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"Arise, Shine; for Thy Light Is Come"

ENTHUSIASM has been the watchword of our people in the late camp meetings that have been held in the Central Union when the matter of the special number of *Present Truth*, dealing with the beliefs and practices of Seventh-day Adventists, has been presented by Elder F. D. Nichol, one of the editors of the *Review and Herald*.

In the six conferences that have been approached about this wonderful paper and the special price at which it can be had through the conference, practically 625,000 copies have been ordered by our people to be distributed in connection with our Harvest Ingathering work.

Sometimes it is disappointing to one to work hard and tramp the streets and roads of our cities and countryside in the interest of Harvest Ingathering and get so little returns in mission gifts; but when we can go and at the same time leave something in every home that will inform the people of the beliefs and practices of our people, one feels that he has done missionary work of the highest order, and even though the returns for the day have not been large, there is a conscious satisfaction and enthusiasm that follows one and makes him want to go again the next day.

When the proposition regarding this special *Present Truth* was told to the believers on the Kansas camp-ground they ordered 114,000 copies; then when it was again reported upon at the Missouri camp-ground 100,000 copies were ordered by that field. Iowa has ordered 104,000 copies; Minnesota, 100,000 copies; and when Brother Shadel, our home missionary secretary in the union, talked to Brother Nethery and the workers of the Colorado Conference as they were in workers' meeting in Denver recently, they agreed to take 100,000 copies; and the Nebraska brethren, as well as the officers, agreed to take 115,000 copies.

I am sure that if we could have gotten to the other conferences of the field no doubt they would have done equally

as well. But it is not yet too late to order some of the special *Present Truth* numbers through your Book and Bible House. They can be had at greatly reduced prices. In ordering them in large quantities, as mentioned above, with a conference contribution and the Bible House cooperating, the papers were furnished in large numbers at \$2.50 a thousand. So we are expecting that with this more than one-half million papers to be distributed in at least six of the conferences in the Central Union, as many people (or this might reasonably be multiplied by four or five) will be informed as to what Seventh-day Adventists believe. Thus we are meeting the statement in Isaiah 60: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

We are praying that the Lord will abundantly bless our dear people as they scatter these papers far and near, and that many may be led to acquaint themselves with the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

J. F. PIPER.

How to Meet Prejudiced Minds

"CHRIST never flattered men. He never spoke that which would exhalt their fancies and imaginations, nor did He praise them for their clever inventions; but deep, unprejudiced thinkers received His teaching, and found that it tested their wisdom. They marveled at the spiritual truth expressed in the simplest language. The most highly educated were charmed with His words, and the uneducated were always profited. He had a message for the illiterate; and He made even the heathen to understand that He had a message for them."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 254.

How to Spend Sunday

HAVE you grown weary in house-to-house soliciting because you have called on so many homes in order to get a few dollars? Well, here is something for you



House-to-House Work

to try, and the time to try it is Sunday morning:

"Sunday can be used for carrying forward various lines of work. . . . House-to-house work can be done. We can use Sunday as a day on which to carry forward work that will tell on the side of Christ."—*Vol. 9, pp. 233, 235.*

We have found Sunday to be the best day for house-to-house work, for then we meet the husband or children who work all week and are not saying no to agents every day, as the house wife meets them on week days.

As to what to do, carry with you a good supply of the special *Present Truth*, No. 41, on "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" and give one to every person solicited. After your day's work you will feel that you have given fifty or one hundred families the opportunity to get a right conception of who and what Seventh-day Adventists really are, and you will feel your time has been well spent even though you do not have a purse full of money. Here is our opportunity to make of this a real missionary campaign. Try it. S. T. SHADEL.

"One example is worth more than many precepts."

Experiences at Camp Meeting

FROM reports gathered from those renting rooms to people attending camp meeting, and the mute testimony of the appearance of empty tents after the camp meeting is over, one would wonder if some of our professed Sabbath-keepers who are expecting their Lord to return to gather his people, really grasp the real preparation needed to meet their Lord in peace.

Seventh-day Adventists should never give people room to complain of their actions while in their home enjoying even a paid room during camp meeting. What would you think should you be renting a room to a camper, say at any price, if, when you had rented the room for sleeping and resting privileges, the roomers would take possession of your stove and even the dining table when your family needed it, they apparently being the occupants and you an on-looker? Some who have rented rooms to our people have made such complaint. It is no wonder that some of our people live for years in a community and never see any of their neighbors accept the truth. It is a sad experience for men to be convinced of the truth and never experience its power that will change a selfish heart to that of thoughtfulness for others for Christ's sake.

This message is more than that the seventh day is the Sabbath and that sinners will be burned up. "It is the power of God unto salvation." It changes the heart from selfishness to loving thoughtfulness for others at every turn of the road.

When we go to camp meeting and rent a room to rest and sleep in, if we use the stove, dining room, and fuel of the people, we should also arrange for the extra and pay for the difference, for the gas, coal, wood, or oil we burn all cost something. If they invite you to such both will be happy, but no one going to camp should think of taking such liberties without a perfectly satisfactory arrangement first. Do we forget whom we represent in such homes?

Some tents and rooms reveal, when we go home, spoiled bread, paper, rags, decayed fruit and vegetables. Yes, but you found the room or tent ready and clean, you bargained to use it during the camp meeting, then the room or tent should be left as you found it, clean.

Brethren and sisters, let us raise our standard of living wherever we are and let the Lord we are expecting to return soon send His Spirit into our lives to change us for every contact with others, that when the Great Shepherd of the sheep

shall return, He may find us ready and watching.

AN OBSERVER.

Word from a Pioneer

As I glance over the REAPER I notice some names of our pioneers in this message in the early fifties at Waukon,—the Butler family, the Loughborough, the Stevens, the Andrews, and the Lockwood families. Old Sister Lockwood died at our place and was buried near my father, and later I helped Martin, the son, raise her from her silent resting place to bury her among her old associates at Waukon. Our dear Brother Uriah Smith married one of the pioneer Stevens girls. He was editor of our pioneer paper from its early history, continuing for many years.

Soon the early ones will all be gone. This message was introduced about the same time in Illinois and Wisconsin, and these states took on the western territory as missionary fields, so our work has moved onward until it has circled the globe. At first the main field worker in Illinois was R. F. Andrews; in Iowa, Snook and Brinkerhoof, who fell out by the way about 1866; in Wisconsin, Elder Wm. Ingraham and I. Sanborn. The education of our ministers was meager compared with today.

Only a few more isolated places must be reached, and Matthew 24:14 will be fulfilled. Are we ready for the change? I am now near the closing days of my eighty-eight years in this message. I have seen every step taken, till the light has circled the globe. Shall I see the end? God has been wonderfully good to me. Today I find myself alone, as all the pioneers of 1844 to 1854 have gone, and I think I am the only person living that witnessed the founding of this work. As I look over the past and see the bright lights along the highway that have faded by the way, I call to mind the bouquet thrown to me and I notice the leaves have commenced to fade. Let us all remember the words, "Hold fast till I come."

R. A. HART.

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Missouri Conference

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Report Given at Camp Meeting

It gives me much pleasure to submit a report of the work done by our faithful, self-sacrificing, self-supporting col-

porteur evangelist army during the past two years.

These loyal soldiers of the cross have labored nobly through a period of financial distress such as has never been witnessed before, I believe, by this people, or perhaps any other; but we have worked and prayer our way through this period, and today can look back and see where it has proved a real blessing to us, for it has helped us to learn more fully the truth of the statement of the Lord recorded by Zechariah the prophet in the fourth chapter and sixth verse, that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

These faithful ambassadors have toiled long and hard, through sunshine and rain, many times in temperature below zero and also when it was more than 100° in the shade. I have been by the side of colporteurs when it has been so cold we would have to hold our hands on our ears to keep them from freezing, also when it has been so hot that the heat from the sidewalks would blister our feet, and yet I have never heard a murmur or complaint about the work being too hard. Oftentimes I have gone to the homes of our self-sacrificing literature evangelists and found them with no food and no money with which to purchase any, and on some occasions have found those who have gone as many as three days in the dead of winter without making a sale or having a bite to eat. Others I have found at meal time with a bottle of milk and a few pieces of dry bread, while still others have fared well, lacking not for the comforts and necessities of life.

In our large cities where we have concentrated our efforts during the last two years, we have found scores of people hungry for the bread of life and have endeavored to feed them the Word as

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best we could in spite of the prejudice and opposition we have had to meet. And we have gone forth and been able to interest more than one hundred souls in the message as taught by this people to the extent that there are about sixty-five receiving Bible studies at the present time. I know definitely of fifteen who have been baptized during the past two years as a result of our colporteur work.

We have been able to make substantial gains in everything except deliveries during the past two years over the two years previous, and in spite of the failure of crops in some sections, the low prices on farm products generally, and the unemployment situation in our cities and industrial sections, the complete shut down of all mines and railroad shops, we are glad to submit the following report for your consideration.

September 1, 1931, there were no colporteurs in the field in the Missouri Conference. August 1, 1933, there were 47 reporting colporteurs at work.

During the biennial period covered by this report, August 1, 1931, to August 1, 1933, our colporteurs reported 42,785 hours, 6,400 orders for large books, with a value of \$28,990.74. Of this number we delivered \$7,663.73, including the small books and magazines. Of course, this number of deliveries does not compare exactly with the numbers of books and magazines which actually were placed in the field, but is just those reported to our office.

We have at the present time fourteen regular book colporteurs, six students, and ten part-time workers. We have eleven regular magazine workers, and six students, and two group leaders, also nine prospective magazine workers, and twenty-three prospective book workers. And today our slogan is "Forward with Increasing Success."

R. G. CAMPBELL.

The Oak Grove School

OUR school term will open September 5, 1933. We are anticipating a fine school year with a goodly number of students. Grades one to ten are taught here. The rates are as low as possible. Some students obtain board and room in homes near the school. Our endeavor is by God's help to instruct the children in Christian living and Bible study and thus prepare them to do greater service for the Master. Good, clean social times are enjoyed also.

The writer, who took charge of the school last year, anticipates a prosperous school term. We are situated be-

tween Turners and Rogersville. The address of the school is Rogersville.

H. W. BASS.

Missouri News Notes

ELDERS THOMPSON and Oss and Brother R. G. Campbell attended the general meeting of Negro believers held in St. Louis August 31 to September 3.

We again remind all our Missouri readers that September 2 to October 21 is "Harvest Ingathering Campaign for Missions." Anyone needing supplies or information can secure same by writing Elder Melvin Oss, our conference home missionary secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Katt and daughter Alma, of Chicago, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. G. Campbell, of Clinton. Mrs. Katt and daughter were here during our recent camp meeting. Mr. Katt came later. While here they made our office a pleasant call.

The report rendered by the Sabbath school secretary at our recent conference session revealed that 59 per cent of all mission funds received came through our Sabbath school offerings. This fact should be an incentive to liberal giving and constancy in our attendance, to the end of greatly stimulating our contributions to the world wide needs of our missionary endeavors.

Missouri holds the "blue ribbon" in the Central Union Conference on per capita receipts in our 1932 Harvest Ingathering. We suggest that this place be not surrendered in 1933. Therefore, we urge all our people to a full individual goal and that goal to be reached by October 21. "The essence of all right faith is to do the right thing at the right time."

Nebraska Conference

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Camp Meeting Resolution

At the conference session recently held in Lincoln the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, Large sums of money have been lost to the cause through uncollected accounts,

We recommend the following as a working policy for the Book and Bible House:

"That where credit is extended to a church, the church be required to pay for all items by the 10th of the month following the date of purchase.

"That if the church does not keep its account paid up, the Book and Bible House treasurer be authorized to discontinue the credit to that church and require them to send cash with all orders.

"That individuals order all their supplies, papers, etc., through the missionary secretary of the church of which they are a member, Conference church members dealing with the Bible House direct.

"That we recommend to the individual churches that they adopt the following as working policies for their church:

"(a) That no charges be made against the church account on the Bible House books unless authorized by the church missionary secretary, either for general church supplies or for individuals.

"(b) That the church missionary secretary extend no credit to individual members of the church unless authorized to do so by the church board.

"(c) That each church endeavor by offering or other method to accumulate a little surplus to be a working fund to enable them to take care of all accounts promptly."

One difficulty in the past has been that some missionary secretaries have permitted the Bible House account to grow, due to ordering supplies for some church member who did not pay for them or for some other reason. Then a change is made in the missionary secretary and the new secretary inherits an old account, so to speak. He or she knows little or nothing of why the old bill is there and often pays little attention to it. Soon the old balance becomes a millstone around the church's neck and it is a hard job to get rid of it. Then the Book and Bible House has to make some sort of a proposition to the church of discounting a portion of the bill in order to get it settled, and then the process starts over again.

Under the plan proposed by these recommendations the church cannot get behind in its accounts more than one month. If it fails to pay up at the end of each month its credit ceases, and cash must accompany all orders until that month is paid up. If the cash does not accompany the orders when a church is in debt the orders are not to be filled by the Book and Bible House.

This may sound like a pretty hard ruling to some, but if we only knew of the thousands of dollars that are lost to conferences year after year both by individuals and churches failing to pay their accounts, we would heartily agree that it is about time that something be done about it.

May we call attention to that part of

the recommendation dealing with individuals ordering all their supplies, etc., through the missionary secretary of the church of which they are a member. Sometimes Sabbath school superintendents or others order supplies direct, and of course we do not like to cause inconvenience in delaying to send them out. We trust that all will determine their needs far enough in advance so that they can order through the missionary secretary, then that individual has knowledge of what is being ordered and can keep a careful record of it.

These recommendations were passed by the conference in session, and as your officers of the conference we expect to do our best in carrying them out. If each and every member of the Nebraska Conference will cooperate we believe we can eliminate such items of expense as bad and uncollected accounts.

F. W. SCHNEPPER, *Secretary,*
Nebraska Book and Bible House.

No. Dakota Conference

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A Call from the Tombs

It often happens that modern preachers transfer the deceased person into the heavenly mansions at the time of the funeral. It has often occurred to the writer that the individuals thus transferred would cease to enjoy the bliss of heaven as they would be able, in their conscious state, to view the present conditions on the earth from which they were liberated. The apathy and indifference manifested by God's professed people in 1933 would sadden the hearts of such men as James White, Joseph Bates, Elder Loughborough, Uriah Smith, and others. If James White, for example, were in heaven today and if, from his abode, he could see the wonderful opportunities presented to our people to give the message which he so dearly loved by means of books and periodicals, he would very likely ask for permission to leave the heavenly mansions and come back to this earth and distribute this literature himself. Imagine with what enthusiasm the early pioneers would have distributed a magazine like the August issue of the *Watchman*, for example. How their hearts would have burned with joy if they had been supplied with such attractive and excellent literature as is furnished now by this denomination!

As we approach the end of all things,

the spirit of the pioneers must again possess God's people. The lethargy and indifference of many strong young men and women who profess to be Seventh-day Adventists, must give way to courage and enthusiasm or pull the professors to eternal destruction.

Hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists in North Dakota should at present be engaged in the colporteur work, and in the distribution of the *Watchman*. By doing this work, they would make a substantial profit and hasten the day of our Lord's return. We do not have one systematic distributor of the *Watchman* in the state.

It would be well for many of our people if they could pause a few moments at the grave of Sister White in Battle Creek, where the writer once stood with bowed head, and catch from the sacred dust the voice of one whose life was a benediction: "Awake, ye sleepers of 1933 and hasten the day when we, who are resting, shall be delivered from the tomb!"

C. A. EDWARDS,

Bismarck and Mandan

AT Bismarck and Mandan \$133 in three days of Harvest Ingathering was raised. We have a splendid start in this city and have received more five's than we did last year. This was brought about through the cooperation of the believers. The following members took part in helping us to get acquainted with some of the business men: Sister H. Ilchen, Sister Sasse, Brother Scheerle, and Brother Roethel. The young people took a very active part in the evening in singing bands, and we had a fine time as we sang for Harvest Ingathering offerings. We had many good experiences.

In one place we went up to the manager of an automobile concern and he emphatically told us he could not give us any money because he had not paid the taxes in his own church this year. After talking to him about our work and telling him about the members of our church whom he was acquainted with and had done business with, he finally decided to give us \$5.00. He went home and told the girl who was working in his office that her church had received \$5.00 from him that day, and he had not even paid his own church expenses. This girl was an Adventist and gave this as her testimony in church that evening.

The Lord is blessing in this work, and we are very much encouraged so far in the Harvest Ingathering.

B. A. SCHERR

Bismarck Singing Band

As a small group of young people lifted their voices in song, two solicitors started their house-to-house canvass, and so was begun a most successful evening of gathering funds for the missions.

The Bismarck M. V.'s had never tried this method of soliciting funds before, and no doubt each one entertained secret misgivings about the idea, but "in unity there is strength," unity with one another, and unity with Christ, so we stilled our fears and went out. During the forty minutes that we sang, we received four dollars, and we all had to admit when we got back it was the easiest money we had ever earned.

It is essential that the route be decided on before starting out. The songs that are to be sung should also be chosen, and it is well to sing them over once or twice even though they are well known. We went out one Sunday and one Wednesday evening and received a total of seven dollars and seventy-five cents. We are happy to know that this money will help to bring the Saviour's loving message to many hearts, and we pray too that some soul who heard the message of our songs will echo it to the all-loving Father.

HELEN JOSEPHSON.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 586 - - - Watertown

South Dakota Sunbeams

ELDER OSS reports an encouraging attendance and interest at Sioux Falls, where he recently spent about ten days with the church.

Sister Wyman will teach the new church school which is being opened at Watertown.

A dollar a week for seven weeks is the Harvest Ingathering plan that will win the day. Keep the budget up.

"Sometimes discouragements come, and then I read the *Review and Herald* and see how the work is going and it helps me," said Brother Gribenski. His renewal followed.

Professor Hartman states that the prospects for Plainview Academy are unusually good.

The executive committee met at Redfield August 29.

Do you tune in on the Adventist Half Hour with the Bible? It is every Sunday afternoon at 5:30, from KSOO, Sioux Falls. A word of appreciation to the

station will strengthen our standing with them and help in every way. If you think it is worth while, pass the word along.

"I want to put a few nails in that improvement at the school," said one enthusiastic supporter the other day as he handed Elder Oss a donation.

Make the Harvest Ingathering visits spiritual. Souls are hungering for encouragement.

Brother McKinley has visited several churches and reports the interest is good for the Ingathering work. Some members have already reached their individual goal.

Three investiture services are being planned for in three of the different churches. This indicates that good progress is being made among the young people.

Individual solicitor's cards have been sent to the churches and isolated members, also a canvass and goal card. Be sure to get your \$1.00 each week.

Wyoming Mission

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An Even Dozen

WE shall be glad to welcome the new church at Newcastle, Wyo., as it rounds out our number to an even dozen. It will be a church that will be an inspiration to all if its initial activity is a criterion.

Sabbath, August 19, with visiting brethren present from the surrounding territory, a church of twenty-five members, almost entirely adults, was organized by the writer, who has been laboring intermittently in this locality this summer. A full corps of officers was selected and Brethren J. F. Stenberg and Henry Schlup were ordained as deacons.

Meetings are still being held in the building formerly occupied by the post-office, but this temporary place is soon to be vacated for a new church home made possible by the generosity and faithfulness of the believers.

As Newcastle is so hilly it has been difficult to secure a lot, but one with beautiful pine trees on it, just opposite the high school, has been offered us for practically what it has cost the owners for sewer, sidewalk, and water. Much building material is offered us free, two trucks will haul for us without charge, and an abundance of volunteer labor is

promised. Sister Dixon, recently baptized, gives a modern house and lot for which a contractor will furnish building material and complete the construction of the contemplated church. It is surprising to witness the willingness with which many are making their gifts for this enterprise that will establish a memorial for the Lord.

C. A. PURDOM.

Colorado Conference

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September 12—Vote

As we draw near the 12th of September, the day for the special election in Colorado on the repeal proposition, we would again like to urge our membership to be prepared to do their best in stemming the tide. Surely we ought to be busy and do our best for friends and neighbors, and then cast our votes for the delegates who would represent the dry forces. The election ballots need to be read very carefully that no one be confused. I am told that they are being drafted in a way that will need special attention.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Field Gleanings

THESE are Harvest Ingathering days. Varied experiences are being had by those who are devoting time to this work. We venture the opinion that never in the history of the cause has foreign missions been in so great a need as now. Every dollar means additional help to our loyal and faithful missionaries. Let us do our best.

All of the workers in the conference were in Denver last Monday for a workers' meeting excepting Elder A. C. Long, who is in the midst of a meeting at Durango, and Elder G. T. Vore, who is holding meetings in Alamosa. The day was spent in studying important matters pertaining to the work of the conference. It was a day pleasantly spent, and, we believe, with a great deal of profit. Great issues are before us. All we need to do is to remember that God reigns and we are only asked to be faithful in our endeavors.

Professor G. M. Mathews spent Sabbath, Aug. 26, with the little company at Bennett, Colo.

Elder A. J. Meiklejohn gave the address at the nurses' commencement exercise in Boulder Sunday night, August 27.

Iowa Conference

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From the Camp Ground

WITH ideal weather to enjoy, the Iowa 70th annual camp meeting and 67th conference is now in session on the Oak Park Academy and Iowa Sanitarium campus. Some are present who have not attended for many years. Some are attending for the first time. A straight testimony is being borne and the whole message is taking on a deeper meaning.

From the early morning meetings to the evening assembly under the big tent in nature's bowl, the deep movings of the Spirit of God are in evidence. Elder Branson's studies on the sanctuary and the priesthood ministry of Jesus were timely and most enlightening. The clear, convincing, and convicting message from God through Elder Nichol is also stirring all hearts. At this writing, Elder Baker has arrived, and all stand ready to receive, cooperate, and lead our people into that revival and reformation so long anticipated. Elder Piper has given the trumpet a certain sound and the union workers are cooperating in all the services to strengthen the work in all departmental activities, and emphasize the one objective of our endeavors—the salvation of souls.

The stately steppings of God were seen last Sabbath as Elder Branson spoke on the efficacy of the blood of the Lamb. The whole camp was deeply moved by his quiet, stirring appeal, and scores moved forward, and a baptismal class is now in training. A spirit of love and unity is in evidence.

STEMPLE WHITE.

Kansas Conference

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Salina Effort

FOR some time the Kansas committee have been giving study to the advisability of holding an effort at Salina. A splendid opportunity seems to be opening up there, and we believe the time has come to make definite arrangements. In all probability Elder R. E. Griffin, of Kansas City, will head the company. The other members have not been definitely determined, depending somewhat

upon the outcome of an offering that we are asking the churches to take on Sabbath, September 23. We are asking the isolated to join with our churches in giving a liberal contribution on that day, these funds to be sent to the conference office and used in the Salina effort. No doubt after the gifts have been given you will be interested in the developments, and we shall endeavor to keep you informed through the columns of the REAPER. This effort will not start until some time in October. We solicit your prayers in behalf of these meetings as well as others that either are being held or will be held in the immediate future.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

The March Is On

THE Harvest Ingathering march is on in Kansas. Advance word from various parts of the field indicates that all are in earnest about this matter of "doing our part" in this urgent campaign this year. Many of our people are getting started ahead of time.

In a recent visit to Kansas City, Kans., I learned that mature plans have already been made there for a thorough effort. And Elder Chollar, of Wichita, writes: "Our Harvest Ingathering is in full swing. We have four bands out in the city." Elder Aalborg informs us that the foremost question in his various churches just now is the Harvest Ingathering effort. Brother Clark just passed through Topeka and spent some time in perfecting his plans for a united effort in the churches under his charge.

Right at headquarters there is also "a sound of a going." I was present recently when the singing bands met for organization. When the meeting was over there was still left about forty minutes, so they decided to go out for a start. In this brief time a substantial sum was raised. It is rumored that the Topeka church is counting on leading the conference this year in Harvest Ingathering results, so we may expect to see quite a stir in the effort the next few weeks.

I have been pleased with the response from some of our isolated members as they have written in even ahead of time, asking for Harvest Ingathering supplies and helps. I wish to call attention again to the great need of all taking part. The hour demands a 100% response. Let each of us "do our part." Keep at it for seven weeks doing something each week. Report through your church each week. The church treasurer will send in to the conference office each week a postal card giving a summary of work done during

the week. And remember work without prayer will be done in vain.

E. H. MEYERS.

Kansas Libraries

How would you like to see the *Watchman* magazine on the reading rack of each of the 132 public libraries in Kansas? What a strategic place for a *Watchman*! One can hardly think of a better opportunity to multiply our efforts than we have in sending a year's subscription to the *Watchman* magazine to one or more of these libraries. Would you like to supply a few of these libraries with the magazine?

The publishing house agrees to send them at half price if we raise a fund for all 132 libraries. Only 50 cents each, and what an opportunity! Several have already given and our fund is started. Send your amount to the conference office and mark it "*Watchman Library Fund*" and we will do the rest. Thank you.

E. H. MEYERS.

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Echoes from the Field

THE young people of Maplewood are continuing their Sunday night school-house effort. Brother Kleiman and Brother Dokken have been giving the sermons, Miss Nina Dahl the children's talks, and Brother Long has been arranging and paying for the advertising. There is a splendid interest.

Brother E. L. Sheldon has been holding a short series of meetings at Morgan and Staples and is now spending a week at Bemidji.

Elder Nichol, of the *Review and Herald* editorial staff, spent Sabbath with the churches of the Twin Cities. At the close of the stirring message almost 100,000 copies of the *Present Truth* that answers the question, "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" were ordered by the members of the various churches. These papers are to be used in connection with the Harvest Ingathering.

Already the churches are sending in good reports of the field work of Harvest Ingathering. Brother Edwards reports the Willmar church as the first church to reach its goal. Which church will be second in the list?

Sunday night, August 27, I had the privilege, with Brother Nelson and Broth-

er Marshall, of visiting the Granite Falls church. An exceptionally attractive building and an earnest, consecrated company of people made the visit to be remembered. A thousand copies of the *Present Truth* special were paid for by the church.

On Sabbath, the 26th, I attended the Beacon Light Mission Sabbath school and church. Under the leadership of Brother Thompson this company is doing splendid work for the colored people of Minneapolis. Their great need is a church building. The Hutchinson church has given \$100 for the Beacon Light church building. Other gifts will be greatly appreciated.

V. J. JOHNS.

Maplewood Notes

WE are indeed happy to receive so many letters these days from parents and young people planning to be at Maplewood September 18, when the school opens. Many are looking wistfully toward Maplewood and cannot be there on account of financial difficulties. Some of the letters we received are quite pathetic.

The other day we received a letter from a widow who has several children who are of high school age. She is anxious to put them through school but is not able to do so at the present time unless she can dispose of her property. She owns a forty acre fertile farm, with a six-room house, barn with a haymow, stucco silo, chicken house, granary, wood sheds on both sides, a drilled well which gives good water, a hard wood grove around the house, and all of the forty acres with the exception of five can be cultivated. It is only one mile to school and the place is situated four miles southeast of Grantsburg, Wisconsin. There is a \$1,000 mortgage on the place. The buildings are insured for \$1,700 and this poor widow is willing to sacrifice her property for \$1,500 for equity; that means the place would be sold for \$3,300. The place in normal times is worth \$5,000. There are many other conveniences on this place that might be mentioned, but anyone wishing information may write to Maplewood Academy. If a brother or sister desires a place of that type, he or she would get a nice home and farm and at the same time do splendid missionary work by helping a widow give her children a Christian education.

We have had letters from many of our farmer brethren who do not have cash but have plenty of stock, and they are more than glad to turn in cows in-

stead of cash, on their childrens' accounts at the school. We can still use more milch cows, so if anyone desiring to send his boy or girl to school has cows, we shall indeed be glad to take them in place of money.

Our sugar-beet crop is coming along nicely this year and will give quite a number of students work from the opening of school until it freezes up. Also, we have bound in the neighborhood of 7,000 books this summer, and we are still busy in the bindery, and we hope that God will bless us with an abundance of work during the winter months.

At the present time it is a little slack in our craft-shop as we are switching over from making folding chairs to making other articles to be sold during the winter.

We are glad that we have work for so many students this year, but sorry that students under sixteen years of age will not be permitted to work more than three hours per day, and not in any mechanical or manufacturing industries, only in domestic and agricultural pursuits. But judging from the signs, we expect a much larger attendance this year than last year, and surely welcome our boys and girls to Maplewood, September 18.

age of twenty years he was converted, and in 1902 he accepted the third angel's message and joined the church at Mt. Pleasant, Ia., to which he remained a faithful member until death.

Those left to mourn their loss are his wife, two daughters, four grandchildren, and other relatives. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, and our brother was laid to rest in East Salem cemetery. **OLNEY M. SMOLISE.**

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 1933

	Book	Hours	Total Sales
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary			
Aaby, E. C.	OD	30	5.00
*Blackburn, Mrs. M. HP		50	64.50
Busch, Rosie	OD	32	6.75
Carter, Sophia	HP	7	1.50
Hinton, R. W.	DR	37	1.25
*Holmes, Sallie	RJ	82	58.45
Kemp, Georgia	HP	9	5.75
*Mathews, Floyd	BR	130	343.50
*Sessor, John	BR	72	48.25
*Sexton, Ruby	DR	11	6.00
Simons, F. E.	DR	13	35.50
*Snyder, Mrs. A.	RJ	58	39.00
*Thompson, Lonnie GC		38	104.50
*Asher, Freda	Mag.	34	14.80
*Blake, Alice	Mag.	54	11.80
DesMukes, Margaret Mag.			12.00
*Maycock, Leontine Mag.		62	7.10
Murray, Mr. & Mrs. J. Mag.		15	13.00
*Meyers, Mrs. A. F. Mag.		61	25.70
Stanley, Mrs. C. E. Mag.		18	3.30
Warner, Mrs. Velma Mag.		17	5.10
Total		830	812.75

MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary			
Karl A. Evenson	BP		22.50
H. A. Hanson	BPS	38	25.20
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	42½	34.75
Grace Shumway	RJ	40	13.00
B. O. Engen (3)	Misc.	119	41.63
Ada Schornstein	RJ	34	30.45
Tessie Aeling	RJ	33½	4.25
Minnie Ludvianon	RJ	20	17.00
Lillian E. Merten	GC	25	11.50
Hazel Johnson	RJ	15	3.50
Nina Magnuson	RJ	13	23.25
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag.	46	13.40
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	40	9.90
Mary Cooper	Mag.	34½	4.60
E. Dufstrom	Mag.	25	3.20
Mrs. John Green	Mag.	25	10.15
Leah Strand	Mag.	23	7.70
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	20	5.20
Mrs. Fred Anderson	Mag.	36	17.60
Ruby Guishard	Mag.	12½	15.70
Patricia Liers	Mag.	10	5.60
Total		661	320.08

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Secretary			
H. L. Canfield	BR	30	15.25
Mrs. P. M. Penkins	BR	20	10.50
H. E. Looker	RJ	43	12.50
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	24	13.60
H. R. Prentice	BR	19	2.60
Albert Priest	HP	56	111.50
P. E. Shakespeare Misc.		20	76.00
Mrs. L. R. Storey	HW	10	14.75
Chas. Thompson	DR	12	1.50
Mrs. G. Smith	Mag.	10	1.20
Mrs. D. Jones	Mag.	50	15.00
Total		294	274.40

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary			
*G. A. Shelton	BR	100	126.00
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	44	22.70
Florence Maurath	RJ	9	9.45
Elva G. Wilcox	Mag.	27	7.10
J. W. Simmons	RJ	17	6.25
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	22	4.75
Robert Garber	RJ	17	4.50
Mrs. A. Snovel	Mag.	15	4.10
Lil' Tuschick	RJ	7	2.00
Total		321	186.85

SOUTH DAKOTA: M. A. Wyman, Sec.			
Robert Brown	BR	22	11.50
R. C. Barger	GC	20	35.25
Barger Family	HW	48	5.80
Total		90	52.55

WYOMING MISSION: H. E. Preston, Sec.			
Orpha Edgergon	Mag.	20	2.30
M. Pitchford	DR	22	18.25
H. E. Preston	DR	4	8.00
J. D. Springer	DR	38	9.25
A. B. Tribble	HW	21	
Total		105	37.80

KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary			
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag	9	5.00
Alice Anderson	Mag	45	12.30
T. R. Torkelson	BR	20	9.40
A. O. Kramer	OD	34	2.50
Total		108	29.20

Grand Total		2,409	1,713.63
* Two Weeks			

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Representatives for our health foods, used by Union College. Jern Nature Foods Co., 4800 Pioneer Boulevard, Lincoln, Nebr. 32x

FOR SALE.—Twenty acres of land, part in alfalfa. Two good houses, hay barn, cow barn, other buildings. Two good cisterns, two cellars, three young orchards, apples, peaches, apricots, plums, concord grapes, raspberries and strawberries. It is two miles from Rifle, near church and ten grade school in S. D. A. village. Good soil. First water rite. George W. Winn, Route 2, Rifle, Colo. 36-8

WANTED.—Man and lady for treatment rooms; floor nurse, chamber maid, laundry worker, at once. Only strong, healthy, religious persons need apply. Crestone Heights Sanitarium, 225 W Broadside Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado. 35-6.

WANTED.—An equipped farm to care for, or ranch work, by a couple past middle age but strong and understand all kinds of farm or ranch work. L. D. Soule, Lebanon, Kans.

WANTED.—Complete set of the Wierds Prophetic Charts, State condition and price. R. T. Baer, 1135 S. Street, Gering, Nebr.

Obituaries

SHOCKLEY.—Claude Shockley was born June 25, 1892, in Osage County, Missouri. He died at Fittsimmons Hospital, Denver, Colo., Aug. 8, 1933. For the last twelve years of his life he was bed-fast most of the time with tuberculosis. In 1925 he gave his heart to God and accepted the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists, which faith he held until he passed away. He leaves to mourn their loss, his devoted wife, one daughter, two sons, and many other relatives and friends. They look forward to meeting him in the resurrection morning.

A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

DAVIS.—Mrs. Cora Davis was born in Black River Falls, Wis., June 25, 1858; and died at her home in Edna, Kans., Aug. 7, 1933. She had been an Adventist many years and lived her Christianity every day. She was a member of the Kansas Conference church. She is survived by her husband, one son, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one sister. The funeral was conducted at the home in Edna by the Rev. Frank Page, of the M. E. church.

MRS. FANNIE LUSK.

BROWN.—Henry Spumer Brown was born in Salem, Ia., May 10, 1855. On May 11, 1882, he was united in marriage with Mary Helen Cramer, and to this union four children were born. At the

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, September 8

Denver, Colorado	6:21
Des Moines, Iowa	6:36
Topeka, Kansas	6:43
St. Paul, Minnesota	6:38
Jefferson City, Missouri	6:29
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:49
Bismarck, North Dakota	7:10
Pierre, South Dakota	7:05
Casper, Wyoming	6:33

Cooperate with the "Corporals"

A GREAT nation-wide forward movement has been launched. The forces are being marshalled, the guns are booming, clubs and recruits are being gathered. Our people all over the United States are enthusiastically responding to the great objective of a consistent, year-around, soul-winning endeavor with the *Watchman* magazine.

After the battle is started and the smoke begins to clear away, it remains with the individual units to carry on the good work that has been started. The various churches are the units, and the persons in charge of the clubs are the "corporals" in the units. In many churches, the missionary secretary does this work, but in some of the larger churches an assistant is appointed to handle the club. The success or failure of the club depends very largely on the faithfulness of the one who does this work and upon the cooperation of the members in the club.

In the Nashville, Tenn., church, of which I am the missionary secretary, we have 268 members and are using 368 *Watchman* a month. Of these, 330 come in a club of single copies, involving eighty-two people whom I must see each month to deliver their magazine and collect four to sixty cents apiece from. I find that the work of keeping account of all these small amounts, collecting, delivering, and ordering the magazines each month is no small task.

If eighty-two people were all standing in line with their money ready, and I had my papers and a change belt such as the street car men wear, it could soon

be done. But the eighty-two people are scattered; some of them I see only at church on Sabbath; many times they do not have the right change; other times they do not have change at all. And I do not have the time and energy to visit each one of these people two or three times each month in addition to my other duties and work.

Some of these things were stated in our home missionary meeting, and we appealed to our members to follow a simple plan which would materially help in more ways than one. We asked those who were taking *Watchman* to use the home missionary order envelopes and pay for their copies one or more months in advance. This little envelope is just the size of the tithe envelopes and should be kept with them in the church. Those who are in the club can place the exact change in this envelope each month, write such information as this on the outside: "John Jones, 5 May *Watchman*, 20 cents," and drop it in the collection plate when passed.

This plan, which has been recommended by the General Conference Home Missionary Department, avoids the show of commercialism in the church, and greatly helps the "corporal" in charge of the club. All that person has to do then is to hand out the magazines each month when they come. Then, too, it gives the one who handles the club a written record of each individual's account. Sometimes it is very difficult to keep track of these small transactions without this written record.

After you get your magazines, do not let them lie around at home until they are out of date. Sell them, give or send them away, and then report the number distributed on your missionary report the next Sabbath. A one-cent stamp will carry a *Watchman* to any place in the United States.

MABEL A. HINKHOUSE,
Home Missionary Secretary,
Nashville Memorial Church.

Reduced Rates to Workers

THE Ministerial Association is concerned that young men who have entered the ministry but who desire to progress through study shall have every reasonable opportunity to do this without stopping their work.

The Home Study Institute has offered most favorable tuition rates to workers who may desire to take work in this correspondence school. Competent teachers are prepared to supervise studies and to revise lessons sent back to them for criti-

cism. Thoroughness is one of the aims of this school.

Due credits are given for work when a study is completed. One has the selection of many different courses. Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish, mathematics, and English are taught by well-qualified teachers; also church and secular history. Advanced Bible courses are offered in large variety.

The special workers' reduction in tuition makes it possible for many to take a course who otherwise might feel it beyond their ability to finance. We hope many of our workers will avail themselves of this opportunity of taking advanced work at a special rate. For full particulars address the Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

I. H. EVANS.

Studying the Prophecies

Two women, neighbors, living in or near Lynch, Nebr., are anxious to understand the meaning of the prophecies of Revelation, particularly the 12th and 13th chapters. One of them some years ago, according to a letter just received, bought a pamphlet that described world conditions and "compared them with the troublous times foretold in the Scriptures." The letter from one of these women, opens as follows:

"Through a chance copy that came to my hands I learned about the *Signs of the Times*. It was a copy of 1927 I received. I wonder if the paper is still published? I am interested in Bible study, and so also is a neighbor." Then she continues, telling of the neighbor's having procured the pamphlet and how they compared what it said with the Bible, but later it was lost. And lately they have been trying to study things out together. Someone has given her this old copy of the *Signs* and here she recognizes that the same things are taught, and she writes immediately to the office to see if the *Signs* is still published, and what else she can get that will help them to understand the prophecies of Revelation. We have promptly answered, sending at once one specific help, and full information about others. Such experiences are becoming constantly more frequent these days. But they should not become common to us, for truly God's Spirit is at work, and we shall see greater things than ever before. They should only inspire us to be more faithful in our witnessing, and in sowing the seed. For "My Word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please."

J. R. FERREN.