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## Are We Hoarding Our Wealth?

WE ARE living in most thrilling and stirring times! For years Seventh-day Adventists have been preaching that the world would be filled with perplexity and that men's hearts would fail them "for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Today we find ourselves in the midst of these conditions and prophecy fulfilling more rapidly than we are able to comprehend. The war in China, the disarmament council at Geneva, the gigantic preparations for war on every hand, and the world-wide depression with its attendant suffering and uncertainty, all meet their fulfilment in Bible prophecy. Every passing day brings events which have deep spiritual lessons for those who are willing to hear "what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Recently the public has been aroused to a sense of its responsibility to help bring an end to the present depression by the urgent appeals made by President Hoover, calling upon all who have taken their money out of the bank and are hoarding their savings, to restore their money to circulation. It is estimated that the American people have secretly hoarded away in teapots, tin cans, old socks, etc., more than \$1,500,000,000. This money has been taken out of circulation and consequently the credit of the banks has been reduced just that much. It is stated that if this hoarded money could be brought back and put into circulation, it would go a long way toward bringing conditions back to normal.

As stated above, all these things have their spiritual lesson. Seventh-day Adventists may not be guilty of hoarding much of the wealth of this world, but

there is a great danger that they are hoarding that which means more to this world than silver and gold. To us has been committed the most sacred and solemn message that has ever been given to any people. We are to warn the world of the soon-appearing of Jesus Christ and the doom that is to come upon it and

and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11:24, 25. The Saviour also said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Luke 12:15, 48.

Some may think that no danger of such a situation as "hoarding" in spiritual things exists, but I have only to refer you to the true witness of the Laodicean church to prove that not only is there such danger, but that there is such a condition existing among God's professed people: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Rev. 3:15-17.

At this time we have an opportunity to test our love to God and man, by how we relate ourselves to the work of the Missions Extension Fund. Never have we had such wonderful openings in the mission fields to carry the gospel to those who sit in darkness as we have today. The Missions Extension plan, as no other plan, provides

the very facilities by which our workers out in the ends of the earth may give this message in the quickest and most effective manner. It builds and equips schools and small dispensaries. All these institutions are indispensable to our work if we expand and reach the millions who are still waiting. It is planned in 1932 to bring assistance to sixty-five enterprises. So, dear people, as these appeals are brought to your attention, we urge you to assist the Extension Fund in its noble work by, during the Big Week, calling



THE SPIRIT OF BIG WEEK IN THE CENTRAL UNION  
*Write it in the sky and scatter literature like the leaves*

all its works. It is a law of heaven that he who accepts the truth which the world most needs must make it his first business to proclaim that truth. If we "hoard" this truth and fail in our responsibility to give it to others, instead of its becoming a blessing to us, it becomes the very opposite and we lose the spiritual strength that we formerly had. The Bible tells us, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat:

on the people and presenting the special literature and explaining the purpose of its sale. The Lord's work has a just claim on hoarded funds. "The indications, yea, the positive revelations of Providence,

unite in urging us to do quickly the work that is waiting to be done."—*Vol. IX, p. 114.*

E. F. HACKMAN,  
Associate Secretary,  
Gen. Conf. Home Missionary Dept.

## An Unusual Opportunity

RECENTLY a newspaper reporter called me on the telephone and asked a number of questions concerning the question of temperance, and then proceeded to write up an article for a nationally known newspaper dealing with our views as Seventh-day Adventists upon the subject. As the result of that I have received a number of letters from different parts of the country commending our position on the temperance issue, and in several instances people of the world have offered their service to cooperate with us in educating the public along temperance lines. There is so much being said on this subject in the newspapers and in the magazines of the day, particularly this year, inasmuch as some of the politicians are endeavoring to make it a presidential issue.

We have an opportunity now of approaching the general public along this line without having to create their interest. Could there be a better opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists to present the Big Week books? One of the books is entitled "Wet or Dry?" It is by Elder

Nichols, one of the editors of the *Review and Herald*. Another one is a challenge to this twentieth century. "Steps to Christ" and "Journey to Happy Healthland" complete this most interesting and valuable set.

The very title of these books ought to inspire all Seventh-day Adventists to want to circulate some of them among their neighbors and friends. The Central Union Conference is setting its objective for the circulating of these good books during the Big Week of April 9-16 at an average of one set a member. Of course it is expected that every Adventist family will want a set for themselves, and then they will want to sell a set to someone else. The price is one dollar for the four books. Turning in the full proceeds allows fifty cents for the Missions Extension work, and surely you will want to do your part. Place your order as soon as possible with your local home missionary secretary for the number of sets you will use.

J. F. PIPER.

## Missions Fund Is Far-reaching

WHEN we think of 379 mission enterprises—publishing plants, mission training schools, and hospital dispensaries—established through the Missions Extension Fund, we may regard these largely as just that much more gain than we otherwise would have had. Our general mission funds go to the establishment and support of such work as comes in the regular order of missions calls, and we might be tempted to think that we are able to do only just about so much.

The Missions Extension plan does just what the name indicates,—it extends our missionary endeavors out and beyond the regular reach. It places upon us a special burden for doing something extra, and offers a way of doing it. The annual Big Week comes and goes without any particular tax upon our giving, and lo and behold, what a goodly number of additional mission enterprises result!

With the 1932 budget requests, the total of our twelve annual Big Week campaigns swells our missions outlay to \$1,774,030, with 379 separate projects resulting. No matter what one's special mission interest may be, it will be represented in the long list of widespread enterprises now in operation.

From the standpoint of the physical relief that has been brought to sufferers numbering up into the hundreds of thousands, we may regard the medical phase of this work as a signal accomplishment. The small hospitals and dispensaries that have been planted in regions where the medical work it far-reaching, mark a wonderful step in reaching people with gospel influences.

The 1932 budget embraces 15 medical items, with 33 more under "Class I" listing. Besides these 48 items are the many others for publishing and educational enterprises. One can but marvel at the extent of this Extension Fund. So much is done with comparatively little, in view of the many projects benefited by the fund. The magnitude of the "Big Week" results grows upon us as we see what is being accomplished through this effort in all the world. Each one of the 379 projects reports a volume of work which is both interesting and gratifying; and when viewed as a multiplied whole, the great work set in operation almost staggers our comprehension. And besides, the results in relief of suffering, hearts cheered and souls enlightened, cannot be measured by figures.

How far, then, does the Missions Extension Fund carry the gospel out beyond the range of regular channels? None of us can tell; but we do know that God can bless human effort far beyond anything we can plan or determine. Eternity alone can reveal the history of the church militant, as she plants the standard of truth in every stronghold of the enemy, and becomes the "church triumphant." Just now we are granted the blessed privilege of gathering sheaves in the great harvest; and every soul saved will be an additional star in the crown of Jesus, our adorable Redeemer. "Who is eager to lay off the armour, when by pushing the battle a little longer he will achieve new victories and gather new trophies for eternity?"—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review and Herald, Oct. 25, 1881.* Surely not one of our number will be found missing as we launch into the great opportunity afforded by the Big Week of 1932.

LOUIS A. HANSON,  
Gen. Conf. Medical Department.

### ADVANCE MOVES

"THE leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors."—*Volume IX, pp. 116, 117.*

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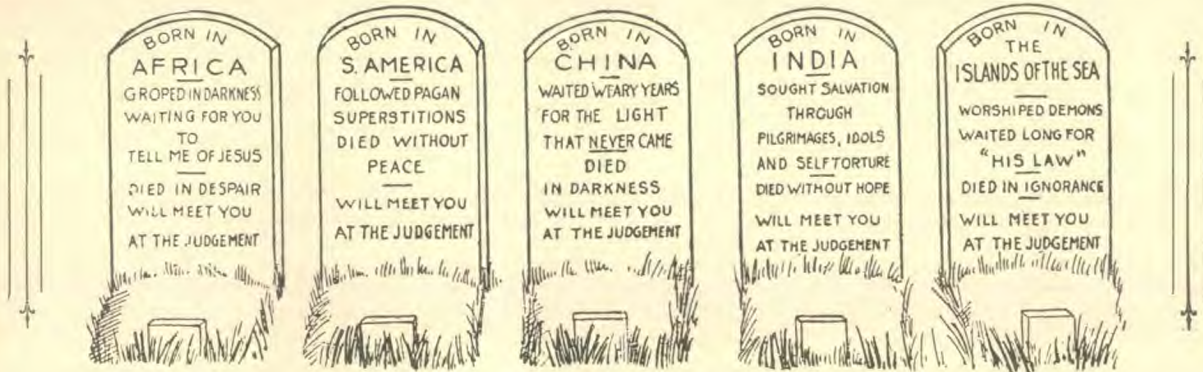
## What? When? How? Who?

As THE message of truth advances, it is God's purpose that the work of establishing new centers shall be constantly going forward. The Missions Extension Big Week has proved a mighty

hear you say, "How may I do my part when I have barely sufficient to sustain myself and family?" Then I would answer, follow the original plan. Sell four sets of the four splendid books, which

seeking light and those who have light to give. By the dews of His own Holy Spirit He will water the precious seed which we sow, and will bring it to the harvest. His promise is, "My word shall not return unto me void."

We are about to be given another



factor in the accomplishment of this work.

Not so many years ago it was easy to mention the names of all the missionaries in prayer at the family altar, but now what an impossibility! The projects established or given assistance were score in number, but now are legion. The editor of the Chinese *Signs of the Times* passed on this little word to his mother at Berrien Springs, Mich.: "Ours is the only religious publishing house operating in Shanghai. Other religious publishing houses thought they were doing well with a circulation of 10,000 for their papers, while our Chinese *Signs of the Times* has a circulation of 76,000. Their annual income is \$25,000; ours, \$200,000. The publishing house at Shanghai was largely built through Big Week funds."

The date for the 1932 campaign is found elsewhere in this number. Do I

will make your two-dollar goal. If you are not an accomplished salesman, don't quit before you begin. Go to your friends with a prayer in your heart, and tell them what wonderful books covering a variety of subjects you have, and you can without doubt place them in their hands. Folks have money for tobacco and picture shows yet, so pray for courage to go ahead. Nothing attempted; nothing gained. Upon you who have a knowledge of the truth rests the responsibility of doing your part in the saving of the lost. Souls are perishing. Every day thousands are dying without a knowledge of God's saving grace. What will you answer on the great reckoning day to the question of unfulfilled duty? Will you not appoint yourself a committee of one to make the Big Week a success this year?

S. T. SHADEL,

*Union Home Missionary Secretary.*

## Will You? Shall I?

THE one thing uppermost in the mind and upon the heart of every true Seventh-day Adventist is the finishing of the work. Some of us have been looking for the grand consummation for a long time. The disease of sin is eating the heart out of society. Sin and crime of every form, named and unnamable, is stalking the streets. How long, O Lord, how long?

What can you do? What can I do to help in bringing an end to this reign

of sin? What can we do to hasten the coming of Him who is to bring in everlasting righteousness? The one answer to these questions comes to every mind—finish the work! The one thing which lies between us and home is our unfinished task. Let us roll up our sleeves and plunge in, putting every ounce of energy we possess into the work of soul-winning. In the homeland, beyond the seas, are hungry, thirsting souls. God knows them. He will bring together those who are

special opportunity for seed sowing. Big Week is just before us. It brings a double blessing. The precious seed contained in the literature sold blesses the recipient, and the depleted mission treasury is replenished. Yea, a triple blessing, for the one who is the instrument in this seed sowing receives the blessing of the giver. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In promoting Big Week last year it was said, "Never was the need for funds with which to carry on our missionary program so urgent." This statement could be repeated today with added emphasis. The depression has broadened and deepened until it has the whole world in its grip. The year 1930 showed a serious shortage over the preceding year. But the year 1931 records a shrinkage in mission funds of more than \$400,000 over the receipts for 1930. This is a mighty challenge to the church of God today. What are we going to do about it? How shall we answer the challenge?

During the twelve years since the Big Week extension was launched, one and three-quarter million dollars have been added to mission appropriations through this means alone. This year the appropriation is to be \$128,857 to be divided among sixty-five enterprises,—educational, publishing, and medical.

The teachers and students in our schools, of all grades, not forgetting our elementary schools, should, and we believe will, participate actively in the campaign this year. Educational needs seem to over-shadow all others, and in

the division of the funds, more than half of the total amount is allotted to educational projects. If ever we should be fired with intense earnestness it is now. "Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted."

## Big Week Talk

A WISE Christian mother desired above all else that there should be implanted in the heart of each of her boys and girls an intelligent understanding and an inborn love for missions. While recognizing the value of church and school influence to this end, she resolved that it could not all be done by proxy and that her primary responsibility must not be ignored.

As wall decoration for her cheery dining room, she hung up the Home Missionary Calendar, which serves many useful purposes, but chief of all as reminder of the mission program of the church, arranged month by month. Another side of the wall was dedicated to the large Missionary Map of the World, showing all Seventh-day Adventist mission stations. Constant interest centered in this map, as daily the theme of table talk was based on stories of the children of our missionaries living in the different countries, of the habits and customs of the native children surrounding them, and of the marvelous transformations being wrought in the lives of far-away people of different nationalities.

This mother's example is worthy of emulation. As the annual mission campaigns approach,—the Big Week in the spring, and the Harvest Ingathering in the fall,—table talk interest may be intensified by studying the various projects to be benefited, and the location of the need, with sidelights on the geography, climate, and condition of the countries, and the habits and customs of the people. The children can do their part in investigation and report on facts and situations.

Big Week table talk can be made most interesting by cutting pictures from the printed circulars which have been prepared, and pinning them, or having the children pin them, in their proper place on the map as the table talk touches the various centers. Another very interesting procedure is to procure small celluloid discs, about the size of a dime, of different colors, and sew them on the map to represent the sixty-five enterprises to be helped this year. One color should be designed to represent publishing houses, another color to represent sani-

What can you do? What can I do? Almost anything that we will to do. "Everything depends upon the right exercise of the will."

C. A. RUSSELL,

*Gen. Conf. Educational Department.*

tariums, and a third color to represent schools. It will be surprising to see how the map takes on new life and interest in the minds of the young folks, even the tiny children, and when it is explained how they may have a part with

the grown folks in this very necessary mission work, how gladly they will seek to do their share in helping the missions program.

May we suggest that the members of every Seventh-day Adventist home become a mission circle as the family gathers around the festive board? Father and mother can always have a fresh bit of mission news to enliven the table talk at the evening meal when all are together, and nothing will serve to greater interest or make a more lasting impression for good.

MRS. J. W. MACE,

*Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Department.*

## What Hath God Wrought

WHEN we consider that in twelve annual Missions Extension efforts (including the 1932 budget) the returns will have yielded one and three quarter million dollars, that 417 projects have been established, equipped or at least received some assistance through this fund, that its influence has been felt in practically all the world, it is evident that this effort has come to occupy no small place in the missions program of this denomination. The achievements of twelve years present tangible evidence that this yearly enterprise, in which both conference workers and laity so nobly participate, is one of the mightiest agencies in our denominational activity for the finishing of the work in mission lands. The General Conference Mission Board depends largely on the proceeds from this effort to

establish and equip institutions for the training of native leadership to advance the gospel of Christ among their own people. Yes, it is impossible to describe in words the asset the Missions Extension plan has been to our work in these years. We exclaim, with the prophet of old, "What hath God wrought!"

In view of the evidences all about us of fulfilling prophecy, of the crisis in the world, of the unprecedented needs in the mission fields, of God's providence seen in opening doors heretofore closed to the entrance of the message, we most earnestly appeal to our people everywhere to make this the biggest, the most outstanding, and the most successful Big Week in the history of our work.

L. E. CHRISTMAN,

*Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Department.*

## Juniors and the Big Week

IT is a poor church that makes no place for the energy and enthusiasm of its junior boys and girls. Unfortunate indeed is the junior youth who finds himself in such a church. Here is a place and a plan that includes them—this Big Week plan. It is easy enough for junior ability. It is hard enough to challenge his courage and loyalty and his love of adventure.

The junior books in the Big Week list this year are splendid. They are both helpful and interesting. Every home would be benefited in possessing them. No "begging" is involved. They are an honest exchange of value and in a most noble purpose. It is a clean and wholesome endeavor for junior Christian youth—for J. M. V.'s.

Encourage those of suitable years to have a part in this missionary effort.

Train them carefully in their presentation of the books and in deportment before the people, so that they will not be uncomfortable nor embarrassed in their work.

Do not subject them to unfair and unsafe contacts. They should not be sent into the poorer and lower sections of a community because they are children. They should not be sent into any section unchaperoned.

Include the juniors of your church or school in the Big Week plans. Preface them for successful endeavor. Catch up their eagerness and energy and use it. Protect them in their work. They will be blessed in service, and the cause will be blessed by their efforts. Be sure to plan for the J. M. V.'s.

GORDON H. SMITH,

*Union Missionary Volunteer Sec.*

# Big Week Symposium

By the Local Presidents of the Central Union Conference

## Big Week

I HAVE just been glancing over four little books. I wish hundreds of thousands of people could read them. One little book is on the subject of health, and is written in a way to catch the attention of the reader. How much the world needs health!

And then there is the book dealing with the issues of the twentieth century. There must be many thousands of people who would like to read a message that has been written particularly for the people of this century. I am acquainted with the man who wrote this book, and his message ought to be given to the world.

Another great issue before the world and the people of the United States is the wet or dry question. We hear it discussed everywhere. Much help is offered the world in the little book entitled "Wet or Dry?"

The world has already been greatly influenced by one of the best little books ever written, "Steps to Christ." It is one of the four that we are requested to sell during Big Week. There is a definite message for different people. Let us do our best during Big Week.

JAY J. NETHERY,  
President Colorado Conference.

## Does Every Push Help?

YES, every push helps, but—! The other day an automobile with five persons became stalled in a snow drift. The drift was not wide but was deep, so three men crawled out of the car with the purpose of pushing the vehicle through, the fourth man remaining inside, thinking that his help would not be needed. Each of the three found an advantageous position, put his shoulder to the task, and pushed with all his might. It appeared as if they would succeed in meeting the challenge. The car moved, but each time it dropped back into its former position with the result that the car dug itself in. Each push did help, but each time the effort was turned into loss. Realizing the situation, the fourth man came to the rescue, placed his weight on the right side of the task, with the result that the car went through the drift. At first the fourth man's weight was on the wrong side, with the consequence that each effort resulted in loss; but with his weight placed on the right

side, gain immediately followed. How much time and energy would have been saved if he had come immediately!

The application of the above illustration is self-evident. Big Week is just before us, and to succeed in its challenge will require the united push of every member. Why not place your weight on the right side from the very start? Remember, we need you and are depending on you.

A. H. RULKOETTER,  
President Minnesota Conference.

## "Is There Not a Cause?"

WHEN David answered the reproachful questions of his eldest brother, Eliab, when he was investigating the challenge of Goliath, the ten-foot giant that was defying the armies of the God of Israel, he asked, "Is there not a cause?" All Israel was "dismayed, and greatly afraid," but David recognized a challenge to meet this boastful Philistine and to attempt something out of the ordinary to vindicate the cause of God and His truth.

There is need of Davids today, for there are many giants in the land who are defying God and attempting to hinder the progress of His work. Right now there is one very formidable one, a champion, with a helmet of brass and the staff of his spear like a weaver's beam. His name is Depression, but every true son of David knows that "the battle is the Lord's," and that in His strength victory in God's work is certain.

And just now another mighty giant is becoming very arrogant. He received a deadly wound when the Eighteenth Amendment was passed, but his deadly wound shows signs of healing. This unprincipled, heartless, cruel, home-wrecking giant has caused more misery, sorrow, and sent more souls to perdition than any other since the world began.

As we approach another Big Week, can we not discern in it more than just "another campaign"? Can we not say, "Is there not a cause?" and recognize in this an opportunity, not only to distribute message filled literature, but especially to combat this mighty giant, Strong Drink?

The Spirit of Prophecy has told us that we should oppose this dreadful evil "by voice and pen and vote," but we have been doing very little along this

line, and the wet elements are stealing a march on us.

"Wet or Dry?" is one of the outstanding books in the Big Week set, and like David's "smooth stone" it is death dealing ammunition in the conflict with the liquor forces.

The other three books have timely, truth-filled messages that the world needs. Church members of Missouri, I appeal to you to attempt something out of the ordinary in the Big Week this year. St. Louis is setting its goal for 1,000 sets. Let us place this set in every home possible, and turn in all the funds not later than April 30, and God will bless you. He will also bless your neighbors and the needy mission fields.

H. C. HARTWELL,  
President Missouri Conference.

## Our Pleading Missions Call Us

THE present world situation constitutes the clearest call that was ever sounded to this people. Every member must get seriously busy at the task that is ours now. Every call to service should receive a new and a different kind of response. Last year with all its hardships, financial and otherwise, was a record soul-winning year. This proves that the Lord's harvest is not dependent upon seasons nor earthly harvests. This is the church's great hour of opportunity. The servant of God foresaw when "hundreds and thousands were visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."—Vol. IX, p. 126. We believe that that hour should be here, and that its early and complete fulfillment should engage our earnest prayers in service.

Once more we near the Big Week campaign. Many at home and abroad are rejoicing in the truth as a result of it, while we plan the 1932 effort. Others have been greatly blessed in engaging in this soul-winning work. Some who will read these lines have had little or no part in the past, but we believe there should be but one answer now. From the human viewpoint, our work in many places is in serious danger of retrenchment. Our actions at this time will show how much we really care. Some day the final call to

greater evangelism will have died away, and the Lord will be here. Let us heed the call to service now.

Reader, a great task has been assigned us again. To make it easily possible of accomplishment, this has been divided up into a hundred thousand smaller tasks. Yours and mine is at least four sets of soul-winning books to sell, loan or give away to neighbors and friends, and see that not less than two dollars on an average is turned towards our pleading missions. Dare anyone pass by on the other side at such a time as this? In view of the tremendous need both at home and abroad, we make a special request that the coming Big Week campaign be remembered at the family altar and church services often in the coming weeks. Surely our efforts should harmonize with our plans.

GORDEN OSS,  
*President South Dakota Conference.*

### A Threefold Blessing

WE AS a people are such through the "three fold message" of Revelation 14: 6-12. It is brought to us and is bringing continually unnumbered blessings. It also brings responsibilities.

The Big Week brings both responsibilities and blessings. As we shoulder the responsibility and go among our friends and neighbors and even strangers, with the Big Week books, we get blessing number one. As we place the books in the hands of these same people we bring to them a blessing—blessing number two. As the proceeds derived go on their way to promote the various soul-saving agencies throughout the world, we behold blessing number three.

Just how many people will be blest by our faithfulness we do not know, but we do know if we fail to do our part that many, including ourselves, will be deprived of a blessing that God has made provision to impart.

Let each do his part, and the threefold blessing will be greatly multiplied.

B. M. GRANDY,  
*President Inter-Mountain Conference.*

### Must Be Awake to Our Responsibility

"THEY shall not appear before the Lord empty. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord thy God which he has given thee."

In connection with the ancient feasts, God's people were commanded to bring their offering as a token of appreciation for God's blessings to them. None were to appear before Him empty.

The Missions Extension plan calls for

\$129,350 this year. Each member is privileged to partake in this great cause of providing the educational, medical, and publishing work in various parts of the world field. Let none excuse himself. God depends upon us to manifest a willing spirit and a mind to work. The Lord blesses a cheerful giver and takes notice of our attitude in behalf of supporting the cause.

North Dakota has many foreigners. These people have been placed within our ranks for a purpose. God desires that they become acquainted with the message. We are responsible to some extent for their salvation. Let us therefore avail ourselves of the opportunity and the open doors all around us. We are to be watchmen upon the wall of Zion receiving the word at the Mount of God and warning the people. We must be alert and awake to our responsibilities. Should we fail, the Lord will appoint other watchmen and we will be set aside.

The books prepared for the Big Week contain stirring messages which will bring results in due time. Let us sow the seed of the Word. God desires faithful stewards; men and women of faith and prayer.

The churches have all been supplied with promotion material. Please give prayerful study and consideration to the material and let God lead you into the spirit of the Big Week. Make it a Big Week in your own experience and you will find it a blessing to others.

Let us go forth under the banner of our leader, who said, "The Lord God will help me, therefore I shall not be confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint and I know I shall not be ashamed."

E. H. OSWALD,  
*President North Dakota Conference.*

### A Special Missionary Week

"LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." I would apply this text to the opportunity given during the Big Week program. The promulgation of the message through the printed page is a good work, and is a means of letting our light shine to the glory of God.

Inspiration says that our books should be scattered like the leaves of autumn.

We are in a great reading age. Much reading has been misdirected, and yet there are many who still have a taste for solid, spiritual, soul-saving literature. I pray that we may be hands to carry this divine message in these prepared books to those seeking truth, and exercise every

possible influence upon those not spiritual, and thereby create in them a desire for things eternal. Our books do sell. Therefore those who cannot buy for free distribution can readily sell a set or two and in this way get the money, the profit of which will be used for extension work in the educational, medical, and publishing phases of our message. Each church should at least take one set per member, and the goal of each member should be not less than one set for himself and one set for someone else. Let us do our best to make this Big Week a special missionary week.

C. S. WIEST,  
*President Kansas Conference.*

### Big Week Prosperity

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2.

"The remnant people of God must be a converted people. The presentation of this message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls. We are to feel the power of the Spirit of God in this movement. This is a wonderful, definite message. It means everything to the receiver, and it is to be proclaimed with a loud cry. We must have a true, abiding faith that this message will go forth with increasing importance till the close of time."—Vol. IX, p. 154.

What an asset we have for prosperity in the work of our Father!—not prosperity of soul and health alone, but an assurance of an increasing importance of His work. Do we not see in the very depression that is so much in evidence, a factor that proves an asset in the circulation of our truth-filled books? How much more readily we can secure an audience and a sympathetic hearing than in the days of speculation and the pursuit of pleasure that characterized the recent past.

There are so many favorable features in the Big Week work that an earnestness and enthusiasm, that are of themselves selling influences, should be seen in every believer as he goes forth with face lighted up with holy zeal to influence favorably a people who in many instances are longing to know the meaning of the chaos, crime, and corruption everywhere in evidence.

Let us weigh some of the advantages that are ours in this worthy endeavor: The subjects have a gripping appeal; the purpose for which the funds are being raised; a modest mention of your time freely given that others may benefit;

above all, the assurance of the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit to give an impressiveness to your appeal, lifting it above sheer selling ability you may or may not possess.

In closing let me repeat that our mental attitude toward this enterprise, that has heaven's sanction, has a decided influence on our success or failure.

It is surely a time to talk, live, believe, and pray for a faith that will triumph over every obstacle.

"Work in faith, and leave results with God. Pray in faith, and the mystery of His providence will bring its answer. At times it may seem you cannot succeed. But work and believe, putting into your efforts faith, hope and courage. After doing what you can, wait for the Lord, declaring His faithfulness, and He will bring His word to pass."—*Vol. VII, p. 245.*

C. A. PURDOM,

*Superintendent Wyoming Mission.*

### Iowa Conference

C. F. McVagh, President  
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### Four Great Needs

THE greatest matter of concern in the minds of Seventh-day Adventists is the matter of supplying sufficient funds for God's work in these lean years. The work of God must go on, and his workers must be ready to step into the openings which have been made possible as a result of these times, by the steady retreat, which has almost become a rout on the part of other mission boards. The most immediate answer to this question is the Big Week. The raising of funds by the sale of literature is a most excellent plan to meet four great needs—the need of replenishing God's treasury, and thus building up His work, the need of receiving assistance from others than those of our faith, the need of placing our message-filled literature in the hands of the world, and the last (of equal importance), the need of supplying work in God's vineyard for all of his servants. We are told that God's work will never be finished until all of His people take an active part in the great task.

The Iowa Conference is divided into twelve districts this year, and each district of from four to twelve churches is supervised by a conference worker. For your information these districts are here listed with one important church to indicate its approximate location.

District I—M. N. Skadsheim—Hawarden District.

District II—J. R. Nelson—Sioux City District.

District III—R. F. Bresee—Council Bluffs District.

District IV—J. C. Christenson—Fort Dodge District.

District V—E. L. Sheldon and W. A. McKibben—Nevada District.

District VI—A. G. Christiansen—Exira District.

District VII—C. H. Miller—Des Moines District.

District VIII—J. H. Rhoads—Osceola District.

District IX—H. A. Fish—Marshalltown District.

District X—T. H. Jeys—Waukon District.

District XI—Stemple White—Cedar Rapids District.

District XII—A. L. Miller—Davenport District.

These workers will work out the plans for promoting the Big Week work in their respective districts, and will lead out in a strong endeavor, with the help of the Lord, to make this year a banner year for the Lord. Sixty-five different projects, which have never before been benefited by Big Week funds, are to receive help this year. Twenty-seven of these projects are entirely new. Material for your instruction and enlightenment is being sent immediately. If everyone, workers and laity, enters into this great plan for the advancement of God's work into new territory, God will bless the efforts put forth and a sum equal to \$2.00 a member will flow into the treasury. Let all come to the help of the Lord at this time.

J. C. CHRISTENSON.

### Unusual Opportunity for Sanitarium Service

AT A recent meeting of the Iowa Sanitarium board, consideration was given to rates for sanitarium care to our own people. It was felt that, owing to the general financial depression, our brethren and sisters may have been unable to avail themselves of the service they would ordinarily be receiving in our institutions. Many feel that, while the discounts allowed to Seventh-day Adventists are liberal, they are unable to meet the charges because of a greatly reduced income. Still others have had no employment and are facing serious consequences.

We have a sincere desire to help our dear people, many with physical ailments that will in time undermine their health if not corrected. It was voted to continue

a rate of \$2.50 a day for board, room, and sanitarium treatments in medical cases. This rate has been quoted to our members for the past eighteen months where certain rooms were occupied. In addition we are making available to those who require surgical attention a rate of \$3.00 a day. Naturally some will require a physical examination and laboratory tests; and these items will be discounted fifty per cent. Where X-rays are required the charges will be discounted from 25 to 50 per cent, depending on the cost of the supplies required. No reduction can be made for anesthetics, use of operating room, nor for dispensary supplies.

In the past we have allowed a discount of 25 per cent on surgical operations, so that the usual net cost for major surgery to our people has been from \$112.50 to \$175. We are now making a rate of \$50 for any major operation and \$20 for surgery classed as minor. Naturally these quotations are made on a cash basis, and patients are expected to enter with this in mind.

The management of the sanitarium will be glad to have our members enter immediately and avail themselves of these exceptional rates or to correspond, in case you have any unusual problems to discuss regarding your health. Our medical superintendent, Doctor John F. Morse, will be glad to help you in your decision. Since this offer cannot be extended indefinitely, we urge that you make plans immediately for any medical attention needed for your family, and we pledge our best service to you.

T. C. NETHERY, *Manager.*

### Sabbath School Flashlights

MRS. J. D. PALMER, superintendent of the Grinnell Sabbath school, says: "I have our Investment chart made and hung up, and also a birthday chart. I enjoy the Sabbath school work very much, and I have a fine school to deal with; all seem to enjoy the lessons, and most of them have daily lesson study." While this school has not had the spring Investment program, they have their Investment work far enough along to have a chart illustrating their various plans. That is fine, and the program when it is held will simply add to the interest and enthusiasm. Remember, we are working to have every member have some part in the Investment work this year. How many 100 per cent schools shall we have? Time will tell. Make out your list of members and keep at it until all are down for something—that is what will make your school 100 per cent in Investment.

Mrs. Goldie Key, secretary of the Sharpsberg school, writes thus: "I think we are progressing nicely here, although the roads and weather conditions are bad. We are planning on Investment this year; some have already started their work." Although this school has only eight senior members, they had \$48.71 Investment money for 1931. This last quarter two of their members were entitled to seven-year bookmarks, one to five-year, and another to four-year ribbons. We appreciate the faithfulness of the members there.

Do your best for poor China in your Sabbath school on March 26,

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

### Iowa News

The church building at Exira, which is out in the country, was totally destroyed by fire on Sabbath, March 12. This was a fine church with two well-equipped church school rooms attached. The church school will no doubt be conducted in homes until more satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Brother G. A. Nystrom and Elder J. C. Christensen went to Des Moines on Tuesday of last week, to interview Rev. B. E. Ewing, who was a delegate to the Anti-Saloon convention held at Washington, D. C. Each delegate at that convention was presented with a copy of the campaign book, "Wet or Dry?" but evidently Rev. Ewing was not present when the distribution was made. He received our brethren cordially, was presented with one of the books, and after reading it will write a recommendation that will no doubt be helpful in our Big Week effort.

Elder J. C. Christenson spoke at the Nevada church morning service on March 12, from the subject, "Knowing Christ, for to Know Him Is Life Eternal." This was his first sermon in the Nevada church, for his departmental activities lead him to be busily engaged elsewhere. The subject presented was practical and appreciated.

Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Dorcas were in Des Moines on Tuesday afternoon of last week, and with other Nevada representatives were very hospitably entertained at the Tennehill home before returning to Nevada.

Elder Nixon and son, Joseph, were with the Boone church on Sabbath, March 12.

Elder McVagh was at Des Moines for the March 12 Sabbath service. He was in Grinnell on Tuesday of the following week, in the interests of the church at that place.

A. Peters, of Rockwell City, sent to the office last week a notice of the death of his father, K. M. Peters, a faithful brother in the truth, on Feb. 17. Truly "his work on earth is done." We trust he will be among the blest in the resurrection morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames, of Nevada, drove to Chicago on Friday, March 11, with Mrs. Ames' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald. They returned on Sunday. Mrs. Ames, formerly superintendent of nurses at Hinsdale Sanitarium, holds that position at our Iowa Sanitarium.

L. P. Knecht returned to the office on Thursday of last week, having spent some time since the Des Moines institute with colporteurs in the southern part of the state, where in most places their efforts met with gratifying success.

Elder J. C. Christensen spoke at the academy chapel on Friday night of last week. Sabbath morning he was with the church at Ft. Dodge and he met with the Humboldt church in the afternoon. On Sunday evening he spoke at the Algonia church and was to visit other places in that part of the state in the interests of home missionary work.

### Oak Park News

A NEW student, Marie Nordstrom, enrolled Monday, March 7. She will continue her freshman work from the Sioux Rapids high school.

Miss Hartwell spoke in chapel Wednesday, February 18. Her subject was "When a Friend Fails You."

Professor Ford read to the student body an interesting article on George Washington, February 22, in chapel.

Mae Bolyard underwent an operation at the sanitarium, Monday, March 7. She is recovering nicely.

Professor Axelson gave an interesting talk on "Delusions" during chapel, Monday, March 7.

Saturday afternoon, March 5, a very enjoyable Y. P. M. V. program was given, showing how a Christian family may spend the Sabbath.

On Sabbath, March 5, Professor Axelson was ordained as one of the deacons of the Nevada church.

The outside students put on a George Washington program sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Axelson, Saturday night, February 26.

Volley ball was a popular sport at Oak Park during the recent warm weather.

Willard Stevens spent the week-end of February 26-28 at his home in Sioux City.

Saturday evening, March 5, Professor C. C. Engel and his orchestra from Union College gave the fourth number on our lyceum course. He was accompanied by Mr. Gernet, of the piano department of Union College.

### Iowa Sanitarium Notes

Claude Conard spent Thursday in the sanitarium office checking on statistical information desired by the General Conference.

Mrs. Ella McKim, of Nevada, is doing well in her recovery from her recent major operation.

THE senior class entertained the entire staff and employees at dinner on St. Patrick's day. The menu and program were in keeping with this special day, and a very delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

William Wright, of Denver, Colo., submitted to an operation at our sanitarium on Wednesday. Dr. Hansell, of Des Moines, a friend of the family, performed the operation.

C. H. Whitney, of St. Anthony, Mrs. Henry Erickson, of Zearing, Merrill Nelson, of Forest City, Mrs. M. E. Garmon and J. E. Helland, both of McCallsburg, have recently registered as medical patients.

Miss Mayme Nelson, of Ruthven, is spending a few days at her home prior to leaving for the Boulder Sanitarium, where she will go on with her training. Miss Elsie Morin will also continue her work at Boulder.

Maxine Kirkendall, Nevada school girl, submitted to an appendectomy late Wednesday afternoon. Robert Brodie, a four-year-old boy, is recovering nicely from a similar operation.

Merrill Dunahoo, of Maxwell, is getting along as well as possible following his injuries received when a horse kicked him in the face as he was doing chores on his father's farm. His lower jaw was broken and other bones injured, and he also lost five teeth.

### Kansas Conference

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### Kansas

THE Big Week is a world-wide movement. It started just over a decade ago,



but its influence has been felt in many lands. It has been my privilege not only to engage in the activities of this special literature salesmanship in India, but also to have seen the work there expand as the result of receiving the additional funds provided thereby.

In the homeland we are provided with sets of attractive books to sell. They are priced so our neighbors and friends can buy them. I have noticed that those who succeed best in selling our literature are those who not only have enthusiastic confidence in their message, but who have also prepared for the campaign by carefully studying through the books. By thorough preparation it will be possible to sell much more. Order your books early so that you can become thoroughly familiar with them before the time of the campaign. You will be surprised to see how many more you can sell when you understand how good the books are which you sell. Several days before starting out, pray for the Lord's special blessing to be with your efforts.

Big Week is going to result in a big harvest of souls if we do follow-up work. We shall come in contact with many who want to know more about God's message for this time. Our results will be more when we give adequate attention to these individuals who are anxious to learn more. Those who work in a territory away from their neighborhoods should prepare a list of the interested which should be given to our nearest church or believers for follow-up attention. Let us have *big* faith, do *big* work during Big Week, and we shall reap a *big* harvest of souls.

MELVIN OSS.

### Committee and Board Actions

AT OUR recent committee meeting and annual academy board meeting, a number of important matters were considered by the committee.

On account of the financial depression, it was voted to have our camp meeting again at Enterprise. It is here where we have our goods stored, and we should be able to hold this meeting here cheaper than anywhere else in the conference. The time for the camp meeting has been set for August 19-27, the first meeting to begin at 3:00 p. m., Friday, August 19.

Professor V. P. Lovell, who has been the principal of Enterprise Academy for the past seven years, has accepted a call to the principalship of the Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind. The board gave consideration to his successor, and as soon as final arrangements are made, we will make the announcement in the REAPER.

C. S. WIEST.

### Kansas Calls

QUITE a number in Kansas have recently expressed a desire to enter the colporteur work. This is very encouraging. Surely the day is here for many to go out in this last-day line of work. I believe many in our Kansas churches are impressed that they should do so. It is a work to which God is calling today. Let us not spurn such a call.

I am sending out this brief statement to hold this urgent call before you. All I can do is to repeat the call. May those who are called as they read this determine not to put it off longer. Communicate with us so arrangements may be made to enter the work.

E. H. MEYERS.

### Notice

A COLPORTEUR institute will be held at Enterprise, Kans., April 15-22. This institute is for students and for a number of others who are beginning work at this time. Special arrangements must be made to attend, so if you are interested in taking up the work at this time, write to E. H. Meyers, Box 605, Topeka, Kans. Write at once, and we will consider your case.

E. H. MEYERS.

### News Notes

WORD has just been received from Brother Clark that fourteen persons have pledged themselves in his meeting at Columbus to keep the seventh-day Sabbath.

Elder R. E. Griffin writes that every seat in the church at Hutchinson was filled last Sunday, and he has a continued substantial attendance during the week nights.

The Topeka church is having its Week of Prayer for the young people. The attendance is very good. Brother A. C. Griffin is also planning for a strong literature campaign preparatory for a series of meetings.

Elder S. T. Shadel, the home missionary secretary of the Central Union, was with the Topeka church Sabbath morning and Saturday night. He also spoke to the young people Friday night, and visited Lawrence Sabbath afternoon. On Sunday he and Elder Melvin Oss, the new home missionary secretary of Kansas, visited both churches in Kansas City.

Elder H. J. Meyer, now the Central Union field secretary, is spending a few weeks in the conference. Elder Wiest accompanied him to Rush County, where they held a meeting on Friday night at Bazine, and Sabbath held three meetings

at Nekoma, Bison, and Shaffer. Elder Meyer is beginning a series of meetings in Bazine.

Elder F. S. Chollar is reporting a splendid interest in the Wichita church. The services are well attended.

The annual academy board and conference committee meeting was held at Enterprise, March 14 and 15. At this time the faculty for the coming year was re-elected, with the exception of the principal.

Brother Schlotthauer is planning to leave for his new field of labor Monday the 21st of March.

Elder N. J. Aalborg visited the Ottawa church, Sabbath the 12th, and then visited the Iola and Chanute churches. Brother Aalborg has been asked by the committee to work in that section of the state comprising the churches of Iola, Humboldt, Chanute, Thayer, La Harpe, and possibly Kincaid.

Remember the Big Week. It is designed for each to sell two sets, or to give a day's wages for the Big Week.

William H. Runck, of Dolores, Colo., and Lorena Schlegel, of Wheaton, Kans., were united in marriage at the home of Elder A. C. Griffin in Topeka, Kans., March 14. Elder A. C. Griffin performed the ceremony. They will be at home in Dolores, Colo.

### Minnesota Conference

A. H. Rulkoetter, President  
A. R. Smouse, Secretary  
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### Opportunity

SAID the Apostle Paul, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men." Gal. 6:10. Writing to the Philippian believers he speaks of their willingness to do good, especially in his behalf, "but ye lacked opportunity." Phil. 4:10. In the great cause God has entrusted to the people giving the last message of mercy to a dying world, there is no lack of "opportunity," for God has given "to every man his work." Mark 13:34.

For the twelfth time, since the year 1920, there comes to us the opportunity of doing good in this 1932 Big Week Extension effort. How many books, papers, and magazines have been placed in the homes of the people during these years as the direct result of the Big Week plan, how many souls have been led to Christ through the reading of

these books, eternity alone will reveal. The sum of \$1,000,775 has been gathered in, and has been applied on 379 distinct enterprises that have been established as gospel light houses in all parts of the world. Truly this is a marvelous achievement through this one apparently meager effort, the "Big Week" plan.

In this great and worthy effort the dear believers of the Minnesota Conference have had a part to the extent of thousands of books sold and thousands of dollars forwarded to fields beyond.

In the name of Him who "went about doing good," we would call upon all to rally to the Big Week call, April 9 to 16, to the end, that the Minnesota Conference may rejoice, after the campaign is over, in having under God, accomplished bigger things in the Missions Extension campaign in 1932 than ever before. Whether we are blessed with church privileges, or whether we live isolated and alone, we all may and should have a part in this worthy enterprise.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

### Minnesota Items

I. G. ORTNER spent a few days at our office recently auditing the conference and Book and Bible House records to the close of February.

Olie Hitman, from Terrace, Minn., called at the office on Monday, March 14, to order some books while in the Twin Cities for a few days.

Elder Rulkoetter, together with the other members of the committee, were in Hutchinson on Sunday, March 20, for the Maplewood Academy board meeting.

H. W. Sherrig, manager of the Pacific Press Branch at Omaha, spoke at the St. Paul English church on Sabbath, March 12, and called at the Book and Bible House on Sunday, March 13.

The new pamphlet on welfare work among Seventh-day Adventists is being read with interest among those who are desirous to do more in this line of work. The cost of this booklet is ten cents. Order from the Book and Bible House.

Elder D. E. Collins, field secretary of the Central Union Conference, spoke at the Minneapolis English church on Sabbath, March 12. Brother Collins led out in the colporteur institute which was held in Minneapolis, March 10-18.

The first order for the 1932 Big Week books was received at the office on Tuesday of last week. The Duluth Scandinavian church ordered 30 English and 62 foreign Big Week sets.

A special price of \$1.00 for eight months is being made on subscriptions to the *Youth's Instructor* by the publishers. This applies on renewals as well as new subscriptions. If you are not already a subscriber to this good paper for the youth, here is an opportunity to become acquainted with it at this special price offer.

"Nearly 500,000,000 people in China who must be reached with the gospel of salvation," is the appeal which has come to us. As we go to Sabbath school on March 26, let us bring as liberal an offering as possible to help swell the amount of the thirteenth Sabbath gift. May this offering and the ascending prayers of God's people bring much courage to the faithful workers in this field where the strife of war is presenting so many added difficulties.

We are given this comforting word in Psalms 116:15; "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Since the last issue of the REAPER two more deaths have been recorded; that of Mrs. Jennie Clark, who was a member of the St. Paul English church, whose funeral Elder Garner conducted on Thursday afternoon, March 10; and that of Mrs. C. B. Sargeant, of the Anoka church, who was buried on Tuesday afternoon, March 15, the funeral service being held by Elder Rulkoetter. We trust that those who mourn take comfort in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour.

### Maplewood News

The first period of the second semester has passed, and the grades were handed out in chapel Monday, March 7. The nine students who received the highest grades are as follows: Floyd Smith, Elmer Martinson, Clarice Rust, John Christensen, Gertrude Jepson, Henry Hanson, Doris Peterson, Doris Zappe, and Alice Croak.

The seniors made their first public appearance as a group in chapel, Monday, March 7. As they marched in they displayed their colors, American beauty and white, in the badges made of American beauty felt as a background with the letters "M.W.A. '32," of white felt, which they wore. Their class song, which was written by Claire Grimstad, was sung well by the large class. Dorene Cornwell accompanied at the piano and Elmer Cornwell and Byron Miller played the saxophone and clarinet respectively. The committee on colors was composed of Madge Brown, Elmer Cornwell, Hazel Davis, Doris Peterson, and Alma Lorentzen.

Miss Wavie Tubbs, English instructor, spoke at the chapel hour on Monday, March 7, on "The Other Presidents."

Roy Christensen, of Minneapolis, a Maplewood graduate, was a welcome visitor at the school Saturday evening, March 5.

Floyd Smith was called to New York Mills, Minn., Friday, March 4, because of the death of his grandmother. The school family extends sympathy to those who sorrow.

The program of marching and games was entered into with spirit and enthusiasm by the students on Saturday evening, March 5. A spelling game in which about fifty participated and a candle relay were two of the interesting features.

The music department, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Pettis, will present two piano and voice recitals during the month of April. In the first one, which will be given April 2, will be presented only girls. In the second one on April 16 the boys will demonstrate their ability. All are interested to know who will show the more improvement, the boys or the girls.

Elder D. Gulbrandson spent Friday night and Sabbath, March 4 and 5, with the church in Granite Falls, Minn.

The opening of the Week of Prayer, March 12-17, was entered into with a spirit of earnestness by the students and teachers. The talks given during the first week-end by Elder Gordon H. Smith, the newly elected young people's secretary for the Central Union, were of special interest to all. Elder W. B. Pontynen, of the Iron Range, was with the school from Tuesday until the close of the week. Elder Edwardson also assisted in the services. Class periods were shortened, assignments were lightened, and time was given to personal devotion and work for others. It was felt that many victories were gained during the week and that all were drawn closer to God.

### Colorado Conference

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### The Cause Not to Be Hindered

A FEW weeks ago I was leaving Denver by train for a trip in the southern part of the state. As we passed through the outskirts of the city I noticed on either side of the track the wretched homes of the poor. Again and again we passed

the ruins of what had once been a prosperous enterprise. Other factories were standing idle, no smoke pouring from their tall stacks. Another large building stood half completed where the builders had been forced to leave it when the depression struck. Desertion, desolation, and want seemed to be the theme of the picture that unrolled before me. "Surely," I said to myself, "we are in the midst of hard times. These views are but miniatures of the actual conditions that obtain throughout the land. Not much chance of doing big things in campaigns this year. The outlook is not very encouraging."

These dark thoughts were abruptly interrupted as the train left the city and came to the open country. A few miles to the west the snow covered peaks of the Rockies reflected the bright rays of the morning sun. Instantly the words of the Psalmist came to me, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." Ps. 121:1, 2.

The message struck home to my heart, and I felt reproved for having allowed the unstable, transitory things of men to shut out the view of the enduring hills and their constant reminder of Him whose plans and purposes are as unchanging as the mountains. Men's plans are frustrated and brought to naught, but the purposes of God will be carried out.

We must admit that we are in the midst of a depression, that many do not have funds to purchase the necessities of life, but God's cause is not to be hindered by the changing affairs of men.  
E. L. PINGENOT.

### No. Dakota Conference

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W. I. Montanye, Secretary  
Box 1491 - Jamestown

### A Great Work

TALKING about the Lord's work—would you really like to do something great? If so, listen to this. I am going to try to outline a work for you that will thrill you. If you want to help the Lord's work, think of these things.

Would you like to help the General Conference raise \$40,000 to pay the salaries of workers in foreign fields so as to keep them in the work?

Would you like to help raise a sum equivalent to \$128,857.93 to go into the Lord's store house to help finish His great work in this generation?

Would you like to help the publishing institutions in the world to the amount of \$19,562.23?

Would you like to help the educational institutions in the world to the amount of \$44,871.89?

Would you like to help the medical institutions in the world to the amount of \$24,423.81?

Would you like to help our publishing houses in America distribute over 100,000 sets of books, or over a half million books?

Would you like to help raise money for the printing of these books to help create work for those employed in these publishing houses?

Would you like to help your union conference sell over 10,000 sets of books, or almost 50,000 small books?

Would you like to help put this literature into over 100,000 homes in the world of which over 10,000 will be in your own union?

Would you like to win some precious souls this year for the kingdom?

Would you like to have your money working for you while you sleep, invested in some printing press operating on the other side of the globe?

Would you like to be instrumental in helping the suffering and needy in all parts of the world in our sanitariums?

Would you like to help give a Christian education to the black boys and girls and the yellow boys and girls in far off Asia and dark Africa?

Would you like to encourage our General Conference brethren and Divisional secretaries in this country and foreign fields?

Would you like to put enthusiasm into your missionary bands in your own church?

Would you like to develop the spirituality in your church?

Would you like to water your own soul with new power?

Would you like to enlighten the public on the prohibition question?

Would you like to stir people on the signs of the times?

Would you like stars in your crown?

Study carefully the plans that will be sent you for the coming Big Week campaign, which is on April 9 to 16. Not only study, but take hold and promote and work yourself and with others to reach the quota set for your church. May the Lord inspire you and help you in this time of depression to do so.

B. A. SCHERR.

### Spring Is Here

SPRING is here. We hear this from every side. The robin has returned, and he tells us that spring is here. We cannot help but think that it is Investment time.

Spring is the most interesting time of the year. It brings new life to all of nature. Surely it ought to bring new life into the lagging spirit of our members in North Dakota. The year 1931 has been somewhat discouraging in that the crops were poor, and in some places there were no crops, but we are in 1932 now. Let us plan for a good strong Investment in 1932. April 16 has been set as the official spring Investment Day in North Dakota. On this day all of our Sabbath school superintendents will have prepared a spring Investment program. It will be a big day for our conference. It will be a day in which you can renew your covenant with the Lord in working with Him by dedicating a certain part entirely to the advancement of the work.

What are you going to invest for the Lord in 1932? Make up your mind now so you will not have to stop to think when the slips are passed out. In other years acres of wheat or flax have always headed the list. Why not make it that way again this year? Acres of grain, days' wages, sittings of eggs, turkeys, cream, garden and other products, all go to make up the sum.

For the children the "can-your-money" plan seems to be the most popular. Dedicate your Indian or Lincoln pennies, your buffalo nickels, or have some other plan that will grow as the year advances.

H. WENTLAND.

### North Dakota Items

ELDER OSWALD returned to the office Monday after spending the week-end with the churches at Valley City and Fargo.

Elder J. H. Seibel was a caller at the office Monday. He was returning to his home at Bowdon after spending a few days at Kulm.

After April 1, the subscription price of the *Watchman* will be \$1.50 a year. Send in your subscription now to take advantage of the low \$1.00 price.

Elder and Mrs. B. A. Reile were at the office on Tuesday.

Brother Adolph Huff was a caller at the office on Wednesday to get some supplies for their Sabbath school at Pleasant Valley.

Brother John Heinrich, from Gackle, called at the office on Wednesday.

Brother Jacob Leno, from Streeter, was in the office on Monday to get supplies for his treasurer's work.

Brother Wentland left Monday for an extended trip to the northeastern part of the state, and on March 21 will begin the Sabbath school conventions, the first place being Fargo.

Elder Leiske has reopened his meetings in Jamestown again after having to close on account of the bad weather. The attendance is fair and the interest good. May souls be drawn to the truth.

### S. R. A. News Notes

THE following received grades of A and B in the first semester grades: Allise Lemke, Myrlo Hilde, Helen Galbraith, Hazel Berthelsen, Solomon Krueger, and Ralph Kooreny.

Professor Lang in union worship hour told of two words that are somewhat alike and yet very different: *useful* and *useless*. An article made according to a pattern for it, is useful. If it is unlike the pattern in one detail, it may be completely useless. Just so with our lives. The Master has the blueprint of our lives, and we must be made according to it. Then we will be useful. Otherwise we will be useless. We must yield to His plan.

Elder E. H. Oswald, our conference president, and Brother B. A. Scherr paid us a short visit Friday evening. Elder Oswald spoke for a few minutes during vesper services. We hope he will come again.

In union worship Professor Berthelsen reminded us that we can best show our appreciation of what our parents do for us by living up to our principles and developing good habits while here in school. Let us write to them at least once a week, and be sure that we do only those things which can be a joy to them.

### Missouri Conference

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616 So. Second St. - - - Clinton

### An Appeal

THIS is an appeal for help for a family that has just been burned out. Their home and all their clothing, furniture, bedding, and in fact everything they had was destroyed, and they are in real need, according to a letter just received here at the office. The family consists of a man, his wife, and two children. The older child, a boy, is about ten or twelve, and the younger, a girl, is about eight or ten we understand. If you have a spare blanket or quilt or pillows, pillow cases or sheets, or any clothing that would probably fit any of the members of this fam-

ily that you could donate, please send it prepaid to the conference office, 616 South Second Street, Clinton, Mo., and we will see that it is sent on where it is needed.

H. C. HARTWELL.

### So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President  
J. H. Nies, Secretary  
Drawer 586 - - - Watertown

### An Urgent Call and a Loyal People

AS I WRITE this, I note in the Minneapolis *Tribune*, under date of March 8, quite a lengthy first-page article telling of the shipment by the Red Cross of five million bushels of government wheat into South Dakota's drouth blighted area. It is described by Red Cross officials as "the largest single movement of relief supplies in the history of the nation."

But what connection does this have with the coming Big Week? you ask. Simply this, that under these conditions in order for South Dakota to do her full share in the Big Week endeavor, it calls for the full cooperation of *every member*. It calls for prayer and definite planning by all. It calls for earnest work on the part of each one.

It is a challenge to every church, to every church member, to every isolated member in South Dakota to take the message of life in our Big Week books to their neighbors and friends. While their physical needs are being supplied, let us help in supplying their spiritual needs. Let us call their attention to the meaning of these unprecedented times. Elder Watson says the Big Week is first of all a home missionary effort, and secondly, a foreign missions extension undertaking. Thus we give the message at home and abroad by means of this one effort.

Last year we led our union in amount raised per capita as well as in books used per capita, due to the willing missionary spirit of our members. We have a loyal people in South Dakota. We have faith in you! We believe you will do your utmost again this year. God is our helper. With Him all things are possible. Let us determine in His strength to respond heartily to the Big Week call and give to it our full measure of endeavor.

L. E. NIERMEYER.

### Plainview Items

MISS CLAIRE WININGAR, our Sabbath school secretary, spent the week-end, March 11 to 13, at the school. Dur-

ing this time she led out in a very profitable Sabbath school convention.

The Missionary Volunteer Society gave a program in chapel Friday evening, March 11, in place of the regular vesper service. The experience of a Christian was given as a reading by Miss Simon, and fitting songs were sung by a double mixed quartet. James Webber then gave a chapter from "Great Controversy" entitled, "God's People Delivered."

The week from March 6 to 12 has been observed as Good English week. Each chapel exercise was given over to some phase of good English. On Thursday morning the English I and II classes had charge and gave a court scene in which Bad English was on trial. The verdict was to eliminate Bad English from Plainview Academy. The week closed with a literature program Saturday evening in the dining room. Various scenes taken from both American and English literature were presented in dialogue form.

March 12 marks the beginning of our spring Week of Prayer. Elder J. A. P. Green, of the General Department, and L. L. McKinley plan to be with us the first part of the week, and Elder Gordon Smith, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, will be with us the latter part of the week.

The fourth period grades were passed out in chapel Wednesday morning, March 9. The girls again led with an average of 89.4%, the boys having an average of 88.3%.

### South Dakota News

MEMBERS of the Watertown church, with representatives from Huron, Redfield, and Florence, gathered in the office the evening of March 14 for a farewell gathering for Brother Nies and family who are leaving for their new field of labor in the Kansas Conference. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable way and will be long remembered by all who were present.

The Big Week books have arrived—four large boxes of them. Let everyone plan to do his full duty this year. You may order any time now.

Elder Oss will meet with the Tolstoy church March 19. Elders C. M. Babcock, Gorden Oss, and Miss Claire Winingar will hold a joint Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer convention at Java March 25 to 27. Elder L. E. Niermeyer will be at Tolstoy April 1, Bowdle April 3, and at Aberdeen April 3. Elder Babcock and Elder Oss will be at Leola April 1 to 3.

Elder S. A. Wellman, of the General Conference, comes to us April 6, at which time he and Sister Winingar will meet with the Aberdeen church April 6, Moberg church April 7, and Bowdle April 8 and 9, where the Tolstoy church will be invited to unite in a convention.

By the time this reaches the readers of the REAPER, it is planned that Brother Schlotthauer will have arrived to take up the work that Brother Nies lays down. They have arranged for a moving van which will bring Brother Schlotthauer up and take Brother Nies to his new field.

A colporteur institute will be held at the academy from March 26 to April 11. Elder D. E. Collins, the new union conference field secretary, and Brother Leslie McKinley will be there.

Do not forget that the special rates on the *Signs of the Times* end April 15. Some good clubs have recently come in. Has your church responded?

Brother E. L. Marley, from Kyle, writes of the additional interested ones among the Indian folks. Brother Marley is busy giving studies.

### Inter-Mountain Conf.

B. M. Grandy, President  
F. H. McNeil, Secretary  
122 So. 8th St., Grand Junction, Colo.

### Workers and Church Elders

ELDER PIPER, the president of the Central Union Conference, Elder Nethery, president of the Colorado Conference, and other union workers have promised to be in attendance at the church officers' and workers' meetings to be held at the Inter-Mountain Academy beginning Friday evening, March 25, and continuing over Sabbath and Sunday.

This meeting is called to study plans and methods that should make our church efforts more effective in the great work of soul-winning. We will also counsel over the recommendations that have come from the General and Union Conferences in regard to uniting the Inter-Mountain and Colorado Conferences, and the discontinuance of the academy at Rulison.

We are particularly desirous that the church elders, church missionary secretaries, and Sabbath school superintendents be in attendance. Others who can attend will be welcome.

We desire that as far as possible the officers in attendance find out the sentiment of their churches in regard to the uniting of the conferences and the discontinuance of the academy.

Our conference funds are depleted, so

we are endeavoring to keep down the expenses of the meeting as much as possible. In order to do so we are making the following suggestions and offers: We would like to have an automobile load of officers come from the following churches: DeBeque, Palisade, Grand Junction, Fruita, Montrose, Delta, and Cedaredge; also from other churches that can make such arrangements. Bring a few quilts in each car. The conference will pay the gasoline bills for the trip both coming and returning. The school and brethren at Rulison will provide lodging for all in attendance. The school will furnish meals for fifty cents a day per person. We are asking those who attend to pay for their meals. This will be the only real expense to those who attend, other than the wear on the cars, and we believe that the benefit derived by all will far exceed their expense.

B. M. GRANDY.

### Nebraska Conference

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

### York News Notes

We have received word that Sister Taylor, Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Nebraska Conference, plans to be with us Sabbath, March 19.

A group from Shelton Academy plans to be with us and occupy part of our radio time Sunday morning, March 20, in a music program.

We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Neal Todd and family moved away from our company recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Jackson and family, of Bruning, recently spent the Sabbath with us at York.

We have received many interesting letters from our Sunday morning radio audience. A special interest is shown in the question and answer period, which the management of the station invited us to conduct.

One of our new members recently turned in a twenty-dollar mission offering.

One of our friends of the radio has made it possible for us to broadcast extra time over the air. In addition to our regular Sunday morning program 10:45 to 11:15, we now have as regular time from 5:00 to 5:15 o'clock each Friday

and Sabbath morning. The station is on full power at this time of the day, and covers a wide range. There is no interference with other stations at this time of the day, and the station has been heard all over the United States and up into Canada.

Miss Susie McLean, our home missionary secretary, has been attending the colporteurs' institute at Grand Island the past week.

The writer recently conducted a series of meetings at Bellwood, Nebr. The faithful little company at Bellwood was started through the efforts of Brother and Sister George Meyers.

Mrs. Mason, of Lexington, Nebr., spent a few days in York recently with her daughter, Mary, who was operated on for appendicitis at the York hospital. Miss Mason has been taking the nurses' training here.

G. E. HUTCHES.

### THE GOSPEL TO CHINA'S TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS

A FEW years ago it seemed a great task to spread workers over China proper, and to include in our organized missions all of the eighteen provinces then comprising it. All of these provinces have at last been occupied with the exception of Kansu, into which we are just now sending Elder E. L. Longway and some Chinese colporteurs. In the meantime, however, some of the provinces on the north and west have been broken up and new boundaries fixed, thus forming several new provinces which are yet to be entered with the third angel's message. In addition to these are China's territorial possessions,—Tibet, Sinkiang, and Mongolia,—to the entering of which the China Division is now directing its attention.

There is an estimated population of 25,379,000 in the above areas, together with the newly formed western provinces of Sinkiang and Chinghai. We are asking for the thirteenth Sabbath overflow funds to provide for extending our work into these territorial possessions, that we may soon have workers in the distant parts of our Division.

Already a beginning has been made in each of the above territories, and we have baptized believers in Mongolia and in Tibet. Two Chinese colporteurs have recently been sent up into Sinkiang—the first Seventh-day Adventist ever to enter that territory. They are taking subscriptions to the Chinese *Signs of the Times*, and selling other literature. More than \$500 (Chinese money) was required for postage on books mailed to these col-

porteurs from our publishing house in Shanghai. They have received the books, and have just sent us their first remittance, by money order. So great is the distance and so meager the transportation facilities that in sending us \$500 it cost \$115 to have it remitted.

These brethren write us of the splendid opportunities for preaching the gospel among the peoples of this great territory. On their long journey there they were wonderfully protected from bandits, whose activities make travel in these parts very unsafe. When men will risk their lives and brave the hardships of such travel by foot and by cart to give the gospel to these remote areas of the earth, ought we not to remember their sacrifice and give liberally of our means through the thirteenth Sabbath offering, to provide for the furtherance of the message in these lands?

The territories of China have an area equal to that of the United States west of the Mississippi River, and there is not a mile of railway in them, nor any mode of transportation other than they have had the past two thousand years, unless it be a few automobiles scattered in some parts. We are confident that better transportation facilities will soon be available in these territories. China is engaged in an active program of road building. I am now just returning from a trip to Sianfu, the capital of Shensi, where we have been holding a general meeting. No longer than two years ago it took from ten days to two weeks to make the trip from Shanghai to Sianfu, but this time I made it by train and motor bus in less than three days. China is planning to open an air mail and passenger service through to Sinkiang soon.

We now have a book on Bible doctrines and some other literature in the Tibetan language, prepared and printed as a result of the faithful efforts of Dr. J. N. Andrews. We also have some tracts in the Mongolian, and others are being translated.

The China Division is now ready to promote our work in these territories, but we need the help of our brethren throughout the world in supplying us means with which to do it. Christ will not come till these people in the heart of Asia have heard of His coming. Because of distance, lack of communications, great extent of territory, and illiteracy of the people, there is perhaps no missionary endeavor before the church so difficult as the evangelization of these tribes, for which we are asking help from the thirteenth Sabbath overflow funds. With \$20,000 we could place several workers in these ter-

ritories and thus carry forward a balanced work. This is the first time that we have ever placed a call in behalf of the nomadic peoples of central Asia. Should not the great need of these peoples, together with the present situation in China and the world interest in her affairs, constitute a special call to the church to advance and complete her work in these lands?

HARRY W. MILLER, M. D.  
President, China Division.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited, but are published only as an accommodation. They must be sent to the local conference office to be approved by the conference president before being published in the Central Union Reaper. The rate is two cents a word with a minimum charge of fifty cents, cash to accompany the advertisement.

WANTED.—Employment by young couple. Nursing or other work considered. M. S. Hoyt, Sioux Rapids, Iowa. 3

WANTED.—By expert butcher, 27 years' experience, to lease shop in Adventist store or work on salary. Can furnish best references. Box 1026, Liberal, Kans. 3, 4

WANTED—Elderly S. D. A. man to do chores for room and board. Modern home; 20 acres to cultivate. Man can have proceeds from five acres. Everything furnished. Good home for right party. Reference required. Dave Nickerson, Cayuga, N. Dak. 3

WANTED.—Man to do carpenter work. State wages. H. A. Ward, Elk Mountain, S. Dak. 1-3

WANTED.—S. D. A. man between 25 and 36 to work in truck garden. Send references and photo with first letter. E. E. Cox, R. 3, Sheridan, Wyo. 2,3

FOR SALE.—Income property, bungalow style apartment building, 4 apartments furnished. Also English style stucco residence. Both on double lots. Price greatly reduced. Owner, Dr. Roy O. Williams, Loma Linda, Calif. 2,3

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1932

Colporteur	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord. Mag.	Del'd Mags.	Helps	Total Book	Del'd Books
<b>MISSOURI:</b>							
Mrs. A. A. Asher	RJ	32	3.75	.....	.....	83.00	.....
Earl Asher	RJ	16	8.00	.....	.....	31.00	.....
Mrs. M. E. Baker	BPS	6	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....
W. A. Burton	GC	44	13.00	.....	7.00	90.00	.....
Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	10	.75	.....	.....	6.00	4.25
Harry Duff	RJ	39	9.75	.....	.....	42.00	2.00
Bert Griffin	BR	24	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
Dewey King	RJ	28	.75	.....	.....	3.00	.....
W. J. Smith	BR	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. J. Sutton	OD	24	.....	.....	1.75	10.25	1.75
Total		254	36.00	.....	9.25	267.25	8.50
<b>IOWA:</b>							
Vernon Miller	RJ	43	5.25	.....	6.35	30.35	.....
Genevieve Quinn	BR	39	.....	.....	6.75	34.25	.....
Ruth Simmons	RJ	20	4.50	.....	3.25	22.25	.....
Mary Iona Luke	BR	35	.....	.....	3.25	15.75	.....
Elva Wilcox	OD	31	2.25	.....	3.75	13.00	.....
*Anna Hanson	BR	56	.....	.....	11.70	18.70	10.95
Lorraine Lassiter	OD	23	2.25	.....	3.00	11.25	.....
Anna Kromer	Misc.	5	.....	.....	12.25	12.25	6.75
Wilbur Howell	Mag.	10	.....	.....	8.50	8.50	8.50
A. E. Johnson	HW	29	.75	.....	2.00	5.00	2.00
Eva Walker	HP	12	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....
A. D. Kaufman	Mag.	11	.....	.....	3.10	3.10	3.10
Faye Smith	BR	5	.....	.....	1.25	1.25	.25
John Ogren	OD	15	.....	.....	.50	4.00	.....
Total		379	15.00	.....	67.65	181.65	31.55
<b>COLORADO:</b>							
Lillian Becker	HP	12	.....	.....	1.50	10.25	1.50
H. L. Canfield	BR	10	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00
Fred Gibson	HP	21	.....	.....	.25	13.25	.25
Ernest Harper	PG	13	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
P. M. Jenkins	HP	8½	.....	.....	1.25	1.25	5.60
H. R. Prentice	HW	11½	.....	.....	2.75	9.25	1.35
Jacob Reuber	BPS	21	.75	.....	2.75	9.25	1.35
C. H. Shaffer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	24.00
H. Young	BTS	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	3.00
Total		97	.75	.....	11.50	45.75	38.20
Grand Total		730	51.75	.....	88.40	494.65	78.25

\*Two Weeks.

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### REMEMBER THE FOREIGN-SPEAKING PEOPLE

Big Week sets are available in NINETEEN Languages. (Secure list of these from your Bible House.) The Big Week affords us a splendid opportunity to contact people of other tongues with our truths for this time.

## Central Union Reaper

College View Station, Lincoln, Nebraska  
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D. D REES - - - - EDITOR

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## Student Employment

WE READ much in the newspapers today, and also hear over the radio broadcasts of the thousands and hundreds of thousands who are being placed in employment by the public through the influence of the American Legion and other organizations for the unemployed. It is none too early to begin to plan to help our own young people, both from our colleges and academies, by providing them employment for the vacation period of the summer months, and thus helping many of them to return to school the following fall.

Some of them will find their place in the colporteur work, others may be used in conferences; but there is no doubt but that many could be used on farms or in factories very profitably.

If you can use a young man or young lady for all or a part of the summer, please write to your conference president, or the president of Union College, or the principal of your academy, and tell them of your needs, and ask them to help you find just the young man or young woman you want.

J. F. PIPER.

## All Missionary Volunteers in the Front Line

SEVEN Chinese students attending the University of Illinois withdrew from their classes, surrendered the opportunities of university life, to return to China and take up arms against the invaders of their fatherland.

A foolish gesture and unimportant, it would seem. With 300,000,000 Chinese in China to defend their homeland, what need of these seven? Not unimportant at all, but of greatest value to success, is the spirit of these seven. It is not always number, but rather the sense of individual responsibility, the sense of purpose, the spirit of eagerness and courage—it is these that assure victory and achievement.

Missionary Volunteers, the spirit of those seven must be ours in our rela-

tionship to all the advance movements of the church in gospel enterprise. The Big Week program is a very effectual plan. Its value to mission fields, to the welfare of missionaries, and to the task of carrying the gospel to foreign people is well known to you.

Its method brings almost equal value to our home communities. It gives value for value received, truth for the means wherewith to spread truth everywhere.

The literature to be used is described elsewhere in this issue. The need for every dollar and every penny for missions has been told in our ears many times this year. The need of helpful, truthful literature in the homes of our American communities is equally evident. The blessing of God has rested upon this Big Week plan in the years of its operation.

It is written in our aim—"To all the world in this generation." It is written in our pledge of loyalty—"Doing what I can to help—." Every band in every Missionary Volunteer society, every missionary Volunteer in this united Central Union, should be found in the front lines—not in trenches—in this Big Week drive.

There will be no conscription. When the call comes in your church, will you enlist as a Missionary Volunteer, to do your part—in His name?

GORDON H. SMITH,

Union Missionary Volunteer Sec.

## The "Big" in Big Week

THINGS of greatest magnitude in creation are made up of many small units. Great accomplishments in this world are effected by many lesser efforts united in one purpose. The same is true in God's work. God can work without man, and He can "save by many or by few," but we know that in His gospel plan He calls for "united action." Even super efforts of a few result in little as compared with the result of the reasonable efforts of the many.

Big Week will never be a big week if most of us leave it for the rest. Big Week will be surprisingly big this year if every person in our ranks becomes responsible for at least one set of the four Big Week booklets. Why should not every one have a part?

We need not review here the details of the Big Week plan. You will get that data from other sources. This is only an appeal to each one of our members to take some part. This would not be a difficult thing, and think what it

would mean! Anyway that is the only way to make a week big.

Let us not forget what it is all about. Big Week effort brings a blessing to you. It brings a blessing to others. It helps to fill a dire need for mission funds. Elder C. H. Watson recently wrote the following statement: "The church that remains indifferent to lost humanity can never be spiritual."

E. H. MEYERS.

## Teachers Available

WE HAVE received inquiries from several young people who are interested in teaching public schools if no opening is available in our own schools. There are doubtless communities where our church members would be glad to have Adventist teachers in the public schools. If any readers know of vacancies in such schools, kindly write to us at once, giving particulars as to the type of teacher desired and to whom application should be made, and we will be glad to recommend a number of well-qualified teachers.

C. W. MARSH, Educational Sec.

## The "Youth's Instructor"

GOOD NEWS! From now until May 15 you can subscribe to the *Youth's Instructor* for eight months for a one dollar bill. The regular price has been six months for one dollar. All new subscriptions will be entered in the list to begin May 1. This offer also applies to renewals, as well as new subscriptions. Renewals, of course, will extend the old expiration date eight months.

This is an opportunity to get more reading value for a dollar than usual.

Parents, and everyone interested in young people, should see that the *Instructor* now goes to every Adventist family where there are young people. Why not send a gift subscription to some young friend whose Christian experience is not as bright as it should be? Young people will read, and it is our duty to place before them that which will be a help to them. If they are not provided with the right kind of reading matter, they will get hold of that which has the opposite effect, and there is a flood of that kind on the news stands today.

Send a dollar bill to your Book and Bible House now, asking that the *Instructor* be sent to you, or one of your friends for eight months, beginning the first of May.

CLARENCE LAWRY,  
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