



FOREIGN PERIODICAL WEEK

The General Conference has set aside May 2 to 9 as Foreign Periodical Week. We wish to emphasize the importance of this work of reaching the thousands of foreigners in our territory with the message. On this point we quote from the Spirit of prophecy: "Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their own land as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God.

"In our own country there are thousands of all nations, and tongues, and peoples who are ignorant and superstitious, having no knowledge of the Bible or its sacred teachings. God's hand was in their coming to America, that they might be brought under the enlightening influence of the truth revealed in His Word, and become partakers of His saving faith.

"God in His providence has brought men to our very doors, and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light to men of other tongues."—"Christian Service," p. 200.

It is hoped that every English church will order a club of foreign periodicals, if only a small club of 5 to 10 or more copies in the language of the foreign-speaking in your neighborhood. Besides periodicals we have many small books and tracts and pamphlets in various languages. Just now an Italian edition of the "Marked Bible" is available at only 10 cents each, subject to subscription discounts, in package lots.

Foreigners appreciate literature

in their own tongue, as the following experience indicates: "I came to a two roomed house, and a Hungarian man lived there. He invited me in. I canvassed him for two small Hungarian books, 'Steps to Christ,' and 'The World's Hope,' which I had with me. He bought those, and while waiting for me to make change, inquired, 'Are these all the books you have in Hungarian?' I immediately canvassed him for 'Great Controversy' and he manifested a great interest in the book and said, 'I want that book.'"

We would urge all our believers to search out foreigners in your community and bring to them the saving message for our time.

Anol Grundset.

IMPRESSIONS OF UNION COLLEGE

During the spring Week of Prayer it was my privilege to meet with the young people of "Old Union." Not since graduation day in the year '13 had I stood upon the platform in the college chapel. Tender memories were linked with present experience as I mingled with faculty and students of this stronghold of Bible faith.

My impressions of Union? It seemed to me that I found a richer, deeper faith than I had ever found before. Never can I forget the testimonies of that Friday evening vesper service. There was a ring of victory that comes only from a supreme confidence in the Word of God. The young people of Union College believe in the nearness of the end and that Seventh-day Adventists are giving the last message of mercy to a dying world.

It seemed to me that the bond of union and fellowship for service among the members of the

faculty was stronger than I had ever witnessed it before. I had heard much of the leadership of the quiet, dignified man who stands at the head of this Christian school. "Every boy in the school loves and respects President Thompson", said one of the young men to me. And not only does he have the confidence of the students but of the faculty as well. Confidence begets confidence; and in Union there is strength.

It seemed to me that while the standards of scholarship were high, that there was no lessening of loyalty to the principles of truth. Lincoln is a college town. The miasma of unbelief is in the very air of education. But Union stands for the fundamentals of faith and breathes forth the principles of truth from the Word of God. To find young people in these days of reckless abandon, as I found them in Union College, true, pure, loyal, devoted, earnest, consecrated, is a refreshing experience.

This message is the antidote for the poison of unbelief. It is the saving ark amid the foul waters of destructive criticism. And, to me, Union College seemed to be a symbol of the message itself. Here a mighty army is in training to go forth to battle against the giants of materialism and unbelief, against the powers of darkness and degradation. I could not but thank God for such a school in such a time as this! V. J. Johns.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

"I must tell you a good experience I had today. I came to a lady and started my work. 'Well,' she said, 'I am a Catholic.' I told her that did not make any difference to me; I wanted to talk with her anyway. So she came out on the

porch, and we sat down to give her the canvass. She had so many excuses to give me on how good she was trying to be. Well, I went on with my canvass. At last she wanted to see the book, and I had to let her have it; but somehow she did not see the third chapter which gave rise and development to the Roman Catholic church. So she handed back my prospectus and said, 'Yes, I'll take the book.' She had been very ill, so the doctors had given her up to die. She said she would get a Bible and study her book along with the Bible. So the Lord is calling them from the East and the West, from the North and the South. I love this work, and those who could go out, but do not, miss a great blessing. May God work upon the hearts of more of our sisters to go out in this great soul-saving work of the third angel's message. It's the most blessed work in all the world." Mrs. John P. Nygaard, Minnesota colporteur.

Sister Nygaard is a housewife with home duties, yet she can find time to go out occasionally and do missionary work, canvassing for the good book, "Great Controversy." Many of our sisters could do as Sister Nygaard is doing if they would. Is God calling you?

Geo. A. Campbell.

UNION COLLEGE NEWS

Are your plans all made for summer school this summer? An eight weeks summer school will help a great deal toward that much desired degree.

"Salesmanship is ability to persuade people to want what they already need." Surely our field secretaries and Elder Weaks, of the General Conference Publishing Department, have sold the idea of canvassing to the student body this past week. They have occupied the chapel hours and Friday evening service as well as the two colporteur meetings every day. As a result an unusually large number of students have attended and are contemplating going out this summer in this book ministry.

A well rendered and much enjoyed program was given by Mrs. Gwendolen Hayden, Saturday night, April 25. Mrs. Stanley Ledington assisted and Mr. Sterling Gernet accompanied. Mrs. Hayden is the violin instructor for the college and Mrs. Ledington teaches voice.



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enth-day Adventists.



A FINAL WORD

At this writing practically every church in the South Dakota Conference has responded in some way to the Big Week call. The writer, in company with Elder Hein, visited the churches in the northern part of the State. Unfortunately, our trip came just in the midst of the very busiest season for the farmers, and, as a result, in some churches the attendance was not so large as we had hoped for, but those present responded well when the needs of God's cause were presented. If you who read these lines happen to be among those who were not present in your church when this call was presented. I trust that you will remember that you have an equal responsibility in it with those who have already responded. This is true in all our churches.

Brother McKinley and I assisted Plainview Academy last Monday, April 27, in the Big Week Field Day. Practically all the students went out and over 200 sets were sold, proving that it is possible to sell Big Week books this year the same as always.

Word comes that Elk Point and Yankton have reached their full goals and Swan Lake and Sioux Falls have passed last year's record. Brother Christensen, elder of the Mitchell church, assured Elder Oss that they would make their full goal. Several isolated members have ordered sets, however, there should be many more. If you have not received your sets or made your Big Week Offering, it is not too late to do so yet. Brother Nies tells me he still has 45 English sets left. When these are gone, he can order more.

Let each one determine to have some part in this Mission Extension campaign even though it may be small, so that it can be said of each one, "He hath done what he could."

L. E. Niermeyer.

I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection.—Paine.

LEOLA M. V. SOCIETY

A touching dialogue was presented as a part of the young people's program at the Leola church Sabbath, April 25. The dialogue was presented by the Juniors of the church school assisted by two of the former students and Miss Townsend, the teacher. It consisted of a presentation of the appeal of the church and the world for our youth. One of the older girls represented the world, the other represented the church, and as the children came forward each made his appeal, one offering pleasure, riches, etc., and a crown of laurels, while the other invited to service and sacrifice and a crown of thorns.

While the decisions were being made, Brother Julius Binder sang an invitation song. The whole scene was wonderfully touching and impressive. The program of the day was on music and quite a number of special songs had been provided by various members of the society. The entire program was well rendered and was a credit to the Leola young people's society. It was the writer's privilege to be present and enjoy the occasion.

The young people of Leola have been wrapping "Present Truth" and sending them out, and we trust that the society will take its place among the active and aggressive ones in the work this year. While the Juniors in the church school have a Junior society of their own during the school year, yet they are glad to contribute their part to the work of the larger society which holds its meeting once a month at the regular service

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hour. There is a fine group of young people at Leola, and we look forward to seeing many of these qualifying for positions of responsibility in the service for the Master. C. M. Babcock.

PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Agnes Bales, of Pollock, stopped at the school for a short time Thursday visiting her daughter, Iris.

Miss Beth Townsend, who has been teaching the Leola church school, was a guest at the academy for the week-end, May 1 and 2.

The commencement exercises for the graduating class will be held May 22 to 24. A cordial invitation is extended to our patrons and friends to attend these if possible.

Elder J. J. Reiswig, traveling secretary of the Miscellaneous Language Department of the Western Division, spent the week-end at the school. He had charge of the Sabbath service and the young people's meeting.

Our Big Week Field Day, Monday, April 27, proved to be a beautiful day and very few of the students remained at home. Approximately two hundred sets of books were sold. This is not so good as last year, but we know that every one did his best and many good experiences were obtained and a good work done. Elder Niermeyer and Brother McKinley of Watertown led out in this work at the school.

WEDDING

Albert L. Hendrickson of Chadron, Nebr., and Amber Babcock of Chamberlain, S. Dak., were united in marriage Thursday evening, April 16, at the Adventist church in Chadron. The ceremony was performed by Elder E. G. Hayes, pastor of the church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Baily, of Rapid City, and for the past five years she has been engaged in secretarial and stenographic work at the Chamberlain Sanitarium and hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson will make their home in Chadron, Nebr., for the present.

The highest compact we can make with our fellow is, let there be truth between us for ever more.

Emerson.

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OTTUMWA SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

A Sabbath school convention will be held at Ottumwa on May 16. The program will be both interesting and helpful. Sabbath school and isolated members within driving distance are urged to attend. Come prepared to stay through all the services. There will be a convention meeting at 11:00 a. m. The regular Sabbath school service will be held at 1:45 p. m., and this will be followed by a convention service. The church building is at the corner of Ransom and Church streets. We shall be looking for you.

Mrs. R. F. Bresee, Supt.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

EFFORT AT OSKALOOSA

After finishing our church effort at Grinnell, where we will conduct a baptism in a few weeks, we began to look elsewhere for a place to hold meetings. Both Elder Fish and myself have for some time been interested in Oskaloosa. It seems quite providential that almost before we realized it we had a place in this little city of ten thousand in which to preach. Upon the suggestion of a sister I gathered courage one day to call on the manager of the city opera house. I told him who I was and what I had come for. He listened courteously as I explained that while we wished to conduct a series of revival meetings, it would not be a money making proposition to us as our only purpose was to preach the gospel and to be of spiritual help to as many people as possible. In a few minutes he answered that if we wanted the opera house for this purpose and would pay for the heat and lights we could use the building gratis. We concluded that this was an opportunity that seldom presents itself and at once set about to improve it. Oskaloosa has not had a series of Adventist meetings for more than twenty years.

We opened our meeting Sunday

night, April 19, with over a hundred in attendance. Due to the following week being rainy and cold the crowds fell off somewhat. Last evening, April 26, Elder Fish spoke on "Great Celestial Disturbances" to an audience of more than two hundred. We ask the Reaper family to remember these meetings in your prayers.

R. F. Bresee.

SABBATH SCHOOL FLASH-LIGHTS

Miss Zella Colburn, secretary of the Ruthven Sabbath schools, has written this interesting report: "The Ruthven Sabbath school held the Investment service on April 11. All took an active part in the program, and I am enclosing a list of our members with their investment plans. Those whose names are missing from the list promised to give something although they had not decided definitely what it will be. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nelson, one acre corn; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Nelson, two rows potatoes, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson, one acre corn; Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson, Sabbath eggs in September, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Davis, lambs; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Torklesen, one acre barley; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson, one acre corn; Mrs. Harry Johnson, one pair pillow slips; Mrs. L. H. Torklesen, quilt; Mrs. A. E. Johnson, one cent for every shirt washed and ironed; A. E. Johnson, average day's income in colporteur work; Nels Smith \$2; Mrs. Smith will set a hen; Mr. Enderson, one half of a week's wage; Lily Rustan, \$1; Ole Nelson, something; Bernie Nelson, \$5; Nels Johnson, \$1; Chester Nelson, \$1; Ernest Nelson, save pennies; Mary Nelson, \$1; Martha Smith, sell vegetables; Alma Johnson, \$1; Evelyn Hanson, \$1; Carrie Nelson, wool from pet sheep; Viola Hansen, \$2; Kenneth Johnson, garden; Mildred Johnson, garden; Dean Torkelsen, Rhode Island Red roosters; Max Torkelsen, Rhode Island Red roosters."

Now isn't that a fine list—and more to be added? Just think of it! Three acres of corn and one of barley! Please report to me all the acres or parts of acres, pledged for Investment. It will be interesting to know this. If all our schools will line up as Ruthven has done we should make our

\$4000 next time. Our Northern Union heads the list anyway, as the Minnesota Conference stands at the head of the General Conference list with \$4007 Investment for 1930. We are glad for this and congratulate Miss Hopkins and her co-workers that they are able to reach this amount.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

IOWA ITEMS

Elders Fish and Bresee report an encouraging and increasing attendance at the meetings which are being held at Oskaloosa.

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Herbert Griffith, circulation manager of the Brookfield Branch of the Pacific Press, was in Nevada on Monday of last week.

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Brother L. P. Knecht returned on Wednesday of last week from Union College, where he was successful in adding a number of colporteurs to our Iowa list. Prospects seem excellent for an unusually active year in this work.

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Elder McVagh spent Sabbath, April 25, at College View, conducting the Friday chapel service and other meetings while there during the colporteurs' institute. He was in Des Moines on Tuesday looking after conference business. He went on Thursday to Spencer and later to Oskaloosa where an effort is being held.

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Brother and Sister R. M. Carter and small son, Raleigh, left Nevada on Tuesday morning of last week, hoping to regain health and be able to again take up work in the work of God. They will visit friends and remain some time in Clinton, Mo. On Monday evening a farewell reception was held for them in the academy dining room where an early supper was served and a pleasant social time enjoyed. This was also the occasion of a formal welcome to the L. P. Knecht family, who are now in possession of the Carter home which they purchased.

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Elder and Mrs. Nixon, Naomi, Joseph, and Mrs. Dorcas spent Sabbath, April 25, very pleasantly with the little company at Perry. They have an organized Sabbath school, and they have a large and pleasant room in the basement of the Court House in which to hold

their services. Following the Sabbath school, Mrs. Dorcas talked on Sabbath school work, and in the afternoon Elder Nixon conducted the services. Following the sermon and after special attention had been given to Sabbath school interests, a little time was given to the answering of questions on various scriptures. Several ladies of Perry are meeting with some of our sisters regularly to study the book of Revelation, in which they have been greatly interested. The "laymember" movement is to help finish the work, and a good start in this is being made in several places in our conference, especially has this been true in Council Bluffs, Osceola and Perry. Pray for the success of these efforts.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Thomas A. Dye of Des Moines registered as a medical patient on Tuesday.

J. R. Estep of Hampton spent a few days with us taking treatments for rheumatism.

Mrs. Van Johnson of Maxwell and her new baby daughter born at the sanitarium are getting along very nicely.

Mrs. P. C. Knudson of Exira, F. E. Bently of Rhodes, and J. D. Owens of Des Moines came to the sanitarium last Thursday.

Sunday the following persons entered the sanitarium for treatments: Mrs. E. E. Elliott of New Market, Mrs. A. A. Peterson of Marne, Mrs. F. Simmerman of Colman, S. Dak., Mrs. C. O. Hadley of Boone, Mrs. Emily Miller of Grinnell.

We have just added some equipment in the examining room which will be a help making more thorough examinations in some lines. A new fracture frame has just been purchased also the X-ray room has a double focus X-ray tube. This is one of the first ones in the State. The third floor utility room is now equipped with a new bedpan washer and sterilizer. It is the policy of the sanitarium to add to its equipment as rapidly as consistent and to get those things which are most needed for the comfort and benefit of the guests.

OAK PARK ACADEMY NEWS

Miss Carlton was called home a couple of weeks before school was out due to illness of her mother and sister.

We were pleased to have a visit from Brother Griffith of the Pacific Press branch office at Brookfield, Ill. Brother Griffith spoke to us about the need of distributing our foreign periodicals, and told us of some interesting experiences in working for the foreigners.

The students have recently given us two interesting chapel exercises. The first one was prepared by the commercial department and demonstrated the wrong and right way to apply for a position. The other exercise was a debate on the question as to whether we should use the European or American plan in our dining room service. The students taking part in the last named program were Reva Griswold and Floyd Nelson, Marie Larsen and Morton Davis.

Our commencement exercises will be held on May 16 and 17. The speakers will be Elder Stemple White for the baccalaureate sermon, to be given at the regular eleven o'clock Sabbath service in the church, and President P. L. Thompson for the commencement address, to be given at the academy chapel at ten o'clock on Sunday morning. The graduating class will give their program on the Saturday evening following the baccalaureate service. As many as can are invited to attend these exercises.

Big Week was entered upon enthusiastically at Oak Park Academy by both teachers and students. The Big Week books and the good they are accomplishing were presented by the book men at the regular chapel period April 8, and early the next morning ten cars left for the surrounding country. Several interesting persons were found and every one seemed to enjoy the experience even though he did not sell very many books. The next morning's chapel hour was devoted to the relating of experiences and checking up the returns of the previous day. It was found that eighty-five sets had been sold besides money that was turned in from labor.

MARRIED

Charlotte Esther Elias and Elmer Marvin Juhl were united in marriage by the writer at his home in Mason City, Iowa, Sunday April 26.

The bride, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Elias, Forest City, Iowa was graduated in 1924 from Oak Park Academy.

She attended the Hutchinson Theological Seminary, and Waldorf College at Forest City.

The bridegroom, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Juhl of Bowsmont, North Dakota, began high school work in Skodsborg, Denmark. He was graduated in 1924 from the Hutchinson Seminary, and later attended Dunwoody Institute at Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Juhl will make their home at Mankato, Minn.
A. G. Christiansen.

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NORTH DAKOTA MISSION FARM

We rejoice to see the 1931 mission farm grow so this year. From all appearances it will be the biggest farm ever given to the Lord. Many acres of grain and flocks of poultry have come in already. One lady is giving a setting of 18 turkey eggs. These investments will surely be watched with interest by our heavenly Father.

Lehr

- 1 acre wheat, Henry Schrenk.
- 1 acre barley, Willie Werth, Jr.
- 1 setting hen each by Sisters Willie Werth and Hulda Werth.
- 1 day's wages, each, Emelia Goebel, Ephreim Zimmerman and Abraham Zimmerman.
- Hay certain part, Jacob Flemmer.
- 1 chicken each by Arthur, Leonard and Martha Werth.
- 1 duck each by Martha Flemmer and Rose Werth.
- Pennies saved, by Martha Goebel, Ruth, Julius and Christine Werth, Lavina Zimmerman.
- One half of profits of 1 day's sales, Val. Zimmerman.

Butte

1 acre flax, Platon Evenenko.
Cash, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harschenko. (More coming from Butte.)

Williston

Quilt pieces sold, Lillian Salenko.
\$4 cash, O. H. Koozemy, Sister Zacrep and Sister Koozemy.
Missionary gardens, by the Sisters Vaselenko, Zapara, Misenko, and Baybarz.
3 slips made out in Russian which we cannot read but it looks like acres.

We are glad to see our Russian churches taking such a fine part.

Medina

1 acre flax, Peter Beck family.
1/4 acre wheat, Virgil Haas.
1/4 acre wheat, Elmer Haas.
1/4 acre wheat, Lyoud Gruszkie.
1 setting eggs, Minnie Gruszkie.
\$2, Caroline Gruszkie.
\$2, Lizzie Schock.
Saving pennies, Harry and Gideon Haas.

Eggs from 1 hen, Bennie Gruszkie.
Garden, Emil Gruszkie.
(More coming from Medina.)

Just a word of explanation. We have on hand a large number of slips which we cannot have appear all at one time. In one bunch which I just looked through, I found ten acres flax and wheat besides a large number of other items as lambs, wool, poultry, etc. Among them is a note from the Sabbath school secretary that half are not yet in and many more are coming. We are glad that our people are taking such a lively interest.

H. Wentland.

BOUND VOLUMES OF "PRESENT TRUTH"

We are glad to report that a new bound volume of "Present Truth" is now ready. This bound volume is made up of all the new issues printed in the new series from January 1 1929, to May 31 1931. It contains 74 numbers of "Present Truth." It is bound in plain manila paper covers without index. The price is only \$1.25. Order now. They are ready. A splendid help for evangelists, Bible workers, church officers and laymen.

B. A. Scherr.

PROPHETIC CHARTS

We have just received word from the Review and Herald Pub-

lishing Association that they are putting out a set of 20 Prophetic Charts for Bible readings, on cardboard 7x11 inches. The price of this set will be 50 cents and will come in a neat clasp envelope.

The names of the charts are:

1. Great Image (In Colors) Daniel 2
2. Lion Daniel 7
3. Bear Daniel 7
4. Leopard Daniel 7
5. Ten Horned Beast Daniel 7
6. Beast and Little Horn Daniel 7
7. Ram Daniel 8
8. He Goat Daniel 8
9. Little Horn Daniel 8
10. 2300 Days
11. Interior of Sanctuary, showing two apartments
12. Law of God (In colors)
13. Changed Law
14. Rev. 12 Woman the Church
15. Beasts of Revelation 12 and 13
16. Lamb-Like Beast of Revelation 13
17. Seal of God and Mark of Beast
18. Millennium
19. Three Angels' Messages
20. Calendar Showing Time Changes

You will want one of these charts, so please send in your order as soon as convenient.

B. A. Scherr.

GERMAN WORK IN NORTH DAKOTA

One is kept busy doing the many things that are necessary in a district containing nine churches — electing officers, giving instruction, visiting the members on Sabbath, helping in Harvest Ingathering and Big Week, taking care of funerals, holding meetings for the young people and bringing in outsiders.

We count it all joy, though, for Christ's sake. There is no other work that promises such great rewards as the Lord's work, if faithfully attended to.

We endeavor to strengthen our churches in adding members to them. The Lord has been blessing in these efforts. In one church one family who had been away from the church for nine years took their stand with us again, and others gave their hearts to God.

In another church where we held meetings one family who had been away from the church eleven

years returned. Sins were confessed, wrongs were made right and the Lord's Spirit came into the church. Others who had backslidden renewed their consecration to the Master. Nine adult members were added to this church, two by letter and seven by profession of faith. Others are in the baptismal class.

Mrs. Gaede and I have been selling Big Week books, but we find it more difficult than last year.

Pray for the workers and the work here. G. P. Gaede.

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BIG WEEK AT MAPLEWOOD

Monday evening, April 27, it was my privilege to join the Maplewood family in their final arrangements for the Big Week Field Day. Brethren Dirksen and Melendy had led out at chapel that day in an enthusiastic program encouraging the students to take part in the field day. As early as 7:15 on the morning of the 28th autos began to depart in every direction, bearing groups of students and teachers to their designated fields of work. More than seventy persons, including those of the faculty who could leave and the conference workers, took part in this missionary day. The cars that were offered for use by the church members, and the presence of several of these with us were much appreciated.

Toward evening the weary but happy groups began to return. The last car did not return until 8:30. When the returns were reported at the usual "experience meeting," it was found that nearly 500 books had been sold, which, considering the general financial depression, was fully as satisfactory as the 1930 effort, though a few dollars short of the totals for that year.

Worthy of mention is the fact that the highest individual student records were made by Olive Steele, Henry Peterson and by Roland Olbrick who last year fail-

ed to sell one book.

We should not forget the splendid sack lunches prepared by the matron for each of the field workers, nor the bountiful supper so much appreciated by the returning workers.

The day was a profitable one for those taking part, and much good should result from the distribution of this good literature.

H. J. Sheldon.

THE CHURCH AT DODGE CENTER

No Providence preventing, week-end meetings will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Dodge Center, Minn., May 15-17. Friday evening at 7:45 will be the first meeting. On Sabbath: Sabbath school at 10:00 a. m., preaching at 11:45 a. m., again at 2:00 and 7:45 p. m. The last meeting will be held Sunday night at 7:45. A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to all who may wish to come. The subjects presented will be of vital interest to all. Invite your friends to come with you. The brethren at Dodge Center will spare no effort to make these meetings a success.

A. A. Dirksen.

THE SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH IN ST. PAUL

Last fall certain changes were made in connection with the services of the St. Paul Scandinavian church.

This church is one of the oldest in the conference and many years ago it was one of the largest. The members of this church have always been among our best.

For several reasons the membership and attendance have of late years dwindled until it was felt that something had to be done to change the tide.

The matter was taken up by the church, and after a full discussion it was voted unanimously to conduct the Sabbath services in the English language.

Since that time several good Seventh-day Adventist families have attended our services regularly and have helped much. New life has come into the Sabbath school and home missionary work, and we now have a nice group of children and young people.

The members are active in giving out "Present Truth" and we

hope some time to conduct a public effort.

Sabbath school is conducted in English and Scandinavian every Sabbath afternoon at two o'clock, and services in English at 3:15 p. m.

The church is located at 606 Maryland St., near Payne Ave., St. Paul. Louis Halswick.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, May 9, is as customary on the second Sabbath, for local church expense.

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Miss Hopkins attended the meetings held at Hewitt over the last week-end, and expects to visit the Fergus Falls Sabbath school, May 9.

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We hope the good reports of Investment plans for this year will continue to come to us until every Sabbath school in our conference and every isolated member is on our list of investors. We are looking for great blessings through this work.

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Brother and Sister Melendy are visiting the churches in the northwestern part of the State in the interest of the young people. According to their itinerary they plan to be at Bemidji on Friday and Sabbath, May 8 and 9, then at Pillager on Sunday.

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We are glad to report the baptism of ten at the Minneapolis English church on Sabbath, April 25. A baptismal service is planned for at Maplewood next Sabbath, May 9, and a number of others will be held during the next few weeks following the evangelistic efforts conducted by our ministers during the winter and spring months.

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Brother Odegaard returned last week from the field secretaries' council and colporteurs' institute held at Union College. He reports that the prospects are good for student colporteurs this summer, and desires to hear from those in this conference who would be willing to entertain a student colporteur in their home over the week-ends during the summer. Will such please write to M. H.

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OBITUARIES

Pitcher.—Dr. Mary Catherine Pitcher, Nee Huffaker, was born at Princeton, Ill., Oct. 2, 1883; and died at her home in Tama, Iowa, April 3, 1931. When she was a child her parents moved to the vicinity of Marshalltown, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. She attended the National School of Chiropractic and was graduated in 1919. In the year 1930 she was married to Dr. W. L. Pitcher of Tama, Iowa.

In 1919 Sister Pitcher was converted to the third angel's message and united with the Marshalltown Adventist church and was a loyal member, being faithful in her attendance even when her health would indicate she should rest. Her influence and presence will be greatly missed by her brethren. She leaves one sister and two brothers besides her husband and one step son, Gleeland, who mourn their loss. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Tama, Iowa. Elder McVagh was assisted in the services by the Pastor, Rev. W. O. Eckler, Rev. R. G. Smith of the Indian Mission and the writer. H. A. Fish.

DeVinney.—Annie O. Gallan DeVinney was born in Norway, March 15, 1847; and died at the home of her son, Joe, at Blair, Nebr., April 17, 1931. She came to America at the age of 17 to be with her brother in Burt County, Nebraska, where she was married to Andrew J. DeVinney in February, 1878. They lived near Decatur, Nebr., and reared a family of five children, four of whom survive her. She was brought up a Lutheran but shortly after her marriage she accepted the Adventist faith to which she adhered faithfully and firmly until her death. In 1899 they moved to Chunchula, Ala., where they remained until her husband's last sickness. He was taken to Nevada, Iowa, where he died April 5, 1917, and is buried at Decatur, Nebr. She made her home with Mrs. Jensen until February, 1931. Since then until her death she was cared for in her son's home at Blair. She is survived by four children, sixteen grandchildren, and seventeen great grandchildren.

C. F. McVagh.

Warner.—Clarinda J. Warner was

born at Princeton, Ky., March 25, 1852. She was married to James P. Wiley, at Girard, Ill., in 1872. In 1884, Mr. Wiley was accidentally killed, but she, with her family, remained on the farm in Warren township, Clark County, S. Dak.

She was married to Ezra P. Warner on October 4, 1894. Shortly afterward they settled in Conde, S. Dak., where she accepted the third angel's message, to which she was faithful until the time of her death.

She had not been in robust health for several years, and was therefore, not in condition to withstand a severe attack of pneumonia with which she was stricken. Death came peacefully as well as suddenly.

She leaves three sons, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral service was held at the home in Conde, the writer being in charge. She was laid to rest in the Conde Cemetery to await the coming of the Life-giver.

L. E. Niermeyer.

Plank.—Mrs. Anna Johnson Plank was born in Denmark, Aug. 12, 1860; and died at her home in Decorah, Iowa, on April 22, after a week's illness from pneumonia.

The Johnson family came to America when Anna was fifteen years old. She was married to John H. Plank in 1885. Nine children were born to them, only one of whom has been laid to rest. After the death of her husband twenty-two years ago, Mrs. Plank moved from the farm to Decorah. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, a loving wife, a Christian mother and was esteemed by a large circle of friends. She was a woman who possessed a happy disposition always radiating sunshine and cheer, and she will be missed, not only by her children and four brothers, but by her host of friends.

The funeral service was held at the funeral parlors in Decorah and she was laid to rest at Springwater, her former home.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

Willy.—William Warren Willy was born April 10, 1923; and died in a Minot hospital April 6, 1931. He leaves a father, mother, three brothers, and two sisters to mourn, but they find comfort in the blessed hope of the resurrection. The funeral services were conducted in the community church at Loran, N. Dak., by the writer.

E. A. Piper.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary						
Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total Vol.	Del.
Week Ending April 17, 1931						
Biggers, H. G.	Hope	33	5		20.00	
Crofoot, Francis	Hope	25	8	1.00	40.00	1.00
Crofoot, Kenneth	Hope	26	8		37.00	
Evenson, Karl		23	13	1.25	1.25	131.00
Johnson, D. D.	HP	27	24	7.00	161.00	4.00
Keenan, Ben L.	BR	36	4	20.75	42.75	8.25
Minner, I. V.		43	8		32.00	
Meen, Mike	PP	62	19	12.50	53.50	89.50
Pau'son, Edwin S.	Hope	34	7	3.00	33.00	3.00
Santini, H.	HP	47	6	6.65	52.15	
Totals		356	78	52.15	472.65	236.75
SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE, L. L. McKinley, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending April 17, 1931						
Anderson, E. C.	HP	18	2	4.00	17.00	
Hilliard, L.	GC	46	5	18.50	46.00	
Totals		64	7	22.50	63.00	
IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending April 24, 1931						
Byshell, Mrs.	Mag.	13		8.00	8.00	8.00
Hanson, Anna	BR	10		10.55	10.55	9.95
Johnson, A. E.	HW	21	8	3.00	27.00	
Shelton, G. A.	RJ	40	8	6.00	42.00	
Stringer, John (2)	HW	71	21	11.50	145.25	1.85
Totals		155	37	39.05	232.80	19.80

MINNESOTA ITEMS

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Odegaard at the conference office.

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Elder H. O. Olson, of the Bureau of Home Missions Swedish Department, called at the office on Tuesday of last week to counsel with the conference officials regarding plans for a Swedish effort to be conducted in Duluth by Elder J. A. Swenson. It is hoped that it may be possible for this effort to begin on Sunday, May 17. Elder Swenson has just closed a successful Swedish effort in Chicago and the prayers of our readers are requested in behalf of this one planned for at Duluth. As soon as the location of the meetings is decided upon we will endeavor to announce it through the Reaper so that those having friends or relatives in Duluth, who understand the Swedish language, may give them a special invitation to attend these services.

 THE A. C. S. COLUMN

Another Tithing Experience

A few years ago, while laboring in another conference, the writer was asked to visit a certain church and to hold a short series of meetings there. Before going I had been told of a liberal amount of tithe that had been paid by a certain brother of that church, the members of which nearly all were farmers. It was a rather hard year in that section as it had been a dry season. While holding the meetings, I visited in the homes of our brethren, and thus had opportunity to converse with them on various subjects. In a number of cases it was evident that a shortage was felt, making it difficult to meet financial obligations, even to the extent, as some said, of there being an inability to give to God that portion which He claims as His own, a tithe for which, if we faithfully render it to Him, He has promised to bless us. The writer was anxious to visit in the home of the brother who had been able to pay such a large amount of tithe that year, and when an invitation was extended, it was cheerfully accepted.

It was night when we reached the home. My impressions of the country were not too favorable as

it seemed somewhat hilly, but when we reached the place I found it compared favorably with other farms in that community, the buildings being in good repair with a neatly kept yard and home, though not more so than some of the other places I had visited. During our visit the brother told me that he gave to God a tithe of all his income. I asked, "Do you not subtract expenses?" "No," said he, "I feel that God blesses me so bountifully I need not be too careful in the matter of deducting expenses." "But," I said, "you have a right to deduct certain expenses, don't you think so?" "Yes, but I feel it is a blessing to me to do it this way," he answered. "Are you able to meet your obligations to the men with whom you do your business and are you able to supply your needs on the farm and in the home?" I asked again. "Why, yes, we are getting along very nicely," was the reply.

It was very evident to me that the writer believed God's promises as made through the prophet Malachi and that God was honoring the faith of His children, (the wife and family being with our brother in this matter) giving them such blessings as He has promised. May it not be time that when we are brought into close circumstances, even to the extent that we think it impossible for us to give an honest tithe and offerings to God, if we then by faith, and in obedience to God would give a tithe of our income, and offerings in proportion to our ability, God would verify His promises to us, adding His blessing to the portion He has allowed for our use, so that it would reach farther, even to the extent of solving our financial problems? The writer believes it would, for has not God said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you?"

A. A. Dirksen.

 MAPLEWOOD NEWS

The program for the closing week of school is as follows: Senior class night program, Thursday evening, May 21; consecration service, Friday evening, May 22; baccalaureate sermon, Sabbath at eleven o'clock; cantata, Sabbath evening, May 23; commencement exercises, Sunday evening, May 24

We extend a welcome to parents and friends to attend these exercises.

On Thursday night, April 30, the seniors were delightfully entertained at an out door social given by the juniors. After a luncheon in the grove a series of games and a treasure hunt which ended with each group finding a large package of marshmallows, which they found pleasure in roasting, they returned to the dormitories. The seniors agree that the juniors are well able to give an interesting entertainment.

Material improvements have been made this year in both the Maplewood dormitories. The boys' worship room has been converted into a parlor with comfortable chairs where the boys may go to lounge and read. New linoleum runners have been laid in the halls of East hall, and a carpet with a colorful design has also been laid in the halls of the girls' home. A new bridge lamp and some pillows have added to the cheerfulness of the girls' parlor. Light fixtures on the hall lights give the halls an attractive appearance. Maplewood students are proud to show visitors through their homes.

On Sunday evening, April 26, the Maplewood girls entertained the boys, members of the faculty and many parents and friends at the annual girls' reception and open house. The young men received partners at the West hall stairway. From there they were ushered into the dining room where in groups of eight under colorful Japanese lanterns they enjoyed a delicious dinner. Groups led by West hall girls then had the privilege of visiting the rooms of the girls' home. They found the rooms to be neat and attractive. A program consisting of music, readings and talks followed. Miss Sparrow was chairman of the program committee; Miss Hartzell of the decorations and arrangements; and Misses Galstad and Dahl had charge of the eats.

 CAMP MEETING DATES

South Dakota, Huron—June 11-20.
 North Dakota, Valley City—June 18-28.
 Minnesota, Anoka—June 25-July 5.
 Iowa, Nevada—August 20-30.
