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Missionary Volunteers and Big Week

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS as a rule readily respond in every campaign of the church. In many places they are to be found in the very front ranks. The general average accomplished by them compares favorably with the church record as a whole. For example, in the last Harvest Ingathering campaign in North America the general average for the entire church membership was \$5.84 per member. The average for the Missionary Volunteer membership was \$5.69—only fifteen cents less than the church membership average. This is commendable when it is remembered that one half of the Missionary Volunteer membership are juniors, and the youth have little part in the solicitation of large donations from business men. What young people raise comes by steady ingathering of small sums—nickels, dimes, and quarters.

So we are expecting that our youth will be in the front ranks of the Big Week work, April 9-16. Their persistence in previous campaigns will stand them in good stead this year. The fact that they have learned to accomplish much by an

accumulation of little amounts will be to their advantage in this year's campaign. Whatever is accomplished this time must be attempted in the face of the financial difficulties of the times.

The need this year is more keenly felt than before. Missionaries who have had to get on with meager equipment at best, and who have had their hopes for improvements deflated by the recent necessary budget cuts, will watch anxiously the results of Big Week in the home field. We ought not to fail them. Young people, we will not fail them, will we? There is an unusual need for the funds of this year's campaign. And because the need is for God's work, we can and we will devote ourselves with a determination and persistence in the campaign that measures with the need.

We are counting upon you, Missionary Volunteers, to bear your part in this year's Big Week with the courageous and zealous spirit of youth.

H. T. ELLIOTT, *Secretary,*
General Missionary Volunteer Dept.

Brother Westbrook's call. All correspondence concerning conference matters should hereafter be addressed to Elder Westbrook at the conference office.

I wish to take this opportunity to express through the columns of the REAPER my appreciation of the kindnesses and hospitalities and loyal support given by all of the workers and our dear people throughout the state of Nebraska during the nine and one-half years of my administrative work in this state. I hold all of our dear people in the highest esteem, and do not have one unkind feeling toward anyone. I shall often think of my visits to your homes, and how you have made every arrangement for my comfort while with you, and I pray the Lord to bless you all. Mrs. Haughey and I ask an interest in your prayers on our behalf as we take up the work in Fairbury.

S. G. HAUGHEY.

From the Office Viewpoint

ELDER T. B. WESTBROOK arrived Friday, the 18th, and has already entered upon his work as president of the conference. We are glad to have Elder Westbrook with us. He will endeavor to get around to the churches just as fast as possible.

Elder Haughey recently made a trip down to Kansas to visit his brother. On his way back he stopped off at Fairbury and secured a house. He will be settled

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Nebraska Conference

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Some Committee Actions

THE readers of the CENTRAL UNION REAPER will be glad to know that Elder T. B. Westbrook, from Eugene, Oregon, the newly elected Nebraska Conference president, was with the Grand Island church on Sabbath, March 19, and assumed his responsibilities as conference president upon arriving there. We are sure Elder Westbrook will meet with a hearty welcome on the part of all our conference workers and our people throughout the state, and we know from our personal experience that all will join in upholding him by their prayers.

At a recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted for me to settle in Fairbury and build up the

work in that center, so Mrs. Haughey and I are planning to move to Fairbury just as soon as we can after Brother Westbrook arrives. We greatly appreciate the kindness of the committee in planning for us to settle in Fairbury and build up the work in that vicinity. The committee were unanimous in their vote for Elder R. E. Hay to move to Broken Bow, Custer County, and build up the work in that district. Elder M. B. Butterfield was asked to go to Red Cloud, and build up the work in that section. We have a nice little church building in that county seat, and have only four Sabbath-keepers left there. It is a very nice town and there is fine farming country around it, and it offers a splendid opportunity for evangelistic work. The committee also asked Brother J. A. Deapen to conduct a two months' evangelistic effort with the Petersburg church. A further distribution of conference workers will take place at the next meeting of the committee, which will be held at

So. Dakota Conference

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Drawer 586 Watertown

A Musical Program

THE Plainview Academy musical department, under the direction of Mrs. H. C. Hartman, has arranged to visit a number of our churches, as follows: Chamberlain, Friday evening, April 8; Mitchell, April 9, at 3:00 p. m.; Madison, the evening of April 9; Sioux Falls, Sunday forenoon, April 10; broadcast at 3:30 from WNA X in the afternoon; Swan Lake, Sunday evening. The next week-end will

be spent in the northern part of the state: Friday evening at Tolstoy; for the Sabbath service, Java; Saturday evening at Bowdle; and Sunday evening at Leola. A more detailed announcement will appear in the REAPER next week. Look for it.

All our isolated brethren should plan to attend the nearest church, bringing the whole family with them. We especially emphasize the broadcast from WNA X Sunday afternoon at 3:30, April 10. I am sure a word from all that listen in will be appreciated by those who have made possible this broadcast.

GORDEN OSS.

Sioux Falls

OWING to the serious financial condition, we decided that it would not be best to make a very urgent call for our *Signs* club. "The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side."—*G. C., p. 612*. This quotation and others were read and the call made.

We were greatly blessed when a club of 182 *Signs* was quickly subscribed, 42 to be sent to addresses, and 140 to be used here in Sioux Falls in connection with our missionary work in the church.

A little way from now our dollars will not be called for; now is our opportunity to invest for eternity. A number of our members have been active in distributing the *Signs* during the past year. The personal work is a blessed experience. The results cannot be measured in this life.

A. W. KUEHL.

Plainview Items

AT FOUR o'clock on Monday afternoon it was observed that all juniors were absent from their usual posts of duty and had assembled in room 113 for organization. Thirteen members were present. They elected the following as officers: Willis Mohr, president; Robert Brown, vice-president; Elizabeth Watt, secretary;

Florence Unterseher, treasurer; Albert Binder, sergeant-at-arms; Miss Velhagen, sponsor. The class was quick in their decisions and displayed their colors during evening worship. They marched into chapel and then to the dining room, each junior wearing streamers of heliotrope and canary.

Mr. Nathan Knecht enrolled Monday, March 21, as a senior. This brings our enrollment to 98.

Mr. Bill Reuer and Lloyd Osborne, both of Maplewood Academy, were visitors at the academy Monday, March 21.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Taft have recently moved out of the dormitory, and are nicely located in the farm superintendent's cottage south of the academy.

The senior class, consisting of twenty-eight members, was entertained at their sponsor's home, Professor and Mrs. H. C. Hartman, at a six o'clock dinner. The table was bountifully spread, and the dinner was served in four courses. At each place was a small diploma tied with the class colors on which was written an appropriate toast in poetry. After-dinner games were played. All reported that they had been royally entertained.

Remember, as announced last week, Brother and Sister Melendy will give the last number of our lyceum course Saturday evening, April 2.

South Dakota Notes

BROTHER NIES and family left for their new field of labor Tuesday morning, March 22. They will be missed by many.

April 9 to 16 is an important date for our missionaries and our world work. Do not put off getting those Big Week books.

Brother B. L. Schlotthauer, our new conference secretary-treasurer, and Book and Bible House secretary, with his family is expected to be at Watertown by the time this reaches the REAPER readers.

"Reach into my pocket," said a minister of Watertown when offered the book "Wet or Dry?" He really wanted it. It is a leader in the Big Week set.

Watch for the Plainview musicians. Bring the whole family along.

If everyone boosted Big Week like me, what kind of a success would the Big Week be?

Elder C. W. Marsh, Central Union educational secretary, will meet with the Leola church April 1 and 2, and Aberdeen at a later date.

The children can help by selling the special health number of the *Little Friend*. They cost two cents and sell for five.

Elder Babcock reports some that are

definitely interested at Hecla, where he is holding meetings.

Elder Collins and Brother McKinley are holding a colporteur institute at the academy at this time.

Elder Stotz will soon begin an effort not far from Dallas.

And still the *Signs* clubs keep coming.

The *Youth's Instructor* is now being offered at the special rate of eight months for \$1.00. These subscriptions will begin with May. Take advantage of the two months extra subscription.

On Wednesday evening, February 17, Mrs. Levina Long, of Denver, Colo., and Mr. Seth De LaMater, of White Lake, S. Dak., were united in marriage at the Watt home in Redfield, S. Dak. In addition to the relatives who were present, a number of the faculty members of Plainview Academy and Sam Reinholtz were in attendance. The bride and groom are now at home on the De LaMater farm near White Lake, S. Dak.

Thus far the Sioux Falls church has led our conference in the size of their *Signs* order; for we were happy to receive an order from the missionary secretary calling for 142 *Signs* to come in a club to the church, besides 42 single subscriptions and another small club of five going to the library and other public institutions. This makes a total of 189 copies ordered by the Sioux Falls church, or more than two per member.

Iowa Conference

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A Successful Institute

Our annual colporteurs' institute, which was held in Des Moines, closed on

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March 2. It sent out into the field between twenty and twenty-five colporteurs, most of them full-time workers. Some are now making final arrangements, changing location, etc., but they will soon be sending in some good reports.

We were pleased to have with us at this institute our conference president, Elder C. F. McVagh, the local pastor, Elder C. H. Miller, Brother H. W. Sherrig, our Omaha Pacific Press Branch manager, Elder E. H. Meyers, formerly of the Central Union, and Elder D. E. Collins, our new union field man who spent the latter part of the time with us.

Sabbath, March 27, was truly a high-day at the Des Moines church, a day when we were called to greater consecration, a time when sins were confessed and hearts were turned to God anew in service. It was a day long to be remembered by the Iowa colporteurs and the Des Moines church. Elder Collins conducted the morning service. The Anderson orchestra, of Nevada, favored us with special music, which was greatly appreciated.

We wish at this time to thank all who had any part in making this institute a success. I am sorry that time and space will not permit a more detailed account, but we pray that daily you will remember all our loyal colporteur bands at the throne of grace, for the Spirit of Prophecy tells us that were it not for the efforts of our faithful convassers many would never hear the last warning message of mercy.

L. P. KNECHT.

Iowa Notes

ELDER J. C. NICKSEN was at Council Bluffs on Sunday night and Monday of last week, in the interests of church school work.

Elder C. F. McVagh spent Sabbath, March 19, at Exira, where the services of the country church are being held in the East Exira church building in the town, since our building was destroyed by fire recently. He went to Marshalltown on the following Tuesday to confer with Elder H. A. Fish concerning conference work.

Elder A. L. Miller is holding a series of meetings in the church at Ft. Madison. The weather and illness of members have been some hindrance, but some not of our faith have been present at every meeting.

Brother J. P. Knecht visited Ft. Dodge the first of last week in the interests of colporteur work.

Elder J. C. Christensen was with the Ft. Dodge church for the forenoon service on Sabbath, March 19, and at Humboldt in the afternoon. He then went to Algona on Sunday, but the weather being decidedly unfavorable, it was possible to accomplish only partially his purpose in visiting them at this time.

Bernie and Carrie Nelson, of the Ruthven church, came to Nevada on Sunday of last week, bringing their sister, Miss Mamie, of the sanitarium training class, who had been visiting at home for a short time. They returned on Monday to Ruthven after visiting friends in Nevada.

Elder S. T. Shadel, home missionary secretary of the Central Union Conference, spoke at the Nevada church on Sabbath morning, March 19, stressing the seriousness of the times and the importance of the publishing work through the Big Week effort in the establishment of missions. Very interesting pictures were shown at the academy the following evening, demonstrating the helpfulness of these yearly efforts.

ELDER J. L. WILSON, veteran Seventh-day Adventist minister, who has been living in Springfield, Ill., recently moved to Keokuk, Iowa. Doubtless his coming will be an encouragement to that church and vicinity.

Elder H. A. Fish was with the Waterloo church on Sabbath, March 19, and one person was baptized, the baptistry of the Baptist church being used for the service.

Elder C. F. McVagh spent Sabbath, March 26, with the church at Oskaloosa, and went from there to visit Ft. Madison and Keokuk.

Colorado Conference

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A Youth's Conference in Colorado

ATTENTION, young people of Colorado! Come up in the Rockies to Geneva Glen (a beautiful, well equipped, modern convention site twenty-three miles west of Denver) and meet the youth of Colorado in our first great youth's conference to be held in this state.

The date set for this meeting is April 28 to May 1, 1932. Full particulars regarding this conference will be sent to the Missionary Volunteer officers and church elders. Be sure to ask them for a reservation blank and send it in at once.

Plan to come by all means and plan to stay through the entire three-day conference.

We have just closed the young people's special Week of Prayer, and while only a few reports have come in to date, those having come in indicate a wonderful week of feasting on good things. A little later we shall report in detail some features regarding this week.

G. M. MATHEWS.

Junior Camp

I AM sure all of our juniors will be interested to know that the conference committee voted that we conduct another junior summer camp this year in Colorado. The boys' camp will be held July 3 to 13, and the girls' camp July 13 to 24.

We shall probably have our camps at the same site as last year: Glacier Lake. This has not been definitely settled as yet.

Plans are very similar to those of last year, and the cost for the ten days will be \$10. Those interested should write me at once.

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Kansas Conference

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Kansas News Notes

A. M. RAGSDALE was in the office Sunday, March 20, and also remained over until the following day. He has rented a house, and will soon be with us to carry his responsibility as educational and young people's secretary.

Sunday night, March 20, a special program was rendered at the Y. W. C. A. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Schlotthauer, who are leaving this week for their new field of labor in South Dakota.

Wednesday afternoon our new secretary-treasurer, J. H. Nies, arrived with his wife and daughter. Brother Nies has formerly been secretary-treasurer of the South Dakota Conference, which place is now being filled by Brother Schlotthauer.

A very profitable general gathering was held at Columbus Friday night and Sabbath, March 18 and 19. Elder Wiest spoke Friday night and Sabbath morning. Elder E. H. Myers and Brother H. W. Sherrig spoke in the afternoon. Special attention was given to the Big Week, and a goodly number of Big Week sets were ordered. Saturday night Brother Sherrig gave the pictures on the Holy Land to a crowded house.

Sabbath afternoon ten souls were baptized at Columbus, which is the result of the labors of Brother F. C. Clark, who has been holding a series of meetings in the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist church. There are still others deeply interested, and doubtless will keep the Sabbath.

Word has come from Hutchinson where Elder R. E. Griffin is holding a series of meetings that the church is crowded by earnest listeners to the message.

Tuesday night, the 22nd, an informal gathering took place at the home of Elder Wiest by the available conference workers in the city in behalf of Brother and Sister Schlotthauer.

Elder E. H. Meyers and Brother H. W. Sherrig visited the Chanute church, Sunday night, March 20. Elder Meyers also had a meeting with the Eureka church on the night of the 21st. Elder Meyers is also spending some time in the southeastern and southern part of the state in the interest of the colporteur work.

Any who are interested in entering the colporteur work, kindly correspond with either Elder E. H. Meyers or O. D. Davis. There will be an institute held at Enterprise beginning April 15.

No. Dakota Conference

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Special Offer

THE publishers of the *Youth's Instructor* have announced a special offer on that periodical, which is an eight months' subscription for a dollar.

The regular price of the *Instructor* is \$1.75 a year, or \$1.00 for six months. This special offer gives two extra months for the same price as the six month subscription.

This offer applies not only to new subscriptions but to renewals as well, so that anyone whose subscription is due to expire any time after the first of May can have the expiration date extended eight months for a dollar. The eight-month subscription for a dollar is to begin May 1, and the offer closes May 15. This does not mean that you have to wait until May 1 to send in your order however, but it means that the subscription will begin at that time.

As the *Youth's Instructor* is the only periodical published by us which is devoted entirely to the interests of the young people, and as it is by far the best read-

ing material that our young people can obtain, we sincerely hope that there will be a large number of new subscriptions sent in taking advantage of this special offer between now and May 15.
NORTH DAKOTA BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE.

North Dakota Items

SPECIAL offer on the *Watchman* magazine.—Due to an over supply of the March number of the *Watchman* magazine the publishers are making a special offer of 50 free copies with each order for 100 copies at the regular price. This order holds good until the present stock is exhausted. Place your orders with the North Dakota Book and Bible House.

Brother I. G. Ortner spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the office auditing the conference and Book and Bible House books.

Elders Scherr and Leiske, with their families, motored to Valley City Wednesday to attend the Sabbath school convention at that place conducted by Elder S. A. Wellman, the associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, and Brother H. Wentland.

Do not forget that after April 1 the subscription price to the *Watchman* is \$1.50. We trust you will send in your subscription in time so as to take advantage of the present \$1.00 rate.

Elder Scherr returned to the office Monday after spending the week-end with the Streeter church.

Elder Leiske reports that a good interest is manifested by some of those attending his meetings in the Jamestown church, and it is hoped that they will take their stand for the truth.

Remember that by renewing your subscription to the *Instructor* or sending in a new subscription by May 15, you will get the *Instructor* for eight months for a dollar. The regular price is six months for a dollar, but by ordering now you will get it eight months for only a one dollar bill. Take advantage of this good offer.

Brother Peter Schmidt, from Woodworth, and Brother Christ Lang stopped at the office Wednesday.

S. R. A. News

IN A RECENT chapel talk Professor Neuman discussed Common Sense. It is a jewel. It is sound judgment. It is using the powers of the mind in the very best way possible. Knowledge plus common sense is wisdom. Common sense

plus method is power. Let us strive to attain and develop good judgment.

At the eleven o'clock service Sabbath, Professor Michalenko brought out many encouraging thoughts. "Faith results in hope and courage." We are to God as the apple of His eye. (Zech. 2:8.) This should give us courage. A man true to God is true to Him in prosperity. The experiences of Daniel were reviewed as an example of faithfulness.

The music recital Saturday night was very much enjoyed by all. Piano duets and solos, a vocal solo, a selection by a male quartet, and selections by an eight-piece orchestra, composed the program. Each pianist played in a duet besides solos. Miss Rubendall played a left-hand solo.

Wednesday night in union worship Miss Petersen told us of what an education consists; namely, "WK," or wisdom plus knowledge. "Wisdom is the principal thing." Wisdom comes from God, by faith. Let us follow the example of Solomon in asking for an understanding heart that we may discern between right and wrong.

Wednesday afternoon Professor Lang and his agriculture class were present at a meeting of special interest to farmers, held in Harvey.

Although we had a siege of influenza here for two weeks, all who were ill are back at work as usual.

Lorine Schimke was happy to have her parents visit her a short time.

Minnesota Conference

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Peter's Mistake

BRAVELY Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. A noble act indeed, yet it was of no value! It might have done more harm than good. There were other things Peter might have done which would have been of greater help to his Lord, but he failed to do them. Sometimes we are busy cutting off the ear of somebody when we ought to be doing something else. What will you be doing April 9 to 16? Will you be helping with the Big Week or will you be doing something else?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Maplewood News

AS A FITTING sequence at the close of the Week of Prayer Brother and Sister

L. S. Melendy gave one of their varied programs of instrumental and vocal music, interspersed with readings and chalk talks. While the selections given were lively and full of smiles, the thread of serious thought which ran through the whole entertainment will not soon be forgotten by the students and other friends who had gathered to listen in the academy chapel on Saturday evening, March 19.

Elder J. A. P. Green, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, spent Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22, at the school. His talks at the chapel hour each day and at joint worship on Monday evening were interesting and instructive. Brother M. H. Odegaard accompanied him to the school.

It was a pleasure to have President Thomas W. Steen, of Broadview College, visit the school on Sabbath and Sunday, March 19 and 20. He spoke at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath, at the young people's meeting in the afternoon, and also at joint worship on Sunday evening. The workers are always welcome at Maplewood.

The Maplewood Academy board meeting was held at the school Sunday, March 20.

Among the guests who were at the school during the week, March 12-18, were Mrs. Karl A. Evenson and Miss Nancy Seppala, of Virginia; Miss Blanche Sather, of Gilchrist; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Olafson and family and Mrs. E. J. Wharton, of St. Paul; Mrs. W. J. Miller, of Wadena; and Dr. F. E. Cornwell and children, of Mankato.

MR. AND MRS. H. E. HEIN, Mrs. Alvin W. Johnson, Ray Fowler, and Harry Hammett attended the funeral service of Mrs. Edwin Clark, of St. Paul, on Thursday, March 10. Mrs. Clark was the mother of Wilbur, one of the students. The school extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Members of the young men's club presented a program before the young women's club Wednesday evening, March 9. Alvin Engelrup introduced the program by singing a solo which received hearty applause. A humorous reading by Guy Nelson, a saxophone and clarinet duet by Elmer Cornwell and LeVerne Melendy, a dialogue illustrating a conversation between roommates by Roland Olbrick and Albert Peterson, and a selection by the quartet composed of Byron Miller, LeVerne Melendy, Donivan Jahn, and Alvin Engelrup, were other numbers.

At the regular meeting of the colporteur band on Thursday, March 10, students related experiences which they have had in field work during the summer. Many new members were received into the band at that time.

A rude dispensary with grocery box furniture and board walls was revealed in "A Glimpse of Indian Medieval Missionary Endeavor," shown in the chapel Saturday evening, March 12, by the mission band. While the missionary was out on a long itinerary, a white clad nurse and the missionary's wife spent a busy day caring for the sick and injured who came for help and advice. With the few supplies at hand, the ambassadors of Jesus did what they could to ease the suffering of the patients. Other items on the program were a story of John G. Paton's success on the island of Anawa being made possible by his ability to "bring rain from the earth" by means of a well, a reading about "Nobody Wants," a little Chinese refugee who at last found a home in a gospel mission, an instrumental duet, a mixed quartet, and a solo, "The Sinner and the Song," with the stirring refrain of "Jesus Lover of My Soul" as a benediction.

Minnesota Items

ELDER H. M. HIATT called at the office on Tuesday of last week, after having spent a few days at Hutchinson in the interest of the educational work.

Less than three months remain before we assemble for our annual camp meeting, June 23 to July 3. It is not too early to plan to attend this spiritual feast.

If your subscription to the *Youth's Instructor* expires after May 1 you may have it extended 8 months for \$1.00, provided you send in that amount before May 15.

The new "Church Manual" will be ready May 1. This book will be authentic and will be backed by the highest authority in the denomination. Place your order with the Book and Bible House now. Price \$1.00 in cloth, \$2.00 in black leather.

Elder J. A. P. Green visited at our office while working in Minnesota. He spent some time at the colporteur institute, and on Sabbath, March 19, spoke at the Minneapolis English church. On Monday morning Brother Green and Brother Odegaard went out to Maplewood Academy in the interest of the colporteur work.

Since the beginning of the year 27 individuals have been baptized and joined the Minneapolis English church. The last baptism was held on March 12, when a goodly number followed their Lord in baptism. Elder Johns looks forward to another baptism before camp meeting.

Elder Garner reports a good attendance at the Sunday night meetings in the Odd Fellows' Temple in St. Paul. He plans to close the series of meetings with the last Sunday night in April. A baptismal class is being organized with the hope of a number going forward in this rite on April 30.

A Sabbath school convention will be held in the Hutchinson church the evening of April 8 and on Sabbath, the 9th. We are glad that Sister Flora V. Dorcas, of the Iowa Conference, is arranging to be with us at that time. We hope to have all from the neighboring Sabbath schools attend these meetings who can do so.

The colporteur institute closed on Friday, March 18. Among those who called at the office, who are already engaged in this line of work or who plan soon to enter, were H. G. Biggers, of Battle Lake; Allen Burt, of Minneapolis; Harold Santini, of Hibbing; Henry Peterson, of Terrace; and Arne Steine, of Austin.

The order blanks and information leaflets for the Big Week campaign have been sent out to the home missionary secretaries, and should have been passed out last Sabbath. We hope that the thirteenth Sabbath program and the Big Week plans were both given a prominent place at the services, March 26. We shall do our best at the office to have the books you order at your church for distribution on April 9, that everyone may take an active part during the week set aside as Big Week.

Theodore W. Ringering and Lulamae F. Sherlund, both of Daggett Brook, Minn., were united in marriage at the home of Elder I. J. Bjerke in Brainerd on March 16, Elder Bjerke officiating.

Health Topics and Notes

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Our Sanitariums

Colds and Influenza

A COMMON cold is a common nuisance. Not infrequently it leads to something worse. We catch a cold, usually, as we catch measles or mumps; namely, by contact with someone already afflicted. Unlike most other contagious diseases, it may afflict the same community several times a year. Colds are sometimes the

result of exposure; but more often they occur through transmitted infection.

By all the rules of analogy colds are the manifestation of an infection; but the offending organism has not been identified. Recent investigators agree that it is an ultra-microscopic germ, too minute to be seen by any present aid to natural vision. The same opinion prevails regarding the causative agents in epidemic influenza. In fact, these two diseases have much in common. A severe cold is hardly distinguishable from a light attack of influenza. It may be that the same germ produces both diseases; in one instance, a mildly virulent variety; in the other, an extremely virulent one.

Regarding the treatment of these winter maladies, two or three principles may be particularly stressed. A person with a cold should keep warm and should rest. A patient with epidemic influenza immediately risks his life in doing otherwise. In both conditions there is commonly present an inflammatory state of the nose, with some pus production. The nasal orifice should therefore be kept thoroughly cleansed by means of the use of sprays or irrigations, and not by the energetic blowing of the nose. The latter practice introduces the unnecessary hazard of forcing infected material into the middle ear or into the accessory sinuses of the nose. Either of these happenings involves a greatly prolonged period of disability, and of discomfort, if not of actual suffering.

Children with diseased tonsils or adenoids are particularly handicapped when they encounter either colds or influenza. For this reason, if for no other, proper attention should be given the little ones before the winter maladies put in their unwelcome appearance.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Not that any one can, or will, prevent all contamination from colds; but at the outset of such an encounter with either colds or influenza, the patient's course of conduct, and the management of the case, usually determine the seriousness of the attack. Precaution at this point cannot be too strongly urged; and persons suffering with a common cold or with influenza should, so far as possible, keep out of public gatherings and avoid contact with others, thus greatly minimizing the danger of exposing those around them. Too many people are going to untimely graves because they do not take seriously the first appearance of a cold or an attack of the "flu" when a little wise precaution and careful attention at the outset would oftentimes forestall a world of trouble.

ORVAL ROCKWELL, M. D.,
Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

Obituaries

SOPER.—Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Soper died at her home in Sherbrun on Mar. 4, 1932, after a long illness. At the time of her death she was 62 years, 9 months, and 14 days of age. She was born in New York and came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trumbell, to Minnesota in 1881. In 1887 she was married to David Soper, and to this union were born three children. The deceased in early life dedicated her heart to God and remained a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for thirty-four years. She is survived by her three sons, three brothers, and aged father. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Federated church at Sherbrun. O. W. WOLFE.

REISWIG.—Elizabeth Reiswig (Tebelius) was born in Russia, Jan. 8, 1854; and died in College View, Nebr. She was the wife of Elder Conrad Reiswig, who died last summer. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom, three sons and five daughters, are living.

More than thirty years ago the deceased, with her husband, accepted the truth in South Dakota under the labors of Elder Conradi. Till death she was a firm believer in the message.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder R. T. Baer, assisted by Rev. Suffa, a close friend of the family. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, and sleeps in the blessed hope of the first resurrection. H. LANGENBERG.

PINKERTON.—Mary Ida Pinkerton was born Jan. 19, 1861, in Mercer county, Mo., and departed this life at Cameron, Mo., March 14, 1932, being 71 years, 1 month, and 24 days of age.

She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church 38 years ago and has ever been a faithful and consecrated member of the faith. During the several weeks she was confined to her bed, her one desire was that she might go to sleep and await the call of the Life-giver.

She is survived by 5 daughters, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, and several grandchildren. We laid her away in beautiful Memorial Park Cemetery at St. Joseph, Mo. C. J. METZGER.

ECKHART.—Mrs. Hattie M. Eckhart, née Spillman, was born April 21, 1859, in Pekin, Ill.; and died March 13, 1932, at her home in Rock Island, Ill.

She was united in marriage to William Eckhart April 13, 1876. Five children were born to this union, 2 sons and 3 daughters. The children, a sister, a brother, and twelve grandchildren are left to mourn. The husband died three years ago.

Sister Eckhart embraced present truth some years ago and united with the Adventist church at Davenport, Ia. She ever remained a consistent and faithful member. She expressed herself as ready and willing to be at rest until the call of her Saviour.

Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother R. E. McConnell. A. L. MILLER.

HOMER.—Mrs. Dorothy Homeier, née Bremer, was born in Germany, Dec. 9, 1849; and died Mar. 8, 1932, in Muscatine, Ia., at the home of her son, Joseph Homeier.

She was married in Germany to Christ Homeier, who preceded her in death just four weeks ago.

In 1885 Brother and Sister Homeier came to America and settled in Muscatine, which was their home the remainder of their days. Sister Homeier was a charter member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Muscatine. She remained faithful to the end, and we believe she was ready to close her life record of this world.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. August Shauland, Joseph and William Homeier, all of Muscatine.

Services were conducted by the writer at the home of the daughter, Mrs. Shauland. We laid our sister to rest awaiting the resurrection day of the just. A. L. MILLER.

SPRINGER.—Mrs. America Springer, née Batton, was born near Croton, Ia., April 16, 1859; and departed this life at her home in Croton, March 2, 1932. Croton and vicinity has been her home all of the days of her life. In October, 1885, she was united in marriage to James H. Springer. To this union two children were born, Morris E., of Croton, Ia., and Cort F., of Argyle, Ia. Her husband preceded her in death, April 6, 1926. The two sons, a sister, and three grandchildren are left to mourn.

Sister Springer united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about forty years ago. She ever remained a true and faithful member. She loved the services of the church and longed for the soon return of her Lord. She was patient in tribulation, of a sweet tempered disposition, a loving mother and devoted companion.

Services were conducted by the writer in the Baptist church, assisted by the pastor. We laid her to rest awaiting the summons of her Redeemer. A. L. MILLER.

HOLTON.—Ella B. Holton was born July 19, 1868, near Sandyville, Iowa; and died at Grace Hospital in Hutchinson, Kans. Jan. 19, 1932.

She accepted the message in early life, and continued faithful until the end. In 1889 she was united in marriage to Nathaniel W. Hibbitts in Iowa. To this union three children were born. In 1907 she was united in marriage to Forest Holton, and since then she lived eight years in Minnesota and seventeen in Kansas, the last ten years residing near Hugoton.

Bereft at an early age of a mother's care, she filled the place of a mother to her younger sisters. Through this time and all the following years of her life, she found her source of wisdom to meet life's problems and strength for its duties and hardships in her Christian faith.

Funeral services were conducted in the Adventist church at Hutchinson on January 22, and interment was made at Nickerson, Kansas.

MELVIN OSS.

MILLER.—Helen Clarissa (Braniard) Miller was born at Randolph, New York, March 10, 1853; and died at her home in Gibbon, Nebr., March 5, 1932, being at the time of her demise 78 years, 11 months, and 26 days old.

She graduated from high school in Randolph at the age of sixteen, and moved to Salamanca, where she engaged in teaching school. January 2, 1876, she was married to John C. Henlan of Sharon, Pa. Here they made their home until 1884, when they moved to Shelton, Nebr. October 19, 1898, Mr. Henlan passed away, and on March 17, 1901, Mrs. Henlan was united in marriage to Charles P. Miller, since which time she has made Gibbon her home.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, one daughter, and one grandchild.

At an early age she became a member of the Methodist church. In 1894 she was converted to the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists, and became a charter member of the Shelton church,

adhering firmly to the truth to the time of her death. She was a very thoughtful loving wife and mother, loyal to her home, her friends, and the church.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Presbyterian church in Gibbon, assisted by the Presbyterian pastor.

S. G. HAUGHEY.

OLSEN.—Mrs. Anne Kristina (Iversen) Olsen was born in Mosbel, Scherbeck, Schleswig, Denmark, March 16, 1845; and died at her home, 221 East Fourth St., Grand Island, Nebr., March 2, 1932, at the age of 86 years, 11 months, and 16 days.

She came from Denmark to America, arriving in Grand Island in the spring of 1868. On November 6, 1868, she was married to Jens Olsen. To this union two children were born; Frank I., of Grand Island, and Mrs. Johanne E. Ja-

cobsen, of Tecumseh, Nebr. Mr. Olsen preceded his wife in death, July 20, 1912.

Mrs. Olsen was always a friend to the sick and poor, and her home was open to those in need and to the pioneers and early settlers in this western country.

At the age of fourteen, she was confirmed in the Lutheran church in her native land. In 1887 she united with the first Seventh-day Adventist church organized in Grand Island, and remained a faithful member until her decease. With her passing, the last charter member of the Adventist church in this city has departed this life.

Besides her two children, she is survived by six grandsons, a number of nieces and nephews in Denmark and California, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer and R. E. Hay.

S. G. HAUGHEY.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1932

Colporteur	Bk.	Hrs.	Mag. Ord	Mags. Del'd	Helps	Book Total	Books Del'd
MISSOURI:							
Mrs. A. M. Asher	RJ	25	1.50	.....	.....	24.00	.....
Earl Asher	RJ	25	6.00	.....	.....	30.00	.....
W. A. Burton	GC	46	10.00	.....	36.75	99.75	1.75
Harry Duff	RJ	31	5.25	.....	17.50	40.50	15.75
Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	20	1.00	1.00	12.75	12.75	7.50
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	14	3.75	.....	.50	15.50	.50
*Mrs. Gardner	Mag.	44	24.85	24.85	.....	.....	.....
Bert Griffin	BR	37	.....	.....	6.50	17.50	.75
Clyde Kearby	BR	4	.....	.....	11.25	18.25	.....
Dewey King	RJ	31	1.50	.....	4.75	11.75	.25
*Florence Littell	HW	21	3.75	.....	1.50	19.00	.....
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	GC	8	.75	.....	.....	5.50	.....
J. J. Sutton	OD	39	.....	.....	4.75	26.25	2.50
Total		345	58.35	25.85	96.25	320.75	29.00
IOWA:							
Ruth Simmons	RJ	31	2.25	.....	22.50	31.50	.....
F. C. Smith	BR	35	.....	.....	6.00	29.50	.75
Geneviene Quinn	BR	18	.....	.....	1.75	25.25	.....
Elva Wilcox	OD	33	3.75	.....	1.00	18.75	1.00
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	11	.....	.....	.....	11.00	.....
Vernon Miller	RJ	43	.75	.....	4.00	8.00	.....
A. E. Johnson	HW	36	.75	.....	4.00	7.00	.25
Anna Hanson	BR	32	.....	.....	6.85	6.85	1.50
Anna Rasmussen	GC	6	.....	.....	.....	5.50	.....
Jona Luke	BR	16	.....	.....	4.50	4.50	2.50
John Ogren	OD	20	.....	.....	1.75	1.75	1.75
Anna Kromer	Misc.	3	.....	.....	.....	.50	.50
Total		284	7.50	.....	52.35	150.10	8.25
NEBRASKA:							
Mrs. S. G. Haughey	OD	7½	.....	.....	.....	20.50	6.00
C. A. Pence	OD	17	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....
*G. R. Starr	HW	67	12.00	.....	.....	73.00	.....
Total		91½	12.00	.....	9.00	97.50	6.00
COLORADO:							
Lillian Becker	HP	20	.....	.....	.25	.25	.....
Ernest Harper	PG	35	.75	.75	1.25	5.45	5.95
P. M. Jenkins	HP	29	.....	.....	1.00	22.00	1.00
Sarah McGrew	Misc.	3	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	2.75
H. R. Printice	HW	37½	.....	.....	1.50	26.50	1.50
Jacob Reuber	BPS	35	.....	.....	15.25	15.25	11.40
H. H. Schaffer	HW	10	.75	.75	.....	17.00	17.00
Herbert Young	HW	28½	.....	.....	2.50	5.50	2.50
Total		198	1.50	1.50	24.25	94.45	42.10
Grand total		918½	79.35	27.35	181.85	662.80	85.35

*Two weeks.

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.—S. D. A young single man to work by the month, with farm experience in handling four- and six-horse teams. Can start at once. State wages in first letter. Henry Gregerson, Ute, Iowa. 4

FOR SALE.—Health Home: hotel with bath-house and two-story dwelling with basement; some cottages; 40 acres, 2 large mineral springs. Good sale for water. Plant accommodates 26 to 30 patients. Clarence Rucker, Sabetha, Kans. 4.5

WANTED.—Work as housekeeper in respectable motherless home in Minnesota or near Duluth. Or will do practical nursing. Experienced caring for invalids; also T.B. and cancer patients. Mrs. Elizabeth Debolt, Mahtowa, Minn. 4

WANTED.—Work on farm by month or season; \$30 a month. Oscar J. Borg, Route 1, Rocklake, N. Dak. 4.5

WANTED.—Farm work by experienced man. Can start April 15 or sooner. Minnesota or North Dakota preferred. William Tovey, Grand Forks, N. Dak. 4

FOR SALE.—At Oak Grove, Mo., one block from intermediate school, 2½ acres, five-room house, small orchard, peach, plum, and apple. Terms, \$200 cash, \$500 in two years. Also 15 acres, house, barn, chicken house, cistern; six acres in cultivation rest timber; few fruit trees. Terms \$200 cash, \$500 in two years. L. Belle Matthews, Turners, Mo.

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

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Union Office Items

ELDER J. F. PIPER was in the office between trains one day last week. He expects to move his family to College View by the first of April.

S. J. Lashier, the newly-elected secretary-treasurer of the Central Union Conference, arrived at the office last week and has entered upon his work. His family will come later.

Professor W. I. Smith, associate secretary of the General Conference Educational Department, was in College View for a short time last week consulting with college officials.

Brother Claude Conard, one of the General Conference auditors, spent a few days in the office last week bringing the union audit up to date.

Elder Piper, Elder Shadel, and Professor Marsh left last week for the Inter-Mountain Conference to attend a council, at which time the future policies of the conference and the school will be determined.

PROFESSOR D. D. REES spent last Sabbath at Shelton Academy. He spoke at the morning service, and in the evening he gave a talk on welfare work for the blind, stressing especially the work the Christian Record Benevolent Association is doing. The talk was illustrated with stereopticon slides. Sunday morning he accompanied a group of students and teachers to Kearney and occupied a part of the school's regular Sunday morning broadcast hour at Radio Station K G F W, speaking again in the interest of the blind.

Iowa Sanitarium and Oak Park Academy

A THRILL of real joy filled my heart as I visited the Iowa Sanitarium and Oak Park Academy at Nevada, Iowa, when I met with the academy and sanitarium boards recently in their annual meetings. It brought back to me memories of the past of twenty-five or thirty years ago when the Iowa Sanitarium was first

started on East Twelfth Street in Des Moines, and the academy was then located at Stuart, Iowa. At that time I was connected with the Iowa Sanitarium food factory, which was a part of the sanitarium and under its direct management. Well do I remember how earnestly the entire family of the institution would pray that God would bless the work, and send those to the institution who would be benefited by the treatments given and also by the spiritual influence and the godly lives of its workers.

The institution now at Nevada, the successor of the one that was first started in Des Moines, situated as it is on those beautiful hills in the midst of those stately trees, and the quietness of its rural surroundings, certainly will bring peace and rest to the tired and taut nerves of those who will seek its benefits and spend some time at the Iowa Sanitarium at Nevada.

I was glad to meet the teachers and students of the academy, and was also impressed that the school could accommodate a number more young people; and also, that those who now are attending the school are of the type who desire to make the most of their privileges and prepare themselves for the work of the Master. God grant that they may find their place in helping to finish the work of God in the earth. I see no reason why the work of both these institutions shall not prosper and succeed in the purposes for which they were started.

May the lives of those who are to carry on the work at both the sanitarium and the school be so consecrated to God that He may use them in a signal way to bless others.

J. F. PIPER.

Religious Liberalism

A SPECIAL series of three articles covering various phases of the inroads of modern religious liberalism in the Christian church has been prepared by Brother Andrew C. Gilbert, and will start in the *Signs* of April 12. In a most helpful way Elder Gilbert outlines the efforts of the modern preacher to do away with the Bible story and put Christ in as merely a "good man."

Any subscriptions you may send in immediately can begin with this special number if desired. This is something well worthwhile to send to friends and neighbors who are active workers in other churches and are joining us strongly in the fight for the fundamentals of the Christian religion.

Send all orders to your Book and Bible House, asking that subscriptions begin with the April 12 issue.

Nebraska Notes

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there about the first of April. The Fairbury church has already extended a warm welcome to Elder Haughey. We are sure that Elder Haughey and his wife will be much help to the little church at that place.

Elder Hay is finishing up his effort here in Grand Island, and it looks now as if several may take their stand for the truth through this effort and the literature that had been previously distributed.

Brother Vixie is in the field now assisting his colporteurs. He will be in Omaha this week-end, assisting Brethren Brockman and O'Neal. We trust that our people throughout the conference will remember our colporteurs in their prayers.

The publishers are making a special offer on the *Youth's Instructor*, eight months for one dollar. We hope that we may receive a number of new subscriptions for this paper, taking advantage of this unusual offer. This is an excellent paper, especially for our youth.

Brother Starr is doing good work here in Grand Island taking orders for the book, "Hope of the World."

Brother Leo Green and wife are now settled in Falls City. Brother Green will canvass Richardson county and Sister Green will canvass the town of Falls City.

Brother Deapen reports a growing interest in his effort at Petersburg in the church there. We trust that he will be able to garner some fruit through this effort.

Big Week is starting out very well. Seward having taken the lead in ordering sets of books. Their first order was for 52 sets and they expect to use more. Let us have your orders at once for these books.

Sister Taylor will hold a Sabbath school convention in Nebraska City Sabbath, the 26th.

Brother Sherrig is visiting a number of our churches in the interest of the Big Week. I am sure our churches appreciate this help from Brother Sherrig.

Word from the publishers states that the new "Church Manual," which has been in preparation for the past several months, will be ready May 1. This is a book which every officer of the church should secure. The price in the cloth binding is \$1.00; in black leather, \$2.00. Let us have your order and we will fill it just as soon as our stock reaches us.