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Are We Careful or Careless?

WHEN studying the recent Sabbath school lesson on "Godly Sorrow and Repentance," the thought expressed by Paul in 2 Corinthians 7:10-11 made a deep impression upon my mind. The first result of godly sorrow, which every true Christian must have in regard to sin, he mentions as working "carefulness" in us; and I could not help but wonder to what extent the lack of the "carefulness" might be responsible for the financial perplexities which we face at the present time, both in the personal affairs of many and in our work for the Lord.

As I have observed the serious decline in the tithe receipts, especially during the first quarter of this year, which has necessitated some conferences discontinuing the employment of regular laborers in order to avoid running in debt, and which is forcing other conferences seriously to consider similar emergency measures, I have feared that at least a part of this decline in tithe may be due to a lack of carefulness in the payment of it. God says the tithe is His, and we cannot under any circumstances afford to withhold it for our own use. Fidelity to God and His cause in this respect will always result in His promised blessing, while the opposite is sure to follow carelessness with reference to our obligations to Him "from whom all blessings flow."

Greater carefulness in regard to our Christian experience and that of our youth would also, I believe, result in a greatly increased enrolment at our academies and college, and a larger enrolment is one of their greatest needs toward solving their financial problems. Our children and youth are the only part of our earthly possessions which we can actually take with us when the Saviour comes, and an education in our Christian schools is one of the most powerful influences we can bring to bear toward insuring their salvation. Surely we cannot afford to neglect it if it is at all possible for it to be supplied.

It is my earnest prayer that if any of the REAPER family have not been as careful as they should be in these matters, the Lord will deeply impress their hearts

with the seriousness of the mistake, and also grant that godly sorrow which will bring real spiritual uplift and blessing as the result, both to the individual members and to the cause. Let us remember in this connection the admonition and promise to the Laodicean church as also emphasized in the Sabbath school lesson referred to above.

A. R. SMOUSE, *Union Auditor.*

Visit Palestine

THIS is the time to feature the special Palestinian number of the Yiddish paper, *A World Movement*. Considerable field work has been done in behalf of this special number.

It is felt that this special number of the paper provides a means of favorable contact such as has not yet been experienced. Elder Gilbert writes of his trip to Palestine and sets forth the truth in a very interesting and appealing way.

Orders have been filed with the churches and Book and Bible Houses for 100,000 copies. The papers are all ready and can be mailed the day the order is received, and all orders are filled up to date. Many of the churches have ordered liberally. You will not be disappointed in the interest that will be manifest as you engage in the distribution of this special paper. The price is \$1.50 per hundred. Order through the Book and Bible House.

G. C. HOSKIN.

Iowa Conference

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Hawarden Baptism

ON SABBATH afternoon, February 20, eight carloads of people motored from Hawarden to Sioux City, where a beautiful service was conducted in the Central Baptist church. Following a short sermon by Elder C. F. McVagh, the writer baptized twenty-three of the new believers from Hawarden. This is a partial result of the tent effort conducted in Ha-

warden last summer by the writer and Brother M. N. Skadsheim.

Because of prejudice we were refused the use of the local Baptist church, and for this reason the baptism was conducted in Sioux City. The Baptists in Sioux City were very kind and generous in permitting us the use of their beautiful and well equipped church for the baptism. Since the refusal to grant us the use of the local churches we have, by request, conducted several funerals in one of these churches.

The day following the baptism Elder C. F. McVagh led out in organizing a new church of thirty charter members. Three have been added since, and a number will be added later when another baptism will be held. It is hoped that a membership of fifty or more may be realized. The new members are faithful tithe payers and thus far have given an average of 22 cents a week per member in the Sabbath school. According to the records of the United States Department of Agriculture, Hawarden is in the center of last year's drought and grasshopper area in northwest Iowa. In spite of this and the general depression the new believers are giving on the average about \$6.00 per Sabbath to missions through the Sabbath school.

The new church has been completed and will be dedicated this coming summer. In spite of prejudice and in the face of much opposition nearly all the money for the church has been raised. The local business men with the exception of two or three made splendid contributions. The local post of the American Legion gave a good donation. To A. J. Berg goes the distinction of being the first contributor. He gave all the tile needed for the basement, amounting to \$250, and others followed with from \$5.00 to \$150. The church has a full basement with church school room.

Mention should also be made of the faithful work of Brother and Sister W. H. Johnson and Sister Anna Bowes. These three were conducting a Sabbath school of six members when the tent was pitched on Central school grounds last June. Surely they too will have stars in their crowns for their faithful endeavors.

The prayer meeting and the Sabbath and Sunday night services are well attended. At the latter service the church

is packed to capacity and the prospects are good for many more who have become interested.

We solicit the prayers of our faithful believers in behalf of the work in northwest Iowa.

J. R. NELSON.

Grinnell

THE all-day meeting at Grinnell on Sabbath, April 23, was evidently enjoyed by all in attendance. The Sabbath school was held at 8:50, which made it possible for one to enjoy the after service even though one must be at home to prepare the noon meal. After an enjoyable Sabbath school, the members rendered a very interesting Investment program, all entering heartily into the effort. It was gratifying to see the fine company of young people take an active part in the service. The superintendent, Mrs. J. D. Palmer, of Kellogg, has a fine chart prepared to show the individual Investment efforts, and an attractive calendar for birthday offering promotion. It adds to the interest to know that she was assisted in this by Mr. Palmer. I was very pleased to reach their home on Friday evening, and I greatly enjoyed their hospitality. Early in the morning we were on our way to Grinnell where fortunately we found some of the young men already at the church, and their ready assistance in placing the many charts of the Sabbath school department on the wall attractively before time for the opening of the Sabbath school, was certainly appreciated.

At the afternoon service the time was spent entirely in considering Sabbath school interests and plans, ways of carrying on the work most effectively, and in the inspection of the various charts and a discussion of their uses and possibilities. In my previous visits to this church, there had been only four or five sisters at the meetings, and I was pleased at this time to see the central section of the church quite well occupied both forenoon and afternoon. I trust their number may increase instead of decrease and that all will continue faithful to the end, prepared for the closing scenes of earth's history.

Mrs. FLORA V. DORCAS.

Oak Park Academy Notes

THE music department, under the direction of Mrs. M. S. Culver, gave a general recital, Saturday evening, April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norman visited their niece, Luella Walker, over the week-end of April 21-23.

Mrs. Mary Kelsey, former church

school teacher at Exira, Iowa, spent the night of April 24 at the sanitarium. She visited friends at the academy at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiedeman and son Clarence, from Burlington, spent the week-end of April 24 with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Culver.

Mr. Axelson spoke in vesper service Friday evening, April 21.

Miss Dorothy Akins was given first prize, a five pound box of candy, for selling the most annuals during the campaign which closed April 25.

Professor Axelson spoke to us in vespers Friday evening, April 21, about taking more heed to the things we hear, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Iowa Notes

ELDER A. G. CHRISTENSEN and son, Ernest, of the Southwestern District, were in Nevada on Wednesday of last week, selecting equipment for a tent effort at Kimballton, which they will begin as soon as they are settled in a home at that place.

Mrs. Dorcas enjoyed a visit at Grinnell with Mrs. Lura W. Hardy, a faithful Bible worker in this conference in earlier years, whose heart is wholly in the work, even though she is not able to meet with others in public services.

Elder C. F. McVagh was with the church at Hawarden over Sabbath and Sunday, April 23, 24, and on Monday was with Elder J. R. Nelson in conducting the funeral service of Mrs. Irving Reck, a greatly beloved young woman of the Sioux City church.

Elder S. A. Wellman, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, was with the church at Davenport on the evening of April 17, where with the aid of one hundred slides and a picture machine, he piloted an interested congregation around the world to view the beauties of nature in far-off lands and to look into the faces of Sabbath school members in the various mission fields. We greatly appreciate the help Elder Wellman gave to our work while in Iowa.

Elder and Mrs. J. C. Christensen and Jackie Dean were with the little company at State center for the Sabbath services on April 23.

Oak Park Academy students, in company with Elders Christensen and Nixon, Brother Nystrom and most of the academy faculty members, were out on Thursday of last week in Big Week effort. Eight auto loads of students, each with

an adult leader, started out in excellent spirit to help add to the mission funds and at the same time bring to the people visited the good books of this year's Big Week set.

No. Dakota Conference

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Wolves Substituted for Shepherds

COMMENTING on an Associated Press dispatch of February 29, that speaks of the hymns written by the Wesley brothers and those that are now slated for omission from the hymnal and psalter of the Methodist Episcopal church because of opposition from the younger generation, the *Lutheran Witness* of March 15 has the following to say:

"When things have come to such a pass as here described, the question begins to loom up how far one may still regard the Methodist church as an evangelical body. With all of its seminaries notoriously modernistic, its literature divested of Christian attitude, its pulpits given over to sociology and politics, what new developments must still be awaited before this sect has lost its right to claim the Christian name? How long may we still accept its baptism as valid? Proselytizing, as we understand it, is sheep-stealing. We do not regard members of other Protestant denominations as missionary material since we recognize those who occupy the teaching office in these bodies as incumbents of the Christian ministry. They are spiritual shepherds, and we do not feel at liberty to increase our own fold by stealing their sheep. *But this holds good only if the ministry still has a claim to the name shepherd. When the flock is administered by wolves, the situ-*

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ation begins to look otherwise" (Italics my own).

Up to the present time these Lutheran synods evidently felt, would they invite the Methodist to come out, that they would break the ninth commandment, but seeing that "wolves" have been substituted for "shepherds" in the Methodist church, they now could call them out of Babylon without having a guilty conscience.

Although Seventh-day Adventists have been accused of being just a sect of stealers and proselyters, they never did feel that they were transgressors of the law in this respect. They saw the wolves in shepherds' places since they have been preaching, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen."

Certainly we should appreciate our message which, if lived, admits no modernistic tendencies which undermine all fundamentals of Christianity. We ought to thank God for showing us years ago what others are beginning to see now, and again devote anew our all to the message by preaching and living it.

We have no apology to offer when we speak in no uncertain tones, "Come out of her, my people."

R. R. BIETZ.

Attention

SABBATH school superintendents, attention: We have on hand a number of Sabbath School Investment Charts which are to be used in the Sabbath school for the promotion of the Investment plan. We will send these out free of charge to all Sabbath schools that desire to use them, if they have no plan of their own which they are following. Order your copy today.

H. WENTLAND.

Nebraska Conference

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How Many Achans Are There in Your Church?

IN LEVITICUS 27:30-33 the Lord says, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of the tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it:

and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed."

Some honest souls have thought from this text of scripture that they were permitted to use the tithe, justifying themselves in it by promising to repay it by adding a fifth part thereto, but a careful reading of the Bible and "Testimonies" will not warrant anyone of us using the tithe for any purpose whatsoever.

The tithe is just as holy as the Sabbath day, and there would be no way that a man could work on the Sabbath, soothing his conscience that in return for stealing the Lord's time and appropriating it for his own use, he would keep a fifth part of other days in the week to make up. The only safe way is to pay the tithe first of all when we receive our income, and then there is no danger of our using it for ourselves and incurring the curse pronounced in Malachi 3:8-10.

In speaking further on this subject we have the following instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy: "How common even here to find selfishness, . . . and robbery of God 'in tithes and offerings.' Among church members 'in good and regular standing,' there are, alas! many Achans. Many a man comes steadily to church, and sits at the table of the Lord, while among his possessions are hidden unlawful gains."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 497.

"If the presence of one Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts when every church and almost every family has its Achan?"—Vol. 5, p. 157.

Then Sister White made this startling statement in Volume II, page 199 of the "Testimonies": "This is one of the reasons that, as a people, we are so sickly, and so many are falling into their graves. The covetous are among us."

In summing up this question on the seriousness of not living up to our obligations, Sister White gave the following testimony in 1893 which was printed in the *General Conference Bulletin*: "It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are more earnestly serving mammon. This half and half work is a constant denying of Christ, rather than a confessing of Christ."

We also learned in our previous articles that it is the duty of the conference presidents to see to it that the church

officers labor with the people until they shall bring into the treasury a full tithe. Pastors should be appointed according to the instruction to give study to this line of work, and if they fail to do their duty they are to be set aside and others appointed in their places. It was also definitely stated that the elders of our churches should visit from house to house, setting before the people the sacredness of the tithe and the obligation resting upon them to be faithful in the payment of the same.

Sister White states in Volume IV, p. 77: "At the close of every year all were required to make solemn oath whether or not they had done according to the command of God"

Now, dear reader, give this question serious thought and study and try to ascertain if there are any Achans in your family or in your church who would hold back the blessing of God and rob us of the outpouring of His Holy Spirit and the success which should attend our efforts throughout the conference in winning souls to Jesus.

I pray that officers and people will carefully check upon themselves and upon those over whom they have oversight in leadership so that no one shall lose his heavenly crown in the day of reward.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Young People's Institute in Lincoln

ON FRIDAY evening, May 6, an Investiture service will be held in Union College chapel. Under the direction of Miss Phylura Nagel, a large number of the students have been taking the Progressive Class work of the Missionary Volunteer Department, preparatory for junior leadership, and will receive the insignia of their attainments at this time. Some will be invested as Friends, others as Companions and Comrades. A number of junior children who are also taking the Progressive class work will demonstrate the value of these attainments. Elder Gordon Smith will present the challenge to those invested.

On Sabbath, the 7th, a young people's institute will be held in the Lincoln church for the benefit of the college students and College View church also. All the young people in College View and other nearby cities are cordially invited to join in this institute.

ANN S. TAYLOR.

Sabbath Schools in Brief

FIRST QUARTER 1932

Number schools67
 Membership2842

Honor Cards	288
Bookmarks	26
Birthday Offering	\$73.89
Investment	124.27
Thirteenth Sabbath	1228.90
Total Offering	5442.19

PENNANT SCHOOLS: Alliance, Beatrice, Beaver City Hastings, Lamar, North Platte, Marsland, Naper, Norfolk, Seward, Tekamah.

LOST PENNANT: Kearney, Cozad, Ong,

Singing one of the "No Retreat" songs has become a popular feature of our Sabbath schools each Sabbath, and our loyal members are cheerfully responding to the earnest appeal they bear. We have a full supply of them now and will be glad to send them to any school that is not yet supplied with them.

Investment pledges are coming in fast, and they indicate a big Investment year for Nebraska.

ANN S. TAYLOR.

So. Dakota Conference

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Big Week Field Day at the Academy

THE total number engaged in the field day at the academy was 65. The number of books sold was 546, and 21 cities were visited, besides country territory. Elders Shadel, Niermeyer, and Oss helped in the drive, and 11 cars were used.

This was a very successful Big Week field day. Depression made a valiant stand in every quarter, but with small success as the marshalled forces of the academy youth, filled with zeal and devotion, and led on by the leaders, forced the battle to a triumphant finish. It was good to be there and engage in this field day with all those earnest workers. We thank God for the measure of success given.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Notes

THE sad word reached the office Tuesday morning of Dr. R. A. Crawford's death at Chamberlain. Doctor Crawford has been ill for nearly three months. Elders Oss and Niermeyer will have charge of the funeral Thursday p. m., April 28. The obituary will appear later.

From several places in the state we are getting good reports of the work done by our brethren and sisters for others. Elder Oss reports that two splendid families

at Mobridge are attending church and studying the message earnestly. We believe this will be a good year in soul winning, as people are stirred by world conditions.

Elder Babcock writes enthusiastically about the work at Hecla. Before long we will have a church and a building for it there. Elder Babcock is purchasing a school house which will make a very satisfactory church building. The brethren are pledging generously, and Elder Babcock is leading out in the program of moving and fitting up this building. Another baptism is expected there soon.

Professor and Sister A. L. Watt, of the Plainview Academy, are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Elder J. C. Stotz has closed a ten-day series of meetings near Dallas, and is at present visiting the believers at Belvidere and Murdo.

Some are still ordering Big Week sets. It is not too late to do your bit. So far the Missions Extension work is far below last year. The needs never were more urgent.

Brother C. A. Mock, of Spearfish, recently ordered 100 copies of the book "Wet or Dry?" He stated he had already sold fifty of them in just a few hours work, and felt that he would be able to sell the other fifty as easily, which suggests to us that this may be a fine way for some who have not yet made their Big Week goal to do so. Our Big Week books at the office are practically gone, and it may be that many of our brethren and sisters would like to sell this little book. Order your supply.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer and Brother B. L. Schlottauer visited the Ash Grove church last Sabbath in the interest of the Big Week work. They report that the Ash Grove church, which has recently begun its meetings again, have a very good attendance this year because of the presence of several who have returned after having moved away.

Brother L. L. McKinley returned a few days ago from Union College, where he was in attendance at an enthusiastic colporteurs' institute, with Elder D. E. Collins in charge. Brother McKinley is working hard to secure as many colporteurs for South Dakota as possible this year.

Plainview News Items

Our seniors are busy working on the commencement programs to be given the week-end of May 20 to 22. The meetings are as follows: Consecration sermon, by L. L. McKinley, Friday evening, May 20; baccalaureate sermon, by

Elder Piper, Sabbath at eleven o'clock, May 21; class night exercises, given by the senior class, Saturday evening, May 21; commencement address, by Elder Gorden Oss, Sunday morning at ten o'clock, May 22. We extend a hearty invitation for our patrons to come and enjoy these programs with us.

Professor Hartman, Mr. Carr, and some of the boys have been busy working on the campus this week planting shrubbery, preparing the ground for a Chinese elm grove, and resodding a part of the lawn.

On Thursday, April 21, our school went out in the Big Week work. Everyone responded loyally to this work and eleven cars went out to the surrounding towns and country. We know the Lord went before us in this work and opened the hearts of the people, for 139 sets were sold and some money received as donation. Although this is not as much as last year, yet we feel it is good considering the conditions in the state. We appreciated the help of Elder Oss, Elder Shadel, and Elder Niermeyer.

The members of Miss Velhagen's Latin I class are carving miniature structures pertaining to Roman customs during this week.

Brother Taft is making good progress with the farm activities. Small grain is planted and most of it up. Some alfalfa is already seeded and more to be seeded. At present potatoes are being planted and a good seed bed for corn is being prepared.

Plainview's Musical Tour a Success

AS I LOOK back over the three past week-ends my heart is indeed filled with gratitude and appreciation for the results and accomplishments of our tour.

First of all, we thank our heavenly Father for His protection while on our journey. When we think of the many highway accidents we feel grateful for God's keeping power. On these trips we traveled about 1,300 miles.

We are grateful to Mr. Lyons, of our city, who gave us the use of a garage car without charge. The greater share of our business men are very cooperative and interested in the welfare of Plainview's activities.

Then to Mrs. Hartman, Miss Velhagen, and the fifteen young people, we extend a token of appreciation and thanks for the many hours of work and practice spent in preparing these programs. On the trip all were most cooperative and did their best to make the programs a success.

Words cannot express our heartfelt ap-

preciation to our patrons, young people, and many friends who manifested such an interest in the work of Plainview Academy. This was shown in overpacked houses at practically each of the fourteen programs given. At one of the churches it was estimated that 500 were present. In all, our young people sang to about 2,500 people, not counting the radio broadcast.

A very hearty response was also received from the half hour program given over WNAX. About seventy-five telephone calls and letters were received. Besides this many spoke of it personally.

We want to thank those that entertained us so royally in their homes. It is going to be hard for us even to begin to repay you. We invite you to visit our school and we shall try and repay the many courtesies.

Two auto. loads of our young people will present a musical program in the following Black Hills churches:

Rapid City, Friday evening, May 6.
Spearfish, Sabbath, church hour, May 7.

Hot Springs, Sunday evening, May 8.
We invite all of our people in the Hills to attend one of these programs.

Many have expressed their desires to be at Plainview next fall. We extend a hearty invitation to all of our young people of academic age. It is not too early to begin planning. Write us and we shall be glad to help you in your plans.

H. C. HARTMAN, *Principal*.

Colorado Conference

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The North Denver Church

WE ARE glad to report that the work is going forward in this church. Our Sunday night services are well attended, and there is a growing interest. We had intended to close these meetings the last Sunday night in March, but that night people voted for us to continue. We have therefore decided to continue through the month of April. Sabbath, April 2, we baptized ten good souls, all adults excepting one young lady. One of this number was from Brother Mayer's German effort. Others will soon be ready to follow in this ordinance.

Our Sabbath services and young people's meetings are also well attended. Sister Sabourin is doing a good work among the young people as their leader.
G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

Missouri Conference

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WE ARE sorry to report the sudden death of Brother Jake Hobbs, of Kingsville. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved family.

Elder C. J. Mezger recently visited the Goldsberry church and gave them assistance in the Big Week work.

Brother Campbell, our field missionary secretary, is at present attending the colporteurs' institute at Enterprise, Kans. He has sent us several names of students who plan to convass in Missouri next summer.

We regret to report the death of Sister Rolla Allen, of Utica. Sister Allen had been sick for some little time prior to her death. We sympathize with those who are bereft of this loved one.

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Foreign Translation Fund

SABBATH, May 7, is the appointed day for an offering in behalf of the Foreign Translation Fund. This is a yearly offering that is being taken in behalf of the foreign languages. With this fund, literature is being translated into other languages, and it is desired that all our churches will remember this offering to be taken Sabbath, May 7.

C. S. WIEST.

Liberal

IT WAS my privilege to be at Liberal this last Sabbath and speak to a full house on Friday night, and on Sabbath we had two meetings. In the afternoon seven were baptized. These young people are largely the results of the work of the church school teacher, Mrs. Loren Groome. A good attendance was had in all of these meetings, and I find that the Liberal church is active in all the lines of the third angel's message.

C. S. WIEST.

Results of Witnessing

IT WAS my privilege to spend the first half of April in visiting churches throughout the conference. In every church there was some encouraging evidence of progress to be seen. One church has recently re-decorated their building and purchased pews. Another has recently built a large new modern building to

hold their increasing membership. A backslider was reclaimed recently, and rejoices in being associated again with God's people. An enthusiastic Sabbath school teacher has six young people awaiting baptism.

In every locality, someone has become interested through the efforts of our lay members. Our dear believers are doing a wonderful work. The Lord is coming soon and it is necessary that we all do our part faithfully. The Master is counting on us to witness for Him.

MELVIN OSS.

Kansas Notes

BROTHER A. M. RAGSDALE, our educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary, spoke at the Topeka I church Sabbath, April 23.

On Sunday April 24, the Misses Arthena Peterson, Sarah White, Tennyson Ingram, and Fern Troll were in the office getting supplies for their colporteur work. Miss White and Miss Peterson will work in Parsons, and Miss Ingram and Miss Troll in Coffeyville. Miss Esther Dickerson and Miss Corrine Barker are starting work in Ottawa. We trust these young women will be able to place many of our truth-filled books in the homes of the people.

Sister Dora Meyer, of the Wichita I Sabbath school, has been issued a seven-year bookmark in recognition of perfect attendance and lesson study for this period.

Remember now is the time to get the *Youth's Instructor* eight months for only \$1.00. Orders are coming in every day. Be sure yours reaches us not later than May 15.

Elder F. S. Chollar reports a good interest in the meetings being held in the Wichita I church each Sunday and Wednesday evening. He has a baptismal class of twenty-four at present.

Nearly four hundred church members of the Kansas Conference are not enrolled in a Sabbath school. Will you not tell them to enrol as home division members either in a near-by local Sabbath school or in the Conference Sabbath school? We are glad to report that the above number is becoming less each quarter, so progress is being made.

Families desiring church school privileges in a prosperous farming region should communicate with Lester Owens, 1420 N. Wash. Ave., Wellington, Kans., at once for particulars, as farms are renting now.

Elder E. H. Meyers is assisting in the colporteur institute at Union College.

An Oxford Bible or limp leather

"Christ in Song" would make a splendid graduation gift for your boy or girl.

The Sabbath school secretary is making an appeal to the Sabbath school members to invite their neighbors and friends. Bring someone along with you. They too need the blessings of the lesson study.

Elder Wiest plans to visit the Manhattan church Sabbath, April 30.

Brother O. D. Davis left the office April 24 to take some of the colporteurs to their territory and assist them in getting started with their work. He will be at Parsons, Coffeyville, and Ottawa.

At this writing, Brother Ragsdale plans to be with the Ottawa church Sabbath, April 30.

The first Sabbath school to report for the first quarter was Junction City. Good work, Sister Freeman.

Obituaries

Elder Charles T. Burroughs



CHARLES T. BURROUGHS was born in San Antonio, Texas, May 2, 1882; and died suddenly at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Ill., April 8, 1932. The cause of his death was organic heart lesion.

Elder Burroughs' boyhood was spent in San Antonio until 1903, when the family moved to Houston, Texas. In San Antonio his mother and one other family constituted the entire Adventist congregation in that city. He grew up in the Adventist faith. After reaching manhood he bore the responsibility of local elder of the Houston church for a number of years, always manifesting untiring interest, and rendering splendid service.

On June 4, 1914, he united in marriage with Margarite A. Gastauer of New Orleans. To this union a daughter was born that died in infancy. He entered the gospel ministry in 1917 in connection with the Alabama Conference, where he labored for about three years, when he was transferred to the Florida Conference. After two years in Florida he accepted a call to the North Texas Conference, from which field he was called, in 1924, to the Central Union Conference as home missionary secretary. During the recent union conference meeting in Omaha, Nebr., Elder Burroughs accepted an invitation to the Lake Union Conference as home missionary secretary, he having served the Central Union for almost eight years. He took up his work in the Lake Union early in March, leaving Mrs. Burroughs in College View to complete her school year as instructor in the commercial department of Union College. At the time he was stricken he was filling appointments in Illinois, expecting to go on to Wisconsin. He stopped at the Hinsdale Sanitarium for a little treatment for what he thought was a slight disorder, but grew rapidly worse and died the next day after arriving at that institution. Mrs. Burroughs was unable to reach his bedside before he passed away. She accompanied the body to Houston, Texas, where the funeral was conducted by the writer. The body was laid to rest in the family lot in the Houston cemetery.

Those left to mourn are, his wife and an only sister, Mrs. Katy Griffin, of Houston.

Elder Burroughs was a loyal and active minister, loved by a large circle of workers and friends in the various fields where he was called to labor. His interests were particularly in the home missionary work, to which interest he gave the best part of his active life. He sincerely believed the doctrines of the third angel's message, and his earnest and friendly manner made him a real soul winner. A faithful worker has fallen, but the work he accomplished will live and widen until the coming of the Master, at which time he will be called forth to receive his reward for earnest, faithful service in the Master's cause.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

CRAMER.—Louis A. Cramer was born Sept. 21, 1870, in the state of Illinois, and died at the Porter Sanitarium in Denver, Feb. 28, 1932, at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 7 days. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter; also his mother, two brothers, one sister, and five grandchildren, besides many other relatives and a host of friends.

Our deceased brother united with the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Denver about seventeen years ago and lived a true Christian life until death. He resided near Sedalia for many years. Brother Cramer was a loyal member of the South Denver church at the time of his death.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

NYBERG.—Katharine Ball-Nyberg was born Oct. 27, 1860, at Lyndon, Ill.; and passed away at her home in Clinton, Iowa, April 17, 1932.

On Oct. 27, 1882, she was united in marriage to Charles E. Nyberg, at Morrison, Ill. To this union were born three sons and one daughter, two sons having preceded their mother in death.

Mrs. Nyberg united with the Clinton church at the time of its organization in 1904. She was a faithful Adventist and a true companion and loving mother. Services were conducted by the writer.

A. L. MILLER.

GREENFIELD.—Esther Morrow-Greenfield was born in Van Buren County, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1860; and passed away at her home in Birmingham, Iowa, Sept. 8, 1931.

She was united in marriage with W. S. Greenfield March 6, 1878. To this union were born two sons and three daughters, one daughter, Mrs. Grace Dou being deceased. Mrs. Greenfield has been a Seventh-day Adventist for nearly 40 years, and was always faithful. She was a true devoted companion and a loving mother. Services were held in the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, H. C. Irvine.

A. L. MILLER.

JACOBSEN.—Mary Jacobsen was born in Denmark, Nov. 7, 1848; and passed to her rest April 17, 1932, at the ripe old age of 83 years, 5 months, and 10 days. Her girlhood days were spent in her native land. She came to America in 1867.

In the year 1870 she was united in marriage to Lorens Jacobsen. Nearly all of their married life was spent in Shelby County. To this union seven boys and four girls were born, five having preceded their mother in death. She also leaves to mourn, eighteen grandchildren, one great grandchild, besides many kind friends and acquaintances.

She embraced the truth as taught by Seventh-day Adventists in the year 1873, under the labors of J. F. Hansen, since which time she has been loyal to her Master.

We believe she will come forth at the call of Jesus on the morning of the great resurrection.

R. F. BRESEE.

SHERRICK.—James M. Sherrick was born in Croton, Iowa, March 7, 1859; and died at his home near Croton, April 5, 1932. His entire life was lived in and near Croton.

May 9, 1879, he was married to Miss Mattie Ephlind. Having no children of their own, they were the foster parents of two girls and one boy. His wife and the three children survive. Mr. Sherrick professed to believe the truth but never united with the church. Before his death he professed to have accepted Christ as his Saviour. Services were conducted in the Baptist church by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the church.

A. L. MILLER.

HARTLEY.—Mary L. Hartley, née Feather, was born in Green County, Wisconsin, April 29, 1860; and died Feb. 5, 1932, at her home in Marshalltown, Iowa. She grew to womanhood in Ottawa County, Kansas, where she was married to B. H. Hartley. About two years ago

the family moved to Marshalltown after having lived in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Indiana.

She is survived by her husband, one son, and four daughters. There are also 26 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. She has been a Sabbath-keeper since 1896. She remained faithful until her death. The funeral service was conducted by Elder J. A. McKibben.

MRS. F. FRIMML.

LEOMING.—Lulu Gertrude Leoming was born in Omaha, Nebr., Jan 27, 1888; and departed this life in the same city, Feb. 15, 1932. She lived with her aged mother at the time of her death. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about four years ago and remained loyal to the end.

She leaves her mother, one sister, two nieces, and one nephew. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and she was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery, just north of Omaha.

J. D. JOHNSON.

HILL.—James L. Hill was born in Carroll County, Mo., April 6, 1850; and died March 15, 1932, at Harris, Mo. He was united in marriage to Angeline Blakley in 1873, and to this union seven children were born. His wife and two children preceded him in death. He and his wife embraced the third angel's message soon after their marriage. At the time of his death he was a member of the church in Mountain View, Calif. His life was devoted to the Master. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. F. V. Walker, pastor of the Baptist church, a friend of the family. Mr. Hill had returned from California only two weeks before his death. He was laid to rest in the Half Rock Cemetery by the side of his wife and son.

RECK.—Viola Jensen Reck was born in Denmark August 30, 1903; and died in the Methodist Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, April 23, 1932.

At the age of three she came to the United States with her parents. She came to Sioux City eleven years ago and on Dec. 26, 1922, she was united in marriage to Irving W. Reck. To this union were born three daughters.

Ten years ago she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained a faithful member until her death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, three daughters, three brothers, her father, and other relatives and a host of loving friends.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer assisted by Elder C. F. McVagh. Our sister was laid to rest in Logan Park Cemetery.

J. R. NELSON.

WANTED.—Adventist single man who knows how to do accurately work on farm, including milking and chores, and one who will go ahead and take a personal interest. J. O. Lorenz, La Salle, Colo. 9

WANTED.—By widow and son experienced in farm work, position near S. D. A. academy. Reference furnished. Write Elder Wm. T. Hibben, 64 N. Park Road, LaGrange, Ill. 8,9

WANTED.—Work on farm by S. D. A. young man by month. State wages paid. Lester S. Wiley, Birmingham, Iowa. 8,9

FOR SALE.—Farm, 229 acres, 5 miles from Homer, Nebr., 15 miles from Sioux City, Ia. 70 acres under plow, rest in pasture and timber. Good house, barn, garage, granary. Fenced, good well and water in pasture. See or write Mrs. Esther Runnels, Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City, Calif. 7-9

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Mag. Ord	Mags. Del'd	Helps	Books Total	Books Del'd
*IOWA:							
Fay Smith	BR	82			14.50	92.50	2.00
G. A. Shelton	BR, OD	41				41.50	91.00
Genevieve Quinn	BR	54			21.25	102.75	45.25
Elva Wilcox	OD	75	3.00		18.60	29.60	5.35
J. R. Sovey	RJ	20	3.75		1.50	16.50	
Mrs. Eva Walker	Mag.	37	19.00		14.00	14.00	
Anna Rasmussen	GC	80	2.25		17.00	33.50	
A. E. Johnson	HW	38	1.50		9.50	15.50	2.00
Ollie Parrott	RJ	40	.75		11.50	20.00	
Ruth Simmons	RJ	64	2.25	1.50	5.50	41.50	18.50
Lorraine Lassiter	RJ	66	.75	.75	9.75	12.75	5.75
G. W. Griffin	RJ	81	3.00		11.00	32.00	3.25
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	33			4.50	10.00	
Vernon Miller	RJ	93	.75		19.00	22.00	
John Ogren	OD	68			18.00	21.50	5.75
Anna Hanson	BR	66		.75	12.40	12.40	18.65
A Colporteur	Crisis	42			77.00	77.00	
Harold Switzer	OD	14			1.50	1.50	
Mrs. Hazel Ridpath		7			6.00	6.00	6.00
Anna Kromer	Misc.	6			10.00	10.00	3.50
Total		1007	37.00	3.00	282.50	612.50	207.00
COLORADO:							
Lillian Becker	HP	19½			.50	.50	6.50
H. L. Canfield	BR	36			2.75	13.75	16.75
W. E. Davis	BR	14				7.00	
Fred Gibson	HP	22½			8.00	8.00	.75
Ernest Harper	PG	144			4.50	9.20	3.00
P. M. Jenkins	HP	22½			2.50	15.50	24.75
H. R. Printice	HW	35¾			2.00	15.00	.50
Albert Priest	HP	36			1.50	135.50	.25
Jacob Reuber	BPS	34			3.00	9.00	1.75
Hubert Young	HW	10			5.80	5.80	5.80
Total		374			33.55	219.25	60.05
MISSOURI:							
W. A. Burton	DR	25	4.00	2.00	5.25	30.25	10.75
Harry Duff	RJ	35	2.50	.75	2.75	9.75	5.25
Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	12	1.50		1.25	9.25	3.25
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	23	9.00			41.00	
Bert Griffin	BR	23			.50	35.00	.50
S. A. Minear	RJ	43				9.00	4.50
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	GC	10					4.25
W. J. Smith	OD	26	.50				
J. J. Sutton	OD	33			3.25	29.75	6.25
Total		230	17.50	2.75	17.25	164.00	34.75
NEBRASKA:							
G. E. Ahlstrom	RJ	13			2.75	5.75	
L. E. Green	OD	45			1.75	14.75	
Mrs. L. E. Green	OD	35			.75	5.75	
C. A. Pence	OD	31				10.00	
G. R. Starr	HW	36			4.50	17.50	5.00
Total		160			9.75	53.75	5.00
MINNESOTA:							
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	5				3.00	.50
Karl A. Everson	BR, HP		1.00	12.00	24.00	48.00	196.25
Mrs. J. B. Myers	Mag.	37	13.95	12.95			
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	35	9.70	9.70			
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	26	13.02	13.02			
Total		103	37.67	47.67	24.00	51.00	196.75
Grand total		1874	92.17	53.42	367.05	1,100.50	503.55

*Two weeks.

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Faithfulness in Adversity

THE Far Eastern Division OUTLOOK relates the following experience in tithing: A certain brother lost his position as a laborer on a plantation. With what limited capital he then possessed, he started in business and experienced reverses. His losses were heavy and his children were frequently sick. As he and his wife studied the situation they decided that since they had been unfaithful to God in their tithe, they must make the first change in that field. With their determination to be faithful came a change in their business results. Even though the district was heavily affected by the depression, yet their number of customers increased and God blessed them with prosperity.

In the moment of adversity one needs carefully to watch his line of reasoning. During those moments, his decisions may lead to irreparable wrong or may lead to the path of obedience and life eternal. Can good ever come from transgression? Can we disobey God and live?

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Minneapolis

THE Sunday evening lecture series is proving to be a real soul-winning campaign. Even though the testing truths have been presented the attendance and interest have not diminished.

The expense of the effort, so far, has totaled \$352.29. The offerings have amounted to \$360.05. In every possible way economy has been effected in advertising and other expense. The responsibility for filling the hall has been placed upon the church members, and they have responded nobly.

A half-hour Bible readers' training class has been held each Wednesday evening before the prayer meeting. As a result, at least six of our members have been

holding weekly Bible studies. The training class as conducted by Sister Cummings is organized so as to give practice as well as instruction. The company is divided into little groups and studies are given as they would be presented to strangers.

A third baptismal class has been organized with fifteen in the class. Some of these have been in the Bible classes held by our church members. We hope to have close to fifty baptisms before camp meeting.

In the last baptismal class was a man to whom the *Signs* had been sent by one of our physicians. After attending a few Sunday night meetings he was baptized and went out to his North Dakota farm with a vision of service for others.

Our Wednesday evening prayer meeting is largely an experience meeting. From fifty to ninety are gathered each evening and the testimonies are inspiring.

One of our members was washing in the basement of a home. As she washed, she sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Soon the grandmother of the home was standing by her side asking Bible questions; then the lady of the house joined the group. As a result Bible studies are now being held in the home. Our prayer meetings are made up of such experiences as this. Surely God is working mightily these days through the consecrated members of our churches.

Last Sunday evening the subject of the Judgment was presented. After the meeting a lady said, "I have been a backslider for four years. I want my name to stand in the judgment, and would like to join your baptismal class."

It pays to persevere in prayer. For 38 years a lady of our church has been faithful in prayer. All this time her husband has been unwilling to yield. At the close of a Sunday evening service he said to the pastor, "I would like to be baptized." There was great rejoicing when he went forward in this sacred ordinance.

Another young man has waited eight years to take his stand. It was a great

test of faith but he yielded, and lost his position. Now he is going out as a colporteur and the light of victory illuminates his countenance.

The Minneapolis church is doing a strong welfare work this season: home missionary activities are emphasized; a continuous soul-winning campaign is in progress.

Minnesota News

SABBATH school conventions will be held at Mankato the 14th and at Dodge Center the 21st.

Elder H. M. Hiatt was in the office on Wednesday of last week while in the Twin Cities, and took 19 sets of Big Week books back to the Anoka church with him.

On Thursday of last week Elder O. W. Wolfe conducted the funeral of Miss Esther Perkins, of Pine Island, Minn. We extend to those who mourn our sincere sympathy.

Miss Hopkins expected to leave the last of the week for the Sabbath school convention at Brainerd, and to visit in the field before going on to the Sauk Center convention the 7th.

Several colporteurs have just started out in the field for their summer's work, and Brother Odegaard assisted some of them for a few days before he left to attend the colporteur institute at Union College.

If any of our readers are interested in the purchase of some unimproved farm land in central or northern Minnesota at a very low price, please write the Minnesota Conference office for particulars regarding two quarter sections which are for sale, the proceeds of which are to be used in connection with our work.

The evangelistic meetings held in the Odd Fellows' Temple in St. Paul closed April 24, with a full attendance in spite of the rainy weather. Several have taken their stand for the truth and plan to be baptized at the baptismal service April 30.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR THREE MONTHS (Thirteen Weeks) ENDING MARCH 26, 1932

	Mem.	Amt. \$7.80 Per Mem.	Amt. Received	Amt. Short	Per Mem. 1932 1931
Colorado	2587	20178.60	9789.85	10388.75	.291 .233
Inter-Mountain	646	5038.80	876.85	4162.22	.104 .143
Iowa	2522	19671.60	5247.24	14424.36	.160 .161
Kansas	2506	19546.80	3468.77	16078.03	.106 .145
Minnesota	3310	25818.00	5933.70	19884.30	.138 .168
Missouri	2141	16699.80	5059.70	11640.10	.182 .164
Nebraska	2400	18720.00	5583.48	13136.52	.179 .206
North Dakota	2158	16832.40	2181.07	14651.33	.078 .119
South Dakota	1468	11450.40	2408.75	9041.65	.126 .198
Wyoming	320	2496.00	1105.40	1390.60	.266 .216
Union	20058	156452.40	41654.54	114797.86	.160 .174