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## 'Good Reading for Children and Youth

WHEN we are assembled in parent teachers' meeting every one readily assents to the principle that parents should take the lead in guiding and providing their children's reading. But the stubborn fact persists that when we are home we fail often to carry out the principle actively. Life is full of "busyness" and anxiety, and it is easier for the moment to brush the child's request for a book aside with some excuse.

How many parents fail to give active attention to their children's reading is revealed by a statement issued after the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection. In this statement we are informed that "half the homes in America have less than fifty books, and three-quarters of the homes have less than one hundred books."

Next to persons, the greatest influence on character is reading. "The man who reads good books," said Napoleon, "will move the world." How many a life has been devoted to worthy or even missionary pursuits as the result of childhood's reading? What lives of degradation and crime can be traced to the effects of youthful reading? Parents, it is a responsibility we cannot evade. We are responsible to give leading and direction to the reading of our children. This means not merely to deny the wrong and

evil. Our most effective direction will be providing the right and uplifting.

For more than twenty years the Missionary Volunteer Department has been recommending a few books each year. These are arranged in courses according to the ages for which they are suitable. With such books as a beginning why not start a home library for your children—a library that will grow as your children grow, so that when they reach the eager reading age of 12 to 15 years your home will be well prepared to answer their needs with a positive leading?

Here are the Junior and Senior Courses for 1932:

Senior Reading Course

"Beautiful Gold," R. B. Thurber, \$1.50.

"Lives That Lift," C. L. Paddock, \$1.25.

"God in the Slums," Hugh Redwood, \$1.25.

"Adventures in the South Seas," C. H. Watson, \$1.50.

Course Price, \$4.65.

Junior Reading Course.

"Zip, the Coon," Floyd Bralliar, \$1.50

"Korada, a Child Widow of India," G. G. Lowry, \$1.25.

"Hands Around the World," Archer Wallace, \$1.00.

Course Price, \$3.35.

H. T. ELLIOT.

room, and pleasant weather, combined to make the day very enjoyable. Those taking part in the convention stressed the importance of our keeping near the Saviour that the object of the Sabbath school work, winning souls to Christ, might be attained. The Anoka school, with Mrs. Hiatt as superintendent, is active in every phase of its work. The teachers' meeting, at which the Training Course is taken, is made interesting. Their new goal device lists the different classes, from each of which a ribbon extends to a point near. When a class reaches its daily study and perfect attendance goal its ribbon is attached—when it does not, the ribbon is dropped from beside the class name. We hope it may be possible for every ribbon to remain in place, that the school may reach its 100% goal this quarter.

MARY D. HOPKINS.

## Church Missionary Conventions

IT WAS the privilege of the writer, in company with Elder S. T. Shadel, to conduct a short missionary convention with the English church in Minneapolis, April 7-9. The brethren of this church, with Elder V. J. Johns as pastor, have built up a strong missionary program, and we feel that we have reasons to look for good results. Between two and three hundred copies of the *Signs* are used each week. It was voted to launch a strong *Present Truth* campaign. A mission in the northern part of the city is soon to be opened, in which the lay brethren will conduct nightly meetings. Doctors Martinson, Mitchell, and Grundset will render efficient help in the free medical clinic connected with the mission.

May God bless the efforts of His faithful people in this large city and throughout all the field.

APRIL 15-17, Elder Rulkoetter and the writer were privileged to conduct a missionary convention with the church in Staples. Some of the members of the Wadena and Brainerd churches were also in attendance. Elder Bjerke, the district leader, was with us from the start. His help and that of all the brethren was much appreciated. The special selections, vocal and instrumental, added much to the success of the meetings.

The Spirit of God was felt, and the

### Minnesota Conference

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A. R. Smouse, Secretary

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### Minnesota Sabbath School Items

SISTER WRIGHT, of Pequot, recently sent 21 cents Investment for her little grandson, Edward Gott. We are glad to learn of the interest the little ones have in this good work.

Sister Brecke writes of their home school: "Our goal is \$2.00 a quarter, 50 cents more than last year—almost a nickel a week more for each of us. The daily lesson study is such a big help. The Sabbath school is a real blessing to us—we would feel lost without it."

The Investment list received from Granite Falls is: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thulin, 3-5 crop of acre of corn, wheat, barley, flax, and oats; Norma Thulin, turkeys; L. Noltén, 1 acre flax; Mrs. Noltén, chickens; Lulu, Lillian, Virginia Noltén, garden; Mrs. K. Rude, quilt spread; Mrs. Reice, homemade rug; Mrs. A. Lowe, quilt; Mrs. Wm. Smestad, returns from making of dress; Blair Smestad, all pennies saved, and vegetables; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Tedemanson, one acre barley.

The Anoka Sabbath school made the members from Bethel and a number of visitors from the Cities welcome at the convention held there the 23rd. The attractive charts and mottoes, in the church, a delicious dinner served in the school-

brethren determined to plan for a larger missionary program. The last meeting closed with a heartfelt consecration and dedication to God for a closer walk with Him and more active service in His cause.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

### Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Convention

A VERY interesting convention was held at Mankato, April 21-23, by the Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Departments. There was a good representation from the Good Thunder church in attendance. Very interesting and instructive papers and talks, prepared by the members, were given on the following topics: Morning Watch, Reading Courses, History of the Missionary Volunteer Society and Work, Reporting, Junior Progressive Work, Vocational Honors, Personal Work, Literature Work, Bible Year, Standard of Attainment, and Social and Recreational Activities.

There were lively discussions following the presentation of each subject. Elder Dirksen gave valuable assistance on the various phases of the work. Special musical selections were intermingled in the programs.

We enter into our work with renewed zeal and a firmer conviction that ours is a truth that will soon triumph.

L. S. MELENDY.

### Commencement Week at Maplewood

SUNDAY, May 15: Church school program, 8:00 p. m.

Thursday, May 19: Class night program, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, May 20: Vesper service, 7:45 p. m.; Consecration meeting, 8:00 p. m.

Sabbath, May 21: Senior prayer band, 6:30 a. m.; Prayer band leaders' club, 8:30 a. m.; Teachers' meeting, 9:00 a. m.; Sabbath school, 10:00 a. m.; Baccalaureate service, 11:00 a. m.; Baptism, 3:00 p. m.; Musical program, 8:15 p. m.

Sunday, May 22: School picnic, 10:00 a. m.; Commencement, 8:00 p. m.

### St. Paul Baptism

ON SABBATH, April 30, a baptismal service was held in the St. Paul English church, and 25 were taken into membership. This makes 80 who have been baptized and added to the church during the three years that we have been in St. Paul. The total membership now stands at 350.

A third series of Sunday evening meetings has just closed. The first series was

held in our own church, and the last two in the Odd Fellows' Temple in the heart of the city. A wonderful spirit of co-operation has prevailed among the church members. Excellent music was furnished by the choir. The deacons saved over \$200 by arranging the seats each evening, and the Dorcas Society gave \$200 to apply on the rent. Everyone has worked hard and helped in making the meetings a success. Remember to pray for the work in this city that the Lord may continue to bless.

O. T. GARNER.

### Maplewood News

MRS. RAY FOWLER and Mrs. Frank H. Yost entertained at the young women's club meeting, April 20, with a group of musical readings and songs. Mrs. Pearl Pettis was the accompanist.

The music department presented a number of boys in a piano and voice recital in the academy chapel, April 17. This marked the close of a musical contest between the boys and girls of the music department. The judges, who were three students from the school, reported in favor of the boys in chapel, Monday.

Miss Ethel Hartzell, art teacher and librarian, spoke to the girls at their worship hour, April 19, on helping to preserve the wild flowers. She illustrated her talk with drawings of many flowers which are rapidly becoming extinct.

A group of the teachers heard the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra and the St. Olaf Lutheran Choir, of Northfield, in a concert at the university Sunday afternoon, April 17. After the program they accompanied Brother and Sister Ortner to their home, where an informal hour was spent in memory of Brother and Sister Ortner's leaving Minnesota. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and Professor Johnson presented them with several pieces of community plate silverware as a remembrance of the Maplewood teachers.

The senior committees are busy planning for the graduation exercises and other activities. Pictures have been taken, the gift has been decided, the announcement has been chosen and orders are being filled at the press.

The teachers and students entered heartily into a surprise entertainment given by Professor Johnson Saturday evening, April 23. The program began in the chapel, from which a march led to the grove where roasting marshmallows, playing games and singing the school song became an interesting part of the program. Upon their return all were united in voting Professor Johnson a delightful entertainer.

Both the college class and the senior class are meeting regularly each Sabbath morning at six-thirty o'clock in their respective prayer bands. It is felt that much good is gained when groups of earnest, consecrated young people join together in prayer to God for needed blessings.

The freshman class displayed their colors, rose and green, when they stood before the student group in chapel Monday and sang their class song, which was composed by Virginia Thompson. The officers which they chose are: President, John Bergeson; vice-president, Lois Carnahan; secretary, Mollie Weatherly; treasurer, Jack Knutson; and advisor, Mr. H. E. Hein.

A large number of the students heard the concert given by the St. Olaf Lutheran Choir, of Northfield, at the Armory in Hutchinson on Sunday evening, April 24.

The students and teachers appreciated the chapel talk given by Elder A. H. Rulkoetter, Wednesday morning, April 27, on upholding the standards of Christian living.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hein entertained the freshman class at their home Thursday evening, April 28. As the next day was Medora Hein's birthday, the class presented her with a memory book.

An event which is always looked forward to and remembered long afterward is the junior-senior entertainment. This took the form of a surprise gathering on the school grounds, Thursday evening, April 28. The careful preparations which had been made by the juniors afforded much merriment for the seniors. Refreshments of ice cream sandwiches and apples were served. Just before the program began the juniors appeared in their colors of green and white.

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### Minnesota Items

MEMBERS living near are cordially invited to attend the Sabbath school conventions at Mankato the 14th, and at Dodge Center the 21st.

We are glad to have so many good reports of Investment beginnings. With careful attention, these will provide much needed help for the mission fields.

Elder A. A. Dirksen was in the office on Friday, April 29, attending to his correspondence and work before going to the home missionary convention at Fari-bault, April 30.

A letter from Elder Budd states that he has recently visited at Sauk Center, Glenwood, and Hackensack, holding meetings in each place. At Hackensack he found a number who were definitely interested in the message and attending Sabbath school. They expect still other additions to their Sabbath school in the near future.

Elder Johns reports that eight were baptized in the Minneapolis English church on April 30. On the same Sabbath Elder Halswick baptized seven at the Minneapolis Norwegian-Danish church. We are glad to see these individuals unite with the church and trust that they will remain faithful under the adverse conditions by which we are surrounded.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Brother H. O. Sather, the elder of the Gilchrist church, on Wednesday of last week. It was planned for the funeral service to be held on Sunday, May 8. We extend to those who mourn the loss of a loved one sincere sympathy.

### Nebraska Conference

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### Use of the Tithe

IN OUR previous articles we have referred to statements from the Spirit of Prophecy that set forth the duties resting upon conference workers and church officers to see that members bring into the treasury a faithful tithe. That there must be a need for giving careful study to this question, is evident from the following further statements from the "Testimonies":

"Instruction has been given me that there is a withholding of the tithe that should be faithfully brought into the Lord's treasury for the support of ministers and missionaries who are opening the Scriptures to the people, and working from house to house."—*Vol. IX, p. 52.*

"Some have been dissatisfied, and have

said, 'I will not longer pay my tithe for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work.' But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? . . . Do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right."—*Vol. IX, p. 249.*

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the objects to which the Lord has said the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things.

"One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others reason that convassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers."—*Vol. IX, p. 248.*

"God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe . . . That there may be no haphazard work and no error, He has made our duty on these points very plain. . . Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work."—*Vol. IX, p. 247.*

It is evident from these quotations that the tithe is a very sacred portion, and that no one has the right to meddle with it in any way whatsoever. Let us give careful thought to this vital question, and see to it that every cent of tithe which belongs to the Lord is paid into the church treasury that it may flow into the proper channels for God's sacred work.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### Iowa Conference

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### Good News

AT THE home missionary institute held at Omaha during the recent union conference session, the subject of the *Review and Herald* was considered. Many of the secretaries were of the opinion that if the Review and Herald Association would extend its offer to send the *Review* for 14 months for the price of

12 months a much larger number of our people would be able to take advantage of it. Elder J. A. Stevens promised to take this up with the publishers, and I have just received word that the directors have acted favorably upon the request. I am authorized to announce that the definite dates for this campaign are May 28 to June 11.

Every church missionary secretary should plan on the 15 minute service for May 28. The *Gazette* gives this as "Review and Herald Day." "No subscriptions received prior to May 28 will be entitled to the 14 months' offer, and none postmarked after June 11 will be entitled to it," the letter says. Order blanks will be sent to the churches soon. I want to read this most interesting paragraph of Brother Lawry's letter: "This special offer will apply to renewals just as well as to new subscriptions, and it makes no difference if you took advantage of the previous fourteen months offer, you can do so again. We want this information to reach every Adventist family, and we are hoping that none will be disappointed this time."

I am sending this good news on to you early so that you will have time to think it over. The partial payment plan is also included in this offer for those who wish it.

J. C. CHRISTENSEN.

### An Appreciated Offer

DO NOT forget the *Youth's Instructor* offer. A dollar bill pays for an eight months' subscription, beginning May 1. This offer is good for renewals also. An interesting serial story runs through the eight months. The offer will be withdrawn May 15. The conference treasurer informed me today that an exceptionally large number of subscriptions have come in under this offer thus far, and they are continuing to come in. Give your boys and girls something good to read. They will enjoy reading the serial, "The Wings of the Morning," and you will too.

J. C. CHRISTENSEN.

### News Items

Mr. Parker spoke at vespers Friday night, April 29, on the second coming of Christ.

The seniors were entertained at the home of the class sponsor, Mr. Parker, Tuesday evening, April 26.

The most enthusiastic reading course campaign which Oak Park has ever had ended May 1 at 6 p. m., with 385 courses finished. The band led by Professor Culver and Naomi Root won with a margin of only five courses.

### Iowa Notes

ELDER and Mrs. J. C. Christensen and son returned to Nevada on Wednesday of last week, after having visited Ruthven over the week-end. They also stopped for a visit at Spencer. In each place the Big Week work was promoted.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nystrom were in Des Moines on Wednesday of last Week, when Brother Nystrom took down an old 40 x 60 tent, as a pattern for two new ones that are to be made for the conference by the Sieck Tent and Awning Company, of Des Moines.

Elder J. C. Nixon visited Hawarden, Sioux City, and Exira last week, in the interest of the young people and church schools. He is prepared to make the things of nature—trees and birds and all things beautiful—intensely interesting to the children of each church he visits.

Brother L. P. Knecht returned to the office on Thursday of last week, after an absence of two weeks. The colporteur list at present has 50 regular and student colporteurs. Awaiting him on his return were letters from three or four desiring to take up the work at once. A goodly number joined the force from Union College. The prospects for the book work in Iowa look most promising at the present time.

### No. Dakota Conference

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### Prompt Reports

WE APPRECIATE very much the fact that our churches have done so much better the past quarter in sending in their quarterly statistical reports. Only eight churches failed to get their reports in on time. These eight churches are: Fargo, Grand Forks, Manfred, Robinson, Turtle Lake, Woodworth, Stanley and Kief. However, the Fargo church has a good excuse for being on the delinquent list, because the report blank which was mailed to their clerk was returned unclaimed. This is the best record our church clerks have made for a long time, but we trust that before long it will be possible for us to report a 100 per cent record in reporting.

W. I. MONTANYE.

### Announcement

WE ARE glad to announce that Elder Ochs is going to be in our field for a month. He will start an effort the 14th of May at Robinson and will continue

until the 22nd. We invite the members of the Bowdon, Pettibone, and New Home churches to attend these meetings. These meetings will be conducted every evening during that time. We expect that these churches will supply us with special music.

B. A. REILE.

### S. R. A. News Items

MISS BECK spoke to us in chapel hour Friday concerning business principles which we can apply in everyday life.

In union worship Wednesday the boys gave a short program. The subjects discussed were, "The Power of Prayer" and "The Power of Choice."

Elder Shadel, of the Central Union Conference, Elders Scherr, Leiske, Riley, and Wentland spent Monday night at S. R. A. Elder Shadel gave a stereopticon lecture on publishing, medical, evangelistic, and educational work throughout the entire world field, pointing out especially to us the results of funds raised on Big Week days in past years. In chapel Tuesday morning he spoke on the subject of religious liberty.

### North Dakota Items

ELDER S. T. SHADEL spent a few days in North Dakota with Elder Scherr in the interest of the Big Week.

Brother and Sister Montanye have returned from Oregon, where they were called because of the serious illness and subsequent death of Mrs. Montanye's father.

Have you done your part in the 1932 Big Week campaign? If not, order your books today and sell them to your friends and do your part to carry on the work.

Have you ordered the *Instructor* for that friend of yours? Remember that by sending in a dollar bill before May 15 you can have the *Instructor* for eight months while the regular price is a dollar for six months. This enables you to have this wonderful paper free for two whole months.

Elder S. T. Shadel spoke to the members of the Jamestown church Tuesday evening and told them of the Big Week plan.

Elder Oswald spent a few days at Lincoln, Nebr., attending the Union Conference committee meeting.

Elder Scheer is at the academy for the Spring Week of Prayer.

Remember that after May 15, the offer for the *Instructor* for eight months for only a dollar bill will be no longer good. The regular price is six months for a

dollar, but if you will send in your order so that it is postmarked not later than May 15, you can get the *Instructor* for eight months for a dollar, which gives you the paper free for two months.

By ordering either the *Review* or the "Big Four" between May 28 and June 11, you can get these papers for fourteen months for the price of a year. That is, by paying \$2.50 you will get the *Review* for 14 months instead of a year, and by paying \$3.00 you can get the "Big Four" for 14 months instead of 12 months. Do not forget the dates, May 28 to June 11, you can get these special rates.

We now have stock of the new book, "Joyful Songs for Boys and Girls." This book contains 140 songs especially adapted for boys and girls. Price 35 cents.

Elder Oswald has moved his furniture to Jamestown and has been busy getting settled.

Elder and Mrs. Leiske are spending some time in Valley City looking after the interests there.

On Sabbath afternoon, April 30, 1932, Sadie Gross and Christ Schock were united in marriage at the Medina church, Elder B. A. Reile officiating.

### Kansas Conference

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### Our Literature Ministry

Two observations have given me great joy and satisfaction. One is seeing several shelves of the Book and Bible House cleared, as thousands of pages of truth-filled literature have been sent out into the field. The other was going out with our believers during Big Week and meeting their friends to whom they give or sell reading matter regularly.

Our lay members are doing a wonderful work with our literature. In one church I met a brother who had recently been baptized and who had first come into contact with the message through our Big Week books. If he were the only soul sought out by this evangelizing agency, our efforts would be well paid, but there are others.

Let us follow up the friendly contacts we make from time to time. Everywhere people are discouraged and perplexed. Let us help them learn more about Jesus and the message due the world at this time. They too should rejoice with us in the prospect of the speedy return of our Lord.

We have a few reading racks in our office which should be out in use in your

communities. These are made of metal and have a small mirror insert to attract the individual to the literature. We have also a good supply of *Present Truth* on hand, which ordinarily sells at \$7.50 a thousand.

Now, I have a glad surprise! If you send in \$5.00 to the Book and Bible House and mention this REAPER announcement, you will be sent a thousand copies of *Present Truth* on appropriate topics, which Brother Nies will select, and a reading rack. This liberal offer will not last after the supply of reading racks is gone.

The Topeka church is now conducting an aggressive literature campaign. A large supply of four different tracts was purchased and volunteers were requested to distribute it in the homes of the people. So many have responded that the supply of literature has proved inadequate. We rejoice for every evidence we see of loyal service on the part of God's people.

MELVIN OSS.

### Enterprise News

THE closing exercises of the academy will be held May 13-15. The consecration service will be Friday night, the baccalaureate address Sabbath, the commencement Saturday night, and the class night exercises Sunday night. There are 23 in the senior class.

During the first six years the academy graduated 87 students, and during the last seven years 160.

A very pleasant day was spent at Brown's Lake, Monday, May 2, by the students and members of the Enterprise church, in enjoying the regular annual picnic for the school and church.

The honor roll for the fifth period is as follows: Elvena Butherus, Frances Baldrige, Beulah Barr, Cecil Barr, Inez Dwyer, Avery Dick, Kathryn Flier, Virginia Guy, Marjorie Minear, Mildred Mohr, Maxine Patterson, Leslie Reeve, Bernice Rumbaugh, Elizabeth Torkelson, Theodore Torkelson.

The students having the six highest averages are: Marjorie Minear, Beulah Barr, Theodore Torkelson, Cecil Barr, Bernice Rumbaugh, Maxine Patterson.

The boys having the six highest averages are: Theodore Torkelson, Cecil Barr, Avery Dick, Leslie Reeve, Melvin Bullock, Frederick Torkelson.

The girls having the six highest averages are: Marjorie Minear, Beulah Barr, Bernice Rumbaugh, Maxine Patterson, Elvena Butherus, Inez Dwyer, the two latter being tied.

The music department of the academy will give two musical numbers the last Sunday. The chorus will give a sacred

canata entitled "The Message Eternal," at 10:30 a. m., and the brass and marimba bands will give a concert on the campus at 3:00 p. m.

There will be so many here over the last week end that it will be necessary for those staying over night to bring some bedding with them.

The school annual, "Our Yesterdays," will be off the press at the time of the closing exercises, and will be on sale at the business office for one dollar. You will surely want one of these splendid annuals.

### So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President  
B. L. Schlottaufer, Secretary  
Drawer 586 Watertown

### Tract Cafeterias

MANY of our people let week after week slip by without handing out a single page of our truth-filled literature! This may not be due to a lack of interest nor a lack of literature, but it may be due to the fact that the literature has not been within easy reach. There may be a goodly supply of tracts left on top of some cupboard, back in an unused corner, or elsewhere, in many of our churches, that few of the members know anything about. Why not get these tracts out and make it easy for our people to obtain them and use them?

A tract rack is obtainable called a "Tract Cafeteria," which is not intended for public places, but for use in our churches. These tracts may be neatly displayed in it in separate pockets which are of ample size for tracts, periodicals, or Crisis Series books. All who patronize this literature "cafeteria" will be glad to leave a coin for the church literature fund. A convenient receptacle can be arranged for receiving these coins and thus this device will not only prove to be a stimulus to greater tract circulation, but will also be self-supporting. One such "Tract Cafeteria" is made of pressed steel and sells for \$1.65 postpaid. Many of our churches in South Dakota could use such a rack and thus make it easy for each member to keep himself supplied with tracts to give to neighbors, friends, and others.

Further information may be secured from the writer. Let each church give consideration to this.

L. E. NIERMEYER.

### Another Opportunity to Exercise Economy

WORD has just come that the *Review and Herald* will repeat the special offer

made last January of a fourteen months' subscription for the regular yearly subscription price of \$2.50, or \$3.00 for the "Big Four." This special offer will be good for two weeks only, from May 28 to June 11. Furthermore, if any are not able to send in the full amount of the subscription price, they have arranged for a payment plan again so that the subscriber will need to send but one dollar a month over a period of three months. This will apply to renewals also, even though your present subscription may not expire for several months yet.

Information and order blanks have been sent direct to each church missionary secretary, or may be secured from the writer or Brother Schlottaufer.

We hope that as many as possible will avail themselves of this offer to subscribe or renew their subscription to our good church paper.

L. E. NIERMEYER.

### South Dakota News

BROTHER LESLIE MCKINLEY returned a few days ago from College View, where he attended the Union College colporteur institute. He spent two days at the office and left Tuesday morning for LaPlant, where he planned to meet with the believers over the week-end.

Elder Gorden Oss was called to Chamberlain to conduct the funeral services of Dr. R. A. Crawford last Thursday, April 28. From there he went to Edgemont to spend the week-end with Brother Bringle.

Elder and Mrs. L. E. Niermeyer and Brother and Sister B. L. Schlottaufer visited the Ash Grove church last Sabbath. The Big Week work was presented.

It is only about a month until camp meeting time, so it is none too early to begin to think about it and even to lay definite plans to attend.

The publishers of the *Review and Herald* are giving another opportunity whereby you may get the *Review* or "Big Four" for fourteen months for the price of a year's subscription during the time from May 28 to June 11. In sending in your renewal, please state whether it is for the *Review* or the "Big Four." So often partial payments are sent in without stating whether they are for the "Big Four" or just the *Review*.

Orders are still coming in for Big Week sets from some of our churches. It may be that there are many of our people yet, especially among the isolated members, who have not yet secured their books. May we suggest that it is not yet too late to get them?

Elder Oss was at College View last week attending the union committee meeting.

### Missouri Conference

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#### Missouri Notes

ELDER HARTWELL left Clinton for College View, Nebr., Monday, May 2, to attend a union conference committee meeting.

Brother R. G. Campbell, our field missionary secretary, spent several days in Clinton over the last week-end attending to work that had accumulated on his desk during his absence.

The conference committee convened at the office in Clinton, April 28. All the members of the committee were present, and a number of actions which it is felt will be for the advancement of the work in this field were taken. We were glad to have Professor Marsh, the educational secretary of the union, with us during part of the time that we were together.

We are very happy to announce that the publishers of the *Review*, by special request from the field, have arranged to extend another opportunity to the readers of the *Review* to secure a subscription at a reduced rate. Orders for the *Review* after May 28 and up to June 11 will be entered for a period of fourteen months for the price of twelve. This offer is good on either a new subscription or a renewal of a subscription already running. Provision is made for the orders to be placed on the installment plan also with a \$1.00 down payment and the remaining \$1.50 to be paid by August 25. This offer cannot be taken advantage of in connection with the "Big Four" or the Family Group. The offer is on the single subscription of the *Review* only.

Our Big Week sales thus far this year exceed our sales of last year by around 400 sets. It is not too late for anyone who has not had an opportunity to do his Big Week work to do it now. We still have a few sets on hand with which to fill orders.

### Inter-Mountain Conf.

B. M. Grandy, President  
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#### Among the Churches

RECENTLY I held a short series of meetings with the church at Montrose. Considering the location of the church, and that no advertising was done other than personal solicitation on the part of the mem-

bers, we had a good attendance. The meetings lasted a month, and at the close five adults were baptized, and a number of others are deeply interested.

From Montrose I went to the academy for the Spring Week of Prayer. Two meetings a day were held. A number of parents and friends from the community attended the services. On Sabbath, April 16, five young people were baptized. Eternity alone will reveal the good our school has been to our boys and girls. Our young people need shelter, training, and influence of Seventh-day Adventist schools now more than in any preceding time. As parents, we should plan with our boys and girls, and save and lay by the money so every Adventist youth in this field may be found in the ranks of those preparing for the finishing of the Master's work.

It was a pleasure to visit the believers in DeBeque and speak to them on Sunday and Monday night. They are faithfully holding together and are anxious for more meetings to be held there this spring.

On Sunday night, April 24, I began a short series of meetings in the Palisade church. I trust the members of the Inter-Mountain Conference will remember in earnest prayer the effort being put forth in this place.

J. L. TUCKER.

#### Notice

THE next session of the Inter-Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the annual camp meeting at Rulison, Colo., May 27 to June 1. At this meeting such business will be transacted as may properly come before the conference at this time. The first meeting will be held at 10:00 a. m., May 27.

B. M. BRANDY, President,  
F. H. McNiel, Secretary.

#### Notice

NOTICE is hereby given of the regular session of the Inter-Mountain Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists which will be held in connection with the camp meeting at Rulison, Colo., May 27 to June 1, 1932.

The first meeting of the session is called for Sunday, May 29, at 10:00 a. m. The purpose of this meeting is to transact such business as may properly come before the association.

B. M. GRANDY, President,  
F. H. McNiel, Secretary.

#### Obituaries

CRAWFORD.—Dr. Robert A. Crawford was born at Elroy, Wis., April 2 1888; and died April 25, 1932, at his home at

Chamberlain, S. Dak. at the age of 44 years. His early education was received in the public schools at Elroy, and after teaching for two years he studied medicine at the University of Illinois. After interning at the Cook County Hospital, he served one year in the United States Government hospitals in the Canal Zone, Panama. Returning to the States, he engaged in private practice at Kokomo, Ind., until he was called to take the medical superintendency of the Chamberlain Sanitarium and Hospital in 1917. With the exception of sixteen months in the army service in France during the World War, he has been connected with the Chamberlain Sanitarium until the time of his death.

Brother Crawford was a member of the Mitchell District Medical Society, the South Dakota State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a tireless worker and greatly beloved by his associates at the sanitarium and a wide circle of friends.

On August 3, 1921, he was united in marriage with Lydia Grace Gunderson, and to this union three children were born: Helen Colleen, 9; Robert Aldrich, 6; Elizabeth May, 5. Aside from his immediate family, there are left to mourn, three brothers and one sister: Dr. Byron E. Crawford, Chamberlain, S. D.; Lawrence V. and Edwin Crawford, Vicksburg, Miss.; and Mrs. Frank Hallock, Loma Linda, Calif.

Early in his life he joined with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and remained a faithful and consistent member until his death, at which time he was serving his second term on the executive committee of the conference. Funeral services were conducted April 28 at the Congregational church, which proved inadequate to accommodate the large number of sympathizing friends. The writer spoke from Job 17:11, "My days are past, my purposes are broken off." Elder Niermeyer assisted. Our brother sleeps, but his influence still lives on to bless others. A favorite song, the sentiment of which was illustrative of his life, was "Others."

"Lord, help me to live from day to day  
In such a self forgetful way,  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for others."

GORDEN OSS.

HUGHES.—Mrs. Arenetta Mae Hughes was born at Ft. Madison, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1880; and died April 24, 1932. She was married to W. F. Hughes Dec. 20, 1905, to which union two daughters were born. Her husband died Aug. 7, 1922.

Mrs. Hughes had been an Adventist for 17 years. She was a member of the Sapulpa, Okla., church. She returned to Ft. Madison two years ago, where she remained till her death. Interment was made at Sapulpa.

Those surviving are, two daughters, one grandson, three brothers, and four sisters.

M. G. BISH.

COCHRAN.—Nancy Jane Cochran (Hall) was born March 14, 1851; and died at her home in Eldorado Springs,

Mo., March 10, 1932. She was united in marriage to Isaac Cochran Sept. 16, 1869. Those left to mourn are, three sons and six daughters, her husband and one son having preceded her in death. She had 22 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. In early youth she was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Just before her death she expressed anew her faith in Christ as her Saviour.

**KIESZ.**—Henry Kiesz was born June 6, 1913; and died April 16, 1932, having been fatally hurt in a runaway accident. He was a hardworking boy, helping his parents. Besides his father and mother, he leaves six brothers. We believe he will have part in the first resurrection.

C. D. HEIN.

**MASON.**—Mary L. Mason, née Sammers, was born Nov. 20, 1859, at Spring Creek, Minn.; and died April 19, 1932. July 17, 1879, she was married to Neil A. Mason. To this union two sons and one daughter were born. Besides her own family she helped rear four orphan children. Besides her immediate family, she leaves to mourn, two sisters and three grandchildren. She has been a faithful Seventh-day Adventist, always working for others. She was a loving companion and a dear mother to her children. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

O. W. WOLFE.

**BACON.**—John William Bacon was born April 18, 1859, in Springfield, Ill., and died at Las Animas, Colo., March 21, 1932.

In June, 1883, he was married to Christina Rowmaker, who preceded him in death. To this union were born one daughter and three sons, one son having died at an early age.

Mr. Bacon was a zealous worker for the Adventist cause. Funeral services were held by E. D. Willmont, and interment was made in the Las Animas cemetery.

FERN CHRISTY.

**NORTHWAY.**—Martin Luther Northway was born Aug. 26, 1843; and died April 21, 1932. In 1865 he was married, his wife died in 1919. He was the father of nine children, of whom six daughters and two sons survive. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

O. W. WOLFE.

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**COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1932**

|  | Bk.    | Hrs.        | Ord.       | Value         | Helps         | Total           | Del'd         |
|--|--------|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>MISSOURI: R. G. CAMPBELL, Field Secretary.</b>    |        |             |            |               |               |                 |               |
| W. A. Burton   | DR     | 43          | 8          | 48.00         | 17.50         | 65.50           | 2.25          |
| *M. E. Desmukes                                      | HW     | 37          | 2          | 8.00          | 3.50          | 11.50           | 2.00          |
| *Bennice Desmukes                                    | OT     | 47          | 10         | 46.00         | 6.70          | 52.70           | .....         |
| Harry Duff   | RJ     | 30          | 2          | 8.00          | 1.50          | 9.50            | .....         |
| Mrs. Harry Duff                                      | RJ     | 19          | 1          | 4.00          | 8.50          | 12.50           | .....         |
| Mrs. L. Erickson                                     | RJ     | 19          | 6          | 19.00         | 7.45          | 26.45           | 4.50          |
| Bert Griffin   | BR     | 31          | .....      | .....         | .....         | .....           | .....         |
| Dewey King   | RJ     | 40          | 12         | 38.00         | 9.00          | 47.00           | .25           |
| S. A. Minear   | RJ     | 40          | 5          | 15.00         | .....         | 15.00           | .....         |
| T. H. Parsons  | RJ     | 40          | 11         | 36.00         | 8.50          | 44.50           | .....         |
| W. J. Smith  | OD     | 23          | 3          | 7.50          | .50           | 8.00            | .....         |
| J. J. Sutton   | OD     | 20          | 1          | 2.50          | .....         | 2.50            | 7.50          |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>382</b>  | <b>61</b>  | <b>232.00</b> | <b>63.15</b>  | <b>295.15</b>   | <b>16.50</b>  |
| <b>IOWA: L. P. KNECHT, Field Secretary.</b>          |        |             |            |               |               |                 |               |
| Glenn Shelton  | BR, OD | 44          | 11         | 62.00         | .....         | 62.00           | 4.50          |
| Genevieve Quinn                                      | BR     | 35          | 2          | 12.50         | 14.65         | 27.15           | .....         |
| Anna Hanson  | BR     | 30          | 1          | 7.00          | 13.20         | 20.20           | 11.95         |
| John Ogren   | OD     | 27          | .....      | .....         | 3.75          | 3.75            | 26.75         |
| Fay Smith  | BR     | 40          | 2          | 12.50         | 3.50          | 16.00           | .50           |
| Mrs. S. Snovel                                       | BR     | 22          | 1          | 7.00          | 8.75          | 15.75           | .....         |
| Anna Rasmussen                                       | GC     | 40          | 1          | 5.50          | 8.25          | 13.75           | .....         |
| Vernon Miller  | RJ     | 44          | 2          | 6.00          | 5.00          | 11.00           | .....         |
| Mrs. A. Kromer                                       | Misc.  | 12          | .....      | .....         | 10.00         | 10.00           | 1.25          |
| G. W. Griffin  | RJ     | 42          | 1          | 3.00          | 5.25          | 8.25            | .....         |
| Ollie Parrott  | RJ     | 13          | 2          | 7.00          | .50           | 7.50            | .....         |
| Elva Wilcox  | OD     | 35          | 1          | 3.75          | 3.35          | 7.10            | 1.40          |
| T. E. Burnett  | Mag.   | 37          | .....      | .....         | 20.20         | 20.20           | 11.20         |
| Mrs. Eva Walker                                      | Mag.   | 4           | .....      | .....         | 3.00          | 3.00            | 1.00          |
| A Colporteur   | Crisis | 35          | .....      | .....         | 50.00         | 50.00           | .....         |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>460</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>126.25</b> | <b>149.40</b> | <b>275.65</b>   | <b>58.55</b>  |
| <b>COLORADO: P. E. SHAKESPEARE, Field Secretary.</b> |        |             |            |               |               |                 |               |
| Lillian Becker                                       | HP     | 20          | 2          | 13.00         | 2.00          | 15.00           | .50           |
| Ernest Harper  | PG     | 26          | .....      | .....         | 2.25          | 2.25            | 1.50          |
| Anna Hayer   | HP     | 15          | 1          | 6.50          | 7.00          | 13.50           | 3.50          |
| P. M. Jenkins  | HP     | 20          | 1          | 6.50          | 1.50          | 8.00            | 6.50          |
| H. R. Prentice                                       | BR     | 15½         | 2          | 11.00         | 2.50          | 13.50           | 5.75          |
| Albert Priest  | HP     | 47          | 25         | 187.00        | .35           | 187.35          | .35           |
| Jacob Reuber   | BPS    | 20          | .....      | .....         | 2.25          | 2.25            | 7.25          |
| Hubert Young   | HW     | 20½         | .....      | .....         | 20.75         | 20.75           | 6.25          |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>184</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>224.00</b> | <b>38.60</b>  | <b>262.60</b>   | <b>31.60</b>  |
| <b>MINNESOTA: M. H. ODEGAARD, Field Secretary.</b>   |        |             |            |               |               |                 |               |
| E. S. Anderson                                       | RJ     | 33½         | 14         | 44.00         | 19.50         | 63.50           | .....         |
| F. Crofoot   | RJ     | 21          | 1          | 3.00          | 2.75          | 5.75            | 1.00          |
| B. O. Engen  | GC     | 24½         | .....      | .....         | 13.75         | 13.75           | 58.20         |
| Karl Evenson   | BR     | 2           | .....      | .....         | 44.50         | 44.50           | 127.25        |
| Mrs. Netteburg                                       | GC     | 24½         | 3          | 8.50          | 3.25          | 11.75           | 2.25          |
| Miss C. Powers                                       | Mag.   | 33½         | .....      | .....         | 8.30          | 8.30            | 8.30          |
| Clare G. Rust  | Mag.   | 20¾         | .....      | .....         | 13.22         | 13.22           | 13.22         |
| Harold Santini                                       | RJ     | 21½         | 2          | 6.00          | .50           | .50             | .25           |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>181</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>61.50</b>  | <b>105.77</b> | <b>167.27</b>   | <b>210.47</b> |
| <b>KANSAS: E. H. MEYERS, Field Secretary.</b>        |        |             |            |               |               |                 |               |
| C. E. Gunderson                                      | OD     | 51          | 7          | 20.50         | .65           | 21.15           | .....         |
| Corrine Baker  | OD     | 17½         | 1          | 2.75          | 1.00          | 3.75            | .....         |
| A. Dennis  | HW     | 40          | .....      | .....         | 9.25          | 9.25            | 7.25          |
| E. Dickerson   | OD     | 22          | 2          | 5.50          | .50           | 6.00            | .50           |
| B. Griffith  | BR     | .....       | .....      | .....         | .75           | .75             | .75           |
| Mrs. K. Hawkins                                      | OD     | 4           | 1          | 2.00          | .25           | 2.25            | 2.25          |
| Tennys Ingram  | BR     | 13          | 1          | 5.50          | 1.50          | 7.00            | .....         |
| A. E. Mayes  | BR     | 26          | 4          | 22.00         | 4.00          | 26.00           | 1.00          |
| J. T. North  | HW     | 42          | 2          | 8.00          | 4.50          | 12.50           | 5.00          |
| D. Perkins   | HP     | 31½         | .....      | .....         | 3.75          | 3.75            | .....         |
| Fern Troll   | BR     | 3           | .....      | .....         | 1.50          | 1.50            | .....         |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>250</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>66.25</b>  | <b>27.65</b>  | <b>93.90</b>    | <b>16.75</b>  |
| <b>NEBRASKA: R. M. VIXIE, Field Secretary.</b>       |        |             |            |               |               |                 |               |
| G. E. Ahlstrom                                       | RJ     | 18½         | 2          | 6.00          | 5.25          | 11.25           | .....         |
| L. E. Green  | OD     | 42          | 4          | 11.00         | 2.50          | 13.50           | .75           |
| Mrs. L E Green                                       | OD     | 38          | 1          | 2.50          | 4.25          | 6.75            | .....         |
| C. A. Pence  | OD     | 31          | 7          | 18.50         | .....         | 18.50           | .....         |
| G. R. Starr  | HW     | 33½         | 7          | 21.00         | 7.50          | 28.50           | 1.00          |
| <b>Total</b>   |        | <b>163</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>59.00</b>  | <b>19.50</b>  | <b>78.50</b>    | <b>1.75</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                   |        | <b>1620</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>769.00</b> | <b>404.07</b> | <b>1,173.05</b> | <b>335.62</b> |

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### The Promise Verified

I READ in Haggai 1:6 about some pocketbooks that were sorely in need of mending, and the hole, as I understand it, could not be mended with needle and thread. In fact, the trouble was not so much with the bag as with the owner. God told him how he could mend the bag. He told him to consider his ways, and implied that the hole would take care of itself.

This was interesting to me, for my own pocketbook seemed to be literally full of holes. What was the trouble? My wife and I studied the problem, and presently we remembered that we were owing some back tithe that we had neglected while going to school. We had paid along on this a little at a time, but about half still remained.

I had taken considerable pride in the fact that I could attend school with a wife and three children, and walk out finally with a diploma with every bill paid—excepting the one to the Lord. And the account with the Lord has ever troubled me and taken the joy out of my experience. We had thought many times that we would save the money and pay the tithe, but somehow the money got away and the tithe remained unpaid.

A few weeks before the close of last year we decided we would pay the tithe by New Year's if we had to go hungry; and I may add that it did take some faith, for it took nearly every dollar we had. The last of the tithe was turned over to the church treasurer on a Sabbath morning, and the Lord certainly verified His word by opening the windows of heaven and pouring out a spiritual blessing; and, too, there was that peace of mind that comes with a long neglected duty performed.

The Lord had a temporal blessing also in store for us that day, for the baby happened to open its mother's purse and there was a ten dollar bill! How it got there we have no idea, except through the providence of God. We have also received a dividend of \$16 on some money lost in a bank failure over a year ago

which we never expected to get. Certainly the Lord will do just what He promises if we do our part.

The tithe is only one-tenth of our income, and it is in regard to this one-tenth that God appeals to us to prove Him. Either we will receive the blessing, or God's promises fail. The Saviour's admonition is to lay up treasure in heaven.

A YOUNG MINISTER.

### Exceptional Offer Repeated

ELDER STEVENS, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, has requested that the special fourteen months' offer for either the *Review* or the "Big Four" be made available again. It seems there are many reasons why a large number of our people were not able to take advantage of the special offer made last winter, and it is because of this that many of the Home Missionary secretaries asked that the offer be repeated.

It has been decided that we comply with this request.

From May 28 to June 11 subscriptions should be sent to your Book and Bible House for either the *Review* or the "Big Four," and your name will be entered in the subscription list for fourteen months for the price of a twelve months' subscription. No subscription sent in prior to May 28 nor later than June 11 will be entered for the fourteen months.

Now is the time to plan to send your subscription to your Book and Bible House. This is an exceptionally liberal offer, and surely every Seventh-day Adventist family should now have the good old *Review*.

This offer applies to renewals just as well as to new subscriptions. Maybe you took advantage of the special offer last winter, you can do so again now and have the expiration date on your subscription extended another fourteen months. It makes no difference when it expires, you can have it extended fourteen months by placing your order between May 28 and June 11, for the price of a twelve months' subscription which is \$2.50 for the *Review* or \$3.00 for the "Big Four."

If you do not have the full subscription price you can subscribe on the partial payment plan as before, send a dollar with the order and the balance within two months. Surely you can not afford to let this opportunity to subscribe or renew your *Review* subscription pass by.

Ask your church missionary secretary for an order blank.

Remember the date, May 28 to June 11.

New subscriptions or renewals for either the *Review* or "Big Four" will be entered for fourteen months for the price of a twelve months' subscription.

Send your orders to the Book and Bible House, and not to the publishers.

CLARENCE LAWRY,  
Circulation Manager.

### Six Months With an Evangelist

EACH year the *Signs of the Times* carries some special series of articles through the summer months that correspond as nearly as possible to the influence and effect of public lectures or private studies systematically covering all phases of the truth. Elder R. L. Boothby, now in California, a most successful evangelist, has prepared this year's series.

The *Signs* of May 31 will contain the first study, this entitled, "Why Does God Permit Sin and Misery?" The next subject in the series is, "The Day When Angels Will Visit the World, and We will Visit Their Planet." Continuing, Elder Boothby will present in a most interesting way the prophecies that point forward to Christ's coming, and he will introduce and clearly present every phase of truth. The series will continue for six months.

This, together with all of its other excellent features, will make the *Signs* unusually strong in its soul-saving ministry. It is hoped that many of our people will send in names of friends and relatives for six months' subscriptions to begin May 31 and to cover the Boothby evangelistic series. This six months' subscription price is only 75 cents in the United States; \$1.00 outside. Order of your Book and Bible House.

J. R. FERREN.

"Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. . . . We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us."—*Vol. VIII, p. 46.*

"God calls upon every church-member to enter His service. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Everyone must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden-bearer."—*Vol. VIII, p. 47.*

"I have been instructed to trace words of warning for our brethren and sisters who are in danger of losing sight of the special work for this time. The Lord has made us depositories of sacred truth. We are to arise and shine."—*Vol. VIII, p. 116.*