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The Sabbath School

At the Spring Council of the General Conference Committee, the following action was taken:

"Whereas, the Sabbath school is the greatest influence we have in leading our people into the three-fold spiritual objective of daily study of God's word, of personal work for the unconverted among us, and of sacrificing for and giving to foreign missions; and,

"Whereas, about twenty per cent of our church members in North America are not enrolled as Sabbath school members; and,

"Whereas, in some of our larger churches there are several hundred church members missing from the Sabbath school, and in certain conferences more than a thousand church members non-attendants at the Sabbath school; and,

"Whereas, the potentialities for good of the Sabbath school are limited because of the large number of absentees; therefore,

"Resolved, That a special denomination-wide effort, fostered by the General Conference administrative leaders and the Sabbath School Department, be made to bring actively into the Sabbath school all Seventh-day Adventists, together with many of their friends and neighbors, using to that end the following means:

"a. Urging upon all the ministers and other conference workers the active support of the Sabbath school by example and by precept, suggesting especially to conference presidents that they rally their force of laborers to strengthen the Sabbath school in every way possible.

"b. Designation of one month as Sabbath School Recruiting Month, when conference workers, church leaders, Sabbath school officers, teachers, and members will search out missing Sabbath school members and urge their joining the Sabbath school and attending regularly.

"c. Issuance of a special number of the *Review and Herald*, and the union and foreign papers and the *Ministry*, setting forth what the Sabbath school means

to the mission fields as well as to the home bases, and containing contributions from denominational leaders; also printing in the *Youth's Instructor* special articles for our young people.

"d. The writing of a general letter by the officers of the General Conference to our conference and church leaders, stressing the importance of the Sabbath school and urging that all our leaders and laity become actively connected with it."

The month of July has been designated as the time for this special effort. The reason for the campaign is apparent when we realize that many thousands of our people are not Sabbath school members, and never attend. Many come only infrequently—not regularly enough

It Is for Our Good that We Give Offerings

"At stated periods, in order to preserve the integrity of the law, the people were interviewed as to whether they had faithfully performed their vows or not. A conscientious few made returns to God of about one-third of all their income for the benefit of religious interests and for the poor. These exactions were not from a particular class of the people, but from all, the requirement being proportioned according to the amount possessed. Besides all these systematic and regular donations, there were special objects calling for free-will offerings, such as the tabernacle built in the wilderness, and the temple erected at Jerusalem. These draughts were made by God upon the people for their own good, as well as to sustain His service."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 467, par. 2.

It is as much for our good that we give to the cause of God now as it was with Israel of old.

J. F. PIPER.

to be regarded otherwise than as visitors nor to carry any definite responsibilities. The loss is serious—first to the missing ones themselves, and second, to the Sabbath school and the world-wide cause of the message.

Very often in our travels and work have we heard pastors, evangelists, conference presidents, and others, in widely separated places, observe that the backsliders and apostates to this truth are recruited from among the missing Sabbath school members. For, they point out, it is obvious that one who is faithful in the study of God's word, who attends Sabbath school regularly and on time, possibly carrying responsibilities therein, and who contributes freely of his means to missions, will hardly be the one to become indifferent toward or critical of the message or the movement.

Now just what does one miss who misses Sabbath school?

First, it is described as the church at study. The Sabbath school lesson is the most practical plan for daily, systematic, topical Bible study the denomination has. If one does not attend Sabbath school he probably does not study the Sabbath school lesson. If he does not study the lesson he is missing most helpful contact with God's word. There are other plans for Bible study of course, and it is to be hoped he is utilizing one or more of these. Otherwise there is a great void in the individual's life. Can one afford this loss?

Furthermore, the one who misses Sabbath school, even though he might study the lesson, misses the interesting, helpful exchange of thought regarding the lesson of this week and of last week. This is worth much. Try to imagine what has gone into lives as the result of this private study and public recitation. Those not attending Sabbath school miss all or most of this.

Second, the Sabbath school session is a form of worship—worship of God. It begins with song, perhaps preceded by a song service. Then comes prayer, followed by a second song. Often a scripture reading is included also. Every feature of the program is spiritual, and has a definite purpose, justified by long

years of experience. Not only does Sabbath school begin with song and prayer, but it closes in the same manner.

Third, those missing Sabbath school miss inspiring information from the mission fields to which our offerings go. It is an appeal from the superintendent of a field perhaps, or a stirring account of divine deliverance related by one working alone amid unbelievable difficulties, or a touching story of love and loyalty on the part of an erstwhile cruel and ignorant savage. These appealing articles appearing in print for the first time in the *Missions Quarterly* account for much of this people's knowledge of missions and their liberality toward missions. It is said that without information there can be no inspiration; and without inspiration there would not be much to the Sabbath school, and certainly but little for missions. It would be interesting to know how many lives have been turned missionward as a result of these weekly mission exercises in the Sabbath school.

Fourth, if and when one misses Sabbath school he misses a splendid opportunity for contributing to the support and furtherance of the gospel work in mission fields. One might mistakenly consider this a gain, but actually it is a loss; for the difference between my ability to give and my gifts measures my loss, not my gain. No better opportunity, nor effective, for supporting God's cause has ever been devised than the Sabbath school plan; it comes frequently and regularly. We know of its coming and prepare for it. This regular-giving plan is a definite part of the religious life of all those faithfully attending Sabbath school. Hence it accounts for the ingathering of more mission funds than all other agencies combined—56 per cent in North America during 1932. Incidentally, when do those who miss Sabbath school make their offerings to missions?—At church? At camp meeting? Perhaps, but not always. When one realizes that in North America alone there are at least twenty-five thousand habitual absentees from the Sabbath school, he can imagine something of the resulting spiritual and financial loss. It is really serious, doubly so in view of the times and needs.

Last but not least, those who miss Sabbath school miss the opportunity of placing their example where it ought to be—with an institution of God's own planting. We wonder whether those who fail to attend are willing for others to follow their example in so far as it relates to the Sabbath school. Paul says, "For none of us liveth to himself, and

no man dieth to himself." Our influence is potent during our life time, and it lives on after life has ceased. Even though the habitual missing of Sabbath school may not be spiritually fatal to one well established in the truth and long in the way, how about the influence, especially on a young man or woman who is fighting a desperate battle to do right and who must have the strength of the Sabbath school if he is going to succeed? Indeed we are our brother's keeper!

So may God bless our Sabbath schools—now eleven thousand strong. May they be active and powerful and attractive for good, a blessing and a shelter to all who resort thither. As these schools reach out to our dear people who do not attend, may the latter purpose in their hearts to give to the Sabbath school what they have for it and to receive in turn what it has for them. And then unitedly may all our people seek to interest their unbelieving friends and neighbors in the truth by getting them and their children to attend Sabbath school, the church engaged in the study of God's word.

J. C. THOMPSON.

Kansas Conference

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Camp Meeting

It is time to make definite plans to attend the coming camp meeting, which convenes at Enterprise August 11-19. The first session will be at 2:30 P. M.

We have had the camp meeting at Enterprise for several years, and you all know how to reach the place. Many have found this a sacred place because of heavenly experiences. It is the place where they found God. It is also the place where our children are receiving their training for service and finding the way of the Lord. The buildings and ground have been dedicated to our youth, but again we shall use them for our annual feast and camp meeting.

Last year the prices of both rooms and tents were reduced 20 per cent. This cut will apply again this year. It is time to send your order for rooms or tents. Write to the conference office, Box 605, Topeka.

We have the promise of excellent help. Those of the General Conference appointed to attend our meeting are: Elder C. K. Meyers, secretary of the General Conference; F. D. Nichol, assistant edi-

tor of the *Review and Herald*; A. L. Baker, editor of the *Signs of the Times*; Elder S. A. Wellman, from the General Conference Sabbath School Department; W. B. Ochs, secretary of the German Department; also J. F. Piper, president of the Central Union and the union field secretaries and Elder J. H. Schilling.

This is giving us splendid help, and I am sure I need not emphasize the importance of attending a camp meeting; it is here where God meets with His people. Let all make definite plans to come. Be sure to stay the whole time. If you cannot come for all of the meeting I would advise you to come for the first part. Let us pray for heaven's blessing upon this important gathering.

C. S. WIEST.

Will It Pay?

ONE of the questions of our time is, "Will it pay?" We ask ourselves this question when we give consideration to giving our children a Christian education. Mrs. White says, "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and youth." In view of this statement it must be that Christian education pays even in times of depression.

A young conference worker in a personal conversation said, "I believe there are two things chiefly responsible for my staying by the faith and being in the work today. They are my attendance at school and my work as a colporteur." A young man is sent by godly parents to a Christian school. The young man gets a vision of working for the Lord. He goes out into the colporteur work that he may give the message and return to school. Now he is a conference worker. It paid!

Many of the leaders in your church are former students of some of our schools. Our schools play an impor-

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tant part in training many of the men and women who lead out in our church work. The extent of the work done by these faithful leaders of our churches will only be known when the work on earth is all done and the faithful have gathered in the New Earth. Surely a Christian education pays!

EVERETT KIRK.

Colporteur Work

SOMEONE in Kansas took the small book, "Our Changing World," to a neighbor a few weeks ago. The one who received the book later sent a letter to the publishers stating, "I have been very delighted to read 'Our Changing World' and will pass it on to others." This is just another example of what may result when we sell or loan books to those about us.

A few days ago I found two women, each of a different family, who have just begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of a book bought from one of our members about a year ago. Let us do more of this kind of work. Papers and tracts will serve in the same way. Sending the *Signs*, the *Watchman*, or the *Present Truth* to some individual is often very effective.

E. H. MEYERS.

McPherson Tent Meeting

THE meetings began in McPherson Sunday evening, June 18, with the tent filled almost to capacity. The editor is friendly and is giving us good write-ups right on the front page of the daily paper. This paper is the official county paper. There is no church here, and we solicit your prayers that the Lord may bless us in raising up a lighthouse of truth.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

Enterprise Academy

MR. HOLMES visited a number of the churches in the central part of the state recently. He reports a goodly number of young people are planning on being at Enterprise the coming school year.

Plan to be at Enterprise for the camp meeting, August 11-19.

Mr. Harder was in charge of the school farm during the early part of the summer. At present Mr. Holmes is in charge.

The second cutting of alfalfa is being put up.

Ralph Mohr is canvassing in Enterprise with good success.

Word from Mr. Bietz, Eldon Marshall, Arthur Raff, and B. Upton Hopkins, who are canvassing together, indicates they are having good success selling books, and some very good experiences in meeting interested people.

A truck load of conference equipment left the school June 12 for McPherson, Kans., where a tent effort is in progress under the direction of Elder A. C. Griffin. Olivia Harder and Alten Bringle, former students of Enterprise Academy, are assisting with the effort.

The Academy Press recently received a large order for printed magazine wrappers from one of our conferences.

Theodore Torkelson, class of '32, is canvassing in McPherson, Kans.

Begin planning to be at Enterprise September 4.

Nebraska Conference

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Camp Meeting at College View

ACCORDING to the vote taken by the churches of the conference recently, the camp meeting will be held this year on the college grounds at College View. The date is August 11 to 21. We will have the use of the rooms in the two dormitories for \$5.00 a room. The rooms are furnished with one double bed, chairs, and dresser. You will have to bring pillows and bed linen. Make application for rooms to A. W. Johnson, North Hall, College View Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

Meals will be served in the dining hall at the regular school prices. Only a limited amount of work can be furnished, and students will be given the preference in working in the dining room. Make application for work to Mr. Johnson also.

Space will be provided for small tents free of charge to those who have them and desire to live in their own tent. Those desiring tents from the conference should get their orders in right away so we will know how many to move from Grand Island. Tents will cost \$5.00 each with furnishings extra.

We will have excellent help all through, and you cannot afford to miss this important gathering. Further announcements will appear later. Begin to plan right now to come.

W. T. WESTBROOK.

Omaha

RECENTLY an outlay of \$390 in needed repairs has been made on the Omaha Memorial church, such as new diamond point roofing, new gutters, and considerable interior work. While the financial question was no small matter, our people all cooperated with means and labor.

Our Dorcas Society took the responsibility of repairing the broken panes in all the art windows, which came to \$75. They are now working to gather a like amount to cover all the windows with hardware screen to protect them from hail and other destructive elements. Food sales have been held once a month at the Safeway store, about six blocks from the church, to help them in their efforts.

Realizing the value of the printed page, clubs of 133 *Signs* and 1,000 *Present Truth* are being placed in the hands and homes of neighbors and friends every week. Many are glad to get them and also send them on to others.

Our church school closed with several graduating from the eighth grade, and prospects for another good year ahead. The board has again engaged Mrs. C. J. Lindquist to teach the coming year.

Our attendance on Sabbath is very encouraging and many new faces are seen.

Sunday evening, May 7, Elder T. B. Westbrook, president of the Nebraska Conference, and the writer, opened a series of meetings for the public in the Memorial church, with a good attendance and fine interest which has continued to grow. At the end of the third week Elder and Mrs. Westbrook had to leave for other field appointments, thus the writer has continued alone. For the first five weeks we held meetings every evening, and on the sixth and seventh week on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. One thing that has been a great inspiration is the good attendance of so many young people. At the end of the six weeks 26 had been baptized and 2 came in on profession of faith. A number of others are studying and will be baptized later. Our advertising and other expenses came to \$90, and to offset this \$76 has come in in offerings. Assisting in the Bible work we have had the services of the assistant Sabbath school superintendent, Mrs. H. H. Boettger, who accepted the truth years ago while I held meetings in Grand Forks, N. Dak., and came here from Peoria, Ill., last fall to join us. Her free service has been much appreciated by all. We are still continuing Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings. Pray for us.

MR. AND MRS. T. M. LANGBERG.

Southwestern Nebraska

THE work in the southwestern part of the Nebraska Conference is progressing nicely. Although there are many obstacles in the way, yet our people are pushing on in the work. Last year we had

a drought, the farmers losing their harvest, and again they are faced with another drought, but one thing they do not lose and that is their faith in this message.

Our churches are scattering *Present Truth* in all directions. Brother Henry Yost, of the Culbertson church, started some weeks ago to put out *Present Truth* in his neighborhood. Out of forty homes, only one or two refused to take the paper. I called at one home where he was delivering the paper, and the lady told me how she was enjoying it and was looking forward eagerly to the end of the week for the next issue. I have faith to believe that some of these people will yet take their stand for the truth.

We held a six-week series of meetings in McCook, and they were well attended. In April we started an effort in Culbertson, and for four weeks we had bad weather. For this reason we were unable to do more than to revive our own people in that church.

We are glad to report that last Sabbath was a happy day for our believers, when twelve souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Five of these were from the Wilsonville church and seven from McCook. When these are taken in next Sabbath there will be one added on profession of faith, making eight added to the McCook church.

These souls will be a source of strength to our church, and it makes us rejoice to see them coming in.

We are of good courage in this part of the vineyard, and ask that you will remember us in your prayers.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Missouri Conference

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Sabbath School Attendance

I ESTEEM it a privilege to say a few things in general regarding our Sabbath school work and membership. I am not as yet sufficiently acquainted with our conference work and workings to speak of local conditions in detail, but I have ever held as a principle of life that anything worth belonging to is worth attending to. Therefore, as the Sabbath school is a most important department of our church work, I could not consistently look with pride upon being a church member and not a Sabbath school attendant.

The Sabbath school is said to be the church at study. We recognize that in

many of our churches and unorganized companies of believers, the Sabbath school services are all the spiritual food they receive upon the Sabbath day. Then we are informed that more than half of the financial support given to our worldwide missionary endeavor is received through the Sabbath school offerings. Therefore, how can I, as a church member, consistently assume a careless or indifferent attitude to that department of church activity and spiritual life?

Personally I have been stimulated to punctuality in attendance by keeping in mind that motto which reads something like this: "If all the members of the church were just like me, what kind of a Sabbath school would our Sabbath school be?" If I am not a regular and punctual attendant, and all the members were like me, there would be no Sabbath school at all. So how can I boast of my church membership, or consistently profess a blessing in being one, and take the course in life that would blot out the department so vital to spiritual growth and missionary endeavor?

We recognize these questions are all answered in the asking of them; therefore, we wish to appeal to every church member and isolated believer in the Missouri Conference to become Sabbath school members, and see to it that you are regular and punctual in your attendance, with a daily studied lesson and a liberal offering for the mission field. We are sure your spiritual growth will be strong, your vision clarified, your religious life quickened, and your church membership enjoyed by all rather than endured.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

Kansas City Baptisms

ON Sabbaths, May 13 and 22, it was the privilege of the writer to bury sixty-three precious souls with their Lord in the watery grave, in the Memorial church, Kansas City, Mo. Three were added to the church on profession of faith.

Fifty-three of those baptized were of Kansas City, and ten were from Kingsville where we also held some meetings this past winter.

We would greatly appreciate your remembering to pray for the work here.

O. T. GARNER.

Missouri News Notes

ELDER Chas. Thompson, with his family, arrived in Clinton June 12. He spent Sabbath, June 17, with the Clinton churches, and Sabbath, June 24, with the churches at Springfield and Oak Grove. We welcome Elder Thompson and his

family to the Missouri Conference.

Elder Melvin Oss left the office June 14 and is on an itinerating trip throughout the state. He expected to visit the churches in Sedalia, Florence, Jefferson City, Bland, Lebanon, Oak Grove, Ava, and Taneyville.

Brother Campbell spent the week of June 11 to 17 locating several new colporteurs. The students from Oakwood Junior College who recently entered the colporteur field are having very good success and we expect the most of them to earn at least a full scholarship this summer.

Have you seen the new book written by Elder Branson entitled "Replies to Canright"? This is a book that should have a large circulation. The price of it is \$2.00 postpaid.

The Missouri Book and Bible House is glad to announce that the book, "Shadow of the Bottle," which has been such a power to the cause of temperance, is now available. In quantities of ten copies you may be able to secure them for \$1.35 postpaid. This is a regular 25 cent book, and this is the time to circulate a number of them. Order a supply from the Book and Bible House today.

Robert Epple and Marie Lunt were united in marriage at the home of Elder O. T. Garner, May 16. The bride is a graduate of Enterprise Academy. Their many friends will wish them well as they travel life's pathway together.

So. Dakota Conference

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A Good Meeting

THE camp meeting is over and we are thankful for the good Spirit of the Lord that was present. Studied from every angle, this seems like one of the best meetings we have had for many years. A wonderful spirit of harmony and earnestness prevailed throughout. The inspiring messages from the General Conference brethren, Elders Evans, Oaks, and Reising, the union workers, and brethren Thompson and Giddings from the mission lands, were earnestly received. The music, led by Brother Hills and Sister Kemper, with Sisters Hartman and Parks at the pianos, was heartily appreciated. The soul-winning hour was especially well attended, and we believe profitable. The total offerings received amounted to nearly \$1,000. Twenty were baptized on

the last Sabbath. The officers of the conference were re-elected, and also the departmental secretaries. Elder Babcock's work, since he had served his full tenure of office, was divided between Sister Hopkins and Brother McKinley. Elder Babcock will engage actively in evangelistic work. It was voted that Elder Youngberg take up evangelistic work at Huron.

With our hearts filled with courage, let us all press together in a united effort to lead many into the precious message of truth.

GORDEN OSS.

Tune In

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to broadcast our message over KSOO at Sioux Falls. Brother Skadsheim, of Hayward, Iowa, will be the speaker, and singers from Iowa, South Dakota, and perhaps Minnesota, will unite in helping to make this service a real success.

Sioux Falls is broadcasting on 100 kilocycles, and the time is 5:30 every Sunday evening.

Tell others, tune in yourself, and also do not forget to write to station KSOO, Sioux Falls, some words of appreciation. We will also be glad to hear from you.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Items

THE sad news has been received of the death of Mrs. G. G. Dollinger. Sister Dollinger will be remembered by many because of her years spent at Plainview Academy. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and daughter.

A district meeting will be held at Hot Springs for our western churches, July 20 to 23. The plan is that the meetings shall be at the Hot Springs church. Undoubtedly some of the folks from Nebraska and Wyoming will also meet there at that time. Elders Piper, Shadel, Marsh, and Smith will be there from the Central Union. Very likely the majority of the local conference officers and departmental folks will also be present. Come to Hot Spring July 20 to 23.

Elder Oss and Brother P. G. Hills drove to Alexandria, June 19, for the funeral services of Mr. Frederick Thiel. Mr. Thiel is the father of Professor Thiel, formerly of Union College, and now of Washington, D. C. Professor Thiel was home for the funeral. Sister Thiel, the wife, is a pillar in the Alexandria church.

We have received a long and splendid list of Investment plans from the Watertown Sabbath school. A substantial sum of mission money is thus assured from this school when the plans are matured.

Minnesota Conference

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Ministers that Do Satisfy

THE morning of the 22nd of March, I was rapping on the fourth door without having been admitted. The door swung open and I had a young woman before me. I soon found out she was the hired girl, and when asking if I might step in she said, "I'll see her." She left the door open and I picked up the opportunity. The girl soon appeared, followed by the lady. She was dressed in her robe, and went to the davenport to lie down. I excused myself for calling so early, but she said it was all right and that she had been in bed almost four years, but was getting much better now. She also said that she had told the girl not to let an agent in, but as long as I was in she would give me a chance to show what I had. I told her that I was handling the best thing in the world, and that probably was the reason why an exception was made.

When I introduced myself as a representative of Christian work, I noticed the interest was not hurt. I took a Bible out of my grip and told her I was trying to find people in need of a new Bible. She said, "My Bible is well worn, but I can't afford to get a new one yet." I kept on talking about the Bible as the word of God and its precious promises. Finally she said, "It's up to you ministers to tell us what's in the Bible. Why won't you tell us what's on the other side?" I said, "What gave you the idea that we would not tell you?" She said she had asked several and they just beat around the bush, and what they do say doesn't harmonize with what she read in the Bible. I said, "I am very glad that I met you. I will tell you what the Bible says on that subject, and it is as plain as A, B, C." Then I gave her a study on the other side of death, and was very careful to show from the word why God does as he does and says he will do. After this I knew she was prepared for a canvass on "Bible Readings" and when that was given, I told her that her Bible would do for sometime yet, but this was the book she needed. She said, "Yes, I can get along without a new Bible, but I want that book." Finally, after a visit that lasted nearly three hours, she said, "I am thankful to you because so many things have been made plain that I have asked and wondered about." I now had her order for "Bible Readings" combined

with the *Watchman*, and the hired girl's order for a Bible. I then showed her "Steps to Christ" and she said a friend of hers told her once to get that book but she never had an opportunity. She told the girl to get her pocketbook and she paid for it.

You may ask if that is all the visits I made in a whole forenoon. I answer, Yes, go thou and do likewise and the afternoon will be better yet.

KARL A. EVENSON.

We Enjoyed the Sabbath

SABBATH, June 3, was a happy day for those who gathered in worship, both forenoon and afternoon, at Brainerd, Minn. The brethren of the Pillager church met with us. Others were also present.

For some time, faithful missionary work has been done by the believers. Sabbath was a day of rejoicing, as ten precious souls were buried in the water with their Lord and Master. Six of the candidates came from Pillager, where Miss Florence Hoaglund has been teaching public school the last two or three years, and where she has been spending some of her time in giving Bible studies and doing missionary work. At Brainerd the elder, Brother Jordan, with his staff of workers in the church, is conducting meetings in a schoolhouse, and doing missionary work along other lines. Four were baptized and about five more are expected to take this step soon.

We rejoice in the faithful efforts put forth by these churches and in the fruits seen. May God bless them and all of His people as we all continue to labor for the salvation of souls.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

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Northeastern Iowa

IN company with Elder Fries I visited in my old district in northeastern Iowa, June 13-15. We held meetings at Cresco, Waukon, and Hawkeye. At each place there was a good attendance and interested attention given to the message borne. The little church at Cresco decided to continue as an organization. Their numbers have been depleted by death and removals until it was for a time thought it would be better for the remaining members to disband and become members of the Conference church. But after careful consideration it was decided to continue in the present status.

I feel sure that this is as the Lord would have it.

At Waukon two were baptized, the father and mother of ten children. To me this was a delightful occasion. Here is a large family who, led by the parents, are candidates for the kingdom. May God's blessing rest upon them and the church to which they are now joined. The Waukon church is a historic organization. It is here that the first Seventh-day Adventist organization in Iowa was effected. This has been the home of several of our old pioneers. Waukon is the old home of Elder G. I. Butler, Elder Loughborough, Elder J. N. Andrews, and Elder J. L. Shaw, the present treasurer of the General Conference.

A goodly number of brethren came in from Village Creek and other outlying points, so that the church building was well filled. The Waukon church is pushing on and all are of good courage.

Our last point was Hawkeye. Here we held one meeting, and after the service, which ended at 9 p. m., we started toward our home town, which we reached at about 3 a. m., preferring to travel at night rather than in the heat of the day.

Words do not well express the comfort it was to me to meet with these believers who through association have grown very dear to me. It is especially pleasant to notice that some of the interested people are still coming nearer to the point of a favorable decision. We are praying God's blessing on them all.

This was Elder Fries' first trip to this part of the state. It was a pleasant privilege to be associated with him in this ministry of love to God's dear ones.

T. H. JEYS.

A New Book

ALL book lovers of our conference will be glad to learn that a supply of the new book, "Fishers of Men," is now in stock at the Book and Bible House. It is the latest book to come from the press, and it contains soul-winning experiences and practical suggestions for personal work by the laity. "Fishers of Men" will be a new inspiration for our people to heed the Master's assuring call, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." We look for a real revival of personal work to follow in the trail of this book. I appeal to Adventist parents to place this book in the hands of your children, to keep before them the most effective methods of usefulness in the services of God. This book should be in every home. It is not a high priced book, the price being only 50 cents postpaid.

J. C. CHRISTENSEN.

Obituaries

WELLS.—Mrs. Martha Ellen Wells, nee Baker, born April 26, 1875, died at the home of her sister near Pleasanton, Kans., May 28, 1933. On May 9, 1904, she united in marriage with Pearl L. Wells, of Butler, Mo. To this union one daughter was born. After living in Kansas City for a short time she returned to the vicinity of Pleasanton, Kans., where the

remainder of her life was spent. She leaves to mourn her death, her daughter, a foster daughter, two sisters, five nieces, two nephews, and many other relatives and a large circle of friends.

At the age of fifteen Mrs. Wells united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of which she was a faithful member unto death. Funeral services were conducted by the writer from the Methodist church at Pleasanton, Kans., and she was laid to rest in the cemetery near her old home place.

W. H. CLARK.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1933

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
E. C. Aaby	OD	8	—	—	1.00	1.00	3.50
Mrs. M. E. Blackburn	HP	2	—	—	—	—	—
W. A. Burton	DR	20	4	14.00	16.50	30.50	20.00
Sophia Carter	HP	34	—	—	—	—	—
Elizabeth Crawford	RJ	25	1	3.00	2.50	5.50	—
Dunbar Henri	DR	51	36	123.00	70.25	193.25	—
Sallie Holmes	DR	32	4	14.00	4.75	18.75	.75
Alex. Kohlfarber	OD	35	5	13.50	4.00	17.50	.50
Firm McHenry	PP	20	3	13.50	.50	14.00	—
W. H. Moore	DR	59	44	158.50	117.75	276.25	—
L. M. Neal	DR	9	11	37.50	—	37.50	—
John Sessor	BR	40	3	13.50	.55	14.05	.55
Ruby Sexton	DR	17	5	16.00	.25	16.25	—
F. E. Simons	DR	55	50	175.50	78.50	254.00	—
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	36	1	3.00	4.50	7.50	8.00
Lonnie Thompson	GC	14	4	18.00	—	18.00	9.00
W. L. Vickers	BPS	55	3	18.00	2.50	20.50	2.50
Carrie Williams	BR	28	12	58.50	—	58.50	—
Maynard Aaby	Mag.	10	—	—	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sadye Adair	Mag.	40	—	—	2.20	2.20	2.20
Sylvia Adair	Mag.	38	—	—	3.26	3.26	3.26
Frieda Asher	Mag.	37	—	—	13.90	13.90	13.90
*Alice Blake	Mag.	57	—	—	22.80	22.80	22.80
*Beatrice Brown	Mag.	13	—	—	14.60	14.60	14.60
Mary Elliott	Mag.	38	—	—	2.30	2.30	2.30
Nellie Bell Helt	Mag.	15	—	—	.40	.40	.40
Alma Katt	Mag.	—	—	—	.60	.60	.60
*Leontine Maycock	Mag.	67	—	—	22.70	22.70	22.70
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	31	—	—	16.00	16.00	16.00
Gladys Reed	Mag.	13	—	—	9.90	9.90	9.90
Della Rice	Mag.	25	—	—	7.60	7.60	7.60
Jess Williamson	Mag.	21	—	—	5.70	5.70	5.70
Total		945	186	679.50	426.51	1,106.01	167.76
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
B. F. Anderson	GC	20	—	16.50	—	16.50	16.50
Lillian Becker	HP	2	2	11.00	2.00	13.00	13.00
H. L. Canfield	BR	117	11	39.25	17.90	57.15	41.10
Orval Gams	HW	10	—	—	1.25	1.25	1.25
Ernest Harper	HP	73	4	24.00	5.25	29.25	19.25
Mrs. P. Jenkins	BR	58	3	13.70	2.75	16.45	5.20
Mr. Mathiesen	GC	5	—	6.00	—	6.00	6.00
H. R. Prentice	HW	60	14	46.50	15.00	61.50	49.00
Albert Priest	HP	37	—	19.00	—	19.00	12.00
Mrs. Pruett	Crisis	50	—	—	12.50	12.50	12.50
P. Shakespeare	DR	10	—	41.00	—	41.00	41.00
Chas. Thompson	BR	15	—	20.60	—	20.60	20.60
T. A. Burnett	Mag.	—	—	—	5.00	5.00	5.00
Mrs. Hallam	Mag.	—	—	—	2.00	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Logan Reed	Mag.	—	—	—	10.00	10.00	10.00
Ray Wilson	Mag.	—	—	—	2.00	2.00	2.00
Total		460	37	237.55	75.65	313.20	256.40
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
J. W. Simmon	RJ	40	7	22.00	15.00	37.00	1.75
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	36	7	20.75	8.00	28.75	14.00
James Van Divier	RJ	37	5	17.00	9.75	26.75	—
Clarence Wiltse	RJ	40	3	9.00	14.75	23.75	—

Florence Maurath	RJ	35	5	15.00	7.30	22.30	1.80
Nathan Coffin	RJ	34	3	9.00	12.00	21.00	10.50
Euthayne Hopkins	RJ	38	3	9.00	10.75	19.75	.....
Morton Davis	OT	35	2	7.00	9.00	16.00	3.50
Raymond Hircoc	OT	30	4	10.00	3.00	13.00	.....
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	24	.....	.....	12.85	12.85	10.50
H. C. Starr	RJ	42	2	6.00	6.50	12.50	.....
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	10	2	9.00	.....	9.00	.....
Robert Garber	RJ	30	2	6.00	3.00	9.00	.50
R. A. Gibson	RJ	20	1	3.00	5.75	8.75	.50
E. W. Fredericksen	RJ	17	.....	3.00	5.50	8.50	.50
E. L. Sheldon	OCW	3	.....	.....	8.00	8.00	8.00
Elva G. Wilcox	OD	30	.....	.....	5.60	5.60	4.35
L. P. Knecht	OT	.....	1	2.50	.....	2.50	.....
Alice G. Kinney	Mag.	8	.....	.....	5.80	5.80	5.80
Valeta Anderson	Mag.	25	.....	.....	3.30	3.30	3.30
Jessie Van Divier	Mag.	27	.....	.....	3.10	3.10	3.10
Audry Anderson	Mag.	27	.....	.....	2.40	2.40	2.40
Ednamae Slater	Mag.	25	.....	.....	2.20	2.20	2.20
Dorothy Lockwood	Mag.	25	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00
Rita and Coral	Mag.	5	.....	.....	1.30	1.30	1.30
Gerda Severin	Mag.	16	.....	.....	1.20	1.20	1.20
Curtis Runge	Mag.	10	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total		669	45	148.25	159.05	307.30	78.20

NORTH DAKOTA: C. A. Edwards, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Hilda Biloff	PP	9	4	18.00	15.00	33.00	1.68
John Meckler	OD	15	13	37.00	14.35	51.35	2.60
Robert Kooreny	RJ	39	7	24.00	27.50	51.50	.25
*D. K. Olson	BR	85	19	87.00	20.90	107.90	5.00
Total		148	43	166.00	77.75	243.75	9.53

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Bessie Nordstrom	BMP	60	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	20.00
Clarice Rust	RJ	41	7	22.00	2.25	24.25	2.25
Mathilda Dahl	RJ	39	4	12.00	1.50	13.50	1.70
Dorothy Boko	RJ	36	12	40.00	3.65	43.65	2.90
Anna Cook	RJ	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Zytkoskee	RJ	32	2	6.00	.75	6.75	.75
Gerald Young	RJ	32	5	15.00	.25	15.25	.....
Hilda Olafson	RJ	27	4	12.00	.50	12.50	.50
Ada Schornstein	RJ	24	2	6.00	9.45	15.45	3.50
Florence Ritter	RJ	22	2	6.00	1.50	7.50	.....
Helen Zeelau	BPS	17	5	11.75	1.00	12.75	9.25
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	45	.....	.....	11.10	11.10	11.10
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag.	43	.....	.....	14.50	14.50	14.50
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	40	.....	.....	9.60	9.60	9.60
Ruby Guishard	Mag.	36	.....	.....	7.10	7.10	7.10
Mary Cooper	Mag.	36	.....	.....	6.30	6.30	6.30
Frances Spoden	Mag.	27	.....	.....	3.40	3.40	3.40
Mrs. Leah Strand	Mag.	26	.....	.....	3.50	3.50	3.50
Total		618	43	130.75	98.35	229.10	98.15

NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Wilton W. Black	GC	46	4	19.50	5.25	24.75	16.75
*John Henderson	GC	58	2	10.50	22.75	33.25	4.50
Ralph House	BR	31	4	15.50	.50	16.00	.....
Mrs. Alice Jenks	Mag.	10	.....	.....	2.90	2.90	2.90
Chivela Jorstad	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
Eulela Jorstad	RJ	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.50
Abel Larson	RJ	38	3	9.00	7.40	16.40	1.75
John Ogren	OD	24	3	7.50	1.00	8.00	.75
Rhoda Pederson	RJ	45	4	15.00	8.75	23.75	.55
C. A. Pence	Misc.	.....	.....	.....	1.75	1.75	1.75
LaVona Pogue	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	4.20	4.20	4.20
F. C. Welter	BR	54	7	34.50	.....	34.50	.....
Francis Witthaus	NN.BC	31	3	10.50	1.00	11.50	.75
Ronald Witthaus	.....	31	4	18.00	5.25	23.25	1.00
Total		368	34	140.00	65.05	205.05	28.70

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

Alice Anderson	Mag.	38	.....	.....	12.20	12.20	12.00
A. F. Harder	BR	28	.....	.....	1.75	1.75	.....
J. T. North	GC	53	1	4.00	3.75	7.75	.....
Annabelle Rumpf	Mag.	16	.....	.....	5.30	5.30	5.30
Mildred Shannon	Mag.	14	.....	.....	4.30	4.30	4.30
Elizabeth Torkelson	BR	26 1/2	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	1.00
Theodore Torkelson	BR	22 1/2	.....	.....	1.75	1.75	1.75
Total		198	1	4.00	32.05	36.05	22.80

Grand Total		3,406	389	1,506.05	934.41	2,440.46	661.54
*Two Weeks							

RICE.—Mrs. Alma Rice, nee McClaffin, was born Sept. 22, 1857, at Glen Sutton, Quebec, Canada, and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dora M. Robb, Iowa City, Iowa, June 5, 1933. In early life she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. To this faith she was loyal and true until the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, three daughters, one son, two brothers, ten grandchildren, and many friends.

She was laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery at Iowa City.

J. C. NIXON.

SIEFKIN.—Mrs. Pauline Siefkin was born in Germany, July 25, 1847, and came to America at the age of five years. She was married to Adolph Siefkin in Michigan in 1870, and moved to Omaha the same year. She fell asleep in Jesus June 11, 1933, after a short illness. She had been a member of the Adventist church for nearly forty years. To mourn their loss she leaves her husband and four children. She was laid to rest in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

T. M. LANGBERG.

WEKELL.—Mrs. Louise Wekell was born May 27, 1842, in Smaland, Sweden; and died June 10, 1933, at Farlington, Kans. Four children survive.

She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church since 1904, and died in good faith of the soon coming Saviour. Services were conducted by the writer in the Farlington Methodist church, and interment was made in the Farlington cemetery.

R. E. GRIFFIN.

LOFQUIST.—Edward P. Lofquist was born in Klinteholm, Gottland, Sweden, March 18, 1869. He came to America in September, 1887. He joined the Adventists church in Denver in 1906, and has been a faithful follower of Christ ever since.

He died June 7, 1933. He is survived by four nephews and one niece in this country and three brothers and one sister in Sweden.

JOEL NORDSTOM.

POOLER.—Susan Pooler was born March 2, 1869, and passed away at her son's home in Omaha, June 9, 1933, after several months of illness. To mourn their loss she leaves three sons and several grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Laurel Hill cemetery to await her Master's call.

T. M. LANGBERG.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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D. D. REES - - - - EDITOR

Sunset Calendar

For June 30, 1933

Denver, Colorado	7:33
Des Moines, Iowa	7:53
Topeka, Kansas	7:53
St. Paul, Minnesota	8:03
Columbia, Missouri	7:39
Lincoln, Nebraska	8:03
Bismarck, North Dakota	8:42
Pierre, South Dakota	8:26
Casper, Wyoming	7:55

Educational Day

EACH year the General Conference Committee appoints one Sabbath as Educational Day, to be observed in all the churches. A program is provided, and it is the purpose that the Sabbath morning services on that day shall be devoted to the cause of Christian education, either by making use of the program which is prepared and sent out, or, where suitable ministerial help is available, by the presentation of the subject in the form of a stirring sermon and appeal.

The education of our children is a life-and-death question, for has not the Lord said to us through the Spirit of Prophecy, "Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world"?—*Vol. 6, p. 199*. And this is said very definitely in connection with the subject of Christian education. If there ever was a time when our churches should be aroused on this question of Christian education, it is today. God would have us gather the children into our own schools, and yet perhaps never have we faced the economic conditions that we face today, which call for real vision and heroic effort if we are to hold our schools.

Christian education is being put to the test, or rather the belief of our people in Christian education is being tested, and we rejoice that so many have the vision. But we are counting on our church elders and pastors, with the help of the Lord, to make the Sabbath, July 8, count definitely for Christian education.

GENERAL CONFERENCE,
Department of Education.

Christian Training for Our Children

To make it possible for our children to receive an education in Christian training and religious influence is in order with God's plan. Wherever there are six or

more children there ought to be a church school if it is at all possible.

We are hoping that very careful plans and definite arrangements will be made throughout all of our churches where there are a number of children that can attend our church schools, that they may have this privilege this fall. It is a good time now to begin preparations for the opening of church schools in September.

Sabbath, July 8, is Educational Day, at which time we trust that in all of our churches there will be an educational program carried out. Let us do all we can to bring the importance of our church schools to the attention of our people.

J. F. PIPER.

Special Notice

THE General Conference has designated Sabbath, July 8, as Christian Education Day. A special program is being prepared which will be sent to each church elder or leader, and it is earnestly desired that each church devote the services of that day to a consideration of our educational work.

Our leaders will please bear this in mind when planning this service, and pray that great good may result as we study how to assure a Christian education for all our children.

C. W. MARSH,
C. U. Educational Secretary.

Colorado Conference

Jay J. Nethery, President
W. I. Montanya, Secretary
1081 Marion Street - - - Denver

Field Gleanings

ELDER G. T. VORE will be leaving in a few days for the southern part of the state, where he will spend some time in

the interests of the Spanish work.

Elder A. E. Lickey, formerly of Colorado, who is now laboring in the Oregon Conference, spent a few days on the camp ground at Boulder visiting his brother, C. F. Lickey.

The Denver pastors met in the office Tuesday, June 20, to lay definite plans for the Harvest Ingathering campaign in the city.

No. Dakota Conference

E. H. Oswald, President
S. E. Ortner, Secretary
Box 1491 - - - Jamestown

Twenty-Eight New Believers

THE wise man says, "A good report maketh the bones fat." When the apostles reported what God had wrought among the gentiles, it brought joy and rejoicing to the church. God's people are very anxious indeed to see the Kingdom of God established in the hearts of men and women. Their endeavors and their efforts are blessed in results of souls.

In January Elder Seibel conducted a series of evangelistic meetings in the Medina Country church. God richly blessed the effort. A number who had backslidden were reclaimed. Some who had been enemies of the truth were converted, and some of our young people gave their heart to God. Sunday, June 4, it was the writer's privilege to baptize nineteen souls as a result of the meetings. Nine were added to the church by profession of faith, making a total of twenty-eight souls added to the Medina Country church. Many were deeply touched as they beheld the sacred scene of baptism. We trust that the church members will continue in evangelistic soul winning work and lead those that have a desire to unite with God's people to the foot of the cross where they may learn of Jesus, the Saviour.

E. H. OSWALD.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF FORTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR FIVE MONTHS (TWENTY-ONE WEEKS) ENDING MAY 31, 1933

	Member-ship	Amt. \$8.40 Per Memb.	Amount Received	Amount Short	Per Member 1933	Per Member 1932
Colorado	3399	28551.60	9241.46	19310.14	.129	.210
Iowa	2577	21646.80	5694.97	15951.83	.105	.161
Kansas	2584	21705.60	5184.24	16521.36	.096	.111
Minnesota	3365	28266.00	7140.79	21125.21	.101	.140
Missouri	2119	17799.60	5243.46	12556.14	.118	.168
Nebraska	2528	21235.20	6930.80	14304.40	.131	.170
North Dakota	2265	19026.00	3406.67	15619.33	.072	.083
South Dakota	1518	12751.20	3804.26	8946.94	.119	.137
Wyoming	350	2940.00	1318.71	1621.29	.179	.309
Union	20705	173922.00	47965.36	125956.64	.110	.153