silent Bible Worker." Many churches are asking that a Bible worker be sent to their church but this the Conference finds it impossible to do. I believe



our truth-filled literature is God's means of meeting this need. According to the Spirit of Prophecy it is largely through our literature that the work of God in this earth is to be finished.

Last year the "Signs" contained seven hundred twenty-one separate articles on practically every phase of our message written by one hundred sixty-three of our leading ministers. What a large volume a year's subscription to the "Signs" containing fifty papers would make.

If you do not have the names of interested people, we will be glad to furnish you a list of names, to whom our colporteurs have sold our large books. Surely as a soul-winner, the "Signs" is very fruitful.

We appeal to every believer in Iowa to scatter the printed page in their neighborhood and God will give the increase. "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand: For thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

V. G. Anderson.

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#### IOWA NOTES

Mrs. Rose Irish and her small son, of Ogden, spent a little time at the Sanitarium last week.

Rose N. Kozel, Sabbath school secretary of the Chicago Conference, attended the Sabbath school department meetings at Minneapolis, preparatory to a Union meeting to be held in her own conference.

Mrs. Amanda Wallace of Gravity, came to Nevada on Wednesday of last week, to visit her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Nethery and to take treatment at the Sanitarium.

Elders Hicks, Nixon, Flaiz, Fish, Miller, Jeys, Dorcas, Bresee, Olsen, Rhoads, Anderson and J. C. Christensen, with Brethren Nystrom, Nethery, Shidler, A. P. Hanson, J. E. Shively, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nelson, Mrs. Dorcas and the Misses Clare Winneger, Thelma Josselyn and Irene Johnson of the conference office, were in attendance at the Northern Union Conference in Minneapolis Feb. 13-21. Departmental meetings were held two days previous to the regular conference appointment and the exchange of ideas and plans could not fail to be helpful to those leading out in the various lines of work. The sermons and Bible studies presented by Elders Bed-

doe and Wells were very practical and the counsel timely. Surely we are living in a serious time when we should be deeply in earnest to be right with God, that we may be used of Him in the closing work.

Dr. J. N. Morse spent a little time at the Conference at Minneapolis and his gospel talks on health and on Sanitarium work, given on Thursday and Friday at the eleven o'clock service hour, were greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Other Iowa visitors at the Conference for a few days of the meetings were Miss Ruby McSparran, in Bible work at Ft. Dodge, Brother Bruce Watts and Mrs. Myrtle Riley and Mrs. Frances Snowden of Marshalltown and Sister A. Hamilton of the Davenport church who has been nursing in the city of St. Paul.

Brother P. E. Jensen of the Nevada church was called to Blair, Neb., by the illness of his mother, who died Feb. 15, aged 87 years. Brother S. G. Haughey, president of the Nebraska conference, conducted the funeral service and the Humann Brothers quartette sang on that occasion. Many of our faithful pioneer members are being laid to rest, but we have the assurance that they are "Blessed."

Ewalt Fick of the Academy brought his father and mother to the Sanitarium last week, where the father is taking treatment and receiving medical attention. Their home was near Galva, but the parents spent the winter with a daughter in California.

Mrs. Wilmer A. Gilman, a teacher in the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis, is a patient at the Sanitarium.

Zoa Lewis Shaw of Nemaha, has been receiving medical attention at the Sanitarium the past two weeks. She was accompanied here by her father, Brother Kirby Lewis of the same place.

Mrs. Esther Winneger of Watertown, South Dakota, brought her mother, Mrs. M. A. Miles of Lincoln, Neb., to the Sanitarium for care, as she is very seriously ill.

Mrs. Elmer Anderson of Nevada, was called to Muscatine by the illness of her mother, Mrs. G. Weisel, whom she brought to the Sanitarium for treatment.

H. C. Franklin of Good Thunder, Minn., brought his wife to the Sanitarium last week, where she will undergo an operation a little later.

Mrs. Lewis Larson of Elk Horn brought her daughter, Mrs. George Peterson of Marne, to the Sanitarium for treatment.

Others on the Sanitarium list since the last report are: Mrs. C. Higgins, Ames; Mrs. Anna Senberg, Des Moines; Mrs. S. P. Shapiro, Mason City; Ethel Simpson, teacher in Nevada Public School; Dwayne Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bradley of Panora, operation for appendicitis and tonsils, making good recovery; Belle Larson, Roland; Mrs. C. R. Scott, Nevada, broken arm set; Myrtle Reid, teacher at Ames; LeRoy Kemmerer, Boone; J. H. Holten, McIntosh, Minn.; Mrs. Mary Adams, mother of Mrs. H. W. Dana, Nevada; Harriett and Arlene Rygh, children of Mrs. O. J. Rygh, Roland, tonsilectomy; J. I. Leech, Nevada.

A letter from Mrs. Edwin West of Waltonia Drive, Montrose, Calif., tells of the death of Mrs. Harriett Roderick Morse of Arlington, Calif., which was a great shock to all her friends. Though she had not been well for some time her condition was not known to be serious, but she died following an operation that disclosed great complications. Mrs. Buelah Afolter Bridgeman, formerly of our Iowa Sanitarium Training class was with her through the operation and everything possible was done for her relief. Many will remember that Harriett Morse and Irene Beams were for about two years, very closely associated in Harvest Ingathering and other soul-winning work in the Iowa Conference.

Elder and Mrs. J. W. Beams are now living at Arlington, Calif., near the Southern Junior College and neighbors to the Rodericks. This is seventy-five miles south of Arlington where their daughter, Mrs. Irene Beams West is living. The smallest son, Robert Gordon West, is a fine big boy now more than a month old.

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#### THE IOWA SANITARIUM

A visit at the Iowa Sanitarium, Nevada, Iowa, such as was made by Mrs. Rubendall and the writer as we were enroute from Minnesota to our new field in Texas, would convince any of our people in the Northern Union Conference that we have a most



splendid medical institution within reach of hundreds of our people and their friends who need its help.

The location and surroundings of this institution are so beautiful that it seems that rest and health would be contagious. The place is well equipped to care for the sick. Besides the excellent mechanical equipment, is the splendid corps of doctors and nurses who excel in their work of making people well.

And not only do these efficient workers minister to the bodies of the sick—they minister as did the Saviour to the soul and its needs. The principles of the Third Angel's message are all believed, practiced, and taught here. Our people and our workers can feel safe in encouraging our young people to go to the Iowa Sanitarium for training, and to encourage friends and neighbors to go there for healing.

God is blessing this institution financially also. Now, instead of losing thousands of dollars a year, Dr. Morse, with careful management and with the cooperation of all concerned, has succeeded in reducing the operating loss year by year until last year there was a substantial balance over and above operating expense.

This sanitarium is worthy of the patronage and support of every worker and believer in the Northern Union Conference and we believe that more and more it is destined to come to its own in this respect. May God bless these conference institutions throughout the world.

C. W. Rubendall.

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### WINTER EFFORTS

During the latter part of the month of December and nearly all of January, a number of efforts were conducted which proved quite successful. Now that the Union Conference session is over and all the workers have returned to their places of labor, we expect to have a number of efforts before the winter closes.

It has been arranged for Elder Schwindt to conduct an effort of from three to four weeks duration in the Bowdon church, and we certainly trust that a good work can be done for the many young people in that community.

Brother Sam Reile is going to Burt within the next few days where he

also expects to conduct a three weeks effort. There is a good prospect of winning some new people in that community.

Elder Gaede will continue his effort north of McClusky, where he labored for several weeks before he went to the Union Conference. An interest was developed among English-speaking people north of the Golden Valley church, by Brother Reile, and the work for those people is to be continued by Brother Leiske, who also expects to go these days.

Brother Michalenko has been holding meetings for some time in the Baptist church in Max for the Russian people. A good interest was developed and this also is to be continued for the next few weeks.

Brother Engevik has a number of places to look after where special interest has been shown by people, and a number of families have started to keep the Sabbath. As he has more work on his hands than he can really do alone, Elder Piper of Devils Lake, will spend some time with him.

Brother R. H. Wentland has spent several months at Beach doing house to house work and he expects to follow the interest developed and later on spend several weeks at Belfield in behalf of the work there.

We certainly hope that our people who live close to any of these communities will take an active part in those meetings, and we earnestly ask the prayers of all of our people in behalf of these efforts.

H. Meyer.

### INTERESTING LETTERS

(Continued)

We would like to give our readers some of our interesting letters received this past week by the Home Bible Study League. We hope this will encourage our churches to renew their "Signs of the Times" club. A number of the churches which have ordered "Signs" will find that their subscriptions expire this month and we hope that they will make plans to renew them.

Here are just a few letters sent in: "The magazine 'Signs of the Times' which you stated would be sent to me, I have received. As you would like to know how I have enjoyed it I will say I found it is good reading and it has done me good to read it."

"As you like to know if I am getting the paper that you are sending to me I will say that I am getting the paper right along and it is very nice to get it."

"I just received your kind letter wanting to know if I was getting the paper regularly. Yes, and I like it fine and do enjoy its reading, but I am an old widow lady, 72 years old and it is so hard for me to write, that is why I kept putting it off. I do not know who sent my name in the first place, but I do appreciate it very much. I am a strong believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and study my Bible every day and believe every word from cover to cover. I am a Lutheran of the Missouri synod but am not able to take the paper if I had to pay for it."

One man writes in that he enjoys the literature sent him and wants us to continue sending it and ends up by saying, "I am a Catholic."

We are sending in more later.

B. A. Scherr.

## South Dakota

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### ADVENTISTS AS ANGELS

Seventh-day Adventists, and the work God has commissioned them to do in the world has been clearly fore-shown in His word under the symbols of angels flying in mid-heaven uttering a warning message to the inhabitants of earth. Three angels are seen in Revelation fourteen carrying what we term the "Three angels' message," that blessed truth which has made us a people. In Revelation eighteen a further detail is added and an angel is heard calling the people of earth to "Come out" of Babylon in preparation for the coming of Jesus. This is a definite and familiar part of our message which we are carrying to mankind the world around. Another instance of an angel representing us and our work is found in Revelation chapter seven, verses two and three. This angel is calling to those holding the winds of strife and persecution to hold the four winds that they should "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

This last day message is being used of God to seal His servants. A people, represented by the angel with "the seal of the living God" will also cry "with a loud voice" endeavoring to stay the persecutions and trials of the last days until the work of God is finished in the earth and His chosen ones sealed. This is the work of Seventh-day Adventists. The last days



are upon us. The last-day message is being proclaimed throughout the earth. The persecutions foretold by God are being experienced in various places of earth and are in a very definite way threatening us right here in America in the attempts to pass religious laws through Congress. Never were these attempts so bold and defiant and definitely intolerant as now. It is high time that we as a people should arise and work mightily to hold back this flood. The angel "cried with a loud voice." There is the measure of our task. We are to do no feeble work. We are to cry aloud and warn men in an effort to hold back the evil days just ahead. Every Seventh-day Adventist should feel the urge of this and hold himself responsible, as does God, for doing his very utmost to stem the tide.

Sabbath March 3rd has been set apart as Religious Liberty Day in all our churches and it is urged that every church and company carry out the program which has been prepared. The message it contains we each need and should heed. Congress, into which the present Sunday Bill has been introduced, will be in session all this year. Therefore, throughout this year we must keep up a constant campaign of education on this question. Now is no time to let down nor sleep. Let every church and company provide for a good club of "Liberty Magazines" to be sent to influential leaders throughout the year. The price has been reduced to twenty-five cents per annual subscription. It is hoped that many will pay for from four to ten subscriptions to be sent to as many influential persons, lawyers, judges, ministers, etc. The conference will be glad to furnish the names of these if desired by churches or companies. The isolated and members of the conference church are invited to do their part in this work God has committed to us. The envelopes provided for ordering should be taken home Sabbath, March 3rd and returned with the order and money Sabbath, March 10th. Every believer should have a copy of this magazine for his own enlightenment. Every church and company is urged to take up a special offering on Sabbath, March 3rd and forward same to the conference office to help provide religious liberty literature throughout our state. It is hoped that in every church, whether a Sabbath offering is usually received or not, the leaders will not fail to see that one is received on Sabbath, March 3rd. If preferred, this offering may be placed in the envelopes

provided, and returned Sabbath, March 10th. May the Lord help us to be watchful and ready and to do our appointed work for God and man.  
G. R. McNay.

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### A CALL TO THE SHUNAMMITES OF THE SUNSHINE STATE

Probably some of you will say when you read this,—“This is an old story.” True, but again it is put before you “lest ye forget.”

In II Kings 4:10 we read “Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee on the wall, and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick. And it shall be when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.” Do you think the Shunammite in this request to her husband was directed by the Spirit of God? You, no doubt, will answer “Yes.” Then I will ask again, “Do you think God works the same way in these days as He did in the days of the Shunammite?” Again I believe you will answer “yes.” Then imagine Elisha, the servant of the Lord, in his travels for the Master, “despised and rejected of men.” Don’t you wish for the opportunity the Shunammite had? I believe once more, I will have “yes” for an answer, and not only that but the heartfelt expression,—“I wish it had been my privilege to shelter and comfort this great servant of my Master.”

Cheer up, you who are filled with the Shunammite spirit! The great Master still has His servants in the world, traveling the dusty roads in going from place to place, testifying the Gospel, carrying the glad news of the Kingdom that is soon to be made a reality to the Shunammite family. These servants are in these days called “Colporteurs.” Now brethren and sisters in the faith, be cheerful when you answer the next question. Are you willing to dedicate a little chamber, a bed, and a table, and a stool, (and having the great privilege of living in the time when many are running to and fro, we add a horse, and a buggy, a saddle, or an old Ford) to make it possible for the servant of the Lord (the colporteur) to bring the Gospel to those whom you are a debtor to?—YES; Thank you! The Lord will credit this on your debt account to the Gentiles. Now that this thing is settled, write at once to your Field secretary and let him know what you have dedicated to the Lord’s work, the Colporteur work, in 1928.

Karl A. Evenson.

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### H. B. S. L.’s WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Gorden Oss—Announcer

#### The League in every church

While at the Union Council the word came from the elder of one of our small western churches. “We are planning on more literature distribution.”

Arriving home, the first mail brought a fine order for 400 subscriptions to the Present Truth from Brother Dave Renschler, representing the Leola church. Along with the order was a suggestion that more subscriptions might be forthcoming in the near future. Well done, Leola! You have caused the Light to shine in many a home.

The following day, a letter came from one of our M. V. leaders, stating: “Our young people’s society has decided to take up the Home Bible Study League work with the Present Truth that is being sent out by the church.” Surely the League is affording a way for every lover of the Message to have a part.

Help make H. B. S. L. a real power station by sending in some living reports like the above. We are “all for the Message” and will continue to broadcast the latest news on the literature ministry in our conference every week.

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### EDUCATIONAL AND M V CORNER

Olivet and Aberdeen have just sent in nice lists of applications for Reading Course certificates—Olivet 32, and Aberdeen 15. This puts us well over the first hundred. Let’s make it a thousand this year.

A supplement to the Junior Manual has been published dealing further with the Junior Progressive membership. We hope to make new advances in the Junior Progressive plans this year. A supply of the leaflet has been ordered.

The Madison, Watertown, and Sioux Falls societies have maintained a 100% reporting record for January. Madison has just received the pennant for having maintained the record for the whole year in 1927.

The Secretaries’ Council which was held at Minneapolis just preceding the Union Conference proved very profitable. The General Department was represented by Elder C. L. Bond, and decisions which will mean increased efficiency in the work of the M. V. department were made.



How about your Bible Year? Are you keeping up to date with your reading? Some of the Olivet volunteers are planning to complete the Old Testament before the spring's work begins. Now is a good time to get ahead with your reading.

Seventeen societies reported for the month of January. Was yours one of them? No society is counted until they send their first report, so let us hear from your society soon.

We are glad to find that we have a nice list of Conference Volunteers and the list is steadily growing. We hope it may continue to grow until it contains the names of all who are not members of a local society.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder E. G. Olsen is visiting his sister in Wisconsin for a few days. He also expects to visit other places before returning to Hot Springs.

Elders C. D. Hein and J. C. Stotz had a very successful meeting at McLaughlin which closed about a week ago. About thirty have definitely decided to unite with the church. From there they went to Penville where we understand they are having a good interest.

Elder Gordon Oss met with the Florence church Sabbath, January 25, in the interest of the "Signs" campaign.

Brother Karl A. Evenson spent a day at the Hutchinson Seminary on his way home from the Union meeting. He reports that several of our South Dakota students are planning on entering the colporteur work during the vacation period.

Elder Geo. R. E. McNay spent a few days at Sioux Falls with his family after returning from the Union Conference meeting. He also met with the church Sabbath, February 25. The following Monday he came to Watertown to attend to his office duties.

Brother Wm. J. Hoare of Sioux Falls, who has been a very successful traveling salesman, has given up his position and has now entered the colporteur work. We trust that the Lord will bless him as he goes from home to home with these truthfilled books.

Have you read any of the 1928 Reading Course books? The books are very interesting, and are appre-

ciated by both young and old. If you do not have a set, the Book and Bible House will appreciate your order.

The book entitled "On the Trail of the Colporteur" by Elder Eastman is now in stock. The colporteur experiences related in this book are very inspiring and should be read by our people. Price 50¢ per copy, postpaid.

Elder C. M. Babcock spent one day at the office taking care of his correspondence on his way home from the Union meeting. He left Redfield Friday morning for Viborg where he spent Sabbath with the Swan Lake church. He also planned on visiting several of the other churches in that part of the State before returning.

Elder and Sister E. Hilliard, pioneer workers in this cause and who have spent many years in mission fields, are now leaving Huron where they have faithfully labored for the past two years, and will now go with their son-in-law and daughter, Elder and Mrs. Herbert Christensen of Iowa, to India where Elder Christensen will have charge of one of the Union missions. We regret to see Elder and Sister Hilliard leave our Conference, as the work at Huron has prospered under their faithful leadership. Our prayers and good wishes will go with them to their new field of labor.

### SEMINARY NOTES

Sunday evening the boys entertained the girls by holding the annual boys' reception. The evening was enjoyably and profitably spent in listening to recitations, songs, etc.

The following former students visited us over the week end; Arthur Stewart, of St. Peter; Genevieve and Marjorie Gardner of St. Paul, and Ferne Welander of Maplewood Academy.

A Sabbath School Convention was held here on Sabbath February 25, by Miss Mary Hopkins. She was assisted by Miss Longwell of Minneapolis. The instruction given on this very important work was very much appreciated by all.

The Field secretaries of Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota favored us with a visit last week. They were enthusiastic over the splendid colporteur spirit in evidence among the students. With G. A. Campbell, they spoke to the student body at the chapel hour on Monday.

### TUNE IN

Elder C. W. Rubendall sends a telegram stating that Elder McComas of Ft. Worth, Texas, broadcasts every Wednesday evening at 9:30, from station KFBQ, 900 kilocycles, 331. meters.

He urges that our people who have radios invite their neighbors to listen in with them. Report the success of such efforts to Elder McComas.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

**Wanted:**—Good Minnesota seed oats. August Anderson; Blackduck, Minn., Box 100 1-t

**Wanted.**—Two men. Steady all year. Must be good milkers. Will pay going wages. Carl A. A. Pederson, Box 295, Valley City, N. Dak. 1t

**Wanted.**—Young women for domestic work between ages 20—35. Direct all correspondence to Chamberlain Sanitarium, Chamberlain, S. D. 2t

**For Sale.**—40 acres unimproved land, loam and sand with clay subsoil. One acre cleared. Price \$7.00 per acre. Write R. J. McCutcheon, Bear River, Minn. 2t

**Wanted:**—Good S. D. A. single man for general farming for season. Must be good with horses. Commence about March 20. Milking included. State wages. I. A. Rhinehart; Georgetown, Minn. 3-t

**Wanted.**—An efficient honest man, by the year, for general work. Must be an Adventist. About half the year in Florida. Work to begin about April 10. Give references in first letter. Also a girl for general house work for at least six months. Address me in Florida, until March 20, after that at Montrose, Minn. E. P. Hawkins, M. D. 1140 N. W. 21st. Street, Miami, Florida. 2t

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