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A Campaign of Daily Testimony

OUR faithful lay members are doing noble work with tracts in these days of new and enlarged opportunity. We like to think of the hundreds of earnest and active church members scattered over the country always ready with our message-filled literature, to use as opportunity offers, as they come in contact with the people. The "dedicated pocket" and the "dedicated space in the hand bag" are the agencies in the hands of our people, young and old, for a continuous seed sowing in every land where we are represented. What a splendid service!

A simple thing—yes, surely, but how far-reaching the possibilities! It enlists many in active service who before had not seen just what they could do. It is emphasizing the conversational method of evangelistic endeavor. This is the peer of all methods. No Christian will become effective in seeking to attract others into fellowship with Christ until he has formed the habit of conversation about the Savior, as opportunity is offered, and of seeking to find such opportunities. Dr. Chalmers once said, "Our great business with Christianity is to proceed with it." This means every Christian becoming a proclaimer, a reporter, a herald of the joy-giving story of salvation. Wilberforce truthfully said, "If my religion is true, I am bound to propagate it; if false, I ought to change it."

So the personal evangelistic method is simply this: form the habit of conversation about the Lord Jesus and His coming. The great need is that the rank and file of the church make this a life policy, and in a definite fashion seek to habituate themselves to a campaign of daily testimony. Literature in the hand is a mighty helper in such witnessing. The ministry of tract distribution is a ministry which is open to all. It is a ministry made up of little conversations, little personal services, little messages; but these are little things that often accomplish wonderful ends. "A little pebble might bring down a big Goliath; a little maid might lead a rich and lordly leper to the prophet of Israel and the river of life; and a little tract and a well-chosen word might save a soul from death, and add to the many crowns of Christ."

Let us urge you to pledge yourself to this personal service. Get others to enter it. If all were engaged, as all should be, in daily witnessing for the Master, in conversation or with the printed page, the spiritual life of our people would be so stimulated and deepened that the entire church would quickly feel the throb of new spiritual energy. The work requires tact because it is the finest of the arts. Good sense, guided by a warm love for Christ and for those He came to save, will make this united and earnest effort wondrously effective in forwarding the message for the hour.

Referring to the wonderful possibilities in this tract ministry, Sister White has given us the following statements in the book, "Life Sketches": "I was shown men and women studying with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences so wonderful and new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain, especially the light in regard to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

"I saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him.

"The way is thus preparing to do a great work in the distribution of tracts and papers.

"Tracts upon the important points of truth for the present time should be handed out freely to all who will accept them. You are to sow beside all waters.

"Tracts, papers, and books, as the case demands, should be circulated in all the cities and villages in the land. Here is missionary work for all.

"Very much more can be accomplished by the living preacher with the circulation of papers and tracts than by the word alone without the publications."

Now, as never before, the minds of people are being stirred over present-day conditions. Many are truly seeking for light, and asking, "What do these things mean?" The answer to nearly all the

perplexing questions of the day may be found in some one of our tracts.

What a mighty work might be accomplished in winning souls for the kingdom if every Seventh-day Adventist would make it a point to hand out just one tract a day, at a cost of but 15 cents a month. And with the tract would go the prayer that angels of heaven would water the seed thus sown until it should bring forth fruit for the Master.

The Bible Truth Series tracts meet the demand for inexpensive, interest-compelling literature to be freely handed out. In the fifty-eight numbers of this series is contained an exposition of the principal phases of Bible doctrine and many of the questions that confront the Bible student today. Order from your Bible House office the sample package of Bible Truth Series tracts, which contains one each of the fifty-eight titles. In this way you may become acquainted with each of the tracts. The price of this package is only 25 cents, postpaid. Subsequent orders may be made up of your own selection from the regular list, or by securing one of the regular package assortments as described in the Bible Truth Series tract circular, which may be obtained from the Bible House office.

S. T. SHADEL.

Organize Welfare Societies Now!

THERE is urgent need at this time that immediate steps be taken to organize the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Society in all cities and towns where we have churches large enough to carry on the work. A great need for such an organization existed when we first launched our welfare work in 1931, but now the need is tenfold greater. All relief workers recognize that the peak of the relief load will probably come in the winter ahead of us. For a while many families were able to get along on their savings and by the help of their relatives, but after a year or two had passed and they were still unable to find employment, their savings became exhausted, and now they find themselves in dire need. Such is the situation that is facing every relief society today, and the budget for relief work in large cities has amounted to staggering totals.

It is estimated that over eight millions of men are now out of employment. This

probably represents between twenty-five and thirty million people who are dependent upon the wage earner. This condition has brought about suffering and distress that is almost indescribable. There recently appeared in *The Washington Star* an article written by David Lawrence, a journalist of note, referring to the present situation in one of our large eastern cities, as follows:

"Sixty thousand families, barely subsisting on the \$4.38 per week given them in orders on neighborhood grocery stores, cannot be visualized. Tens of thousands of frail undernourished human beings who look into an empty world each day, their spirits broken, their hearts saddened with the anguish of defeat, huddled in flats and hovels for which they have not paid rent for a year or more, are waiting patiently for the turn of fortune. In these hungry families trying to live on \$4.38 per week, dinner comes every other day for some and a snatch of food only now and then, as the cautious mother spreads carefully the ration that wards off starvation."

This picture is not an exaggeration. It could be repeated in almost every city from one end of the country to the other. Undoubtedly this situation presents to us a great challenge and an opportunity. For this reason Seventh-day Adventist welfare societies were brought into existence and we hope every church in whose community there is need of relief work, will seriously study the advisability of organizing a welfare society at the earliest opportunity. Many of our churches have already organized welfare societies which are cooperating with city welfare bureaus and doing an excellent work. Space will not permit me to make mention of these societies nor of the noble work they are doing, but I wish to urge all our leaders, especially those who are in charge of churches, to give careful consideration to this matter and take such steps as may be necessary to get the welfare work in operation in their city.

We recognize that this is a new line of endeavor and not many workers are familiar with the plan of organization. We have, therefore, prepared a small manual as a guide to those who are interested in this work. It is entitled "Welfare Work by Seventh-day Adventists." It contains many valuable suggestions for the conduct of the welfare work, and can be ordered from the Book and Bible House at a cost of only ten cents.

I would suggest that those churches that plan to carry on extensive welfare work this winter, endeavor to gather in food and clothing during the summer months. Many of our societies are al-

ready busy canning fruits and vegetables for the winter. Old fashioned canning bees are being held and tons of potatoes, onions, and other vegetables and fruits are being gathered in and placed in storage for the winter.

Your conference home missionary secretary will be glad to counsel with you in regard to the organization of the welfare society in your church, and assist you in organizing for a strong, aggressive work.

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How We Have Kept Our Pennant

OUR little Sabbath school in Horton, Kans., was organized a little more than four years ago. We do not have the privilege of having a nice church to meet in but meet in our own home, and we love and appreciate our Sabbath school just the same. Our children learn their lessons well and can repeat the memory verses perfectly at the end of the quarter. We have been a pennant Sabbath school by reaching our financial goals since the time we organized.

We have been able to keep up our offerings and as far as average amount per member is concerned we have even increased our offerings during the last year. One sister's husband's work has been changed so that he is now receiving about half the wages he did receive, but she has increased her offerings to the Lord in spite of that. We believe that those of us who have employment should give just as liberally as possible and if at all possible we should give more than ever before to make up for the shortage of funds which naturally comes on account of the unemployment of so many and the decrease in valuation that is so hard on many farmers.

We certainly do not want to see any of our work in mission fields held back. Even though we may sacrifice some things which we feel we need, I am sure our sacrifice is as nothing compared with the sacrifice made by some of our brave and loyal missionaries in foreign fields.

I am going to relate a personal experience, hoping it may be a help to others. A little more than two years ago I was quite concerned about my tithe paying, so I asked my husband if he would let me have half the amount of his wages each month and then I agreed to

pay the grocery bill, buy the clothing for the children and myself and keep up my church offerings with my half of the check. Doctor bills or unexpected bills we were both to help pay. I have been faithful in paying tithe on what I get and plan for a definite amount to be given to Sabbath school offerings each week.

At one time it seemed we were nearly "snowed under" with doctor bills and other bills. I first thought I would have to decrease my Sabbath school offerings until our debts were paid but as I studied the matter over I decided I could not do that but I felt sure that if I gave to the Lord first of all He would help us pay our bills and He certainly did.

I believe in asking God to give us wisdom even in financial matters. I find that when I ask Him to help me when selecting clothing I am better satisfied and my money goes farther.

I am glad that God has put it into the hearts of the Horton Sabbath school members to give liberally to Sabbath school work, as I know we are blessed thereby, and just what good the money does now we cannot say, but we are trusting that we will meet friends in the new earth who have been won to this message through the agency of the money we have given.

MRS. J. H. THOMPSON.

Kansas News Notes

IT is not any too early to order your Sabbath school supplies for the third quarter. This includes Quarterlies, Memory Verse Cards, Picture Roll, and Color Sets.

Brother E. H. Meyers, our field missionary secretary, has been assisting the colporteurs in the southern part of the state during the past week.

Something very special! We will sell one "Practical Guide to Health" and one song book entitled "Songs of Zion," for

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Elder T. H. Allison, pastor of the colored church in Kansas City, spent one day in Topeka visiting the church. He also called at the office before leaving.

Elder C. S. Wiest attended a general meeting of our colored churches in Wichita, Sabbath, June 4. He reports that they had a very good meeting and that all the churches were represented.

We still have a few of our camp meeting bargain Bibles on hand. These are the regular pocket size, printed on India paper—regular price, \$4.00, now \$2.50, post-paid.

Elder F. S. Chollar baptized twenty-three as a result of the meetings held in the Wichita I church.

We are glad to announce that the new "Church Manual" is now in stock. This little book takes up the duties of each church officer and answers hundreds of other questions that church officers and boards are confronted with from time to time. Cloth, \$1.00. Limp, \$2.00.

Elder C. S. Weist and Brother J. H. Nies spent Thursday, June 9, at Enterprise.

No. Dakota Conference

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North Dakota German Work

LAST winter we held meetings in the M. E. church, in Bowdon Village, for several weeks. The attendance was good. Elder F. F. Schwind joined us in this effort for two weeks. One evening eight souls went forward with the intention, we believed, of following their Saviour all the way. Then persecution and other hindrances set in, but we believe that most of them will yet prove true to their convictions even though it takes a little time, and we hope others may come later.

We visited other churches, taking up various lines of work, and later took up the Big Week work in our district, Elder B. Scherr helping us. We were well pleased with the support given by the churches.

May 17 we moved to Bismark, our new field of work, and the next day had our first meeting with the church members there. Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday, May 21 to 23, we spent with the Burt church, holding four meetings. Elder W. B. Ochs joined us at Golden Valley and we held six meetings there, from May 24 to 28.

We are now at Lehr, and will go from here to Medina to the church dedication,

June 3 to 5. Immediately after that we plan to go to Jamestown to help in the preparations for camp meeting.

MR. AND MRS. G. P. GAEDE.
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North Dakota Items

THE workers of the North Dakota Conference are busy at Jamestown getting ready for camp meeting. By the time this reaches our readers camp meeting will have begun. We trust that many of our people will be able to attend this annual convocation. Pray that the Lord may pour out His richest blessings.

Brother Ortner and family have arrived at Jamestown. We welcome them and wish them well.

Elder Meyer spent a few days at Jamestown. He spoke at the English church Sabbath.

Brother Morris was in the office Sunday evening, and left Monday morning to assist Misses Wiebe and Brost in getting started in the colporteur work. Pray that the Lord may open the doors so that the work may go forward in a good strong way.

Another large order of prohibition Signs has just arrived at the Book and Bible House. We will now be able to fill your orders much more promptly. You are all acquainted by this time with the contents of this special number of the Signs. These papers are not meant so much for our own people as they are for the public. There are a number of churches that we have not heard from yet. Send in your orders as soon as possible and distribute these magazines while there is yet time to change men's minds before the presidential election.

Nebraska Conference

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Squaring Accounts

IN OUR previous articles on the tithing question, attention has been called to the fact that it is the duty of conference presidents to see that the elders and deacons of the churches do their work in the churches, by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury. It was further stated that these church officers should labor from home to home, that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse, and that no one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord. In continuing the thought we have the following instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"The work of God, which should be going forward with tenfold its present strength and efficiency, is kept back, like a spring season held by the chilling blast of winter, because some of God's professed people are appropriating to themselves the means that should be dedicated to the service. Because Christ's self-sacrificing love is not interwoven in the life practices, the church is weak where it should be strong. By its own course it has put out its light, and robbed millions of the gospel of Christ."—*Review and Herald, Oct. 13, 1896.*

"Let the church appoint pastors or elders who are devoted to the Lord Jesus, and let these men see that officers are chosen who will attend faithfully to the work of gathering in the tithe. If the pastors show that they are not fitted for their charge, if they fail to set before the church the importance of returning to God His own, if they do not see to it that the officers under them are faithful, and that the tithe is brought in, they are in peril. They are neglecting a matter which involves a blessing or a curse to the church. They should be relieved of their responsibility, and other men should be tested and tried."—*Review and Herald Dec. 1, 1889.*

Now, dear reader, do not be surprised or offended if, in the work of the church elders, they should talk to you about faithfulness in tithe paying. This is their duty, and if they fail to carry out the instructions, the counsel is that they should be relieved of their responsibilities and other men should be tested and tried.

We have found that there are a number of people in the Nebraska Conference who, so far as any records are concerned, have paid practically no tithe at all during the year 1931. We sincerely hope that everyone who reads this article will bring in the back tithe, thus squaring his account with the Lord.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

District Meeting at Scottsbluff

OUR district meeting at Scottsbluff closed Sunday night, June 5, with a full house. We had previously arranged to hold the meeting in the Hillerge Hall, but the German Baptist church people very graciously offered us the use of their church, which we accepted, and found it to be a very commodious place to meet.

The meeting opened on Friday night with a fairly good attendance, and Sabbath we had a good representation of nearly all the churches in the northwestern section of the conference. Special services were conducted for the juniors and young people under the leadership of Gordon Smith and Mrs. Taylor. We ap-

preciated very much the help given us by Professor Andreasen, president of Union College, during the Sabbath services. We were very pleased also to have Elders Piper, Dan Ochs, S. T. Shadel, and C. W. Marsh, from the union office, and appreciated the good help which they gave us. Elder R. T. Baer will be located now in this northwestern district, taking the oversight of all the churches. Brother G. E. Hutches, the new principal of Shelton Academy, was present, making contacts with parents who have young people of academic age, and we hope to have a good attendance at Shelton Academy this year from the northwestern district.

The meetings were deeply spiritual all through, and our people were encouraged and helped in their journey toward the kingdom.

Other district meetings will be planned for a little later. A special revival-reformation program was launched in the Omaha Memorial church Sabbath, June 11. Elder T. M. Langberg, the new pastor, has arrived, and the special meetings are conducted by Elder Langberg, Elder Hutches, and the writer.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

North Platte

ON MAY 29, Elder E. G. Hayes began a series of evangelistic meetings at the Seventh-day Adventist church in North Platte. The interest has grown until every seat in the house has been filled. The meetings will continue for a short time, after which Elder and Mrs. Hayes will do some follow-up work, holding another series of meetings again soon.

A choir of ten voices has been organized, under the leadership of Mrs. Earl Hunter, and special music is a feature of each meeting. A junior boys' choir has rendered valuable assistance, both in singing and in passing out papers and inviting people to the meetings.

Elder Hayes broadcasts the International Sunday school lessons over radio station KGNF, at North Platte, every Sabbath afternoon from half past two until three o'clock, and Mrs. Hayes arranges for some special music at this time.

The church building at North Platte has been thoroughly renovated, both inside and out, and much has been done to beautify the church building and surroundings.

ELLA B. DRAKE.

What Is It Worth to You?

JUST how much do you value the privileges and blessings of the Sabbath school each week? Do you esteem its spiritual blessings of such vital importance that

you would be willing to leave home on Friday morning and tramp all day and a good portion of the night in order to be there each Sabbath? If you were a mother with a babe in your arms, would you be willing to walk many miles and then swim a river with the baby on your back to be there? These, and even more difficult obstacles, are overcome by the dear souls in the various foreign lands where they have so recently been rescued from the grossest heathenism. Those who so prize and appreciate the blessings of the Sabbath school are making the spiritual food which it provides a living experience in their own lives, and thus developing characters which will permit them to share in the Sabbath school in the earth made new.

Our tangible appreciation for the Sabbath school is expressed by our presence each Sabbath, and our gifts to pass its blessings on to others who know not God. June 25 is the second 13th Sabbath of 1932. Then the workers and believers representing ten million souls of the Southern European Division will be looking to our Sabbath schools in all the world for help, to bring the gospel message to them and deliver them from their heathen darkness, that they may be among those who shall be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

May every Sabbath school member in Nebraska give as God hath prospered him, to these dear souls, on the 13th Sabbath. Let us do our best to make it "dollar day" for the Southern European Division.

ANN S. TAYLOR.

From the Office Viewpoint

AMONG the recommendations of the Spring Council, one was passed relative to holding revival efforts in our churches. In harmony with this action, we are attempting to put on some special programs touching the work of revival and reformation which the Spirit of Prophecy says is our greatest need today.

Brother Marshall and the writer conducted meetings every night at Grand Island recently for a week, and the Lord manifestly blessed the efforts to the deepening of the spiritual life of our people. We conducted services in the church at Oakdale from Thursday night to Sunday night inclusive, May 26 to 29, holding eight meetings in all. We are glad to announce that we had a real Pentecostal experience and it would have done your heart good to have stepped into the current of brotherly love which flowed from heart to heart. The members were greatly encouraged and revived, and I believe better days are ahead for the Oakdale

church. We appreciated the presence of some of the members from Petersburg.

Elder Haughey writes that they have redecorated the church at Fairbury, and he is now opening a series of meetings. We solicit the prayers of the readers of the REAPER that the Lord will bless Brother Haughey's efforts and give him a good harvest of souls.

Brother Vercio reports five baptized and one joining the church on profession of faith, making an addition of six as a result of his efforts in the vicinity of Loup City.

Brother Butterfield reports four new Sabbath-keepers at Red Cloud.

An exchange has been worked out between Elder Roy E. Hay, of Grand Island, and Elder T. M. Langberg, of Medford, Oregon. Brother Langberg will be located in Omaha, in charge of the work in that district. We expect he will be present for the Sabbath services, June 11, and beginning with that date we plan a two-weeks' revival-reformation program in the Omaha Memorial church. We are inviting the other churches in the city to join us. The meetings will be conducted every night and we would be glad to have any isolated members or those from near-by churches visit us on the Sabbath.

Brother Vixie writes very encouragingly from Culbertson. He is helping some of the students in their work of literature ministry. We wish each of them much success in their noble work this summer.

Elder T. B. Westbrook was called to Boulder June 7 to attend the sanitarium board meeting.

Brother and Sister B. C. Marshall and family started on their journey to their new field of labor June 9. They will be located at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he will carry the work of secretary-treasurer of that conference. We wish these workers the continued blessings of God as they enter their new field.

Brother W. F. Field and family have arrived in Grand Island, from Colorado, to assume the responsibilities of the secretary-treasurership of the Nebraska Conference. We extend to Brother Field a very hearty welcome and we feel sure that each of our believers in Nebraska will be glad to do whatever they can to cooperate with these workers so that the truth may soon be carried to every honest soul in our state.

To the Friends of Nebraska

AFTER spending nine years in Nebraska, we are leaving Grand Island, Thursday, June 9, to take up the work in the Minnesota Conference. We have appreciated the cooperation of all our people during our stay in this field and we only

wish you continued blessings as you strive to finish the work in this great state.

We have made many mistakes in the past and we only hope that you will overlook these and see the good that we endeavored to accomplish. We will always be interested in the progress of the work in Nebraska and should any of you desire to write, you may address us at 1854 Roblyn Avenue, St. Paul, Minn. We will still be interested in the work in Nebraska and trust that God will bless every effort put forth to advance His cause throughout the state.

B. C. MARSHALL.

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J. M. V. Camp Meetings at Rulison

ON FRIDAY afternoon, May 27, many juniors of western Colorado arrived at the academy grounds, at Rulison, for the Inter-Mountain camp meeting. All were excited and expectant, for this camp meeting was to be a sample of a J. M. V. camp in the mountains.

Surely the setting was beautiful enough for a camp site. We were perched on the side of a green hill from which we could look across some three or more miles to the gigantic, four-thousand-foot Book Cliffs, and right at our back door the forest began.

Each morning our meeting was opened with a lively song service, after which inspirational talks about our spiritual lives and their relation to our J. M. V. law were given. Our hearts were touched and our wills strengthened to "do our honest part," and all the other seven parts of the law. Then, until time for the eleven o'clock meeting in the large auditorium, the time was spent in outdoor recreation. This recreation was continued in the afternoon. At four o'clock we again met in a formal meeting, and took up some of the "Friend" work. In the evening two most enjoyable hours were spent around a camp-fire. Songs were sung, and many beautiful lessons drawn from stories. Finally, as the embers were beginning to die, we stood in a solemn, reverent circle and sang, "Day is done, gone the sun," and repeated the camp benediction. Three nights like this left each in a state of mind where he felt as if he could never part from such associations. In the last meeting we resolved that, by the grace of God, we would remain faithful and true to our junior law until Jesus comes and we gather in the eternal camp.

RODNEY E. FINNEY, JR.

Junior Progressive Class Work

AN UNUSUAL interest is attending the progressive class work among the juniors in our conference. This spring I have been busy attending to investiture services and calls for explanation of the junior progressive classes.

We had a beautiful investiture of fourteen Master Comrades at our Geneva Glen Youth's Conference, followed by a large investiture service at the Denver Junior Academy, where twenty-nine Friends, thirteen Companions, and one Comrade were invested. As a part of the closing exercises at Campion, nine Friends were invested; at Ft. Collins, five Friends were invested; at Jaroso five, and at Pueblo four. This makes a total of sixty-one Friend pins, twenty-seven Companion pins, fifteen Comrade pins, and fourteen Master Comrade pins issued this spring.

We are justly proud of this fine record and trust that this interesting and profitable type of work will continue to appeal to our juniors in this state.

Our young people might be interested to know that we have issued already this year two hundred and ninety-six reading course certificates and twenty-one Bible year certificates.

G. M. MATHEWS.

Notice, Colorado Juniors

THOSE planning to attend the Colorado J. M. V. Summer Camp, at Glacier Lake, should make their reservations at once! We plan to haul our equipment to the camp site Sunday, June 26, and it is absolutely necessary that we have all our reservations in by that date.

We welcome boys age 10-16 from July 7-17, and girls of the same age July 17-27.

G. M. MATHEWS.

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Temperance

It is a privilege to be connected with a cause that teaches and practices true temperance. At the present time there is an avalanche of liquor propaganda being poured into our public press which is anything but helpful. If one believed all that is suggested or printed, he would soon be in a perplexing state. That which constitutes true temperance in Scripture times constitutes true temperance today. A total abstinence and not a moderate use is the proper interpretation of the word.

May our youth be on guard lest they be led to accept that which is wrong.

May they ever recognize that one cannot indulge in the use of liquor without paying the price. Nature exacts her toll for transgression; she collects her fee. Let us consider it a duty as well as a privilege to keep our bodies a fit dwelling place for the Spirit of God.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Minnesota Items

SABBATH school will begin on the camp ground at 9:30 a. m. All are invited to come early and take part in the opening exercises.

Elder N. R. Nelson was in the office on Tuesday, June 7, and said that good progress was being made on the new church building at Granite Falls.

Members of the Conference church and others who are isolated are invited to participate in the ordinances which will be held on the camp ground in the Scandinavian tent June 30, at 4:00.

Elder Chas. Thompson was a visitor at our office on Tuesday, June 7, while in the Twin Cities. He filled appointments at Dodge Center and Faribault on Sabbath, June 4.

No doubt by Friday, June 17, the "canvas city" will be taking shape on our camp ground at Anoka. All will be in readiness for the first meeting Thursday night, June 23. Are you planning to be there?

Elder F. C. Gilbert reported a good attendance at the series of meetings he held in the Minneapolis English church from June 3 to 9.

Iowa Conference

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Meetings at Middletown

ON MAY 12 we began a short series of meetings in the Middletown church. This church is not located in the town of Middletown, but about three or four miles southeast of Middletown, in the country. The meetings were held in the district schoolhouse.

While it was a busy time of the year, the meetings were fairly well attended. The principles of the message in connection with current events were the themes presented. One united with the church on profession of faith and three others signified their intention of being baptized later and uniting with the church.

Communion service was held Sabbath, May 14. This was the first ordinance service held with this church since its organization last summer. It was an enjoyable occasion. All members of the

church were present but one, and all took part. We were pleased to have visitors present from the Mt. Pleasant and Burlington churches.

A. L. MILLER.

Cresco

ON SUNDAY, May 29, I began a series of meetings at a community hall, about five miles from Cresco, and these meetings are still in progress. The attendance has not been large, but there are a few interested ones, and for their sake we are persisting in the effort. Sunday, June 5, Brother Walter Howe arrived and has been assisting in the services since. His help is much appreciated. The people are friendly but apparently indifferent to all things religious. The building where the meetings are held is an abandoned Methodist church which has been purchased by the people and is now used for farm bureau meetings, shows, etc. The believers here have shown a commendable zeal in attending the services. We confidently believe that God's word is not to return void, but will accomplish that which He shall please. We are striving so to consecrate ourselves to the work that we may consistently ask God's blessing on our efforts.

T. H. JEYS.

Iowa Notes

A LARGE number from the Nevada church went over to Ames on Monday of last week to attend the funeral service of Mrs. Elizabeth Akin, a member of the Nevada church, who had been ill for many months. Elder E. L. Sheldon conducted the service, assisted by Elder J. C. Christensen, and he also went with the family to Huntington, Nebraska, where she was laid to rest.

Elder and Mrs. J. C. Nixon, Naomi, Joseph, and Mrs. McVagh were at Boone on Sabbath, May 21. On Monday the Nixon family and Miss Edna Wickham, of the Nevada church school, went to Mason City, where they joined the juniors in a nature-hike and attended the church school program. An investiture service was also held.

Elder J. C. Christensen and G. A. Nystrom met with the Algona church on Sabbath afternoon, May 21, and were at Ruthven on Sunday.

Elder A. V. Olsen, of the Swedish Department of our work in this country, spent a few days in Iowa last week, stopping at the office on Tuesday.

Fine and promising investment lists have been received from the Terril and the Winterset Sabbath schools. There are acres and half acres of corn, oats, and flax, shares of acres, and one member will

give one-half cent on every bushel of corn in his share of this year's crop. One mother will give twenty-five cents for every pound her baby gains from now until the fall program. Remember the General Conference plan is to have every member of every school on the list for something in investment this year. Let us keep at it until we accomplish this desired end.

Elder C. F. McVagh spent Sabbath, May 28, at Knoxville. On Tuesday afternoon of last week he was in Des Moines on conference business.

Elder J. C. Christensen was with the Marshalltown church on Sabbath, May 28.

Inter-Mountain Conf.

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News Items

THE Inter-Mountain camp meeting at Rulison, May 27-31, while not large, was a success in every way. Elder D. A. Ochs and wife, of the General Conference, were present throughout the meetings. Elders Piper, Smith, Marsh, and Collins, of the union, were also present. Our people appreciated the good help rendered by these visitors. The weather was ideal and all the meetings were well attended.

It was unanimously voted to adopt the General Conference Fall Council recommendation to discontinue Inter-Mountain Academy and unite the conference with Colorado. Should the Colorado Conference adopt this recommendation the union of the two will no doubt be consummated during the next few months.

Professor and Mrs. D. Wilson McKinlay and son, of Mussoorie, spent a

day at camp meeting. They are visiting Elder and Mrs. Grandy, parents of Mrs. McKinlay, during the first part of their furlough. Mr. McKinlay plans to take up his studies in a university for the coming term, preparatory to future work in India.

Elder J. L. Tucker has accepted a call to the Minnesota Conference, where he is to act as pastor of the St. Paul church. The family plans to leave Inter-Mountain June 12. Elder and Mrs. Tucker have labored in this conference for about six years. They are known and loved by the believers throughout the conference. Many prayers will go with them to their new field of labor. James Ward, of Delta, will accompany the Tuckers to Minnesota.

Mr. Harlow, of Denver, is doing colporteur work in the vicinity of Grand Junction. The prospects are good that some other colporteurs will soon be in the field.

Health Topics and Notes

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Our Sanitariums

The History and Purpose of Our Health Reform Movement

AT NO time in all history has the hand of God been more visibly manifested than in the rise and advancement of the Advent movement, and nothing can do more to strengthen our faith and encourage our efforts than to review the evidence of Providential guidance in our history.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way

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COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
Henry Butler	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	3.00
W. E. Davis	.....	8	.....	12.00	1.50	13.50	1.50
*Ernest Harper	PG	59½	1	4.20	4.25	8.45	16.15
*P. M. Jenkins	HP	37¾	1	6.50	1.00	7.50	8.25
Vista Martin	Misc.	4	.....	.....	15.50	15.50	15.50
*H. R. Prentice	BR, HW	66½	9	46.00	1.75	47.75	36.50
*Albert Priest	HP	88	44	293.50	14.00	317.50	2.55
*Jacob Reuber	BPS	20	.....	.....	1.75	1.75	6.00
P. E. Shakespeare	.....	35	.....	81.25	.....	.....	53.75
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	4.65	4.65	4.65
A Colporteur	BPS	15	.....	.....	5.50	5.50	5.50
Total	.....	334¾	55	443.45	52.90	496.35	158.85
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
Glenn Bell	.....	10	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....
W. A. Burton	DR	12	1	7.50	1.00	8.50	8.25
B. Desmukes	OT	19	2	9.00	6.50	15.50	.....
M. E. Desmukes	HW	25	11	39.00	1.25	40.25	.....
Harry Duff	RJ	9	.....	.....	6.75	6.75	8.50
Mrs. H. Duff	RJ	6	2	7.00	2.75	9.75	16.75
Inez Dwyer	RJ	17	1	3.00	1.50	4.50	.75

Bert Griffin	BR	16	2	11.00	.25	11.25	7.25
Sallie Holmes	HW	20	8	29.00	9.00	38.00	1.00
Clyde Kearby	BR	30	15	88.50	.50	89.00	3.50
Mrs. C. Kelley	GC	7	---	---	1.00	1.00	.50
Dewey King	RJ	20	8	26.00	5.50	31.50	5.00
W. J. Kroulik	HP	19	2	14.50	.25	14.75	8.25
S. A. Minear	RJ	40	13	42.50	---	42.50	6.00
T. H. Parsons	BR	5	1	5.50	1.50	7.00	7.25
W. J. Smith	OD	22	10	27.00	.50	27.50	3.95
J. J. Sutton	OD	1	1	2.50	2.50	5.00	6.25
Buford Turner	OT	24	5	20.00	2.50	22.50	.50
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	104	---	---	62.50	62.50	62.50
Total		406	82	332.00	107.75	439.75	147.20

MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegaard, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Mrs. R. Baker	RJ	7	---	---	.50	.50	10.50
F. Crofoot	RJ	33	6	18.00	9.25	27.25	---
Rolland Dockham	RJ	17	---	---	3.00	3.00	---
Karl Evenson	BR	33	12	70.00	33.75	103.75	1.75
Bernard Furst	RJ	25	2	6.00	7.50	13.50	---
Mrs. G. Johnson	Mag.	14	---	---	12.59	12.59	12.59
Vernon Kelstrom	RJ	78	---	---	4.25	4.25	1.00
Zella Miller	RJ	26 1/2	---	---	11.75	11.75	---
Mrs. J. B. Myers	Mag.	28	---	---	6.30	6.30	6.30
Miss C. Powers	Mag.	35 3/4	---	---	9.80	9.80	9.80
Harold Santini	RJ	33	4	12.00	14.00	26.00	---
Floyd Smith	RJ	36	4	12.00	.75	12.75	---
Total		329 1/4	28	118.00	113.44	231.44	42.69

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, *Field Missionary Secretary*

G. A. Shelton	BR, OD	41	11	50.50	---	50.50	---
Anna Rasmussen	RJ, GC	28	1	3.00	26.95	29.95	55.25
A. G. Biggers	RJ	---	1	3.00	19.50	22.50	1.50
Anna Hanson	BR	18	1	7.00	6.40	13.40	9.40
F. Nordstrom	RJ	---	---	---	10.25	10.25	---
Lorraine Arnold	RJ	12	2	6.00	2.25	8.25	---
Eva M. Walker	Mag.	4	---	---	4.00	4.00	8.00
John Ogren	OD	5	---	---	---	---	19.75
Lorraine Lassiter	RJ	9	2	7.00	1.50	8.50	---
Elva G. Wilcox	OD	19	1	3.75	4.35	8.10	14.35
Geo. W. Griffin	RJ	19	1	4.00	.75	4.75	6.00
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	---	---	---	---	---	6.90
H. Millist	RJ	8	1	3.00	.75	3.75	---
Vernon Miller	RJ	16	1	3.00	.75	3.75	---
Mrs. Hazel Ridpath	Mag.	---	---	---	---	---	3.00
Fay C. Smith	BR	34	---	---	2.50	2.50	2.50
Morton Davis	RJ	24	---	---	1.50	1.50	---
A Colporteur	---	---	---	---	25.75	25.75	25.75
Total		237	22	90.25	107.20	197.45	162.40

NEBRASKA: P. M. Vixie, *Field Missionary Secretary*

G. E. Ahlstrom	RJ	11	2	6.00	2.50	8.50	---
Ray E. Cooley	HW	20	---	---	.75	.75	.75
L. E. Green	OD	27	1	2.50	2.00	4.50	1.25
Mrs. L. E. Green	OD	13	---	---	.50	.50	.50
Kenneth Hixson	OD	26 1/2	4	13.00	6.00	19.00	---
Gordon Haupt	RJ	28	5	16.00	7.00	23.00	1.00
Abel Larson	RJ	27	---	---	1.00	1.00	.25
C. A. Pence	OD	21	4	10.00	---	10.00	2.50
*Ernest Riter	RJ	35	1	3.00	4.25	7.25	---
Chas. Z. Russell	RJ	15	---	---	.95	.95	---
Virgil Shaffer	RJ	28	1	3.00	4.75	7.75	---
*G. R. Starr	HW	71	3	10.00	10.50	20.50	---
Total		322 1/2	21	63.50	40.20	103.70	6.25

KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Corine Barker	OD	24 1/2	1	2.75	1.00	3.75	5.50
Helen Boyd	BTS	18 1/2	3	4.50	---	4.50	---
A. Dennis	HW	20	1	3.00	---	3.00	10.00
W. G. Dick	BR	33	4	11.00	2.50	13.50	---
*Esther Dickerson	OD	57 1/2	3	8.25	.25	8.50	3.00
Tennys Ingram	BR	19 1/2	1	5.50	2.75	8.25	8.50
Ralph T. Lane	BR	6	---	---	---	---	5.50
Arthena Peterson	BR	17	---	---	1.00	1.00	5.50
Theo. Torkelson	BR	33	---	---	5.00	5.00	---
Fern Troll	BR	19 1/2	1	5.50	6.25	11.75	---
Sarah White	BR	18	---	---	---	---	.25
Total		266 1/2	14	40.50	18.75	59.25	38.25

Grand total		1896	222	1087.70	440.24	1527.94	555.64
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*Two weeks.

Obituaries

BELTZ.—John Conrad Beltz was born Sept. 27, 1845, in the colony of Kutter, Russia; and died at the home of his son near Burdett, Kans., May 2, 1932. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Katherine Elizabeth Ernst. To this union five children were born. In 1875 Brother Beltz came to America with his family. He accepted the Adventist faith in 1884. Since that time he has been a consistent and faithful worker in the church. He was laid to rest at Nekoma, Kans., and sleeps in the blessed hope.

F. S. CHOLLAR.

FINCH.—Major John W. T. Finch was born in London, Eng., June 5, 1868. He came to America at the age of 21. He was united in marriage with Eugenia Reiser in Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 6, 1893. They have made their home in Denver for the past 36 years. Major Fitch died at his home Apr. 7, 1932. He is survived by his wife, six daughters, three sons, and his father, Mr. S. L. Finch, of London, Eng.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

HELBERG.—Mrs. Christiana Helberg was born in Sweden in 1855; and died in Denver, Colo., Apr. 11, 1932, at the age of 77 years. She is survived by two nephews, one niece, and one brother.

She was a faithful member of our Swedish church in Denver.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

MYERS.—Barbara Ann Strock was born at Hagerstown, Md., Apr. 29, 1852; and died at Dakota City, Ia., May 19, 1932.

On May 8, 1870, she was united in marriage to John A. Myers, at Mount Morris, Ill. In 1902 they moved to Humboldt County, Ia., and continued there until death. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive her, together with nineteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death twenty-four years ago. For many years she was a faithful member of the S. D. A. church and fell asleep with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection.

C. F. McVAGH.

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FOR SALE.—Modern house for sale cheap, with two city lots, garage, chicken coop, and barn, two blocks from Maplewood Academy. Mrs. A. Wester, Hutchinson, Minn. 14-15

WANTED.—Work on farm by experienced S. D. A. married man. Would consider any kind of work. Henry Mason, care Harim Allison, Star Route, Ramah, Colo. 15

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To Our Contributors—4

BECAUSE of the large number of obituaries received at the REAPER office, these notices should be very brief, excepting, perhaps, the obituaries of prominent pioneers and well known workers. The life sketch read at the funeral service is, in most cases, far too long for the REAPER. This sketch is an important part of the funeral service, and may properly relate incidents of personal and family history and dwell on the Christian merits of the deceased. But the notice printed in the REAPER must, of necessity, relate but a few of the most important facts. It is interesting to know where the deceased has lived at various times during his lifetime, what organizations he has belonged to, what other members of the family have accomplished or when they have died, and the names and addresses of all members of the immediate family, but the REAPER cannot ordinarily afford space for all these items.

Even if only a few of the most important facts are mentioned, these are sometimes drawn out at great length. One writes, "Just as the sun was sinking behind the hills, marking the close of the Sabbath day, March 19, our brother peacefully closed his eyes in that sleep that knows no awakening till the glad resurrection morning." Much space could be saved with no violation of the thought if the sentence should be reduced merely to "He died March 19."

It is very important that all obituaries sent to the REAPER be typewritten, thus leaving no doubt as to the spelling of the various proper names.

D. D. R.

SANITARIUM DEPARTMENT

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the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—Mrs. E. G. White.

Every principal of our message is established upon the word of God and verified by the Spirit of Prophecy. This is as true of the principles of health reform and the medical missionary work as of any phase of the Message. We can no

more doubt that God led the pioneers in this movement than we can doubt that He led Moses, John the Baptist, or the leaders of the Apostolic church.

Very early in the movement the Lord impressed the hearts of the pioneers with the importance of temperance and health reform. Even before 1844 some had been led to adopt the principles of healthful living. A notable example of this was Joseph Bates, who before he espoused the Advent message, was an ardent temperance reformer. In 1832 he discarded tea and coffee and eleven years later he abandoned flesh foods and became a strict vegetarian.

The influence of Elder Bates was felt in introducing some of the early reforms among the Adventist people. The first step in reform was abstinence from tobacco. In 1853 the *Review* published an article against the use of tobacco and in 1855, at a general meeting in Vermont, the use of tobacco was made a test of church fellowship. Others, such as Elders J. N. Andrews and J. N. Loughborough, early adopted and advocated the health reform principles.

Of the development of the health and temperance work among us Elder L. A. Hansen says: "No one should regard as of human origin such a cardinal feature of our movement. It is not an afterthought to the charter of the Advent message. It is deeply set in the very body of spiritual truths that give us existence as a people, and is to fill its place to the close of our work.—*Story of the Advent Message*, p. 150.

In 1863, Sister White was given special light on the subject of healthful living. This instruction was given to the believers through the *Review*, and in 1865 much of the instruction given was brought together and published in the form of a little book entitled "How to Live." Sister White emphasized the importance of healthful living and obedience to physical laws as a part of Christian duty. Thus the gospel of health was given a positive place in our message.

MRS. E. L. SHELDON.

The Porter Sanitarium

WHILE auditing the records recently at the Colorado Conference office, in Denver, I had the very enjoyable privilege of staying for a few days at the Porter Sanitarium and Hospital. I feel that this institution is worthy of more favorable publicity through the REAPER in order that our people may know about it and lend their cooperation toward helping it fulfill the purpose which I believe the Lord has for it in His work.

The facts connected with its establishment have seemed to me unmistakable proof that the providence of God had a hand in it. Probably not all of our readers know that it represents the largest gift ever made to this denomination by one or two individuals, as it was completely built for us by the gift of Mr. Porter and his daughter, Mrs. Mason, who had been deeply impressed with the integrity of the employees and unselfish service which they had observed when they were guests at some others of our sanitariums. Surely we should all show our appreciation of this liberal gift by patronizing this sanitarium when we can, and by helping to give it favorable publicity among our friends who may be prospective patrons.

It is beautifully located just at the southern edge of Denver, and affords an inspiring view of the magnificent Rocky Mountain Range only a few miles to the west. The patronage thus far has not warranted the furnishing of more than about half of the rooms. This of course makes the overhead expenses heavier per room than if all of the rooms were furnished and occupied. There was an average of twenty-seven patients the first four months of this year, and that is somewhat better than for the same period of last year. So the patronage is growing, but not nearly as rapidly as the institution deserves. Brother E. G. Fulton, who has very successfully managed others of our sanitariums during his many years of experience in this line of work, has been in charge for the last several months; and he with his corps of loyal associates is laboring untiringly to build up both the service and patronage of the institution. Dr. A. L. Moon is the medical director, and there are quite a number of local Denver physicians on the staff. It is the plan to operate it primarily as a sanitarium rather than as a hospital, and to stress the curative value of hydrotherapy, corrective diet, and the other rational treatments which have proven so effectual in connection with our medical missionary work the world around.

The rates are very reasonable, and full information regarding them and the services available, together with a beautiful little book featuring pictures of the institution, will be gladly sent to you or to any of your friends who may be interested, if you will address your request to the manager, E. G. Fulton, 2525 South Downing Street, Denver, Colorado. Brother Fulton also extends a cordial invitation to our people who may be passing through Denver, to visit the sanitarium.

A. R. SMOUSE.