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To Parents of Prospective Academic Students

WHILE September is still several months away, it is none too early for parents and young people to lay plans for the school year 1932-33. As the spirit of carelessness toward spiritual interests increases in the world, the advantages of Christian education are more and more needed, but a tendency will surely develop to excuse ourselves from securing them because times are hard, unless careful study is given to the problem early.

We urge parents with children who should attend the academy or college next year to write the principal at once for full information as to rates, so that they may know exactly the financial provision which they will need to make during the next few months. If your heart is set on securing a Christian education for your children, we believe God will honor and bless your earnest efforts to make it possible.

May we suggest a few items that should be helpful? 1. Talk the entire problem over with the young people. If they can understand and assume their part in providing the finance, the money will be saved faster, and the privilege of eventual attendance will be more appreciated. 2. Frequently speak of the coming school year. It will help to keep the young people's activities centered

there, and may prevent the diverting of funds to some less worthy purpose. 3. Help the young people plan ways of earning money. A little moral (and material) help here will mean a great deal. 4. Make the matter a subject of prayer regularly.

It has occurred to us that there may be church members in the conference who could use or find employment for worthy men or women during the summer months. An effort will be made to acquaint the conference president and educational superintendent with any such openings, and if your young people are qualified to do certain kinds of work well, we suggest that you inquire of the conference officers whether any calls have come.

Dear parents, we want you to know there is a concerted effort just now to strengthen the work of our schools. Your efforts and sacrifices to provide your children with these advantages will yield returns in future years, and may mean the difference between wasted lives and lives of Christian usefulness. The educational workers of your conference and of the union stand ready to give every possible assistance.

C. W. MARSH,
*Educational Secretary,
Central Union Conference.*

The Three-fold Message and the Three-fold Plan

LOVE for the third angel's message has led many a parent with eyes blinded by tears to give son or daughter to the mission fields, and with anxiety wait for that first word, "We landed safely"; then through the long weary years to offer earnest prayers to the Lord of the harvest that He might hasten the day of reunion. He has promised to do a quick work in the earth, but did it ever occur to you, my brother, my sister, that He is going to use the church of which you are a member to do this quick work? And the work will not be done in a haphazard way, but according to His plan.

Since He has given "to every man his work," and His plan is three-fold, you will surely want to find your place in

the plan. Jesus outlined the plan in His own method of working. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4: 23.

Teaching, preaching, healing was the method followed by the Master. The Spirit of Prophecy has very carefully outlined the plans to be followed in the closing of the work. "At various points in mission lands publishing houses are to be established."—*Vol. VII, pp. 144-145.* "In many lands medical missions are to be established to act as God's helping hand in ministering to the afflicted." *Id., p. 51.* "In all parts of the earth they

are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work."—*Id.*

The Missions Extension Big Week is fostering this very work as outlined above. The time to plan for the 1932 Big Week is now. The three-fold way of this three-fold plan is profits on Big Week sales, one day's salary, or a straight-out gift. Four splendid new books have been provided for you to earn this



Big Week money this year, and they cover the very questions in which the world is interested today.

"The Challenge of the Twentieth Century," by Roy F. Cottrell, gives God's answer to the questions in the minds of the people relative to the movements among the nations and the economic and social unrest. "Wet or Dry?" by Francis D. Nichol, covers the question of prohibition in a very fair and convincing way, and where sample copies have already been placed, it is proving to be of great demand. "A Journey to Happy Healthland," by Belle Wood-Comstock, M. D., is very attractive and interesting, especially for the children. The fourth book is that wonderful spiritual book which has the precedence over every other book in the number already sold, "Steps to Christ," by Mrs. E. G. White.

It will require the sale of just four sets of these four books to bring you sufficient profit to make your two dollar Big Week goal, and thus we will accomplish the work of the three-fold message with this three-fold plan.

S. T. SHADEL,
*Home Missionary Secretary,
Central Union Conference.*

Several Families Embrace the Message

ONE of our leading home missionary workers tells of a sister who so planned her work that a few hours each week are given to making calls with our literature. She is situated just as hundreds of others are, but makes it a regular business to get in touch with all the families in her vicinity, and others beyond as she has opportunity to extend her work. She makes acquaintances first, and then, as the way opens, gets them to reading our literature. This sister has been privileged to see several families come into the truth during the past three years. The reason is very simple: results are sure to follow such endeavor (I Corinthians 15:58, last clause). In a letter from this sister, there was reported the sale of thirty-five books (small and large), and the distribution of several hundred of our periodicals.

"In the service of the Lord there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood as well as priests of various orders bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are

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So. Dakota Conference

Gordon Oss, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
Drawer 586 Watertown

The Call of Our Leaders

AT THE beginning of this year a New Year's letter was sent to each family in the conference over the signature of Elder Oss and Brother Nies. Among other things the following quotation was given: "We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry and the time of the dead has come that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, remains."—Vol. 6, p. 14.

The next sentence was, "In response to this situation the leadership of the movement is now calling for our very utmost in soul-saving endeavor in 1932."

What better way is there to respond to this situation and to the call of our leadership than through the *Signs* ministry? Many of our churches are responding by ordering clubs equal to their

membership, as the following list shows: Huron 26, Rapid City 25, Hot Springs 62, Yankton 15, Watertown 30, Aberdeen 77, Madison 32, Spearfish 30. The following individuals or companies have ordered: Hecla, 15; Sister Thompson, Northville, 5; Sister Steinmetz, Garretson, 15; Brother Bringle, Edgemont, 5; Brother Nash, Headlee, 5.

When the club equals the church membership (the minimum club 15) the cost per member is only one cent a week. Is it not possible for each church member to lay aside this much? When may we hear from your church?

L. E. NIERMEYER.

Plainview Notes

MRS. C. B. WARNE, of Redfield, gave a very interesting and instructional lecture in chapel Friday, March 4. "College, and then what?" was the opening remark introducing her talk, in which she brought out the necessity of starting right in order to be able to meet the problems of life.

The Sophomore class had a birthday surprise for Miss Huffman and Professor Hartman Thursday evening, March 3, in the dining room. After a few games ice cream and cake were served.

Four of the shorthand students had their first experience in actual stenographic work. They took letters from the business manager of the school. At this time the class is giving special study to the qualifications of an ideal secretary and stenographer, and are writing themes on that subject.

Professor Hartman had charge of the vesper service Friday evening, March 4. "Others, and the Service We Owe Them," was the theme of his talk.

South Dakota News

ELDER GORDON OSS met with the church at Huron Sabbath, March 5. From there he went to Redfield to attend the local school board meeting on the 6th.

Elder S. T. Shadel, home missionary secretary of the new union, met with the church at Watertown Sabbath morning, March 5. Elder Shadel's visit to our conference was very much appreciated.

Elder C. D. Hein was invited by the Nebraska Conference after the union session to visit their German churches in

the western part of the state. Elder Hein spent three weeks down there. On his way home, he met with the Mitchell church Sabbath, March 5.

Brother Leslie McKinley writes from LaPlant that he is having a very good interest, and those who started to keep the Sabbath during his first series of meetings are all faithful and attending Sabbath services.

No. Dakota Conference

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Elder Wellman Will Visit North Dakota

WE ARE glad to be able to announce to our members in the North Dakota Conference that Elder S. A. Wellman, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, will be with us in North Dakota for two weeks visiting among the churches. It will be impossible for him to visit all of our churches during his stay here in North Dakota. This being the case we have carefully studied the field, and it has been decided that he should visit the following places:

Fargo March 20, 21
Valley City March 22, 23
Bowdon March 24, 25
McClusky March 26, 27
Harvey March 28, 29
Sheyenne River
Academy March 30, 31
Minot April 1, 2, 3
Kulm April 4, 5

We are hoping that everything will be favorable for all of our members at these various places to attend these meetings during his stay at the different churches.

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and if those who are near by will come and attend some of these meetings, we will appreciate it. The district leader of each district in which we plan to have conventions is planning to be with us, and Elder Oswald has also promised that he will attend as many of these meetings as he can arrange for in his work.

It has been eight years or more since we have had a General Conference Sabbath school man in North Dakota. I am sure that our members in the various churches will appreciate this visit of Elder Wellman.

H. WENTLAND,
Sabbath School Secretary.

A Correction

IN ONE of the late issues of the REAPER in which appeared the statement on Sabbath school investments as it stands in the different churches, we had \$3.00 credited to the Butte Village church or Sabbath school which should have stood to the credit of the Butte Sabbath school instead. We are sorry that this mistake appeared and make this correction accordingly.

H. WENTLAND.

Missouri Conference

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Kansas City Volunteers

AT THE beginning of 1931 the Beacon Light Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society was very weak and did not begin work until March 1 of that year. The goal for missions was set for \$25 by the end of the year. Because of the good interest, the society overreached its goal five dollars before the close of the year.

The society has on hand enough funds to build a retaining wall in front of the church, and to beautify the lawn.

There are twenty-six members in our group, and we are endeavoring to raise the quota of \$10 a member, which will amount to \$260 by the end of the year, for the building fund. This will be raised through the medium of musicals given by the society.

The young people's choir is rehearsing weekly, and expect to appear in uniform at a very near date. We are working with zeal and courage so that when the expected minister arrives, he will appreciate our work and help us to reach our goal.

BERNICE BEULAH DES MUKES.

News Notes

ELDER HARTWELL left Clinton Friday, March 4, for St. Louis, and occupied the pulpit in the St. Louis Central church at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath. He spoke to them about the Big Week campaign.

We were pleased to learn that the St. Louis church is setting its goal to sell one thousand sets of Big Week books. We know that the St. Louis church is capable of doing this, and we believe that they will reach their goal. One individual placed his order for one hundred sets.

The initial shipment of Big Week sets consisting of five hundred sets has already arrived at the office, and thus we are prepared to take care of orders any time they reach the office.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale and wife are at present at Armstrong, where brother Ragsdale opened a series of meetings Monday night, March 7, and will continue a meeting every night for a period of about two weeks. The people at Armstrong have been asking for a minister to hold a series of meetings for some time, and we are glad that this request can be complied with.

The Sunday night meetings conducted in Kansas City by Elder West for the outside public are having a good attendance, about four hundred or more being present every Sunday night. The prospects of a goodly number of converts as a result of this series of meetings are very good, and we hope to see the membership of the Kansas City church materially increased as a result of these meetings.

Encouraging reports have been coming to the office from some of the colporteurs who have been working since the institute closed in Kansas City recently. Brother W. A. Burton, who has done such efficient work in years past, we are glad to say, has taken up the work again, and the Lord is blessing his labors. His first week of work in Kansas City after the institute amounted to \$165.50 in orders. Brother Earl Asher, one of our new colporteurs, succeeded in taking \$73 worth of orders. Brother Harry Duff, who has had many good experiences for several months in the colporteur work, succeeded in selling right at \$45 worth. Others sent in good reports, and we feel much encouraged over the good work that has been done by these faithful workers. We are praying for their continued success.

Elder W. K. Smith, the pastor of the St. Louis Central church, began a series of meetings in the St. Louis church recently and expects to hold meetings six nights a week. His plan is to spend very little in advertising through the press, but to have the cooperation of the church members in inviting their friends and neighbors by making personal calls. We believe that this will prove to be a successful means of getting an audience, and the personal contacts made by this means will doubtless have a savoring effect upon many, and we look for good results from the effort in St. Louis. We hope that our constituency will remember all of these different efforts being put forth to win souls to the truth. "Prayer changes things."

Brother R. G. Campbell, our field missionary secretary, has been helping the colporteurs in Kansas City since the institute closed, and plans to leave for St. Louis March 11 to assist the workers there. We wish to solicit the prayers of all our faithful members for Brother Campbell, for he has a very difficult task, in view of the present world conditions.

Iowa Conference

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G. A. Nystrom, Secretary
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1932 Investment Program

THE 1932 spring Investment program leaflet has been sent to our Sabbath school superintendents, with the suggestion that the service be held March 19 if possible, or as soon after that time as may be convenient. Everybody help to make this year's Investment a real success. The cause needs means we cannot supply. With the blessing of the Lord this effort can help to furnish the missing funds. Why not make the most of it? Every school 100 per cent for Investment, should be our goal—every member on the list for something in the effort. Keep a list of your members at hand and do not give up until all are on the list for something special. Cooperation in interest, effort, and enthusiasm in this will work wonders for the mission fields. "There's a Million for Missions" in it! Many started work at the very beginning of the year. Others should plan quickly and start something. Question marks are now standing for this year's Investment record. Let us make it something worth our while.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

China's Chance

ON THE last Sabbath of this month, March 26, we shall have opportunity in our Sabbath schools to help poor distressed, war-torn China to hear more of the message for these last days. The people of that country have little to make them glad—flood, famine, war, and trouble on every side, with little to give them hope. A knowledge of God's recognition of them—that some "from the land of Sinim," are to be with the "preserved of Israel," where the Lord will comfort His people and "have mercy on his afflicted,"—will be a precious message to them. Our thirteenth Sabbath offering will help to bring them this joyful news. Let us make it an offering that will insure an overflow for this needy field. What can you do without in these remaining days of the March month, that will make it possible for you to help make China glad?

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

Davenport Dorcas Society

THE Seventh-day Adventist Dorcas Society of Davenport has started again this year with a determination to fulfil the last part of Neh. 4:6: "And the people had a mind to work." The society meets every Thursday afternoon at different homes, with an average attendance of from ten to twenty. Soon all are busy as bees, with seldom a "drone" in the hive, piecing quilts, making aprons, caps, bird-cage covers, embroidering luncheon sets, etc., which will be sold and the money used where most needed. Other members mend clothing which has been brought in, to prepare for those in need. It is then taken to the home of our Bible worker for distribution.

During 1931 our society gave out over 1,500 articles of clothing, baskets of food were distributed, and fifty families helped in various ways. The net profit for the year was about \$50. Many homes with large families were found and helped, and to see their looks of gratitude and hear their words of appreciation fully repaid us for any effort put forth in their behalf.

MRS. M. LAGRILLE.

Notes

ELDER AND MRS. J. C. CHRISTENSEN and son spent Sabbath, March 5, at Des Moines, where Elder Christensen conducted the morning service, speaking of world conditions and of the need of greater activity in mission effort in all our churches. He also spoke of the value of the *Signs of the Times* in our missionary work, and funds were secured

for a club of about 125 of these good papers to be used by the church in that city.

Elder McVagh spent Sabbath, March 5, in Nevada, and his sermon at the church on Sabbath morning was practical, helpful, and appreciated.

Mrs. P. N. Anderson, who has been living at Hutchinson, Minn., for a number of years, has returned to Nevada, where she will make her home.

ELDER J. C. NIXON spent Sabbath, March 5, at Mason City. The first of the following week he was in Clinton, looking after educational interests. On Wednesday he was called to Atlantic to conduct the funeral service of Brother Paul Nelson.

Colorado Conference

Jay J. Nethery, President
W. F. Field, Secretary
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District Meeting at Pueblo

ON SABBATH, February 27, the first meeting of the churches in District 12, composed of Pueblo First, Pueblo Second, and Salida, was held in Pueblo. Twelve from Salida were present, and six members represented the Pueblo Second church. A splendid attendance of the members of the First church completed the congregation.

The Sabbath school was conducted as usual, but the eleven o'clock hour brought a decided change in the order of the service. Eight people filed across the rostrum to report the various activities of the churches in the district.

Sister Helen Norman was chosen as secretary for the district and Sisters Harvey Irlen, Sarah Miller, and Daisy Mixon were elected to serve on the program committee.

Brother W. H. McGuire, the elder of the colored church, told of the work of their church and its plans for the future.

Brother C. E. Grandy, elder of the Salida church, gave a splendid report of their work for the past year. Bible readings, cottage meetings, missionary visits and funds turned in to the cause told of energetic activity at Salida.

The welfare work of the Pueblo First church was reported by Brother Walter Carlson, one of our church elders and leader of our welfare work. The joy that comes in self-forgetful service for others shone out from the report that told of tons of food given to those in need. Of the ten tons of food gathered for Pueblo's needy, more than three-fourths has been distributed already. We

are learning the truth of the Saviour's teaching, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sister Roy Grubb told of the efforts put forth by the faithful members of the Dorcas Society in helping the needy and supporting the church in its welfare work.

Cheering word of progress in our Sabbath school was presented by Sister Chambers in her report of the growth of this great soul-saving agency.

Brother J. L. Ballard, our other church elder, told of missionary activities and of progressive plans for the future.

In the afternoon session, Sister Helen Norman, our Missionary Volunteer leader, brought a report of the Missionary Volunteer society.

Sister Mildred Priest presented her report of the church school in the form of a dialogue between two young mothers. This little scene depicted the advantages of Christian education.

Some time was given for discussion of Missionary Volunteer problems, and the service was closed by a beautiful duet rendered by Brother and Sister Grandy.

Many expressed themselves as having greatly enjoyed the meetings, and all are looking forward to the next meeting, which will be held on June 11.

G. W. CHAMBERS.

Secretaries' Honor Roll

ACCORDING to my promise I am herewith listing the names of the Missionary Volunteer Society Secretaries in Colorado who had a complete-as-possible February report on my desk by March 8: Mrs. Theo. Hackett, Esther Heim, Opal Imel, Evelyn Perkins, Gertha Barnes, Oleva Roberts, Carolyn Thorp, Lura Wilburn, Mrs. Dorothy Cowin, Mrs. Henry Wonenberg, Lillie Stanwick, Edna Bohlender, Mrs. Mildred Priest, and Olive Rice.

Quite a number of others were on time but were not complete. A number have sent no report at this writing. Honor to these secretaries! How many others will be on the list for March?

G. M. MATHEWS.

Minnesota Conference

A. H. Rulkoetter, President
A. R. Smouse, Secretary
1854 Roblyn Ave. - St. Paul

Faithful Service

FOR many years Sister C. B. Sargeant, of Anoka, Minn., has coupled her faith with works. Though carrying the burden of eighty-two years she has been most active in her missionary endeavors. Each

year she has gone forth from home to home securing Harvest Ingathering offerings until she has reached her goal of \$50. In the wake of her effort can always be found the fruits of a helping hand, a kind word spoken, or a seed of truth sown. During the Big Week campaign she has been equally faithful. Most any afternoon during that period one can find her frail body weaving its course down the avenue. Her loyalty under handicaps is indeed a challenge to each of us. What mighty things could be accomplished if each person did his part! Will you do yours April 9-16? The opportunity of the Big Week is just before you. May we suggest that you plan your work so as to give your best that week?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Minnesota News

THE standing orders for the *Sabbath School Quarterlies* and memory verse cards are being mailed out this week. If yours is not listed in this group send in your order at once.

Elder F. C. Gilbert made a pleasant call at the office on Wednesday, March 9. He stopped in Minneapolis for the appointed evening service and left immediately following for Brookfield, Ill.

The partnership plan of Investment brought \$5.50 to our office this week from Emma Osvald, of Pillager, who raised the chickens hatched from eggs paid for by Miss Lillie Deters, Bible worker in Duluth, who also helped pay for the feed.

It is planned for Elder M. N. Campbell, secretary of the General Conference Bureau of Home Missions, to speak at the Minneapolis Norwegian - Danish church on Sabbath, March 19, at the 11:00 o'clock hour, and in the afternoon at the St. Paul Scandinavian church at 3:00.

The offering in the church service on March 19 is for foreign missions. In view of the fact there has been a decided decrease in offerings for the first two months of this year as compared with the first two months of last year, it is urged that we plan to give a liberal offering at this time that the cause of missions may not be retarded.

The attendance at the Sunday evening evangelistic meetings held in Minneapolis and St. Paul was somewhat less last Sunday night, March 6, because of the sub-zero weather. Some of the testing truths are being presented at this time

and it is desired that our readers remember these services at the throne of grace that the efforts may result in an ingathering of souls.

"War Bombs in the Orient" is the title of the theme of the most recent issue of the *Present Truth*. This number deals with the present situation in the Far East, interpreting present happenings in the light of Bible prophecy. This is a splendid number to use at this critical time. In small quantities the regular rates apply. May we suggest that your order be sent immediately to the Book and Bible House? Order *Present Truth*, No. 6.

Mrs. Esther E. Soper, one of the charter members of the Sherburn church, passed away on Friday, March 4. Arrangements were made for Elder Wolfe to conduct the funeral the following Sunday. Word also came from Elder Ponty-nen that he conducted the funeral service of Brother Chas. G. Anderson, of Blackberry. Brother Anderson had been a member of the Blackberry church since 1911. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Nebraska Conference

T. B. Westbrook, President
B. C. Marshall, Secretary
115 W. Charles St. Grand Island

Shelton Academy Notes

ON FEBRUARY 17 the senior class was organized. The following officers were elected: President, Ralph Yost; vice-president, Maud Halstead; secretary, Mildred Snider; treasurer, Stanley Wells; sponsor, Everett D. Kirk.

Brother Dalrymple, who is with the Pacific Press and is one of the editors of the *Signs of the Times*, visited Shelton Academy a few hours March 6. He spoke in joint worship.

Shelton Academy continues to broadcast on Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock from Station KGFV, Kearney, Nebr. The station operates on a frequency of 1310 kilocycles.

At this writing a number of boys find employment milking twenty-six cows three times a day. The butterfat average for the herd for the month of February was forty-three pounds.

Elder Haughey spoke at the chapel hour Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and

8. He also spoke at joint worship Monday night. The students and teachers of Shelton Academy enjoy having the workers with them.

Wyoming Mission

C. A. Purdom, Superintendent
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Word From Elder Lauda

SIX months have passed since we left Wyoming, but our interest has remained the same. We are watching and praying for the success of every effort put forth by every instrumentality backed up by the Holy Spirit. As conference workers are few and limited in their operations more will fall upon our brethren and sisters in their respective neighborhoods in warning lost souls of the impending doom soon to come upon the world. May we all be faithful in doing our little part in finishing the work in this most important time.

The word of God is the key that unlocks the hidden future. Prophecy is finding its fulfilment in the movements of present nations. The Eastern Question is being solved, as angry nations march ready for Armageddon. The Papacy is increasing its prestige ready to act its last part in the closing scenes of earth's drama. Lawlessness and degradation in all walks of life are appalling. The churches of our world are asleep, paralyzed as we stand on the brink of disaster. O, how about the people God has "called out"? Are we alive, filled with an impelling power to save mankind? Personally we are daily pouring our soul out to God for victory. There is nothing to go back to, so let us "go forward" in the march to the holy city. We are well able to possess the land with our Captain, Christ Jesus, as our leader.

Trials will come as have come with us, but they must be only helpers to a perfect end. I have been sick now for over seven months, but am very thankful I am now on the gain. It is very slow, but as we wait we are doing what we can to encourage our people and children in our academy to prepare to meet their God.

We have a wonderful school here at Loveland where God and His word are taught. If you have a boy or girl under worldly influences, send them here where an opportunity is in reach for those who want to live the life that wins and prepare for the future.

In closing may I personally say, Hold up the hands of Elder Purdom and Brother Gahagan in their varied responsibilities. Assist Sister Edgerton in every way in making the office work that which God desires.

We need your earnest prayer for bodily recovery.

E. R. AND MRS. LAUDA.

Kansas Conference

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Kansas Notes

ELDER WIEST spent Sabbath the 5th with the Iola church.

The new home missionary secretary, Elder Melvin Oss, spoke at the Topeka church Sabbath morning.

Elder H. J. Meyer, formerly of North Dakota, is now field secretary of the Central Union. He was in the office Wednesday and Thursday, passing through on his way to Rush County where he will spend a few weeks among our German churches.

Word has come from the Ottawa church that they have liquidated their mortgage on the church. This is a great relief to the little church at Ottawa.

Elder E. H. Meyers and Elder J. A. P. Green spent the week-end at Enterprise Academy in the interest of the colporteur work. Brother Meyers reports that there is an enthusiastic interest among the students to enter this department next summer.

Big Week invites our attention. Our Big Week campaign this year is from April 9-16. It is desired that each member will take at least one set of books for himself and one set for someone else.

Elder F. S. Chollar reports a series of meetings in the church, the services being held every Sunday and Wednesday night. He states they are having a very good attendance.

There will be a general meeting held at Columbus, March 18 and 19. Elder C. S. Wiest will speak at the United Brethren church at Columbus on Friday night on the subject, "The Next World War; Is It Near?" Sabbath, the 19th, we will have an all-day meeting of the group of churches in the southeastern part of the state. All those in the near vicinity

are urged to be present at this general gathering. On Saturday night, Brother H. W. Sherrig, branch manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Omaha, will be with us, and will show some moving pictures on the Holy Land.

Obituaries

VAUGHN.—Margret Jane Vaughn, née Fletcher, was born Dec. 1, 1844, in Anderson, Ind., and died at Arlington, Kans., Feb. 28, 1932.

She was married to W. R. Vaughn March 1, 1867, and to this union nine children were born, seven surviving her. Sister Vaughn united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1889, and has since been a faithful member. She sleeps in the hope of the first resurrection.

F. S. CHOLLAR.

BURNS.—Granville Melvin Burns was born at Medway, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1872; and died at Boulder, Colo., Feb. 24, 1932.

He was married to Hattie C. Blake at Kingman, Kans., May 23, 1894, and to this union were born four children: two sons preceding him in death.

Brother Burns was converted at an early age in life and was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Emporia, Kans., Sept. 16, 1894.

His first work for the church was that of teaching church schools, and he taught the first church school at Hemingford, Neb. He also taught in the public schools for a period of twenty years, and for some time was principal of the city schools of Alliance, Nebr.

Brother Burns was engaged in the real estate business in Alliance for several years prior to his death.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, one son, and one daughter.

Our brother's mind was on his Lord during the last consciousness of his life, and he was prepared to join the host of sleeping saints in Christ Jesus.

Funeral services were held in the College View Seventh-day Adventist church Sabbath, Feb. 27, 1932. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder S. G. Haughey, assisted by the writer. Interment was in the College View cemetery.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

STRUDLE.—Mary Margaret Strudle died at her home near Leola, So. Dak., Feb. 22, 1932, at the age of 26 years and 10 months.

Born at Pittsburg, Pa., she came with her parents, in infancy, to Hosmer, So. Dak. The family secured a farm near Leola where they have since resided. The parents, who were Catholic, heard and accepted the third angel's message, and Mary, at the age of 14 years, was baptized into this faith and became a member of the Leola church.

She was the first born in a family of ten children, and was a cheerful burden-bearer in the home. It seems that she fully realized that she was going to die

and faced death with a calmness and courage that comes from sweet resignation to the will of God. Several hours before her death she arose from bed and made personal preparation, counseled the family concerning the funeral arrangements, admonished them to be faithful, and then lay down to rest. She sleeps; but the friends "sorrow not as those who have no hope," but are comforted with the assurance that she will come forth at the first resurrection.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Leola church, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

C. M. BABCOCK.

GAEDE.—Peter Gaede was born Aug. 26, 1842, in the Colony of Liebau, in South Russia; and died in his home at Hillsboro, Kans., Feb. 6, 1932. He became a Seventh-day Adventist under the work of Elder Conradi, in Hillsboro, Kans.

In the year 1907 he went to Germany, and labored there until 1913. He was elder of the Hillsboro church for twenty-five years, and was very active in mission work. He contributed thousands of dollars to God's cause.

Five sons and two daughters were present at his funeral. His age was 89 years and 6 months.

H. H. HUMANN.

KRAUSHAAR.—Samuel H. Kraushaar was born in Iowa, June 15, 1854. He was the son of John and Sarrah (Bech) Kraushaar.

He was educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty-two he purchased a farm near Alden, Minn., where he resided the remainder of his life. He married Margaret Nelson in the year 1884. Their home was brightened by the arrival of six children, four sons and two daughters. One son, Andrew, preceded his father in death.

At the time of his death the deceased was 78 years, 8 months, and 9 days of age.

His wife and five children, with their families, are left to mourn their loss. The deceased gave his heart to the Lord very early in life, being a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church upward of fifty years. Today he rests awaiting the Life-giver at the resurrection of the just.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Lutheran church, and interment was made near the same, in his own neighborhood.

O. W. WOLF.

CARPENTER.—Albert W. Carpenter, aged 83 years and 7 months, died at Grand Junction, Colo., Feb. 17, 1932. Brother Carpenter accepted present truth thirty-five years ago, and was faithful to the end.

His wife preceded him in death a little over a year ago, but he leaves nine children to mourn their loss. Two of the children are Mrs. Anders, of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Perren, of Oshawa, Canada, both wives of workers in the cause.

His funeral was conducted in Grand Junction Feb. 20 by the writer, assisted by Elder W. F. Kennedy.

B. M. GRANDY.

FORSBERG.—Gustaf Fosberg was born Sept. 30, 1859, at Gusselby, Sweden; and died at Nebraska City, Nebr., Jan. 22, 1932, aged 72 years, 3 months, and 22 days. He came to America when he was 21 years old, and resided in Kansas for a few years. He then settled in Nebraska City, where he lived for 48 years.

On Nov. 1, 1890, he was married to Josephine Israelson, who still survives her husband, with her three children: Elsie Forsberg Stotz, wife of Elder J. C. Stotz, of Burke, S. D.; William Forsberg, of Lincoln, Nebr.; and Austin Forsberg, of Dallas Texas.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Nebraska City on Sunday, January 24, and interment took place in Wyuka Cemetery, of that place.

B. L. HOUSE.

HOLLIDAY.—Honora F. Holliday, née Parker, was born in Oregon, Oct. 26, 1857. With her parents she moved to Carroll County, Iowa, in 1873. She was united in marriage to G. W. Holliday in 1877. To this union three children were born, Roscoe D., of Bayard, Iowa; Clifton C., who passed away in 1905; and Roy C., of Coon Rapids, Iowa.

In 1889 she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained a very faithful member throughout her life. She passed away Friday, Feb. 26, 1932. Left to mourn her death are two sons and their families, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild, one brother, three sisters, and a host of friends.

Services were conducted at Coon Rapids by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the Methodist church. The presence of a large number of friends and citizens testified to the esteem in which she was held by the community in which she lived.

C. F. MCVAGH.

BARNES.—Mary J. Barnes was born near Zanesville, Ohio, May 31, 1841; and died at El Dorado, Kans., Feb. 17, 1932. With her husband she moved to Butler County, Kansas, in 1896. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom survive her. Sister Barnes was a faithful member of the church until her death, although because of her age she was not permitted to attend for the past few years. Interment was made at El Dorado, and it can be said that she sleeps in the blessed hope.

F. S. CHOLLAR.

EWART.—Sarah Ellen Ewart was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1837. At the age of 18 years she was married to William S. Ewart, at Hamilton, Ohio. Of the six children who were born to this union, three survive: one son and two daughters. Mrs. Ewart is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great, grandchildren; also one sister still lives.

At an early age she joined the Dunkard church. She later united with the Presbyterian church, and about twelve years ago joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she was a faithful member at the time of her death in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 23, 1932, at the age of 94 years, 3 months, and 22 days. Mrs. Ewart was loved by all who knew her, and will be remembered for her cheerful, and helpful life.

G. R. WEST.

DALBY.—Mrs. Sara Dalby was born in Dalsland, Sweden, March 21, 1855; and died from pneumonia at her home in St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 21, 1932.

Mrs. Dalby joined the Scandinavian Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Paul about thirteen years ago, and remained faithful till death. Left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife and mother, are her husband, five children, and fourteen grandchildren.

LOUIS HALSWICK.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1932

Colporteur	Bk.	Hrs.	Mag. Ord.	Mags. Del'd	Helps	Book Total	Books Del'd
*MINNESOTA:							
*B. O. Engen	GC	67	.....	.....	22.86	27.86	1.66
*K. A. Evenson	BR	85	.....	.....	108.50	227.50	4.50
Mrs. J. Green	Mag.	25	15.40	15.40	.....	.....	.....
Menry Green	Mag.	28¾	7.42	7.42	.....	.....	.....
Claude Hershey	.....	8	.....	.....	5.50	5.50	.....
Mrs. G. M. Johnson	Mag.	30½	15.69	15.69	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. E. E. Netteburg	.....	21½	.....	.....	.50	6.00	21.50
Bessie Nordstrom	Misc.	.....	.....	.....	68.15	68.15	68.15
Clare G. Rust	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.63	39.63	39.63
Total	.....	265¾	38.51	38.51	245.14	374.64	135.44
MISSOURI:							
Earl W. Asher	RJ	21	14.00	.....	.....	59.00	.....
Goldie Baker	BPS	11	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
Mrs. M. E. Baker	BPS	11	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
W. A. Burton	GC	45	18.00	.....	15.50	147.50	.....
*Harry Duff	RJ	36	8.35	.....	11.50	49.50	26.25
*Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	17	1.50	.....	3.00	17.00	.....
Bert Griffin	BR	32	.....	1.00	.25	5.75	.....
Dewey King	RJ	32	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Margaret Quirk	BPS	34	.....	.....	1.75	7.75	.....
Total	.....	239	41.75	1.00	33.00	290.50	27.25
COLORADO:							
L. Becker	HP	22½	.....	.....	.....	6.50	.....
F. Gibson	HP	42	.....	.....	2.10	2.10	2.10
Ann Hayer	Mag.	20	19.00	19.00	.....	.....	.....
E. Harper	PG	33	.....	.....	9.50	18.90	23.85
P. M. Jenkins	HP	23½	.....	.....	1.50	8.00	1.00
S. McGrew	HW	13	.....	.....	3.10	3.10	2.50
H. Prentice	HW	24¾	.....	.....	1.25	7.25	10.50
J. Reuber	BP	5	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	5.00
H. Young	BPS	10	.....	.....	2.25	7.75	7.75
Albert Priest	OD	26	.....	.....	14.25	60.75	.50
Total	.....	193½	19.00	19.00	43.95	124.35	53.20
†WYOMING:							
D. W. Gahagan	DR	56	3.00	9.00	8.00	30.50	23.00
KANSAS:							
A. Dennis	HW	22	.....	.....	1.00	10.00	.....
Blanch Griffith	BR	1½	.....	.....	.50	5.25	27.75
J. T. North	HW	10	2.00	4.00	1.00	9.00	17.00
Total	.....	32½	2.00	4.00	2.50	24.25	24.75
Grand total	779	104.26	71.50	332.59	844.24	263.64

*Two weeks.
†Week ending February 27.

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ELDER CHAS. THOMPSON spent a little time in the union office last week attending to his correspondence and other business. He is now visiting some of the larger churches in Colorado.

Elder J. A. P. Green, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, stopped at the union office on his way to the colporteurs' institute in Grand Island, Nebr.

The Disarmament Conference

THE Disarmament Conference is being reported for the *Signs of the Times* by Elder Arthur S. Maxwell, of London. His first report will be the feature article for the color *Signs*, dated March 29, and will be followed by others giving the detailed study of this important world conference.

Other features of this colored number include a splendid health article by A. L. Hansen on nerves; a spiritual article for these troubled times by Elder G. W. Wells; and an article on Islam, by Elder W. K. Ising. This will be a splendid number to hand to your friends and neighbors. Order of your Book and Bible House, asking for the April color *Signs*.

The Passover Number: Palestine Special

AT THE annual Fall Council of the General Conference Committee, held in Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 20-28, 1931, the following action was passed in regard to the issuing of a special number of the Yiddish-English paper for the Jewish people:

"WHEREAS, The Jewish people are manifesting increased friendliness toward Seventh-day Adventists and their work: and,

"WHEREAS, The spirit of inquiry in regard to our beliefs becomes more marked as our believers form contacts with them: and,

"WHEREAS, Recent changes in the administration of Palestinian Zionism afford us an unusual opportunity for a great

approach to them with this message; therefore,

"Resolved, That we indorse the plan of the Jewish Department of the Bureau of Home Missions to issue a special number of the periodical, *A World Movement*, during the year 1932, preferably in March, and that we encourage our believers to circulate this Palestinian issue among the Jewish people."

We are happy to tell our people that the Pacific Press, Brookfield, Ill., now has this paper ready, in time for its circulation among the Jews for the Passover, which this year occurs in April. The paper is a double number, well illustrated, and contains information in regard to the land of Israel, which will be greatly appreciated by the children of Abraham. There are four large pages each in the Yiddish and in the English. The paper costs our people 1½ cents a copy or \$1.50 a 100; 75 cents for 50 copies; 40 cents for 25 copies. We hope the churches in the cities and towns where the Jews live will secure a supply of these papers early. Send your orders to the Book and Bible House. The papers will sell for 5 cents a copy. The circulation of this special will prepare the way for the In-gathering this fall. A small leaflet is prepared to give you information how to approach the Jews with this paper. Send to your Book and Bible House for this free leaflet.

F. C. GILBERT, Secretary,
Jewish Department.

Fruitage of a Colporteur

A YEAR ago one of our faithful colporteurs met a widow whom he soon learned was deaf; however, he succeeded in giving a canvass for "Our Times," but the woman insisted that she would not be able to get the money. The colporteur finally convinced her that God wanted her to have the book, and that He would supply the money if she had the faith. She soon gave the order for the book, and surely enough God did supply the money, for she told the neighbors that the chickens, her only source of income, laid more eggs than before. She saved her pennies and nickels and on delivery day got her book.

But this is not the end of the story. This week while sitting at the supper table, a church school teacher rooming with us told of a woman calling upon a relative of hers one Saturday morning. This relative is not a Seventh-day Adventist and was doing her Saturday's work. The visitor said she had decided to do all of her work Friday and keep the Sabbath, and that she had been led

to this decision while reading a book bought from some agent.

The colporteur who had canvassed that territory, and I went out to visit the lady. We learned that she had read the book through twice, and has not worked on the Sabbath since discovering the truth in the book. Four or five neighbor families have read it too, and still others are reading it. The church school teacher referred to has not been able to influence the relatives to accept the truth, but now they want to borrow the book, and so may find the message in spite of their former opposition.

This precious soul said the Bible and "that blue book" ("Our Times") brought great comfort to her, and the message found was all she had to live for any more. She was glad to learn of our organized work and that there are others right here in Colorado and in Denver, nearly 2,700 in number, keeping the Sabbath. We gave her a hearty invitation to attend our services, and hope that soon she will unite with the people of God. She asked us to pray for her and her neighbors.

Such experiences encourage our colporteurs to be faithful in the work. We pledge ourselves anew to make soul-winning the great object of our work.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE,
Colorado Field Secretary.

FAMILIES EMBRACE MESSAGE

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to arise and shine, because their light is come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us, and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Campaigns are to be organized for the selling of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us."

"A book a month" is more than a mere slogan. Many of our busy mothers and fathers and older young people are enthusiastically interested over the plan of selling at least "a book a month" to some one during each month of 1932. There is some financial profit in the sales, of course, but beyond that is the greater satisfaction that comes in placing the printed message in the hands of neighbors and friends and townspeople. And no one can tell what may result from such simple efforts. ERNEST LLOYD.