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Temperance Organizations in Every Church

HAPPY are those people who recognize and act on the providential openings of God. Just now we have opportunity to remove prejudice and break down barriers that have stood in the way of contact with other people, by showing our interest in the question of temperance, and becoming active in educating the public mind on the dangers and the evils of liquor drinking.

Many of those who voted in the recent election for the party that was pledged to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment and to annul the Volstead Act, which forbids more than one-half of one per cent of alcoholic content, are now becoming alarmed as to what this might lead to.

Some of those who were energetic in opposing the prohibition question are now wondering how the open saloon may be kept from coming back. So the temperance question is in the minds of people as no other question is just now.

This is our opportune time to place ourselves on record as a temperance peo-

ple. We can do it by furnishing our home newspaper with short, spicy articles for publication, by putting on temperance programs in our Sabbath schools, church schools, and young people's societies, and by circulating temperance literature; and we have some of the best to be found. The little leaflets, twenty in number, written by Elder Longacre and printed by the Review and Herald at Washington, D. C., priced at fifty cents a thousand, are just splendid, and ought to be circulated as the leaves of autumn.

There should be a temperance society organized by the officials of our conferences, and each local church should also organize with the pastor or the local elder, or some other person who will be active, as the chairman, and the whole church membership should constitute the members of the society, and all should be active in securing signatures on petitions against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and interesting themselves in all other lines of temperance work.

J. F. PIPER.

Magazines for "Watchmen and Light-Bearers"

WE cannot too strenuously emphasize the fact that prophecy is rapidly fulfilling which ushers us into the closing moments of earth's history. We know that "we are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another,—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed."—*"Prophets and Kings,"* p. 278. God has given His people knowledge concerning "the times and the seasons," and this knowledge involves tremendous responsibility. "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as *watchmen and light-bearers*. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world . . . There is no other work of so great importance."—*Vol. IX, p. 19.*

This last warning message for a perishing world is to be proclaimed, "in a large degree," through the medium of the printed page; and there is being is-

sued from our denominational presses in sixty-eight publishing houses and branches, 6,387 different publications, in many languages. Among the 237 periodicals included in this literature group are the truth-filled magazines known as *The Watchman*, and *The Canadian Watchman*. While these magazines are very familiar to our own people, and are highly appreciated for their informational value, they are not fulfilling their original purpose as missionary literature to the extent designed. Seventh-day Adventists have been placed in the world as "watchmen and light-bearers," and the *Watchman* magazines, which present the message of present truth in such a clear, definite, and attractive form, meet a distinctive need on the part of each and every one under divine appointment.

At the time of the last Autumn Council special consideration was given to plans for acquainting our people with the great field of usefulness to be entered

through the appropriate use of these *Watchman* magazines, and the official action taken at that time stands recorded as follows:

"Whereas, We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that 'many can engage in the work of selling our periodicals,' thus earning means for the work in foreign fields while sowing seeds of truth in the byways and hedges of the home field, and that 'such labor will be blessed of God, and will not be in vain' (*"Counsels on Health,"* p. 435),

"Resolved, That our membership in North America be encouraged to carry forward a consistent year-round effort in the sale of single copies of our two monthly journals, the *Watchman* magazine in the United States, and *The Canadian Watchman* in Canada; and that a definite goal be set in every conference and church, with the purpose of inspiring our people to sell as many copies as possible each month among their friends and neighbors."

In harmony with this action, the General Conference Home Missionary Department, through its staff of workers, is seeking to cooperate with the publishers in an effort to increase the circulation of these magazines to at least 100,000 copies monthly. Beginning with January, this matter will be presented in all churches in North America, and we appeal to our people everywhere to respond to this call in behalf of these very special and appropriate missionary magazines. Please note that this effort does not call forth a spasmodic campaign movement, but is designed to be a "year-

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No. Dakota Conference

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North Dakota German Work

SINCE our last report to the REAPER we have been holding meetings with several companies and churches. First we were with the Dale company, where we had planned a baptism for October 19, but a snow storm hindered here.

The 20th of October we started meetings in the Kulm church. The interest here was good and the church was so full some nights that chairs were gotten off the rostrum to seat the people. The 30th of October three dear souls were baptized, though snow was falling and it was a rather cold day, but the candidates were brave and did not mind the weather.

Sabbath, November 5, we started meetings in the Napoleon church. The interest here also was good and some not of our faith attended the meetings. After two and a half weeks' meetings, six dear young people gave their hearts to Jesus. They started praying and gave public testimonies. We hope and pray that they will be steadfast in their new experience.

From here we were called to help Brother and Sister R. Bietz, who were holding meetings in the St. John's Lutheran church, ten miles south of Mandan. After Mrs. Gaede and the writer had helped here about a week, Brother Bietz asked the people to take their stand for the truth, and five families responded. The Lutheran pastor came and urged a debate. Of this debate you have read in the REAPER. After this debate some meetings were held in the homes of the people, and one meeting in the St. John's Lutheran church.

At this time, the Week of Prayer meetings coming on, the writer had to visit four churches during the week, and Brother R. Bietz had to leave for his line of work, so the five families were left alone for twelve days, during which time the Lutheran pastors and people were busy visiting them and others who were interested, and spared no means to get them back again. The pastors gave their children candy, and wept over the people who had left their church. And when they found that this plan did not work, they tried to run down Seventh-day Adventists as being the lowest class of people, and said if they joined them they would not be able to buy or sell, as a Sunday law was being formulated in Washington, D. C., against Seventh-day Adventists to this effect. Some of these new believers were influenced by these men. After I came home from the Week of Prayer, meetings were started in their homes and also in the St. John's Lutheran church, and we preached a sermon on Christmas, the subject, "Birth, Child-life, and Life of Christ." This meeting made them all happy again. Last Sabbath we administered the Lord's Supper to the members of the Bismarck church, the new believers looking on, and all were much encouraged.

Last Tuesday night as Mrs. Gaede and the writer stepped into the home where we had a meeting appointed to further instruct the new believers, the people asked us how Brother Bietz was doing. I told them he was sick with influenza in Jamestown, and at that moment Brother and Sister Bietz came out of the other room. We all were glad to see them again, and we had a blessed meeting that night. We were only made sad to hear that they had to go back to Jamestown so soon again. We hope they can come again soon.

G. P. GAEDE.

The Week of Prayer

EVEN though it was 34 below zero the day I left Bismarck, Thursday the 8th of December, on my route for the Week of Prayer, we did not miss one appointment. In Gaeples we had the Sabbath prayer reading, and in the evening preaching. Sunday we had the reading and election of officers, and in the evening had preaching.

The 12th and 13th we had meetings with the Streeter church, where the members nearly all took part in a discussion on church school work. Some believe that we can have church schools even in North Dakota in country churches. Yes!

December 14 to 15 we had good meetings with the Kulm church, and also had the election of officers. The 16th and 17th we were with the Napoleon church, where we had day meetings and evening meetings. The Lord blessed richly in all meetings.

Pray for us and the work in our district.

MR. AND MRS. G. P. GAEDE.

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Deering

It was our privilege to have N. R. Nelson with us during the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. Three real inspiring meetings were held. On Sabbath afternoon we had a testimony meeting at the close of the sermon. Surely the Lord was with us, for on Sunday afternoon three young persons took their stand for the Lord.

We are thankful that the Lord is calling more and more all the time to live for Him. Pray that the Lord may continue to bless the work in this part of the vineyard.

MYRTLE A. GRONDAHL.

S. R. A. Notes

SEVERAL of the faculty members have been contributing to the music of the past week-end at Harvey during the meetings down there. Sunday night Pro-

fessor and Mrs. Newman sang a duet, and Miss Skeoch sang a solo. Sunday night Professor Michalenko also sang a solo.

We were glad to have as our speaker Tuesday in chapel, Elder Oswald, president of the North Dakota Conference. He brought out the fact that the aim of every student here at S. R. A. should be to develop character and gain wisdom. Our minds were compared to storage batteries; they must be recharged, and so our minds must be recharged with true wisdom.

Saturday night we had a variation in our recreation period. The students were divided into groups of about ten, and they traveled through the main-building class rooms. Each teacher had a short program of contests or games in which each group took part as it came to his room. At intervals of ten minutes groups rotated from one room to the next. Blind man's buff, telling experiences, trying to do two or three things well at one time, musical chair, and getting electric shocks were some of the experiences.

North Dakota Items

ELDER OSWALD and Elder Scherr are at the present time holding a convention at the Harvey church. The next place they will hold a convention is at Mandred.

Word received from Elder Schwindt, who is holding a series of meetings at New Home, informs us that the interest is holding up well. The attendance is almost more than they can take care of. The church is filled every night and many are interested. A large baptismal class has been arranged, and it is hoped that a number of new believers will be added to the church as a result of this effort.

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Word has just been received at the office of the death of Mrs. Christian Napleser, who has been a member of the Napoleon church. Sister Napleser has been ill for some time. She will be missed by the church and her loved ones. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved family.

Meetings were held at Fargo Friday night and Sabbath of last week-end by Brother R. R. Bietz and Elder Gordon Smith, from the union conference, in the interest of the Missionary Volunteers. The meetings were well attended.

A letter received from Elder H. Wentland, who is now located at Dickinson, informs us that the influenza has entered their home, but they are all up and around again, and Elder Wentland held a meeting at Beach last Sabbath.

Miss Jessie Johnson, who is teaching in one of the public schools at Jamestown, visited with her folk in the western part of the state during vacation. She reports having had a very pleasant visit with her mother and sister and other loved ones.

Orders are coming in suprisingly fast for the Reading Course books. It has been necessary for us to re-order several times, and this is the way it should be. Our people are evidently noticing the fact that the Reading Course books have been greatly reduced in price and are thus taking advantage of that fact. Every home with young people should have the reading course books in its library. The cost for the complete set of senior, junior, and primary sets is \$7.25. For further information write to the Bible House.

Minnesota Conference

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Keep Thy Heart

THE farmer takes steps to protect his flock, his crops, and his personal possessions from the enemy. The household-er takes the same precaution by taking out fire insurance, renting a lock box at the bank, using lock and key, or employing burglar devices of safety.

With all this prudence for the material, we often are careless of the greatest treasure we possess. We fail in the divine admonition, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." We leave its portals unguarded, its doors wide open, and its burglar alarm (the conscience) disconnected while we slumber or attend some place or function of question. Material weapons

are useless in guarding this inestimable treasure; spiritual weapons only may be used, such as prayer and watchfulness. This latter measure of safety, together with Jesus dwelling within, is the most diligent means we can use to insure the safety of our heart.

What a joy and restfulness is ours when we thus cooperate with our Master and divine Protector! Let us make sure each day and each moment that we have this protection.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

It Is Harvest Time for Souls

"SAY not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

The terrible condition that exists in the world today is a direct fulfilment of prophecy. If there ever was a time when the fields were ripe for the harvest, it is now. The admonition of our Saviour should stir each one of us to do his part in the finishing of the work.

The thrilling soul-saving experiences from the far-off fields which we have heard and read about are evidences of the ingathering of a ripened harvest. This ingathering by our colporteurs is not confined to the foreign fields alone. In our own state our colporteurs are finding many people who are seeking for a knowledge of the truth. I have before me a letter from one of our colporteurs in which he says that some time ago he came in contact with a family that was interested, and about a month ago this family of five were baptized and are now members of the church. This same brother has a list of nineteen families throughout his territory who are reading our literature, and are anxious to know more about the message.

There are many honest souls in every county in this state who are waiting for you to bring the light. Are you willing to be the light-bearer? If so, come and get the armor on.

Our colporteur institute will begin January 27, at 8:00 P. M., at the English Church in Minneapolis, and will continue until February 5, 1933.

Elder E. E. Franklin, of the General Conference, Elder D. E. Collins, of the Central Union, and H. W. Sherrig, of the Omaha Branch, will be with us.

We invite those who are interested and plan to devote their time to the literature work to attend this spiritual feast. Let us hear from you at once so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

M. H. ODEGAARD.

Maplewood Notes

THE ten highest ranking students for second period of six weeks, all having an average of 92% or above, were as follows: Lorraine Pettite, Alice Croak, Vernice Peterson, Elmer Martinson, Dwaine Johnson, Ruby Engelhart, Nina Dahl, Luana Guy, Medora Hein, and Eunice Kelly.

About twenty-five students remained at the academy during the Christmas recess. Each week-day evening of the vacation period was featured by a social time in the dining room. One member of the faculty sponsored the play and merriment each night. Those present reported a profitable and worthwhile rest.

A number who went to their homes for vacation were delayed in their return because of influenza, but within a week from the time that school work took up nearly everyone was back in his place.

Elder Edwardson spoke to the student body twice over the week-end, December 6-7. On Friday evening he spoke on Faith, indicating how he would attack an infidel. At the Sabbath church hour, his topic was Christianity. He delineated clearly the principles that underlie Christianity.

In the annual reorganization of the Maplewood Sabbath school, the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. P. Frederickson, superintendent; James Ward and Clarice Rust, student superintendents; Lillian Kooster and Alice Croak, secretaries. Professor Hein continues as faculty advisor during this second semester.

During a joint meeting of the Woden and Crescit Eundo Clubs on Wednesday evening, December 4, Mr. Ivan Long gave another one of his entertaining stories. This one pictured graphically his experiences as a lost man in the storm swept mountains of Wyoming.

The St. Paul Missionary Volunteer society has accepted the challenge of the Maplewood society to a contest for Reading Course certificates, and the competition is getting under way.

Recent visitors at the academy were Augusta Hiatt, Willara Shasky, Pearl Hartzell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Layman and their daughter, June, Dr. and Mrs. Guy and family, Luzetta Krassin, Mr. Beebe, and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Marshall.

Jack Knutson, a student of last year, is already at the academy, preparatory for work the second semester. If others are interested in doing the same thing they are invited to correspond with the academy office. The school family will certainly welcome most cordially those who come. The second semester will begin January 25.

Minneapolis News Notes

THE English church of Minneapolis continues to carry forward its intensive program of home missionary service. The seminar for the training of lay-preachers is held every Sabbath afternoon. The laymen of the seminar, without any assistance from the pastor, are holding an effort three nights in the week for the colored people. While the attendance has not been large, a number have become interested.

The attendance at the Beacon Light Mission has been materially increased by a house-to-house visit in the neighborhood with the *Present Truth*. Personal invitations are given to the meetings.

The pastor of the church is holding an effort in a small neighborhood church in the Lake Harriet district. There are about twenty-five names which have been handed in for literature. Personal visits are made, and it is hoped that a number may be gleaned in from this small effort.

The books were closed for 1932, with all church expenses for the year paid up to date. This is in addition to the financing of the Beacon Light Mission, and giving \$100 towards the preparing of the Lake Harriet church for its meeting series.

The baptisms for 1932 totaled 48. All but three of this number have proved faithful. It is sincerely hoped that for 1933 we may again reach our 10% goal for souls.

The church school is having a very successful year. With ten students in the ninth grade, the rooms are crowded to capacity. Splendid work is being done by the ninth graders, and we are indeed thankful that the way was made to keep these boys and girls from the corrupting influences of the world.

An encouraging letter was just received from the son of a lady whose funeral service was recently held by the pastor. It reads: "We children wish to thank you for the comforting words you spoke at the bier of our loving mother. Though personally I am an agnostic, the words you spoke issuing from your heart as it seemed, shall be forever graven in my memory. Also thank the dear lady who sang so sweetly. You have our undying gratitude."

We never know how nor when our prayers will be answered. A faithful Adventist sister died a year ago. Her husband had always been bitterly opposed to her faith. A few weeks ago he called for the pastor of the church. "Is there any hope for me? I am deeply concerned about my soul," were the words he spoke. Now he is rejoicing in the blessed hope. Converted at the age of 78!

Iowa Conference

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Sabbath School Notes

THE Sharpsburg Sabbath school, with twenty members, counting nine young people and children, and four home members, has "snapped its fingers" at depression when it comes to Sabbath school funds and Investment returns. I had noticed with some misgivings that \$30 Investment was reported and recorded from there each of the first three quarters of the year. I feared that it might be the same \$30 each time, which would make a considerable difference in the final figures, but to my delight the secretary, Mrs. Goldie Key, has written as follows: "We had an Investment offering each quarter of this year:

"First Quarter	\$30.00
"Second Quarter	30.00
"Third Quarter	30.00
"Fourth Quarter	37.00
"Total	127.00"

Their Sabbath school offerings for the year amounted to \$380.20. Their birthday offerings were \$8.75 and their thirtieth Sabbath offerings, \$73.55. Their church membership is thirteen. Fine!

Mrs. Carl Edwards, secretary of the Winterset Sabbath school, says: "The day on which we had our Investment program, our little church was tastefully decorated with autumn things. An Investment poster, hanging in the front of the room through the summer months, had been a constant reminder for the school to prepare for Investment day. I wish you might have seen the neat chart which one of our members made, on which to picture the ways in which the money was raised. What an array! Fruit and vegetables were there in abundance. The picture of a piano represented money earned by hours of faithful practicing. Some put aside a small amount for every gallon of gasoline that had been bought, and pictures of automobiles told this story. The most impressive part of the program came when the offerings were placed at the foot of a little white cross, while the piano was played very softly. The helpful cooperation of our members made this a happy day for the Winterset Sabbath school, and our offerings amounted to more than \$50."

The Glenwood school, which usually

is at the top in Investment effort, necessarily came far short of their goal this time, as sickness and various physical hindrances prevented them from carrying on the usual activities. They express the hope that they will have a better record for 1933, and say: "We will have to work harder and pray more." Really, that is what we should all do without fail.

The Cresco Sabbath school, with ten members, reports \$25 Investment, and the new and enthusiastic little Grove Chapel school is happy to have \$6.56 Investment, which is over their goal, and they feel that the Lord especially blessed them in their efforts.

The Dorcas Society of Palo, through their treasurer, Mrs. Pheobe Sheets, sent in \$43.21 Investment money. As I understand it, many of the members are not Seventh-day Adventists, but each year they work for the Investment fund.

A look through the Book and Bible House receipts of the past two weeks would seem to prove that more of the isolated members will be on the Investment list this year than ever before.

Five members of the Ft. Dodge school have reported for Training Course certificates: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Jensen, and M. L. Holt. We hope many others will apply for these, by finishing the course as outlined in the *Worker* for 1932, and writing briefly of its value to them.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

Sanitarium News Notes

ON the evening of January 4 the guests of the sanitarium enjoyed a travel hour given by Mrs. G. S. Robinson, of Spirit Lake, who with Judge Robinson, is spending the winter at the sanitarium. Mrs. Robinson took her audience with her on a trip to Alaska. Mrs. Emily Miller, of Grinnell, assisted by playing a one hand piece on the piano.

The influenza caused the following to enter the sanitarium: Miss Myrtle Reid, of Ames; Mrs. O. E. Twedt, of Roland; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Staff and Virgil, Mrs. John Sheldon, Mrs. A. E. Axelson, of Nevada; and Miss Fae Cowin, Mrs. Fredrika Anderson, and Professor M. S. Culver and son, of the academy family.

The junior members of the families of the sanitarium staff gave a very good program in the parlor on Christmas day. We very much appreciate the cooperation received from the academy, Nevada high school, Nevada residents, and others in giving our entertainments each week.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Albion; Miss Nellie Seversike, of Boone; Mr. R. J. Peterson, Mrs. S. B. Adams, Miss Emily Ringheim, of Nevada; Mr. O. S. Barber, of Des Moines; Mrs. Axel Holmes, of Castana; Mrs. Florence Hunter, of Perry; Mrs. C. A. Jones, of Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. M. Skelton, of Sioux City; Mrs. W. J. Jenson, of Exira; Miss Clara Meyer, of Rockwell; Mrs. W. Albrecht, of Woodward; Mr. Howard Clemenson, of Omaha; and Miss Katherine Goepfinger are registered as rest patients at the sanitarium at the present time.

Mrs. Jack Hutchinson, of Mystic, submitted to minor surgery on Wednesday, and Mrs. R. J. Burnett to major surgery on Thursday.

Iowa Notes

ELDERS C. F. McVAGH and J. C. Christenson spent Sabbath, January 7, with the church at Ruthven.

Elder Nixon was at Exira on Sabbath, December 31, where he conducted the funeral service of Mrs. Sarah Axelson. On the Sunday following he conducted a business meeting at the Exira church.

Elder McVagh and Elder Nixon were with the Humboldt church on Sabbath, January 14.

The annual auditing committee will meet in Nevada, January 19, 20.

The colporteurs' institute, which begins on Thursday at Oak Park Academy, will continue until January 29. Elder E. E. Franklin, of the General Conference, and Elder D. E. Collins, of the Central Union, will be here during these meetings.

The first two Sabbath school reports received after the close of the quarter were from Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Sarah Smouse, secretary, and Brighton, Miss Doris Whisler, secretary. Forty more were here within a week. All others should be at the office by January 10, so if yours has not been mailed, be sure to get it off at once in the interests of faithful service.

Wanted: A home, if possible with church school privileges, for a young married woman without means of support, with one child six years old. She plans on giving herself to the Lord for service in the colporteur work, but could assist in the home nights and mornings, and could also furnish some help in expenses. This is a good opportunity for some one to have a part in the salvation of souls. Write L. P. Knecht, Nevada, Iowa.

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Sabbath School Teachers' Covenant

BROTHER N. A. Pappan, who recently was re-elected Sabbath school superintendent of the Central church in St. Louis, has forwarded to me a copy of the covenant that all prospective teachers are to observe. The teachers have come to realize as never before their great responsibility in standing before their classes. We pass it on to you confident that it may be a help in improving our force of teachers.

The Covenant

"Aware before God of my responsibilities as a Sabbath school teacher, and desiring to perform all my duties as an undershepherd under the leadership of the Good Shepherd, I hereby pledge myself to put forth every effort possible,

"1. To attain for myself greater spirituality and become better fitted for my task by (a) daily study of God's word, particularly that part included in the Sabbath school lesson, and earnest persevering prayer for heavenly wisdom; (b) taking the Teachers' Training Course; (c) attending teachers' meeting regularly that I may exchange thoughts with others.

"2. To increase spirituality and by God's help bring about conversion in every member assigned to my class by (a) keeping in close touch with every member, and if sick or absent see that they are visited; (b) encouraging intelligent daily study of the Sabbath school lesson; (c) endeavoring to present the lesson in such a manner that it will reach the heart of everyone.

"3. To reach the financial goal apportioned my class."

Prospective teachers who are unwilling to attend teachers' meeting and work for the salvation of their class members are not asked to become teachers at St. Louis. I was pleased to attend the teachers' meeting while visiting that church, and can testify that carefulness in teacher selection pays well in good results.

MELVIN OSS.

"The Sabbath School Worker"

FROM the list furnished from the publishers I note that our conference ranks highest in the union in the circulation of the *Sabbath School Worker*. We are glad for this achievement, because it means that especially our Sabbath school

teachers and officers are receiving help to discharge their responsibilities efficiently. Any service we have to render for the Lord deserves our best effort and preparation. He will not be pleased with anything less. If you do not have the *Worker*, why not subscribe for it this month? The price is 90 cents, or when two are ordered sent to one address, 75 cents each.

In the *Worker* are contained the regular assignments for the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course. Many finished this course last year, and we expect more to take it this year. Many letters of appreciation are received from those who finished the course.

MELVIN OSS.

Investiture Program

ON December 24 an investiture program was held in the Clinton English chapel at the hour of the regular Missionary Volunteer Society program. This was an unusual event in that the first candidate appeared for the Master Comrade insignia in our conference, Mrs. Sarah E. Hartwell. We certainly congratulate her on the high honor she has worked so faithfully to achieve. At the same service five other candidates were invested as Friends.

MELVIN OSS.

News Notes

WE regret that the home of Brother Gibb, at Armstrong, where the Sabbath school has been held, was destroyed by fire.

Sister Alice A. Bailey, of Luray, Mo., writes: "Of late I have thought of the quotation, 'We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.' Well, I know I love the Lord and enjoy giving, and it is a trial to give so little. During my illness the Lord has blessed and strengthened, and I am glad to say that in this new year my faith and hope in the message are much stronger than heretofore." We rejoice with Sister Bailey in her recovery.

Nebraska Conference

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Sabbath School Investment

"DEAR MRS. TAYLOR: Last spring Wilburne and I decided to raise some chickens for Investment fund. So we set some hens and raised 26 nice big chickens. We sold them the other day and each got \$6.10, making \$12.20 in all. I am eight years old and Wilburne is five.

I hope this money will help some little boys and girls learn about Jesus."—From Annice Larsen, Wolback.

A little boy in the Gering Sabbath school pledged the money from the sale of excess vegetables from his mother's garden. The garden was small and also very poor. In the summer this little boy with three companions sold lemonade and cookies made by their mothers, and received 30 cents each. The three boys were not Adventists, so planned to use their money in buying a ticket to the circus. The Adventist boy was earning his money for the \$2.00 requirement in the Junior Progressive work to become a Companion. But when he could sell no vegetables to fulfil his Investment pledge, he gave the 30 cents received from the sale of lemonade and cookies, thus demonstrating the fact that even children are anxious to have their Investment pledges fulfilled.

Surely God is greatly pleased with the efforts and offerings of these children to send the gospel message to heathen lands, and He will bless their gifts for the advancement of His cause. May what they have done influence many other little boys and girls in Nebraska to follow their example.

Mrs. Stretter, superintendent of the Petersburg Sabbath school, was a recent caller to the office, and brought the cheering report that Petersburg was a 100% Investment school for 1933. Every member in the school had an Investment plan for missions. The offering was approximately \$35 with more yet to be turned in. All honor to Petersburg Sabbath school for being 100% Investment. The goal of the Investment plan is not dollars and cents but every member having a part in it.

ANN S. TAYLOR.

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South Dakota Notes

WORD has just come from Elder Niermeyer stating that he started a ten-day series of meetings at Alexandria, the first meeting being Friday night, January 6. It being a bad night out, not a great many were in attendance. Those living nearby of our faith should give their hearty support and attend as often as they possibly can, and bring their neighbors and friends. Elder Niermeyer also states that they are planning a baptism at Mitchell in the near future. There are

seven in the baptismal class now and several others will possibly be ready for baptism a little later.

Elder Oss was called to Yankton for Sabbath, January 7. Brother and Sister George Snavelly, who have been leading out so faithfully there, are leaving for Kansas, and the Sabbath school was reorganized with Sister Buroker as superintendent. Yankton reports a new family keeping the Sabbath.

Brother McKinley is visiting some of the northern churches—Aberdeen, Hecla, and Leola.

Are you getting the *Sabbath School Worker*? Single subscription, 90 cents; two or more to one address, 75 cents each. Subscribe now and do not miss a copy.

Elder J. C. Stotz has organized his forces for an intensive literature program in connection with his meetings at Winner.

Sister Grace Stewart spent some time with the scattered believers near Edgemont, and reports finding them courageously pressing on.

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Junior Missionary Volunteer Girls' Organization in Denver

ON DECEMBER 29 plans were completed for organizing all of the junior girls in Denver into a Junior Missionary Volunteer organization. The boys' group has already been organized, and both of these organizations will be known as Junior Missionary Volunteer Pioneers, because of the fact that there are several societies in Denver.

It is the plan in both of these organizations to carry out the progressive class requirements as listed in the Junior Handbook, and many other interesting and profitable features.

The officers in charge of the girls' group are as follows:

Miss Caroline Thorp, Chief Counselor.
Mrs. P. E. Shakespeare, Vice-Counselor.
Mrs. Fern Sabourin, Clerk.
Miss Irene Johnson, Treasurer.
Miss Lura Wilbourn, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Practically all of the above officers are Master Comrades in addition to the rest of those on the junior council in charge of this work. It is the plan to organize junior Missionary Volunteer

units in every church in Colorado where there are at least five or six boys or five or six girls.

If your church has not yet received instruction regarding this plan and you are interested to see this started, address your request to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

G. M. MATHEWS.

Several letters requesting the Teacher's Training Course certificates for 1932 have been received. Perhaps not fifty per cent of the people finishing the course in 1931 made a report to get their certificates. We sincerely hope that every person who has completed the course this year will send in a report at once, so he may receive his certificate from the Sabbath school department.

Obituaries

SKOOG.—Mrs. Alice Skoog was born in Sweden, Aug. 7, 1873, and died in Minneapolis, Dec. 29, 1932. She was a faithful member of the Adventist church, and her many deeds of service will live after her. She is survived by five children.

V. J. JOHNS.

GORMAN.—Chester James Gorman was born Oct. 29, 1881, in Minneapolis, and died Dec. 17, 1932. He is survived by his wife and five children. Mr. Gorman had been associated with the street railway of Minneapolis for many years, and a large number of the railway men, besides other friends, heard the words of comfort spoken by the writer.

V. J. JOHNS.

WISE.—Joseph Wise was born in Jackson County, Ohio, March 18, 1855; and died in College View, Nebr., Dec. 26, 1932.

Brother Wise was always a religiously inclined man. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, continuing a faithful, devoted member until the time of his death.

Nineteen years ago he gave up farming and moved to College View. During these years his godly life has been an example to all. Surviving him are four sons and five daughters. Brother Wise was a loving husband, a kind father, and a good neighbor.

J. H. SCHILLING.

ENO.—Ruby Mae Eno was born April 30, 1902, and died Dec. 22, 1932. She lived her entire life in College View, and was a faithful attendant at Sabbath school and church services until stricken with encephalitis, more commonly known as sleeping sickness. She was a patient sufferer for nearly twelve years, and it was during this time that she showed her beautiful Christ-like character.

She leaves to mourn, her father and mother, two sisters, and three brothers. There was a large attendance at the fun-

eral service which was held in the College View church. She was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver.

J. H. SCHILLING.

NORDSTROM.—Peter Nordstrom was born in Sweden, Jan. 1, 1870, and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus in his home near Osage, Minn., after several months suffering, Jan. 4, 1932. He leaves deeply to mourn, his wife, one daughter, three sons, one sister, and a host of friends. Brother Nordstrom was respected and loved by his neighbors. He lived an exemplary Christian life and was devoted to the cause of God. About thirty years ago he gave his heart to God, whom he ever loved and sought to serve to the best of his knowledge. We believe he will be among those of the first resurrection.

Services were conducted in the Lutheran church near our brother's home, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

TRYGG.—Mrs. August Trygg was born at Hagstad Socken, Sweden, Feb. 12, 1850; and died at Bismarck, N. Dak., Nov. 25, 1932, at the home of her son, Andrew. In the year 1886 she came to America, and on April of that same year was united in marriage to August Trygg.

She leaves to mourn, five sons, thirty-two grandchildren, and eighteen great grandchildren, besides a host of friends. Her husband preceded her in death.

While still in Sweden Mrs. Trygg joined the Baptist church. After coming to America she accepted the truth as preached by the Seventh-day Adventists, and remained a firm believer until she was called to rest. We believe that she rests in hope of the resurrection at the return of the Life-giver.

R. R. BIETZ.

FAIRCHILD.—Mrs. Sarah S. Fairchild was born near Poseyville, Ind., Jan. 26, 1859; and died in Topeka, Kans., Jan. 9, 1933. She is the mother of 9 children, 6 of whom survive her. There are also 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She with her husband united with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in 1885, under the efforts of D. H. Oberholtzer and N. B. Kauble.

In the spring of 1891, Mrs. Fairchild, together with her family, moved to Topeka, Kans. Soon after her arrival she affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist church of this city, and has remained a faithful and loyal member until the end. Thus for 47 years she has been a faithful standard-bearer. During these many years she has constantly devoted her time to Christian work. For nine years she regularly attended and helped conduct a prayer band, and the great burden of her prayers was for her children.

Her last illness was not long. She passed away peacefully, and is asleep in Jesus.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

CHURCH.—Thomas Church was born in Fulton County, Illinois, June 3, 1842. In 1855 the family moved to Iowa. In 1861 he enlisted in the Civil War and served four years in Company I, Fourth

Iowa Infantry, being the first man in the company wounded, and as far as known the last survivor.

In 1867 he married Melissa Bolster, and they settled on a small farm near Bethlehem, Iowa, where their seven children were reared.

Joshua V. Himes, who had been associated with William Miller, and others brought the joyful news of the Saviour's return and truths connected with this message to them in 1870. These were accepted and cherished for seventeen years until the true Sabbath came to them. True to their convictions, they kept the Sabbath, not knowing that other relatives began at that time. From the little school house Sabbath school that was soon started, active home missionary workers were developed, and from their children several are now missionaries in India and in Spanish American countries.

He was suddenly deprived of his companion by a runaway accident in 1895. Six years later he married Emma Beach, and in a few years they moved to Pleasant Hill, Mo., where Mrs. Church died in 1916. Almost thirteen years ago he came to Rogersville, Mo.

He died Dec. 25, 1932. The near relatives left are two brothers, two sons and families, two grandsons in India, and C. L. Beach and family of Mansfield, Mo.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder H. C. Hartwell.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—S. D. A. young man at once to help with chores, also for spring work. Charley Carlson, Route 1, Coopers-town, No. Dak. 3

WANTED.—Small farm near church school. Must be small down payment and good terms. Would like to trade equity in six-room house with six lots. J. H. Thompson, 306 East 14th St., Horton, Kans. 3

WANTED.—Beauty shop operator. Must be Seventh-day Adventist, all-around operator and able to comply with Nebraska cosmetology laws. Position open immediately. Give complete information in first letter. Write Proprietor, 400 S. 13, Lincoln, Nebr. 3

MONEY WANTED.—Any one having money he would be willing to lend to a local conference or institution, please correspond with the Central Union Conference, 4547 Calvert St., Lincoln, Nebr. 2,3

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1933

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	70	9	29.00	13.35	42.35	27.87
Catherine Menefee	OD	25	---	---	32.85	32.85	53.50
Glenn Shelton	BR	70	16	23.00	---	23.00	14.00
M. A. Wyman	RJ BR	64	6	22.50	15.50	38.00	15.90
Carl Edwards	RJ	34	1	4.00	17.50	21.50	2.50
Anna Kromer	OD	12	2	7.00	9.50	16.50	16.50
C. E. Jensen	Crisis	10	---	---	14.50	14.50	14.50
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	61	---	---	29.00	29.00	6.00
F. M. Jensen	Misc.	1	---	---	6.00	6.00	6.00
Anna Hanson	BR	41	1	6.00	7.75	13.75	5.45
Florence Maurath	Misc.	2	---	---	3.00	3.00	3.00
Elva G. Wilcox	OD	---	---	---	---	---	1.75
Faye C. Smith	BR	---	---	---	---	---	11.25
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	---	---	---	---	---	1.50
R. Hircok	Misc.	---	---	---	---	---	2.50
Robert Garber	RJ	12	1	3.00	1.00	4.00	26.75
Mrs. Nicola	Mag.	---	---	---	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total		402	36	144.50	150.95	295.45	209.97
†NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
Charlotte Lewis	BTS	8	---	---	.25	.25	38.25
Chivela Jorstad	DR	48	1	3.75	8.00	11.75	15.15
C. A. Lindquist	RJ	15	---	---	27.00	27.00	29.00
Fred Nagele	Misc.	---	---	---	108.65	108.65	108.65
John Ogren	OD	96	7	17.50	8.50	26.00	5.75
G. R. Starr	HP	16	---	---	3.75	3.75	41.75
Abel Larson	RJ	42	---	---	8.75	8.75	18.50
Elizabeth Stack	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.60
Lois Stack	---	---	---	---	---	---	24.75
Lucile Wallace	---	---	---	.50	---	.50	26.00
Ruth Anderson	BTS	---	1	3.50	3.00	6.50	---
Total		225	9	25.25	167.90	193.15	320.40
MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary							
B. O. Engen	GC	33	1	4.00	20.15	24.15	5.40
Carrie Powers	Mag.	20	---	---	4.40	4.40	4.40
Mrs. L. M. Pederson	Misc.	---	---	---	35.45	35.45	35.45
P. M. Vixie	HW	25	8	20.00	5.35	25.35	1.10
Total		78	9	24.00	65.35	89.35	41.95
Grand Total		705	54	193.75	384.20	577.95	572.32
*Two Weeks.							
†Three Weeks.							

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Bible Classes at Union College

ALL the Bible classes of Union College are open for entrance the second semester. At 7:45 in the morning there is a two-hour class in Jeremiah and Ezekiel, giving upper division credit. At 8:40 there are two lower division classes, one three hour class in Introductory Bible and another three hour class in Revelation. At 9:35 there is another upper division two hour class in the Teachings of Jesus, and at 10:30 a lower division two hour class in the Life and Times of Jesus.

Besides these we have the Bible seminar for young men and women preparing for public work, which provides both technical and practical work in how to preach and how to do personal work and give readings.

We welcome old and young to these classes, as well as to participate in the religious exercises of the school, the Missionary Volunteer meetings, the Sabbath school, the vesper services, and the prayer and missionary bands. Union College is interested in religious activities of all kinds, and extends a most hearty invitation for all to join us.

M. L. ANDREASEN.

Reduced Prices for Correspondence Courses

BEGINNING with January 1, 1933, all regular courses offered by the Home Study Institute are subject to a reduction of 10% below the price given in the latest calendar. In some cases, in order to fix on the nearest round number, the reduction amounts to a little more than 10%.

In other words, our tuition rates for the year 1933 are these:

College Work		
	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
Six-hour courses	\$20.00	\$18.00
Four-hour courses	13.50	12.00
Three-hour courses	10.00	9.00
Two-hour courses	7.50	6.75
Academic or High School Work		
One-unit courses	18.00	16.00
One-half-unit courses	9.00	8.00
One-quarter-unit courses	5.00	4.00

This reduction applies to all enrolments. If a student pays the whole of his tuition within thirty days of enrolling, he will receive an additional discount of 10%.

We invite ambitious young people, and forward-looking persons in general, to write for our new catalog, which gives particulars concerning more than ninety different courses of study. Time is precious. The winter evenings, invested in correspondence study, will bring satisfying returns.

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Special Notice

IN ordering 20 copies of the prohibition number of *Present Truth* for 10 cents, our members should follow the instructions and send all such orders through their church missionary secretaries and allow them to accumulate such small orders until they total 1,000 copies; and then the church missionary secretaries should send total of all such small orders. They will then be billed to the churches at the 1,000 rate, which will be even less than 20 copies for 10 cents. If a church cannot accumulate enough of such orders to total 1,000 copies, the papers cannot be had at the price of 10 cents for 20 copies. On all small individual orders for 20 copies the price will be 20 cents.

"WHEN you are riding on the cars, visiting, conversing with your neighbors—wherever you are—let your light shine forth. Hand out the papers and tracts to those with whom you associate, and speak a word in season, praying that the Holy Ghost may make the seed productive in some heart. This work will be blessed of God."—"Call to Service," p. 3.

"THE Lord calls upon His people to make every effort to curtail their expenses. Again I plead that instead of spending money for pictures of yourselves and friends, you should turn it into another channel. Let the money that has been devoted to the gratification of self, flow into the Lord's treasury to sustain those who are working to save perishing souls."—*Special Testimony*, p. 12.

Magazines for "Watchmen and Light-bearers"

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round effort in the sale of single copies" of current issue. This is a distinct line of missionary endeavor, and does not conflict with the well established litera-

ture promotion work involving other missionary periodicals, which must be carried forward with even greater force than heretofore.

It is interesting to note what the servant of the Lord wrote concerning the importance and place of the *Southern Watchman* in the early days of its history, and in this connection a brief excerpt from an article by Mrs. E. G. White, appearing in the *Watchman* of February 7, 1905, will suffice: "The *Southern Watchman* is to have a place in the field at large. It bears the message of truth . . . Let those who have had success in the circulation of the *Signs* and the *Review* remember that the *Watchman* also has a work to do. It will accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work in all parts of the world. Its field is wherever subscribers can be found for it."

The taking of subscriptions and the sale of single copies of the magazines month by month enable the salesman to do a large work on a self-supporting basis. Those who have tried the plan are enthusiastic regarding it, as will be seen by the following statements:

"Last week I was selling our good paper, the *Watchman*. In one day I sold nearly a hundred copies, and had some splendid experiences. The people spoke very highly of the magazine, after having read previous copies, and I hope to secure several yearly subscriptions."

"I thought that as I went about my Bible and tract work I might be able to do something with the *Watchman*, so I ordered a club of twenty-five. I started in to sell these magazines at the homes of the people, and in about an hour and a half the entire twenty-five copies were sold. Then I ordered another club of twenty-five, and disposed of these in about two hours."

"Two little girls in our family have been selling the *Watchman*, and a short time ago a lady called at my home to inquire if she could get ten copies. She said she considered it the best paper she had ever read, and she wanted to send copies to friends. Our last package of fifty papers came all right, and all the papers were sold in just three evenings, after school. I presume that our little girls did not spend more than six hours all told in selling the fifty copies. The magazine sells itself."

Let us resolve to make the new year a banner year in bringing souls to the feet of Jesus through the pages of our truth-filled magazines.

L. E. CHRISTMAN, Associate Secretary,
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