



A SPECIAL APPEAL

The General Conference Executive Committee is making a special appeal to all the believers in the United States and Canada in behalf of our brethren and sisters in the war devastated territory of Europe. We all have expected since the beginning of the European war that some such appeal as this would be made, and I am sure the opportunity is all that is required to insure a most liberal response.

The following is taken from a letter received from Elder Daniells, president of our General Conference:

"The situation which the world is now facing challenges the tender sympathies of mankind. It calls for prompt action from every person who can contribute anything toward the restoration of normal conditions. Especially does the suffering from starvation and cold appeal to those whom a kind providence has favored.

"In order to help meet the added burdens the war has thrown upon the world the members of the General Conference Committee in America feel that an earnest call should be made to our people for additional funds. We are not unmindful of the heavy demands that have already been made upon our dear people. We are more grateful than words can express for the great response that has been made during the war. Your gifts during the last year have simply been marvelous. Our requests and expectations have been more than met. Under ordinary circumstances we would not think it right to press another offering just now. But, as already stated, the situation is altogether extraordinary. We have never seen its like in our day. It surely seems as though we should go to the limit of sacrifice in our efforts to serve our suffering fellow-beings who are sub-

jected to so much suffering.

"Although the hostilities of the great war have ceased, the needs of a suffering world remain. Peace has not come to this troubled world. Reports from all lands tell of unrest, agitation, revolution, and civil wars. Famine and pestilence continue their deadly work. Millions of innocent people are helpless. They cannot change conditions nor flee from them. They must perish unless help can be given them.

"In order to have means to meet these needs to at least a limited extent, the General Conference Committee has appointed Sabbath, February 22, for the taking of a special offering. This will not be counted as a part of the Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund. It will be an additional sum for the needs growing out of the great war.

"It is not necessary nor seemly to multiply words to arouse sympathy. Millions of homes are in mourning for husbands, brothers, and sons who have fallen on the battlefields. Millions of men have been made blind, deaf, and crippled for life by the war. Millions of families have been driven from their homes, and are now perishing with cold, and hunger and pestilence. And multiplied millions more are without hope in God. All these poor, suffering people need our ministry of love. Our Committee will take the offering made February 22 and put it to the very best use we know how."

We need not add to these stirring words. I am sure this call will appeal to all our hearts. We think in this connection of the words of our blessed Saviour, "For I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink, naked and ye clothed me. I was sick and ye visited me. Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren

ye have done it unto me."

I trust all will remember the date for the offering, February 22, and according as God has prospered us, so let us give. CHAS. THOMPSON.
In Northern Union Reaper

SOME 1919 GOALS

"And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Luke 16:8. The above statement from the Saviour emphasizes the fact that the children of the Kingdom can learn lessons from the world.

We all have seen during the recent war what can be accomplished by a united purpose and definite aims. When our country went to war with the Central powers, it was with a fixed determination that all things else should be made subservient and secondary to the winning of the war. Millions of men were called and trained for service and billions of dollars were raised in Liberty Loans and for other war activities. In every case a definite amount desired was set as a goal before the people of the nation and everybody according to their ability responded to the call. What would have been looked upon as gigantic impossibilities were easily accomplished when a hundred million people of a great nation, with united purpose and determination, set their hearts to the accomplishment of the task. So again I would emphasize, that the words of the Saviour ought to appeal to us in a very special way, and as the people of God we should learn lessons from the world. We have already found in our work that more is accomplished when definite goals are set and aims desired.

I have been thinking recently of some of the goals toward which we should set our hearts to as a Con-

ference for the year 1919. Only three years ago we set a Conference goal of \$50,000 tithe for the year. This amount was reached and passed by several thousand dollars, the amount received each year has been constantly increasing until for 1918 almost \$90,000 was paid into the treasury by churches and individual members of the Iowa Conference. I have wondered if it would be too much to set a goal of \$100,000 tithe for the year upon which we have entered, already one month of which is now in the past. I have also thought that we should not be satisfied with the raising of less than \$50,000 in mission funds, which sum might be realized by \$20,000 from the Sabbath school contributions, \$15,000 from the Harvest Ingathering, and \$15,000 for annual and miscellaneous mission donations. While I speak of these goals, we must all recognize that they are in no way a tax; we simply strive together as a Conference of believers to reach certain results and we are sure that more is accomplished in this way than when working to no definite purpose. While considering financial goals in tithe and mission offerings, I have thought that we ought also as a Conference to look toward the selling of \$40,000 worth of our subscription books in the State during the year, and no less than \$60,000 as the total sales of our Tract Society in books, tracts, and periodicals.

Then again I have thought of our Academy and wondered if we should not definitely set ourselves to the task of securing at least 125 students for Oak Park Academy the coming year. If all of our people will, themselves, as occasion demands, patronize our Conference Sanitarium and encourage their friends and neighbors to do so as opportunity affords, this institution can and will be filled and overflowing most of the time. We have now passed our 3000 church membership goal, and shall we not raise this to 3250 for the present year? This would leave a net increase in membership of about 250 above deaths, apostasies, and removals.

Our Sabbath school secretary has figured out a goal for the Sabbath school membership of 3855. I wonder if we could not give her just a little surprise and make it at least an even 4000 before the last calendar sheet of 1919 is torn away.

While we have spoken of some of these items there are other goals to which we should strive which can not be measured by figures. Surely all will desire to attain a higher standard of Christian living, making progress in the spiritual life proportionate to the times in which we are living, and the light that God has been pleased to give us.

A. R. OGDEN.

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Everywhere men of the world's work,—business and professional men, mechanics, school teachers, all—are looking for books, pamphlets or magazines that will help them to do better work in their special line. All understand that interchange of thought and experience is helpful. In fact, the age is so progressive that one who does not keep posted in improved methods will soon lose out financially, officially or socially as the case may be. To be a successful worker in any line one must be familiar with new plans, new methods that are constantly being discovered by those interested in that kind of work.

To some persons it means a great deal to fail "financially, officially, socially," but there is a loss more to be dreaded than any of these; and that is spiritual loss; and it will surely come to our Sabbath schools unless Sabbath school workers, officers and teachers make some effort to qualify for thorough effective work in our schools. "Not all who teach in our Sabbath schools qualify themselves for the work. Let every teacher feel that he must know more; he must be better acquainted with those with whom he has to deal, better acquainted with the best methods of imparting knowledge; and when he has done the best he can, that he has come far short."—"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 98. We need to study that we may know more; we need to learn best methods of imparting knowledge, and when we have done our best we have "come far short." It is very evident that we have something to do to qualify for work. In another place we are told that we should make use of the methods found successful in public schools; then we should not be confined to simply our own literature, but accept that which is effective and helpful wherever found.

We have such excellent helps of

our own for Bible study, and our good *Sabbath School Worker* is a regular mine of helpful thoughts and suggestions. However, it can not go into detail in all the information needed by those who are dealing with souls in the Sabbath school; and that is why our Sabbath school Training Course was established. We have received much help and added greatly to our knowledge of best methods in the reading of the different books advised since this work was begun in 1910. Our General Conference leaders in Sabbath school work are consecrated and experienced, and they search very carefully for books that will be within the reach of all. Those selected for 1919 are "The Teacher," by L. A. Weigle, and "The Devotional Life of the Teacher," by J. R. Miller, price for both sixty cents.

A study guide will be published in the *Sabbath School Worker* each month. The first study for the new Course appears in the March number. Every one who studies the Course for the year, will receive a neat little certificate. Send your name to me, secure the books and join with us in the study—officers, teachers and any one who would enjoy doing so. "Study to show thyself approved—a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

CHEROKEE

It was my privilege to meet with the workers and little company of believers at Cherokee, Tuesday evening, January 28. This was the first time that I have been to the city of Cherokee since coming to the state. Last fall at our camp meeting, Sister Elsie Stafford made an earnest appeal for workers to be sent to this place, as the result of which it was arranged by the Conference committee for Sister Asay and Brother Adams to conduct a series of ten meetings there. Owing to the early fall and cold weather, it was impossible to continue the tent meetings long or with much result especially after the coming of the influenza epidemic. Some however, became interested during the tent meetings, and as a result of the continuation of the work in a hall that was engaged for the purpose, several are now keeping the Sabbath and a number of others interested. It is always a special privilege to meet with new believers,

Later Brother Patterson connected with the work there.

Sister Stafford is now moving to Correctionville and hopes to build up an interest there that may later call for an effort and result in the raising up of a company of believers in that place. There is quite a circle of territory in this section of the state that has been long neglected in the proclamation of the message, and we are glad to see a foothold being made at Cherokee, as a center from which we hope that the work may branched out later. We are sorry that Sister Stafford is moving away from Cherokee, sorry, yet glad, for in all probability she will be enabled to sow seed in her new home community that will result in a call for work at that place.

On Wednesday morning I went from Cherokee to Sioux City, and found Elder McKibben, and Sister Bates and others busy at the church, making something for the furtherance of missionary activities. They were preparing a tract rack for the benefit of the church members, to contain a great variety of tracts, eighty or more so that all could go to it and readily find whatever tract they desired on the leading topics of the message, for their own use and for missionary purposes. There is no more encouraging omen of the finishing of the work than the increased interest and activity of our people in the giving of the message to their friends and neighbors in the quickest time possible.

A. R. OGDEN.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR 1917 AND 1918

	Members	1918	1917
Albaton	5	\$ 16.25	\$ 17.14
* Albia Co.	4	59.37	52.48
Algona	33	338.46	325.06
Atalissa	13	71.35	128.06
* Atlantic	13	380.76	354.50
Audubon	10	57.36	33.78
Birmingham	26	336.47	229.23
Blencoe	7	73.98	35.88
* Beaman Co.		312.98	
* Bonaparte Co.		140.35	86.10
Boone	23	295.84	219.70
Braddyville	18	48.26	103.75
* Bridgewater Co.	8	159.32	101.75
Burlington	73	800.43	477.19
Camp Meeting Col.		758.56	965.35
Calmar	5	10.02	
Carroll	25	190.57	312.70
Castana	9	66.62	78.78
Cedar Falls	16	159.35	350.83
Cedar Rapids	97	1033.89	1064.66
Centerville		146.30	50.00
* Charles City	25	333.25	25.77
* Clinton	20	539.37	378.51

* Coon Rapids	4	333.70	191.22
Council Bluffs	83	934.25	806.14
Cresco	28	156.62	156.14
Creston	43	274.16	263.84
Croton	5	12.24	4.87
Darbyville	27	50.25	15.88
Davenport	74	643.32	533.05
* Davis City	26	479.47	204.55
Decorah	17	212.01	174.75
Denison	34	305.82	421.45
Des Moines	166	1823.12	1433.84
Des M. (Swed.)	20	249.30	235.12
* Dubuque	34	1146.75	733.93
* East Exira	57	959.83	1200.28
Eddyville	24	238.58	247.30
Elk Horn	37	365.87	960.65
* Estherville Co.		208.85	19.19
* Exira	73	1904.51	735.39
Exline	25	150.79	48.61
Fairfield	12	121.44	129.50
Fontanelle	12	110.50	21.60
* Forest City	16	692.65	309.91
Fort Dodge	23	286.39	103.68
Glenwood	30	145.30	218.75
* Grinnell	22	874.54	757.86
Hampton	17	98.56	175.78
Harlan	14	105.89	218.96
* Hartley	8	1515.86	272.56
* Hawarden	9	152.52	135.61
Hawkeye	49	447.66	605.42
Hawleyville		20.55	19.60
* Humboldt	26	382.97	201.47
* Iowa City	4	66.47	46.21
Jacksonville	24	307.04	374.98
Jefferson Co.		34.40	87.59
Keokuk	44	467.14	308.14
Knoxville	40	290.31	119.56
* Ladooga	10	229.00	278.67
Lake City	23	160.93	523.79
Laurens	15	129.94	61.05
* Liberty Center	22	430.43	192.52
* Libertyville	12	159.32	154.64
Lisbon Co.		10.00	68.00
Marshalltown	52	469.48	723.54
* Mason City	31	833.03	584.99
Modale	7	88.66	70.71
* Monroe	7	113.87	65.92
Mt. Etna	30	176.50	161.19
* Mt. Pleasant	26	1799.63	334.59
* Muscatine	55	726.48	501.38
Nevada	267	2970.99	2956.22
* Newell		710.04	97.30
* Oakland Co.	4	330.35	48.68
* Olin Co.	3	52.30	54.80
Onawa	13	82.70	164.99
* Osceola	45	600.33	465.49
* Oskaloosa	14	194.87	162.20
Ottumwa	36	235.70	216.78
Oxford Mills Co.		38.00	22.00
* Parkersburg	6	456.50	470.03
* Perry Co.		75.20	21.28
Pilot Mound	5	50.09	50.10
Pulaski	9	64.91	45.10
* Red Oak	16	244.08	157.96
Riceville	20	170.87	674.85
Ringsted Co.		80.71	87.32
Russell	20	68.16	102.32
* Ruthven	63	990.46	855.87
Sandyville	16	106.19	181.21
* Sharpsburg	29	1189.66	304.88
* Shelby	13	429.93	185.18
Sheldon Co.		8.75	18.55
Shellsburg	9	21.13	43.38
Sigourney	16	148.55	238.96
* Sioux City	102	1413.52	1140.03
Sioux Rapids	33	343.37	210.47
* Smithland	22	586.11	671.86
* Spencer	17	190.60	
* Spirit Lake	17	817.02	
Stuart	17	197.56	379.80
* Terril	19	323.94	670.43
Urbana	13	113.94	73.06
Ute	48	360.60	478.42

Village Creek	18	80.40	91.12
* Wallingford	20	282.88	289.41
Waterloo	16	180.22	193.06
Waukon	41	424.10	305.56
West Grove	4	50.00	25.00
West Union	34	195.70	228.84
Wilton	4	43.66	67.57
* Winterset	28	410.21	1270.79
* Woodburn	19	2899.97	262.49
Conference Church	60	418.48	377.50
Isolated		1661.11	2910.59
Total receipts		\$48541.17	38881.43

We certainly appreciate the liberal response of our churches and isolated members in Iowa to the mission calls for 1918. Eternity alone will reveal the souls saved as the result of the nearly \$50,000 raised in Iowa for missions for the past year.

In the report which we present herewith by churches we are giving the amounts received for the two years 1917-1918. The 1918 report appears in the first column. Each church can figure its own report and see what the loss or gain of 1918 over 1917 amounted to. With this report we would have been glad to have presented the amount over twenty-five cents per week per member for the churches over and the deficit for the churches that did not reach the full quota, but for lack of time and other reasons we have not figured it out for each church separately. Each church can do this for itself. We are glad as has been previously noted in the BULLETIN that we passed thirty-five cents per week per member for our entire membership in the Conference. For this splendid result we thank every believer who has contributed a share whether it was large or small. What shall the 1919 record be? We will endeavor to publish a comparative Harvest Ingathering report by churches in next week's BULLETIN.

We are sure our churches will be glad to note the number that have stars indicating that they passed the twenty-five-cents-a-week per member for the year 1918.

A. R. SMOUSE, Treas.

Pure Aco vegetable white cooking oil. 5 gallon can \$10.50. Two 5 gallon cans \$20.50. A. J. Iden, Nevada, Iowa.

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Do not try to get along in your Sabbath school without the *Sabbath School Worker*. Renew or subscribe, but be sure that you have it.

Elder Dorcas visited isolated members and interested ones at Belle Plaine last Thursday, then went to Urbana for the Sabbath.

Brother Wm. Tong of Modesto, California, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. R. Bowles of Nevada, and other relatives at Marshalltown, Grinnell and Baxter.

Elder Ogden returned from Sioux City Thursday morning, spent the day attending to business at the office, and left the same night for Centerville holding meeting there and at Darbyville, Sabbath.

Brother Willis Lyon visited relatives and friends in Nevada for several days last week, and left Tuesday for Clovis, New Mexico, where he was advised to go on account of his health.

Please send names of those who have read the 1918 Training Course books in your school, to Mrs. Dorcas if you have not already done so. Finish reading them and have a certificate.

The young men of the Academy gave an entertainment at the chapel, evening after the Sabbath, January 25. This was in honor of the young ladies of the Home, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

A few Sabbath schools have not been heard from since the last quarter. If the state secretary does not have the names of new officers your school will not have information and helps sent from this office and so we shall not be working together. Secretaries send your reports please, even though it is a little late.

Mrs. Kate Bakeman and daughter, Gladys, of Rockford, spent the Sabbath at Nevada.

Miss Gertrude Steen underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Sanitarium Friday.

Mrs. Dorcas spent the Sabbath at Boone, where she greatly enjoyed meeting with the friends there in Sabbath school and talking to them of the new goals in view for our State.

Brother John Anderson of Spirit Lake, who is spending a few days in Nevada, plans to do some work in the Harvest Ingathering while visiting relatives in the eastern part of the State.

Sister F. T. Culver of Yale, came to the Sanitarium last Thursday, accompanying her mother, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fiscel. Mr. Fiscel remained at the Sanitarium for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bates of Kookuk have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. R. Smouse. Brother Smouse is still obliged to remain at home, as he has not sufficiently recovered from the effects of influenza and other complications to return to office work.

Sister F. W. Meyer came from Charles City to Nevada last Wednesday, with Miss Geneva Erler of Cresco, who came to the Sanitarium for treatment. Sister Meyer was going to Oakdale on her way home, to visit her sister, Mrs. Josie Chatfield, who seems to be improving in health there.

Do you know what a 100% Sabbath school member is? It is one who is present, on time, and with the lesson studied a little each day of the week—if only to repeat a verse. That will give a start which will develop into greater effort later. Such members help to make a good school. Be one.

Sabbath School Goal Charts are being sent this week to every school. However small the school, be sure to use the chart. It will furnish up to date information and add to the interest. Try to reach the Goals—increased membership and offerings, perfect attendance and daily study. Be one of those entitled to a Perfect Attendance card with a Red Seal attached, ask your superintendent about it.

STILL OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to announce to the patrons of Oak Park Academy that Prof. Guy W. Habenicht has received his discharge from the army, and is now connected with the Academy at the head of the science department. The last semester is just opening. There is still opportunity for new students to enter and take up school work if they will come at once. Several new classes are beginning and other studies are of such a nature that pupils can enter to advantage at this time and thus make up a semester's credit. Other students might like to enter school for the remainder of the year to review some subjects, so there is still opportunity of matriculating. Let those interested come at once.

L. A. HOOPES, *Principal*.

APPOINTMENTS

Ft. Dodge	February 8
Humboldt	February 9-10
Parkersburg	February 11-12
Waterloo and Cedar Falls	February 14-16

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

No providence preventing, I will meet with the Humboldt church for meeting Friday evening February 7 and Sabbath service the 8th.

A. R. OGDEN.

THOSE TWENTY BONDS

Responses are still coming to the appeal for at least twenty Liberty bonds as a donation to Oak Park Academy. Let others who may desire to donate a Bond or its equivalent in cash, to our Academy, notify us at the earliest possible date.

A. R. OGDEN.

Any one sending us the names and addresses of ten S. D. A. friends in Iowa, we will ship to you one ten gallon can of our "Gold Medal" Vegetable Cooking Oil for only \$20.50, Good from January 15 to February only. Remember that this oil has stood the test in better cooking for many years. It is 100% pure, also used as a salad oil. Once used, always used. Sold in 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 gallon cans or by barrel lots. Get our prices on health foods, groceries, oil, etc. Cash with order. Freight from here is low. Sanitarium Food Company, 1527 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn.