

# Central Union Reaper

Official Organ of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## A Time to Demonstrate Faith

"THUS saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous [hard or difficult, margin] in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous [hard or difficult] in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 8:6.

When goals are reached or great results are brought about in a natural way, there is a great possibility that God may not get the glory, for there is a natural tendency to attribute results to our own ingenuity or efforts. But when we come up to a Red Sea or Jordan or Jericho's wall, and by faith move forward, the name of our God is honored and adored, and His hand is recognized in the opening or results. I believe God loves to take hold and work where human effort fails, and manifest His power and favor.

During 1929 and 1930 when money was flush and easy to obtain, we made great records, and it was easy to get people persuaded to go after it, whether through the Big Week or the Harvest Ingathering. But now we are facing a Red Sea, and I hope we will not forget that the same God lives and is able to perform miracles for His work today.

Why be disheartened and ready to let the work languish because work is hard and money difficult to obtain? That is what some have done, according to Bishop Edgar Blake and Bishop Miller, of

Latin America. Bishop Blake says that in the foreign countries they have stopped the religious training of 127,000 of their children and youth, dropped over 4,000 of their native workers, and the work was on the decline to the extent of a loss of 56,000 members in 1929. Bishop Miller says that he does not know of a missionary who plans to return after his furlough—all this on account of a depleted treasury.

This is a time to demonstrate our faith in the living God, whose children we are, and whose word we have to proclaim. Why not be like the people in Nehemiah's day and say, "Let us rise up and build," and our God will prosper us. Our work has held up in foreign fields because we have listened to the call of God and done our part. Your continued effort will avoid a report on our work as that referred to above. It is not hard for God, but He uses men. Do not make it hard for Him to carry on His work in His own way by refusing to take hold of the Big Week campaign right now.

Remember, there is no other provision made for the projects to be assisted by the Big Week this year. Two dollars profit on book sales, one day's wage or income, or a gift is the Big Week objective. We are depending upon you.

S. T. SHADEL,

*Union Home Missionary Secretary.*

## Progress at Union College

WE ARE glad to report that Union College is making progress in many ways, and that we are getting along reasonably well. We have had no serious sickness or epidemic, and no accidents have befallen us. I am well aware that the old saying that no visible signs of the Lord's displeasure are upon us may be misleading and give a false sense of security. Yet we are thankful that thus far the Lord has spared and protected us.

We are trying to remain true to the faith once delivered to the saints. In a school where there are hundreds of students with active minds, whose chief work is study, it would be strange if

theological difficulties and problems should not arise. We must not take the attitude that students shall not think. That would be fatal. But as long as we are guided by the teachings of the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, we will not go far astray. With the experience of the last few years to serve as a warning, we should be very careful that our thinking is right thinking and along the right lines, and we must also be careful not to give the impression that we are afraid of having any one think. That was one fear some had when I connected with the school. Orthodoxy is not dependent upon non-

thinking. Seventh-day Adventists' doctrines are eminently fitted for deep and thorough investigation. Clear thinking only makes truth shine brighter. We have had and are having some interesting studies, and I believe some good is being accomplished. Among these studies are organization and the Spirit of Prophecy.

We are, of course, hard hit by financial conditions. We are doing our best to economize and are meeting with some success. The teachers are cooperating in every way. I wish to emphasize this point, for it is a real pleasure to work with such a group of men and women.

M. L. ANDREASEN, *President.*

### Kansas Conference

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### Why It Pays

IS IT worth while to send our youth to our academies and colleges for training when so few of our graduates can find employment in our organization?

I notice the question concerns "employment" and not "work." It is true that at present only a very limited number are on the pay roll, and those who are, esteem the same as a very great privilege. But although there is not employment there is still work for all trained in our schools. It is worth while to train our youth so that they can efficiently bear responsibilities in our local churches, Sabbath schools, and young people's societies.

If the only prospect ahead were to become a Sabbath school teacher, it would be worth while to go to school for several years in order to learn how to be a *good* teacher. That is a grand, noble, and responsible work! The Sabbath school teacher has a field that holds out bright prospects. Too often we fail to comprehend the sacredness of the responsibility that is assigned with a class. There are also prospects for enlarging our class by inviting our neighbors and friends to join us in the study of God's word.

I trust that the students in our schools have their attention called to the exalted

nature of the work in their home churches, as well as the needs in darkened heathen lands. All can become missionaries for Jesus. There is a big work that is to be done by those qualified for it.  
MELVIN OSS.

### Are You One?

NEARLY everywhere I go in Kansas I find those who have a conviction that they should join in gospel canvassing work. This is what we should expect to find, for if we understand rightly, many more are to be called into His work as we near the end.

No doubt, many who read these paragraphs are among those who are called. Some of you have already responded, and are planning definitely to begin as soon as arrangements can be made; others are putting it off for a more favorable time. That more favorable time may never come. When God calls He always provides a way, and He certainly will not call one to a work in which he cannot succeed.

It will be only a short time until our institute at Enterprise, Kansas, April 15-22. Quite a number of recruits have decided to begin at that time. If you are also called, write at once, and we can quickly make arrangements for you to attend. You will never feel any better about it putting it off.

E. H. MEYERS.

### Notes

ELDER N. J. AALBORG and family are moving from Kansas City to Chanute this week.

Wednesday, March 30, Elder Wiest was called to Dodge City to conduct the funeral of Sister Lindsay's husband.

Elder T. H. Allison, of Kansas City, and Elder F. L. Peterson, secretary of the North American Negro Department, called at the office Monday, March 28.

Are the young people in your church between the ages of 11 and 21 years enjoying the weekly visits of the *Youth's Instructor*? If not, encourage the parents and young people to begin planning now to take advantage of the special offer of eight months for \$1.00 which will be made May 1-15. The regular subscription price is six months for \$1.00. By subscribing during that time one receives the paper free of charge for two months.

The Topeka I church is entering enthusiastically into the Big Week work. They have already ordered 132 sets of books.

### So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President  
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### The Call of the Hour

"THE twentieth century recognizes that the world is out of joint, that the present social order and civilization are creaking, crumbling, tottering toward an impending doom. Nor is this all. 'The great body of Christian church members,' asserts an eminent writer, 'are not looking to their churches to remedy the situation. They are still aboard the old religious ship; yes, but they know that the ship is sinking. . . . They sadly recognize that the time has come when they must look elsewhere for a vessel adequate to these present-day religious needs.' We near the time of the long-anticipated home-going, and the mightiest challenge of the hour is to know Christ, to become acquainted with His message for today, to let Him cleanse the heart, transform the life, and mold the character. This twentieth century, replete with fulfilled prophecy, presses the challenge to personal preparedness. It bids us hasten with the good tidings to friend and neighbor; yes, to quickly tell the world about Christ, His spotless life, His triumph over death, His glorious, imminent second coming."

The above are two paragraphs taken from the book, "The Challenge of the 20th Century," by Elder R. F. Cottrell. This is one of the books in the Big Week set and will appeal to people who are anxious to know what our present world conditions mean. By the time this issue of the REAPER reaches you, the official date of the Big Week will be just one week hence. Do not the present conditions challenge us as a people to use every opportunity, of which there are so many now, to take the message to our friends and neighbors? The Big Week sets are here at the office awaiting somebody to sell them. Have you ordered your four sets yet? If not, do so today.

L. E. NIERMEYER.\*

### Plainview Academy's Musical Tour Itinerary

AS WAS announced in the last week's REAPER by Elder Oss, the music department of Plainview Academy will present a program at the following places this coming week-end:

Chamberlain, Friday evening, April 8.  
Mitchell, Sabbath, 2 P. M., April 9.

Madison, Saturday evening, April 9.  
Sioux Falls, Sunday, 10 A. M., April 10.

WNAX, Yanktown, Sunday, 3:30-4:00 P. M., April 10.

Swan Lake, Sunday evening, April 10.

The next week-end we will be at the following churches:

Tolstoy, Friday evening, April 15.

Java, Sabbath, 1:00 P. M., April 16.

Bowdle, Saturday evening, April 16.

Leola, Sunday evening, April 17.

We cordially invite those from neighboring churches or any of our isolated people to attend one of these programs. Also we will be pleased to have you listen in to the program to be broadcast from WNAX, Yankton, Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00. If you enjoyed the program drop us a line, and I am sure it will encourage our young people in their endeavors.

H. C. HARTMAN.

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### Colorado Conference

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### Bible House Notes

HAVE you heard about the special offer on subscriptions to the *Youth's Instructor*? If you order the *Instructor* before May 15 you can secure eight months for only one dollar. This applies to renewals as well as new subscriptions.

Big Week is on in Colorado. A number of churches have ordered their books. One church secured one hundred sets a few days ago; another sixty, another forty-two. Have you received your books so you can raise your goal of four sets per member?

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### A Discouragement Cure

THE Big Week is here. Will it be a big week for you, or will you allow this splendid opportunity to do something for God's work to slip by without an effort on your part? Do not allow this talk of depression to act, as Satan would like to have it act, as a depressant on your spirit and an excuse for not attempting to place this splendid set of Big Week books in the hands of your friends. You think it can not be done this year, but you will never know until you have tried. For your encouragement and with apologies to my friend, Elder Niermeyer, of South Dakota, I am going to divulge a portion of a letter that I just received from him. It is a certain cure for discouragement. Read this prescription and try it, and you will have an experience similar to the one related here by this Seventh-day Adventist mother, who had allowed discouragement to creep into her life. The excerpts follow:

"I was discouraged and ready to give up the truth. Just about the same time I received a letter from the General Conference, and also from the local conference, urging me to take part in the sale of Big Week books. I paid no attention to the first letters, but the third coming from the local office made quite an impression on me. Something seemed to say to me that I should engage in this work. I prayed that if it were the Lord's will, He would show me just what to do. A voice spoke to me, 'Get the books and sell them.' Day and night the voice urged me to sell the books.

"Finally I recognized that this was the voice of God speaking to my soul, and I had no rest until I decided that I would order the eight sets of Big Week books and then see what next I ought to do. Immediately my mind was at rest, and there flashed into my thought the names of eight people to whom I might be able to sell the books. The books arrived in due time. I found them in my mail box on Sabbath afternoon. We live ten miles out in the country, but that same night after sundown, we went to town, and I sold four sets in less than fifteen minutes. By Monday the eight sets were sold. I felt impressed that I should order more books, and soon eight additional sets were secured and sold.

"As a result of this Big Week experience, the truth of God has taken a

new possession of my life, and I am happier than ever before. My earnest desire is to be found faithfully doing the Lord's work at all times. My previous discouraged attitude affected my sixteen-year-old daughter, and she was on the verge of giving up the truth; but now she too has taken a new hold on the truth, and we are so happy in the Lord."

It will take \$1,500 to equip the sanitarium in Abyssinia, for which Emperor Haile Selassie I has so generously provided \$25,000 to build in the capital city in Biblical Ethiopia. Through the Big Week it would be possible for the members of the Iowa Conference to provide the funds to equip this institution. Let us not only do this, but let *every member* have a part in it no matter how small. I know that this will be your determination when you learn the details of this wonderful offer of the Emperor of Abyssinia when the Big Week rally day program is given. J. C. CHRISTENSEN.

### Fort Madison

THE writer began a short series of meetings at Fort Madison, Ia., Thursday, March 11, and continued the meetings until the 27th.

During the first part of the effort sickness prevented a number of our own people from attending, and the stormy weather during the first part of the last week was not helpful. The attendance was not large, but we had a regular and attentive congregation from first to last.

The messages were upon the doctrinal points of the faith and events of the present day which show the fulfillment of prophecy.

As a result of the effort two united with the church, Sabbath, March 27, and seven others entered the baptismal class, making nine in all coming out of the ranks of the enemy into the faith. The baptismal class will receive preparation studies for baptism by Elder M. G. Bish, leader of the church.

There are others much interested who we hope will take their stand ere long.

Sabbath, the 19th, Elder Bish and I were at Keokuk where, with the assistance of Elder J. L. Wilson, quarterly services were held. Elder Wilson has recently moved to Keokuk.

We are thankful for the blessings of the Lord upon the Fort Madison effort and for the fruit given.

A. L. MILLER.

### Sabbath School Flashlights

MRS. ED. ELIAS, superintendent Forest City Sabbath school: "Could you send me about four more missions quarterlies

please, and the same number of Investment leaflets, also a few thirteenth Sabbath envelopes? I mailed out the last I had to some of our members who have not been able to attend very often this past quarter on account of bad roads and weather. I was pleased to have some of the envelopes return with an offering. We had our thirteenth Sabbath program yesterday, and all did their parts real well. We also had another interesting item on our program. Three of the children from the basement classes told us in their own words about the beginning of the gospel message among the Gentiles by the early apostles. One of them told about Peter and Cornelius, and the other two told us about Paul's travels. We have a large map of the Bible world for the children's classes to study, and we brought that up, and they pointed out all the different places of Paul's first and second missionary journey, and told us the most important and interesting things about each place. It was very interesting. They surely did fine. I am starting to plan the Investment program. I have a new Birthday Register up; when we are through with it at the end of the year, I will roll it up and send it to you. The birthday offerings are coming in right along."

Mrs. J. D. Palmer, superintendent, Grinnell: "Please send three more Investment leaflets and ten more of the 'No Retreat' song leaflets. We had our thirteenth Sabbath program, and all had their parts learned. We are planning on having our Investment program April 23, as there is something else planned for April 16."

(We had a hard time making the supply of "No Retreat" songs reach as far as they did. More have been ordered and the extras needed will be sent as soon as possible.)

Mrs. A. W. Brown, home worker at Spirit Lake: "I was glad to have your letter, and we will be so glad to have you come to see us any time. I know you can give us valuable help with our little Sabbath school of children. They are all from families non-Adventist, and some receive ridicule at home, but they seem quite interested, and some have been quite regular in attendance. We had seven one Sabbath, but some have work a part of the time. We hope to establish a part of them at least as Sabbath school members. They just started a few Sabbaths ago."

We read in the little book, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath school teachers can in-

struct the children in the truth and they will, in turn, take it into the home circle." So it is evident this is one good way to spread the light of truth.

The first two Sabbath school reports to reach the office for the quarter ending March 31, were from Richard Stalker, secretary of the Audubon school, and Della Wiltse, secretary of the Onawa school. Others came later, and it is hoped that all will be in before many days have passed.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCUS.

### Oak Park Notes

MISS WATSON, from Sioux City, visited her niece and nephew, Ruthita and George Shidler, over the week-end of March 25-27.

A group of students from Oak Park Academy entertained at the Paul Anderson home Saturday night, March 26.

The boys at Oak Park are enjoying the use of their new basketball.

Last week the spring Week of Prayer was held at Oak Park under the direction of Elder Gordon Smith.

Elder Gordon Smith, union Missionary Volunteer secretary, was in charge of communion service at the academy, March 26.

Eugene Nelson, a former Oak Park student, visited the week-end of Sabbath 26, with friends and relatives.

### Notes

ELDER GORDON SMITH, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Central Union Conference, was at Oak Park Academy during the spring Week of Prayer. His Sabbath morning service at the church on March 26 was much appreciated by parents and children. Mrs. Smith and their son, Jack, were with him in Nevada.

Elder and Mrs. H. A. Fish, of Marshalltown, were visitors at the conference office on Wednesday of last week.

Elder J. C. Christensen went to Des Moines on Thursday of last week. He was with the church at Winterset on Sabbath, April 2, with the Liberty Center church on Sunday, and at Sandyville on Monday, in the interests of Big Week.

Elder McVagh returned to the office on Monday, having visited Oskaloosa, Keokuk, and Ft. Madison. At Ft. Madison he spent a few hours with Elder A. L. Miller, who was planning to close his series of meetings on Sunday evening, March 27. Nine of those attend-

ing had signified their determination to walk in all the light of truth.

Word came to the office on Monday of last week of the death of Brother Ernest J. Dietel, of the Hawkeye church. He had been failing for some time and his daughter, Mrs. Laura McGee, matron of the sanitarium bathroom, had been there helping to care for him during the last week of his life. Elder J. C. Nixon was called to conduct the funeral service, which was to be held on Wednesday afternoon.

The funeral service of Ernest Nelson, brother of Miss Marie Hanson, of the Sanitarium Training Class, was held at Ruthven on Sabbath, March 26, conducted by Brother M. N. Skadsheim, of Hawarden. An uncle of Miss Hanson was buried on the following day at the same place.

Miss Bess Stanfield, of the Boone church, spent a few days and over the week-end with friends at Nevada, returning to her home on Monday, March 28.

### Wyoming Mission

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### Wyoming Notes

THE full quota of Big Week books was shipped to Cheyenne today, and are eagerly awaited by the church, as their successful literature campaign so effectually prosecuted thus far this year has intensified their zeal for a Big Week effort. They are anxious for "more worlds to conquer."

They are taking a club of 105 *Signs of the Times*, with an additional 50 of the two-color edition that they are selling. Each month they sell a club of one hundred *Watchman*. They are purchasing tracts with the proceeds of their sales and faithfully distributing them, and inquiring after five weeks what the interest is. The total cost to the church for literature figures a little over \$37 a month; so a veritable autumn shower of truth-filled pages is falling into the homes of the people, and receiving an intelligent, systematic follow-up that offers certain hopes of a reaping in the near future.

Sister Grubbs had an interesting experience in one of these follow-up inquiries. A lady said that several years ago her little girl who had been playing out in the yard came in the house with a "Coming King." She was questioned as

to where she had obtained the book, but could give no answer that threw any light on the source of her find. A diligent inquiry among the neighbors failed to solve the mystery. Later a Nazarene minister held meetings near her, and she identified herself with that people, but has never felt satisfied, and feels that the Adventist faith is more nearly her belief, especially after the miraculous experience with the book, reading its clear-cut evidences.

Meetings were held in Laramie five different nights, and faithful instruction given those who were desirous of becoming better acquainted with our denominational teachings and standards. It is apparent that a permanent organization will be effected there after further careful labor.

Brother Mathew, who is laboring so faithfully in and around Gillette, is taking a club of thirty *Signs* in addition to the many hundred *Present Truth* he is distributing.

One isolated sister has taken a club of fifteen *Signs* and ordered additional literature, totaling in excess of \$28. Graybull sends in for a club of fifteen from their small company. Sheridan is enlarging its church club of *Signs*, and a faithful follow-up program is developing many inquiries for further study. This consecrated labor is after the Lord's own order, and our hearts rejoice to see a turning to Him in honest inquiry for truth. The effect of these labors is seen in the testimony meetings that are replete with up-to-the-minute experiences that thrill the hearers and inspire to greater endeavor.

Casper has not slacked its pace in missionary labor, and almost every evening is occupied in some line of church study or instruction for a larger activity in literature distribution. They are at loss to know how to follow up all the interest that is being developed.

Brother Gahagan has been conducting studies on the prophecies each Sunday evening and has several showing encouraging response.

An elderly sister in Casper, who is in poor health and lives alone, is desirous of getting an Adventist woman who needs a home to come and live with her. A woman from 55 to 65 years of age who is able to do light housekeeping for two is desired. Write to Mrs. Anna H. Desbrow, 1044 North Jackson, Casper, Wyoming.

The writer conducted the funeral at Lander for Sister Nora William's son, Robert, who died in Washington, D. C. The Baptist minister assisted, as their church was used on this occasion. Meetings were held there, at Bonneville, and

Thermopolis, with a good attendance of interested listeners. Riverton, Bonneville, and Thermopolis each have a sister awaiting baptism, with others weighing the importance of the step. The lady at Bonneville took her definite stand under the labors of Brother and Sister Chamness, of Shoshoni. This earnest couple accompanied me to Bonneville and Thermopolis, and their special songs were an inspiration to the believers.

My automobile is heavily loaded with Big Week books as I leave for Sheridan and the northeastern part of the state. What opportunities to contact the public are afforded by these heaven-ordained methods!

C. A. PURDOM.

### Nebraska Conference

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#### Sunday Legislation

WE HAVE received a communication from the Religious Liberty Department, Washington, D. C., giving a brief report of the situation of the Sunday bills now pending before Congress.

The Sunday bill, S.1202, pending before the Senate District Committee, was defeated by that committee two weeks ago by a vote of ten to four. The House bill, H. R. 8092, is still pending before the House District Committee, so from now on we need to center our attention on the House bill, sending in petitions of protest against it. A majority of the members of the House Committee are in favor of this bill. Professor Longacre writes me that they have had no hearings as yet on this House bill, and he feels very anxious to have petitions come in as much as possible, as it will help them when the hearings take place.

There is still another bill pending; namely, H. R. 8759, introduced by Congressman Amlie, of Wisconsin, which aims to prohibit commercial advertising by means of radio on Sunday. We are urging that petitions be taken up against this bill.

We would like to have all our workers and church elders take up this matter with renewed energy, and send in their petitions to their nearest congressmen. We will also send you a list of congressmen from Nebraska to whom you may send your petitions. Send your petitions to the congressman of your district. Following is a list of the members of Congress from Nebraska: First District, John H. Morehead, Falls City; Second District, Malcolm Baldrige, Omaha; Third

District, Edgar Howard, Columbus; Fourth District, J. N. Norton, Polk; Fifth District, Ashton C. Shallenberger, Alma; Sixth District, Robert G. Simmons, Scottsbluff.

It is sincerely hoped that the matter of securing signatures on the petitions will receive the attention of our workers and church elders, in view of the fact that the House bills may come up for consideration at any time, and these petitions will help a great deal. So far the Lord has helped us greatly, and we are sure that the petitions that have come in from time to time have helped to check attempted religious legislation.

ROSCOE T. BAER,

Religious Liberty Secretary for Nebraska.

#### Petersburg Effort

A FEW weeks ago the conference committee voted to allow me to hold a series of meetings in the Petersburg church. After some preparations, including the installing of electric lights in the church, we started a public effort on the 16th of March.

The interest and attendance has been good in spite of the exceptionally rough March weather and bad roads. God has been blessing our efforts and opening the way for us. The editor of the local paper has given us free space each week to advertise the services and to announce the topics to be presented.

On Sunday morning just after our meetings started, I gave a sermon in the Congregational church, and since then many of their members have been attending our services. We do not have money to spend for advertising, and do not need it, for the Lord has opened the way and with His blessing, souls will be won to the truth. Remember us in your prayers.

J. A. DEAPEN.

### Minnesota Conference

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#### Week of Prayer at Maplewood

THE annual spring Week of Prayer is among the outstanding experiences of the school year. Maplewood Academy has just enjoyed this new season of refreshing in spiritual things.

The members of the school family were fortunate to have Elder Gordon Smith, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, with them during the first few days of the week. His studies on the "Way to Salvation" and his personal work among the students proved to

be very helpful and uplifting. It was the privilege of the writer to take up the work after Elder Smith's departure. Elder C. Edwardson also joined the work at the close of the week and helped to make the results a success.

The students and teachers in their daily prayer bands contributed much to the success of the week. Each class period was shortened five minutes in order to give ample time for the devotional periods. There was also an evening service for the school. It was the studied purpose of the faculty to make the regular routine of school work secondary, first thought and attention being given to the spiritual interests of the students.

During the week nearly all responded to the calls to reconsecrate themselves to the Master. It was gratifying and inspirational on the closing Friday evening to hear the ringing testimonies of fresh victories won and advanced steps taken toward the kingdom.

A class of twenty-five members has been organized by Elder Frank H. Yost to prepare for baptism, which will be held at the school in the spring.

There is a fine company of young people at Maplewood, and a beautiful Christian spirit prevails among the students and teachers. The writer was especially impressed by the marked contrast in the character of this body of students and that of a popular high school he recently visited. It does make a difference where our young people are trained. It is an encouragement to parents to know that their children are in a school which recognizes that our joy and usefulness in life depend upon union with Christ.

WALTER B. PONTYNEN.

#### Maplewood News

ELDER A. A. DIRKSEN, home missionary secretary of Minnesota, spoke at the services at the school during the week-end, March 25 and 26. Mrs. Dirksen and their small son, Orval, accompanied him.

Brother and Sister S. W. Richardson, of Duluth, spent from March 24 to 27 at the school visiting their son, Samuel.

Miss Culpepper entertained the teachers at an informal gathering at the home of Professor and Mrs. Alvin W. Johnson on Thursday evening, March 24.

Mr. H. E. Hein gave an illustrated talk on electricity at the boys' club on Wednesday evening, March 23.

Katherine Evenson sang at the Congregational church on Easter Sunday.

The junior class of twenty-six members was organized Sunday evening, March 27, and the following officers

were elected: President, Henry Hanson; vice-president, Nina Nelson; secretary, Alice Croak; treasurer, Harry Sather; adviser, Elder D. Gulbrandson.

An unusual feature of the social which was held in the dining hall Saturday evening, March 26, was a march which led the students on a tour through the girls' dormitory, the boys' dormitory, and back to the dining hall. On their return they found a chocolate sundae on each chair as a surprise from Professor Johnson. Other marches and games were enjoyed during the evening's program.

### Missouri Conference

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### Notice

WORD has come to us from the publishers of the *Youth's Instructor* that a special offer is made on an eight months' subscription for the *Instructor* of \$1.00. This offer is good only until May 15. Anyone who has a subscription expiring now may extend the subscription eight months for the price of \$1.00 also. We trust that all who have young people in their home may take advantage of this special offer.

### Missouri New Notes

QUITE a large number of the churches have placed their initial orders for Big Week sets, and some have ordered more than once. We hope that all our churches will see to it that they have a supply of books on hand to use as soon as Big Week proper begins, if they do not plan to get started before that time.

Brother and Sister A. M. Ragsdale spent several days in Clinton last week making preparation to move to their new field of labor in Kansas. Brother Ragsdale had some office work that he needed to get out of the way, and he is leaving his office in nice shape for the new man to take up his work. An informal program was given in their honor at the home of Elder and Mrs. Hartwell Thursday, March 25. We are sure that they will be missed by their many friends in Missouri, not only in Clinton, but throughout the state.

Brother A. R. Smouse, the Central Union auditor, has been auditing the books the past week, and we have been pleased to become better acquainted with him.

### No. Dakota Conference

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### S. R. A. News

IN CHAPEL Monday Professor Michalenko told us of a balanced wheel, the wheel education, which has three spokes: spiritual, mental, and physical. When one of these phases of life is overemphasized at the expense of the other two, an individual is not properly balanced.

At the thirteenth Sabbath program Sabbath, a number of our members repeated verses in a symposium. The subject was "Giving." Professor Michalenko sang, "The Lord Is My Light." Eldon Saunders gave a current mission talk, while Ruby Harlow recited a short poem giving the spirit of a missionary en route to China. Irwin Korrenny and Roy Olson, from the children's department, repeated the memory verses for the quarter. Brother Korrenny had charge of the review lesson. After we had returned to the chapel from our classes, Hazel Berthelsen read the secretary's report, also a current report for that day's attendance, daily lesson study, membership, and offering.

The chorus program given Saturday night was attended by people from Harvey as well as other near-by towns. The first number on the program was a piano duet by Ruth Poppe and Elrone Hmelvsky. Irene Anderson and Charlott Rhinehart sang "He Shall Feed His Flock." Otto Berthelsen and Irene Anderson played "One Fleeting Hour," an instrumental duet. The Cantata, "Light of the World," was sung by the chorus, the soloists of which were Charlotte Rhinehart, Mrs. R. R. Neuman, and Everett Chappell. Elron Hmelevsky was accompanist and Miss Rubendall director of the chorus. The program was a musical treat.

Monday, March 21, at 5:00 p. m., the senior class met for the first time and organized.

Wednesday evening in union worship, the boys gave a program, the theme of which was the care of the body and of the mind. The male quartet sang "Jesus the Light of the World."

Our six-weeks examinations are just past.

North Hall is undergoing a partial interior decoration, the halls and the parlor being painted.

One evening at study period Miss Pet-

ersen was informed that she was wanted at once in the office. She was quite pleased, as she had wanted an opportunity to go there. But upon entering the office, she was informed that a mistake must have been made. So back to North Hall she hastened. The whole story in a nut-shell—the residents of North Hall and Mrs. Prior had a surprise party planned for her birthday, and a surprise it was. A speech, song, piano solo, saxophone solo, and appearance of the birthday cake and present constituted the program, which was heartily enjoyed by all.

### Health Topics and Notes

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Our Sanitariums

### Iowa Sanitarium Notes

MR. MAURICE VASEY, of Collins, submitted to an emergency operation Tuesday night for ruptured appendix.

Mrs. R. W. Barnhurst, of Hulbert, Okla., accompanied by Mr. Barnhurst, came to the sanitarium Tuesday morning for radium treatment.

We have in our nursery at the present time two really bouncing baby boys. One weighed 9½ pounds at birth and the other 10½ pounds. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, of Fernald, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gear, of Nevada, respectively.

Mrs. Hortense Reynolds and Mrs. S. D. McFadden, both house mothers at the Iowa State College, at Ames, spent their Easter vacation at the sanitarium resting and taking treatments.

Among the medical patients entered during the past week are: Mrs. Emily Miller, of Grinnell; LeRoy Kemmerer, of Boone; Mrs. Bessie Alsin, also of Boone; Helen Brown, of Mankato, Minn.; Elmer McCreary, of Hubbard; H. C. Whitney, of St. Anthony; Miss Arline Hove, of Stanhope; and Mrs. Fred Williams, of Story City.

Miss Marie Hanson, our night supervisor, spent a week caring for her brother at her home in Ruthven, who was suffering from smallpox and nephritis. He passed away on Friday morning. Mrs. Lloyd McGee, our bathroom supervisor, was called to the bedside of her father at Hawkeye a week ago Sunday morning, but due to his advanced age he was not able to combat his trouble, and he passed away Monday morning. We extend our sympathy to our fellow workers and their families in this their hour of grief.

Obituaries

ELLIOT.—Sarah Elliott, née Layton, was born June 1, 1863 near Glasgow, Iowa. She passed away Feb. 28, 1932. On March 8, 1932, she was united in marriage with Wm. T. Elliott, who preceded her in death fourteen years ago. Of the immediate family she leaves to mourn, two sons, four grandchildren, a sister, and a brother.

About thirty years ago she heard and embraced the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining faithful to the end.

The message of comfort was given by the writer. Interment was made at Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield, Ia.

J. H. RHOADS.

TERRY.—Emmeline Virginia Whittaker Terry was born at Cumberland, Md., March 21, 1851; and died March 13, 1932.

In 1871 she was united in marriage to Enos Terry. To this union were born five daughters, two having died in infancy. There are also ten grandchildren. Sister Terry and her companion, now deceased, lived to celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Twenty-five years ago she accepted the views of Seventh-day Adventists, and was a faithful member all these years. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

H. C. HARTWELL.

BENNETT.—Katie Elizabeth Nimes Bennett was born July 25, 1852, at Genesco, N. Y., and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Skanadore, in Gordon, Nebr., March 15, 1932.

On Jan. 29, 1870, she was united in marriage to Charles H. Bennett who preceded her in death in 1917. To this union was born one daughter. About 1875 Mrs. Bennett heard Elders E. W. Farnsworth and R. M. Kilgore preach. This caused her to cast her lot with the people that "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." She was a charter member of the Gordon church. In 1892 she went to the Rosebud Agency, S. D., where she entered civil service work as a teacher and matron. In 1909 she returned to Gordon, Nebr., and though an invalid and an intense sufferer, she endeared herself to those that came to see her. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

A. E. JOHNSON.

GODFREY.—Nancy Ellen Godfrey, née Inman, was born in Greensburg, Ind., July 5, 1845, and died March 14, 1932, at the home of her son H. D. Godfrey, in Concordia, Kans.

During the Civil War she was married to Lyman Osborne, who died before the war ended from wounds received in battle.

On August 22, 1867, Mrs. Osborne was married to Thadeus Godfrey, who also preceded her in death, May 5, 1922.

To this last union eleven children were born, six of whom survive their mother. About the year 1890 she accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Those who know her can say, "She has done what she could." She was true to her faith until the last.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the United Brethren church, assisted by Rev. Holt, the pastor.

A. S. BRINGLE.

ALLEN.—Charles Wesley Allen was born in Longansport, Ind., March 12, 1841; and died at Beaver City, Nebr., March 14, 1932. For many years Brother Allen was a faithful member of the Wichita, Kansas, church; interment was made there by the side of his wife.

Brother Allen rests in the hope of the first resurrection.

F. S. CHOLLAR.

SMOTHERS.—Sarah Elizabeth Smothers, née Norter, was born in Cass county, Ind., Jan. 1, 1842; and died Feb. 22, 1932.

On April 10, 1862, she was married to Andrew J. Smith, to which union eight children were born. Mr. Smith died in 1875, and three years later she was married to Addison Smothers. To this union one child was born.

About fifty years ago she joined the Seventh-day Adventist church. She loved her Saviour and remained faithful to the end. Funeral services were conducted in the Community church in Castana. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer assisted by M. N. Skadsheim.

J. R. NELSON.

CATHCART.—Bury An Cathcart, née Mahan, passed away at her home in Akron, Colo., on March 5, 1932, at the age of 83 years, 8 months, and 15 days. She was married to John H. Cathcart Nov. 12 1874. Her husband and one son are left to mourn.

IRA CATHCART.

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

WANTED.—To borrow \$500 to \$1,000 on property that is clear and yielding good returns. Wright Barker, Route 1, Box 91, Matheson, Colo. 5

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 on farm by month. Can start at once. Have had experience. Minnesota or North Dakota preferred. William Tovey, Y. M. C. A., Grand Forks, N. Dak. 5

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 1932

Colporteur	Bk.	Hrs.	Mag. Ord	Mags. Del'd	Helps	Books Total	Books Del'd
<b>MISSOURI:</b>							
W. A. Burton	GC	42	5.00		10.00	51.00	
Mrs. H. Duff	RJ	16			2.25	2.25	
Harry Duff	RJ	37	3.75		5.00	22.00	
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	5	.75		9.70	12.70	
L. E. Gallemore	RJ					6.00	
Bert Griffin	BR	34	2.25				1.75
Mrs. C. Kelley	GC	11	1.50	1.50	3.00	14.00	12.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	15	6.25	6.25			
*W. J. Smith	OD	61			4.00	22.50	.25
J. J. Sutton	OD	39			4.75	36.75	.50
Total		260	19.50	7.75	38.70	167.20	14.50
<b>COLORADO:</b>							
W. E. Davis	WC	20			5.50	5.50	5.50
Fred Gibson	HP	57½	1.50		14.25	28.75	9.75
Lucy Hill	HW	5			3.25	6.25	1.00
Ernest Harper	PG	37	1.50	.75	1.75	11.15	6.75
P. M. Jenkins	HP	31			.75	7.25	7.25
H. R. Prentice	HW	22½				19.75	.75
Albert Priest	HP	18	.85	.85	7.00	29.50	22.50
Jacob Reuber	BPS	41	.75		10.50	17.00	.25
C. H. Schaffer	HW	4			.25	3.25	10.25
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	5	1.35	1.35			
E. D. Wilmott	GC	24				26.50	26.50
H. Young	HW	22			7.25	7.25	1.25
Total		287	5.95	2.95	50.50	162.15	91.75
<b>WYOMING:</b>							
D. W. Gahagan	DR	74	2.50	5.00	19.50	33.50	40.25
Grand total		621	27.95	15.70	108.70	362.85	146.50

\*Two weeks.

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**Union Office Items**

I. G. ORTNER, the former secretary-treasurer of the Northern Union Conference, spent several days last week in the union office counseling with J. S. Lashier and Claude Conard relative to conference business, incident to the uniting of the two union conferences.

Monday of last week Elder Jay J. Nethery shipped his household goods to Denver by truck, and the same truck brought Elder J. F. Piper's effects to College View. Elder and Mrs. Piper are now settled at 4513 Calvert St., College View.

Elder E. H. Meyers, of the Kansas Conference, was a caller at the office Friday, April 1.

**An Attractive Offer**

BEGINNING with the first issue of May the *Youth's Instructor* will be sent to you or anyone else for eight months for only one dollar. The regular price is six months for one dollar. Be sure to get your order in to your Book and Bible House right away so your name will be in the list for the first issue in May. Make sure that your boys and girls have their own paper to read each week. It is published just for them, and they will enjoy it. Do not forget some of your young friends. They will appreciate your thoughtfulness. Orders must be sent to the Book and Bible House by May 15. New subscriptions will begin May 1. This offer applies to renewals as well.

CLARENCE LAWRY,  
Circulation Manager.

**The May Color "Signs"**

"SEVEN Rules for Your Health" is the title of an exceptionally fine health article by Dr. Arthur N. Donaldson in the May color *Signs*. This is an article that will be appreciated by your friends and neighbors who have had some contact with our sanitariums or treatment rooms.

Your Bible House will gladly supply you. Ask for the May color *Signs*. It will be ready to mail April 18.

**The Door to Wider Achievement**

TIMES are hard and money is scarce, but there is always room at the top. Those who now use their spare hours in definite preparation for more efficient work in their own particular field of labor, will presently be glad they spent their time and money in this way. Education, of the practical kind that leads to definite service, is always worth the sacrifice of time and convenience and the small amount of money that it costs. The Home Study Institute is receiving test papers from students ranging all the way from the 8th grade through the high school grades and through a large part of the college course. We also give many mothers instruction that enables them to take their children through the first three grades of the church school. We are glad to hear from men and women and boys and girls who desire to make something of themselves. Let us help you in your forward-looking plans.

M. E. OLSEN,  
President Home Study Institute,  
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

**A Big April "Watchman"**

THE *Watchman* for April is now ready. Special care has been taken in its preparation with the Big Week campaign in mind. No effort has been spared to make it one of the most beautiful and effective soul-winning numbers that has ever been published.

To raise your goal of \$2.00 a member, just sell 14 copies. Order them through your Book and Bible House. Also remember that after April 1st the yearly subscription price of the *Watchman* is \$1.50.

L. L. SKINNER,

**South Dakota**

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**Plainview Items**

YOUR attention is directed to the announcement elsewhere in this issue of the REAPER of the trip to be made by the Plainview Academy chorus. Don't miss these students' program when they come to your church.

Elder Gordon Smith, Missionary Volunteer secretary of our union, arrived Thursday, March 17, and took charge of the closing days of our Week of Prayer. His powerful messages proved a big help in making our Week of Prayer a real success.

Professor and Mrs. H. C. Hartman, Miss Simon, and Albert Binder went to Watertown Monday evening, March 14,

to attend a farewell social given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nies.

The boys' rooms were open for inspection Saturday evening, March 19. At 7:30 the groups started their tour through the dormitory, which seemingly had turned into important spots in Ireland. After the room inspection the guests were invited to the dining room, where a program consisting of Irish songs and dialogues was given. A lap lunch concluded the evening's entertainment, and each guest left with the satisfaction of having had an instructional as well as entertaining tour.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eder, of Peoria, Ill., stopped at the school Wednesday on their way to Mr. Eder's home at Tolstoy.

Elder J. A. P. Green, of the General Conference Publishing Department, spent the beginning of our Week of Prayer at the school in the interest of the colporteur work. Elder Green brought to us many inspiring messages and encouraging reports of the colporteur work.

**South Dakota Notes**

BROTHER AND SISTER B. L. SCHLOTTHAUER and little daughter, Carmen Jean, arrived in Watertown Sunday evening, March 27. At present they are busy getting settled in their house, and Brother Schlotthauer is getting acquainted with the work in the office.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer is at present visiting the churches in the Hills district. He planned to meet with the Spearfish church on Wednesday, April 7; Rapid City, Thursday, April 7; and Hot Springs Friday to Sunday, April 8 to 10. He plans on having a Friday evening meeting, also a Sunday evening meeting besides the regular Sabbath services at Hot Springs. Nearby believers are invited to attend.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer and Elder S. T. Shadel, the union home missionary secretary, plan to visit the following churches on the dates named in the interest of the Big Week work: Madison, Friday evening, April 15; Colman, Sabbath morning, April 16; Sioux Falls, Sabbath afternoon April 16; Elk Point, Sunday morning, April 17; Yanktown, Sunday afternoon, April 17; Swan Lake, Sunday evening, April 17; Mitchell, Monday evening, April 18; Chamberlain, Tuesday evening, April 19; Redfield, Wednesday, April 20; and Thursday the 21st, they plan to have a field day at the academy. Elder Shadel has an interesting set of stereopticon slides which he will show wherever possible. All nearby believers are urged to attend the meeting nearest their home.