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Give and It Shall Be Given You

WE sing, "I gave My life for thee; what hast thou given for Me?" But how seldom do we think of what Jesus gave for us, and how little we give for Him! "If there was ever a time when sacrifices should be made, it is now. Those who have money should understand that now is the time to use it for God."—*Vol. 6, p. 450.* The Week of Sacrifice will soon be here, and we will all want some part in it. It is now time to begin to plan some definite way to sacrifice during that special week for God and His cause. It could be a thank offering. We have the blessings of life and health, pleasant surroundings, and our parents or children about us. God has given us food to eat and clothes to wear. Our nation is at peace, and our men are at home instead of in war. For all these things we should be thankful.

I was told of a young man who was attending university. His money was limited in these times of depression. He was a member of a church that did not forbid the use of tobacco. Lent was approaching, and he was casting about and wondering what he could deny himself as an evidence of sacrifice to his Lord. So he determined to cease smoking cigarettes and give the amount which he would save in that way. Now God has delivered all of us from that binding evil and many other habit-forming practices. So should we not deny ourselves some cherished pleasure or want, that would be a real sacrifice, and have a thank offering to give to God on Sabbath, November 25, when the Week of Sacrifice offering should be taken? "All will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth, and to sacrifice for God and His cause."—*E. W., p. 50.*

"I saw that some hardly know as yet what self-denial or sacrifice is or what it is to suffer for the truth's sake. But none will enter Heaven without making a sacrifice."—*Vol. 1, p. 621.*

"Share His life of self-denial, His self-sacrificing life, and inherit with Him the

crown of Glory."—*Vol. 1, p. 170.*

"Let your acts of self-denial testify that you will be obedient to the demands that God makes of His peculiar people. Then put into the treasury a portion of the means you have saved by your acts of self-denial and there will be that with which to carry on the work of God."—*Vol. 9, p. 157.*

"Christ gave all for us, and those who receive Christ will be ready to sacrifice

all for the sake of their Redeemer."—*C. O. L., p. 49.*

"A continual imparting of God's gifts whenever the cause of God or the need of humanity demands our aid, does not tend to poverty." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meat, but it tendeth to poverty." *Prov. 11:24.*

"The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away."

Remember the Week of Sacrifice, November 19 to 25. J. F. PIPER.

Missionary Volunteer Leaders, Attention

THE following message comes from Elder H. T. Elliott, our Missionary Volunteer chief. Every Missionary Volunteer society officer should read it, then read it again to his society. Pray over it in your officers' council.

Then let us do something about it.

Continue doing until each society comes up to its quota. This offering should have a definite part in every Missionary Volunteer meeting until December 31. Central Union Missionary Volunteers must not fail. The message, written from Matandani, Nyasaland, follows:

Hundred Workers Where Now There Is One

"HE who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. If men will endure the necessary discipline, without complaining or fainting by the way, God will teach them hour by hour, and day by day. He longs to reveal His grace. If His people will remove the obstructions, He will pour forth the waters of salvation in abundant streams through the human channels. If men in humble life were encouraged to do all the good they could do, if restraining hands were not laid upon them to repress their zeal, there would be a hundred workers for Christ where now there is one."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 250, par. 4.*

"The nearer I get to the Ruanda, Urundi, and Central Congo fields the more I sense the urgency of the need for our \$17,000 mission project. Here in Nyasaland I have attended thus far three camp meetings and four mission stations. From 2,000 to more than 5,000 natives have attended each of these meetings. The message would go like a prairie fire if we only had the torches to set it going. A chief in one area wants us to put a prayer house (church in charge of a native) in every one of his fifty villages. Another chief, said to be the greatest chief in the whole area of Nyasaland, is urging us to come to his country. He has placed his boys in our Malamulo training school. He has demanded of the European Government that the restrictions against us, because of other mission societies, be removed and that we be allowed to enter. Two companies in his territory have already been opened. But the brethren are not able to respond to either of these calls for lack of money and men. And other lesser calls are pressing on every side.

"My heart yearns in behalf of these workers struggling along single-handed

on the mission stations. Take Matandani, for example, 75 miles from the nearest European neighbor, with the exception of two French Catholic priests about 14 miles away. Brother and Sister Jewell are alone on the station. When Brother Jewell is visiting outschools, Sister Jewell and six-year-old Delmer are alone. Twenty to thirty medical patients a day to treat. Main mission school to keep running. No communication with the world except as a messenger may be sent. Mail 75 miles away at Blantyre, secured by sending a boy for it two days there and two days back if he is a fast one. Quinine every day till your ears sound with it. If sickness comes—well, it must not come! Sun helmet on if one steps out of the house in the day. Spine protector on if one works outside. Must not be out at night or after sundown more than necessary because of mosquitoes. Very few conveniences, nothing electrical, though the houses are good, plain houses. Surrounded by natives who live in squalor and disease, so much so that only one child in ten reaches the age of sixteen.

Two Weeks of the Seven Gone Forever

Two churches have reached their goal of seven dollars a member: Willmar, Minn., and Seward, Nebr. Now is that not fine? Just a little more stick-to-it-iveness, and more will proclaim a similar sound of victory.

We hear of one firm in Iowa giving a \$50 donation and of a number of \$25 from other states. Remember the little foxes destroy the vines and the little drops of water make the mighty ocean. So though your lot may be to get only nickels and dimes, by perseverance that dollar per week is assured.

What a missionary opportunity! After the solicitation, a special No. 41 *Present Truth* was given a lady (as should be done in every case), who turned to her husband saying, "Who are Seventh-day Adventists?" "Why, that is exactly what I have been wanting to know," the husband replied. "Well, let us sit down and read it." Others think the same. Now is your opportunity, my brother. Start out ten minutes after reading this.

Harvest Ingathering Report for Week Ending Sept. 16, 1933.

	1933	1932	Less
Colorado	1716.80*	3686.00	1969.20
			Over
Iowa	750.00**	538.13	211.87

"But why go on? That's what it takes to be a missionary! And our men and women are facing it courageously and in faith. With the keen joy of service in their eyes they smile at cuts in wages and budgets, and a number have told me they will stay at it if they have to settle down on the land to make a living. The worst fear that some of them have is that, because of restricted furloughs, their period of usefulness will be cut short by staying in the tropics too long at a time, and thus their health undermined.

"Well, when I see their courageous spirit I feel I want to stand by them with every ounce of energy possible. I do hope we can cheer the hearts of the folks in Ruanda, Urundi, and Central Congo, by coming up to the line with a strong \$17,000. In 1931 we raised \$14,433.81, in 1932 only \$6,483.56. We shall need to put forth strenuous efforts till the end of the year or suffer a humiliating shortage. But if every society really accepts the task it will not be too difficult."

GORDON H. SMITH.

			Less
Kansas	947.15	1455.88	508.73
Minnesota	803.36**	2785.79	1982.43
Missouri	1542.27*	4588.89	3046.62
Nebraska	1462.63	2618.89	1156.26
No. Dakota	422.10*	1000.00	577.90
So. Dakota	644.53	986.50	341.97
Wyoming	72.55*	73.78	1.23
	8361.39	17733.86	9372.47

*No report this week.

**From last week's bulletin or other sources.

S. T. SHADEL.

So. Dakota Conference

Gordon Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 586 Watertown

First Things First

MANY in our conference are faced with great problems in these trying times. Work has been scarce and crops poor. Our hearts sympathize with our brethren in need. As winter approaches we trust that all those who can will take an inventory of anything useable that can be spared, and remember first the needy within reach, and should there be a surplus the conference office will gladly cooperate in its distribution. All clothes, etc., should be in good repair. The

Government has recognized the need in the drought stricken places and plans considerable assistance.

Through the processing tax on wheat some means are coming to our farmer brethren. We would call attention to the fact that in our conference the work is making definite progress, but there are many real problems. We trust that our Lord shall have His rightful place and part and that all will make first things first in returning a faithful tithe as the means, though limited, come in from all sources. As sure as His word is true, His choice blessings will follow. May none overlook the Lord's claims, even in a time of distress. GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Sunbeams

WORD has just reached us that Sister Moran, of Huron, has doubled her conference Ingathering goal of \$7.00 a member.

Elder Youngberg has organized his field for the Ingathering and is at present at Chamberlain, helping the brethren there.

Brother Wyman returned to the office after assisting some of the colporteurs in their delivery of books. He plans to go to Aberdeen to help in the Ingathering soon.

At this writing Elder Oss is assisting the brethren at Mitchell and Alexandria in the Ingathering.

Plainview Academy had 96 students enrolled at the last report. All are confident that there will soon be 100 or more enrolled there.

Elder Oss reports that thirteen were baptized and one accepted on profession of faith out near Glad Valley where Brother Estey has labored. This is a splendid addition to our work and it appears that others will join before long.

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Brother and Sister Burke, of Mobridge, have been studying with friends. A new family has begun to keep the Sabbath. Others are interested.

A very encouraging report reaches us from Salem, where a growing Sabbath school is being conducted. There will be more reports from this district.

Elder Kuehl orders more Harvest Ingathering papers for Sioux Falls.

Do not put off the Ingathering work. The cold weather will soon be here, and other drives are coming on. Do it now.

We suggest a double application for the well known letters, NRA—Now Rescue Another. This should appeal to many of our brethren in connection with the finishing of the work of God.

A beautiful wedding ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Flatten, Colman, S. Dak., August 8, by Elder A. S. Bringle, of Enterprise, Kans., when his son Alten and Miss Grace Flatten, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Flatten, were united in marriage. Mr. Alten Bringle spent one year of his ministerial internship in South Dakota in 1932. Their home at present is Enterprise, Kans.

Mr. Jacob Merkel, of Glenham, S. Dak., and Miss Hazel Watwood, of Dallas, S. Dak., were united in marriage on Thursday evening at the Adventist church at Mobridge, Elder Gorden Oss officiating. Brother and Sister Merkel will make their home near Glenham, where Brother Merkel operates a farm. Well-wishing friends may address them there.

Plainview News Items

At the present writing our enrolment is 96. We know definitely of others coming, and we will no doubt reach 100 in a week or so.

Our school is fortunate in having Elder C. M. Babcock head up our Bible department this year. Already a very good interest is being shown in spiritual interests of our school.

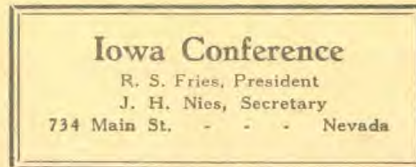
Elder Gorden Oss stopped at the school on Tuesday, September 19, and met with the building committee. At this time definite plans were laid for the construction of a new horse barn, 48 by 32 ft. A 40 by 80 ft. warehouse is being wrecked in the city. This building contains a lot of good dimension lumber and will be used in building the new barn. This project furnishes an abundance of work for our boys.

Mr. I. I. Loewen and family arrived September 17. Mr. Loewen is teaching

manual training and also has charge of the building projects.

Professor H. C. Hartman and Elder Gorden Oss are making a trip to the southern and eastern parts of the state September 21 in hopes of lining up a few more students.

Our commercial department, under the supervision of Miss Simon, has a good enrolment. At present writing there are 30 in typewriting, 10 in the shorthand class, and 15 in bookkeeping.



KSOO Broadcast

THE Sioux Falls radio service will be on the air from 5:00 o'clock to 5:30 each Sunday afternoon from now on. The programs had to be shifted forward a half hour due to the effect of the NRA on the radio station.

The radio effort is sponsored by the new Hawarden S. D. A. church. Two of the members at Hawarden are paying the direct cost for six months' broadcasting. A full and royal cooperation has been tendered and given by the Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa Conferences. The valuable services of Elder Oss, Elder Fries, and the Melendy Melody Makers have brought much favorable comment to the station, and has been greatly appreciated by our people.

It is impossible to estimate how many are listening to this weekly installment of the message. We have evidence for believing the number is great. A listener from the north central section of Minnesota writes, "Fifteen of our friends heard your entire broadcast last Sunday. We did not miss a word. You gave clear, sensible answers to the questions asked. . . . I believe that the work you are doing will result in much good. Keep it up!"

A professional man of South Dakota told a member of the radio staff that the Half Hour with the Bible is the "best program on the air," and that he never misses a broadcast. A listener from southeastern Minnesota expressed the same view.

An Iowa doctor writes: "Ever since I learned of your broadcast I have been sure to tune in. It comes in fine and I think it is a wonderful type of program; so very clear, frank, and forceful. It would be wonderful if we could have more programs over the air like that."

We are placing a notice of the weekly broadcast on each piece of literature that goes out during the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom to place the gems of truth in the right framework. Send us suggestions for improvement and tune in on KSOO, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

M. N. SKADSHEIM.

Iowa Newsettes

ELDER B. A. SCHERR, our newly elected home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, left immediately after camp meeting to help the Des Moines church in the Ingathering. Last Sabbath, September 16, he visited the church at Winterset, and this week he is assisting in Marshalltown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smouse, of Lincoln, Nebr., have been busy the past week at the conference office and also at the sanitarium, checking the books.

Our Harvest Ingathering goal is \$7.00 a member, and if each one raises his individual goal it will not be long before the conference will have its full goal of \$18,039.

Elder R. S. Fries, conference president, left the office Sunday, September 17, for Exira, where he will assist the church in the Ingathering. His plans were also to assist at Audubon and Harlan before he returns.

Brother G. A. Nystrom left last Friday morning, September 15, for Chicago on a business trip.

Miss Esther Larson, bookkeeper at the sanitarium, is spending a few days with her parents at Morton, Minn.

Elder K. L. Gant, our new educational and M. V. secretary, has been visiting the church schools at Sioux City and Hawarden. He reports a splendid school is conducted at each place.

Elder T. H. Jeys, pastor of the Nevada church, and J. H. Nies, our newly elected secretary-treasurer of the conference, have been doing Harvest Ingathering work in Nevada. They are not receiving very large offerings, but so far have found very few who have refused to give anything.

Brother L. P. Knecht has been assisting the colporteurs in their delivery in Council Bluffs during the past week. His plans were also to assist the Council Bluffs church in their Ingathering for a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Nies underwent a minor operation at the Iowa Sanitarium Tuesday morning, August 19. At this writing she is getting along very nicely.

The August Review and Herald ex-

pirations were sent out, but up to this writing there are some who have not yet sent in their renewal. We are sure that no one wants to be without the *Review*. We therefore suggest that you send your renewal immediately.

We quote a letter from Sister Mollie Lang-Miller, of Jackson, Tenn.: "For a year or more I had thought to see you face to face at the Iowa camp meeting, but the distance forbade, and I am not so strong. But we know it cannot be long until we shall meet never to part. My courage is good, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." I was baptized into this blessed truth August, 1883. My first camp meeting was in 1884 at Marshalltown, Iowa. Sister White was present. Luke 17:10 was the text she preached from the first day of the meeting. I shall never forget that precious sermon. I attended our camp meeting this June 9 at Nashville, Tenn., making my fiftieth camp meeting. My heart is filled with praise and gratitude to my kind heavenly Father for the manifold blessings that have been mine all these years. My face is Zionward, longing for that glad day when I shall see my blessed Saviour. Heb. 10:23."

Wyoming Mission

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Wyoming Notes

BROTHER AND SISTER McNEIL, of our office, Brother Rennewanz, the Casper church elder, his wife and her mother, Sister Holden, accompanied Elder Purdom and family to Braae, thirty miles south of Douglas, Wyo., into the mountain region, where the entire community for twelve miles around are Adventists or sympathetic with their beliefs. The Sabbath school met at 2:30 at Sister Bricker's home, where fifty were gathered for lesson study. At the close of the preaching service nine joined the baptismal class. The brethren and interested ones are planning on a log church building to be constructed before winter comes. One brother is donating the logs and there are two mills near that will take care of the sawing. This church will be eighty miles from our office, thus having the distinction of being the closest to our office, making visits by our secretaries more frequent.

It might be well to warn our people that there will be practically no employ-

ment on the Casper-Alcova \$23,000,000 dam and reclamation project this winter.

The Casper church singing band secured fifteen dollars last week, and made an auspicious start this week by securing ten dollars Sunday night. Needless to say they are an enthusiastic and happy company of solicitors and singers.

Present Truth, Number 41, "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" is available at \$2.50 a thousand from our office. Let us place one in every home, a timely missionary endeavor.

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Field Gleanings

PROFESSOR MATHEWS is making a tour of the church schools in the southern and western sections of the conference. While on the Western Slope he attended the general meeting held at Grand Junction, September 22-23.

Elder Jay J. Nethery spent Sabbath, September 15, for an extended trip among Alamosa.

Elder Pingenot left the office Friday, September 15, for an extended trip among the churches of Colorado. Word from him is as follows: "Singing band work going strong in Monte Vista. Folks enthusiastic. Good meetings at Jaroso and Alamosa." From Monte Vista, Elder Pingenot will go into Western Colorado to attend the general meeting at Grand Junction.

Brother H. W. Sherrig, of the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press, spent a few hours in Denver Tuesday of last week.

Brother P. E. Shakespeare just returned from a trip into the Boulder-Greeley district, where he spent a few days assisting the colporteurs.

Elder Pingenot urges us to remind all our isolated members around Craig, Colo., also all other members in or near Craig, of the special meeting which will be held there Sabbath, September 30.

Brother W. I. Montanye spent Sabbath, September 16, with the church at Boulder. He reports that the church responded very nicely in the matter of the purchase of the special *Present Truth*, \$51.50 being pledged for this purpose.

Dr. R. H. Dunn, formerly of the Iowa Sanitarium, Nevada, Iowa, spent a few days in Denver last week where he visited relatives.

Elder A. H. Johns is holding a series

of meetings at Iliff, Colo., with a good interest.

Kansas Conference

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Hard at Work

ENCOURAGING word regarding the Harvest Ingathering is being received from various parts of the field. Many churches have launched with determination into the campaign and God is blessing their efforts with success.

With every church engaged and every member active, Kansas should not disappoint its Captain in this hour of need. Remember the goal is \$1.00 a week for seven weeks, making a total of \$7.00.

One may not have means of his own to give, but the least he can do is to give God part of his time to solicit from others. Remember God expects you to do your part. A. H. RULKOETTER.

Encouraging Report

LAST Thursday we worked Lebanon for Harvest Ingathering donations. Friday we worked the little town of Esbon. Day before yesterday (Monday) we worked Dawns. Yesterday we worked Osborne, and this morning we worked Portis. In each of these five towns twice as much was received in donations as was received in the same places last year. This has also been true in several other towns where I have been during the last week or two. Times are not any better, but somehow people respond to the needs of this work.

We have prayed earnestly that angels might visit the people and prepare hearts for our visit. These prayers have been answered. I am sure others throughout the field are having like experiences, but I felt I wanted to pass this word of encouragement on from this section of Kansas. Remember, we have only four weeks more for our Harvest Ingathering work. Let us do it in the allotted time.

E. H. MEYERS.

Kansas Church Schools

THE loyal belief of parents and teachers in the church school program has made it possible for every church school that operated last year to open its doors this year. It was feared that two or more schools would not open, but faith and courage have prevailed. Brother Peters

is teaching at Kansas City again. Brother R. A. Jenkins and Miss Lucille Turner are at Topeka. Miss Wagner is at Enterprise again, and Miss Foster is at Sunflower. Brother and Sister Rabuka are teaching at Nekoma, and Miss Ina Riffel is conducting the school at Shaffer. Miss Thelma Imler is teaching at Liberal, Mrs. Jones at Thayer, Mrs. E. A. Nixon at Chanute, and Miss Pride and Miss Brickman are at Wichita again. Miss Mildred Priest is carrying on the work at Ft. Scott which Mrs. Wood began several years ago, and has established so well. It is not yet too late to arrange for a school in some other locations. There is a possibility of at least one new school opening within a very short time.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

A BEAUTIFUL wedding ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Flatten, Colman, S. Dak., August 8, by Elder A. S. Bringle, of Enterprise, Kans., when his son Alten and Miss Grace Flatten, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Flatten, were united in marriage. Mr. Alten Bringle spent one year of his ministerial internship in South Dakota in 1932. Their home at present is Enterprise, Kans.

Minnesota Conference

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The Duluth Convention

WITH renewed courage and determination to win, twenty colporteurs are going out into the field after a splendid three-day convention at Duluth. On September 15-17, all the colporteurs of Minnesota, with the exception of the magazine workers, were entertained by the Duluth church. It was a time of spiritual refreshing as well as of helpful instruction. With Brother Jackson in charge, and with Elder Collins leading out in the call to consecration and service, there were associated Elder Anderson, Brother Marshall, and the writer. A note of advance was sounded in every meeting.

There are now 29 colporteurs in the field. Four are locating in Duluth, two in the vicinity of Staples, and two near Detroit Lakes. Five others are asking to join the ranks, two of whom are former workers. These colporteur evangelists are the pioneers in our soul-saving work. Through them openings are made for Bible studies and evangelistic efforts. We

never cease to pray that they may be Spirit-filled messengers of truth.

V. J. JOHNS.

Visit of Elder L. H. Christian

SEVERAL churches in Minnesota will have the privilege of hearing a message from the president of the Northern European Division. Elder L. H. Christian, whose boyhood home was in Owatonna, and who has for many years carried forward an aggressive work in Europe, will spend a few days in Minnesota. On Thursday night, September 28, he will speak in the Artichoke church; Friday night, September 29, at Granite Falls; and on Sabbath, the 30th, he will meet with the churches in the Twin Cities. It will be a privilege to hear of the progress of the work in Europe. V. J. JOHNS.

Student Aid Fund

AUGUST 27 the Maplewood Academy board held a meeting at Hutchinson, and among many others the following action was taken:

"Voted, That we make September 30 a student aid fund day in all churches and companies of the Minnesota Conference."

Never in the history of this conference has a greater interest in Christian education been manifested among parents and young people, but money is scarce and hard to get hold of, therefore many of the students have to practice the strictest economy and still have to do without what the rest of us consider absolute necessities. In order to bring relief in such cases, the board deemed it necessary to call upon the constituency for a liberal offering on Sabbath, September 30, to be sent in to the conference office as all other offerings. The finance committee of the board will make a careful investigation into these cases and distribute the funds accordingly. Let us not forget our hard working needy students.

V. J. JOHNS, *Chairman*.

DAVID GULBRANDSON, *Secretary*.

Farewell

As we leave for Kansas, our new field of labor, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many kind courtesies extended us by the host of members and friends scattered throughout Minnesota.

I shall not soon forget the excellent cooperation of the workers, church officers, and other members whose faithfulness was a large contributing factor in the successes enjoyed while in the field while connected with Maplewood and while carrying executive responsibility.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

On Tuesday evening, September 5, at 8:30 in the Minneapolis English church, Ralph Cash and Ermina Powell were united in the bonds of holy wedlock, Elder A. H. Rulkoetter officiating. The ceremony was preceded by an appropriate and well rendered musical program by Bill Lee and Violet Paulson. These consecrated youth have attended Union College and our preparatory schools and have a large circle of friends who, with others, join in inviting God's blessings in their behalf. For the present their home will be in Minneapolis.

Appreciates It when Too Late

IS IT not strange that we never fully appreciate God's blessings till after they are gone? When the sweet voice of mercy calls sinners no longer, then thousands would gladly make any sacrifice to hear the pleading call again, but it will be forever too late. That Spirit will call them no more. Speaking of that time "Early Writings" says:

"As Jesus moved out of the most holy . . . a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. . . . Every case was decided, every jewel numbered.

"The plagues were falling upon the inhabitants of the earth. Some were denouncing God and cursing Him. Others rushed to the people of God and begged to be taught how they might escape His judgments. But the saints had nothing for them. The last tear for sinners had been shed, the last agonizing prayer offered. . . . The sweet voice of mercy was no more to invite them. When the saints, and all heaven, were interested for their salvation, they had no interest for themselves. . . . Many desired life, but made no effort to obtain it."—*Pp. 280, 281.*

When the door of mercy is closed people "shall wander from sea to sea. . . . They shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the Lord, and shall not find it." And in despair they will cry out: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (See Rev. 28:11, 12; Amos 8:11, 12; Jer. 8:20)

When you and I experience the love of Jesus and the sweet assurance of the happy home awaiting us with our loved ones on the other side, can we feel satisfied to enjoy this alone while thousands are dying unsaved all around us?

One sure sign of being truly converted is a desire to bring others to Jesus. (See John 1:40-45; "Steps to Christ," pp. 82, 83) Any person who does not have a burden for other people's salvation should get a burden for his own salvation.

Am I my brother's keeper?
 Some Christians ask today,
 Sink into Jesus deeper,
 And you will know the way.
 He always lived for others,
 And worked for them each day.
 He thought of all as brothers,
 And led them in God's way.

Yes, an active church is a growing one, while an inactive church is a dying one. Water that stands still, stagnates. The servant who buried his pound, lost it, and himself too. When Israel ceased to be a missionary people, they went to Babylon, and when the apostolic church settled down in Jerusalem, God scattered them by persecution. (Acts 11:19) And unless we go to work for souls around us, apostasy or persecution will surely be our lot. The world is cold, and we must work, or freeze to death spiritually.

One cold winter night a man was making his way toward home through deep snow, when finally he became so tired and sleepy that he decided to sit down and take a nap, which would have been the sleep of death. Just then he stumbled onto another man lying in the snow. He worked over him, rubbing his body till he brought him back to consciousness, and together they trudged on till they reached home, and he soon realized that, by working for the other man he had saved his own life. So may God help us not to shun the work that will keep our souls warm in the message. Let us take hold of the Harvest Ingathering work as God's appointed means to accomplish a three-fold end. God has helped us greatly this year in spite of hard times.

C. EDWARDSON.

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An Appeal to Missouri Believers

THE writer is recipient of urgent appeals almost daily from every quarter of our conference to send ministerial help. Home missionary work has been done until fruit in the gathering of souls seems imminent. Our reply to all has been and is, We have no minister to send. We have none because our conference treasury does not warrant any additional strain upon it. We are employing all the laboring force we can pay, and it is the counsel of the Lord Himself who said, "For the laborer is worthy of his hire." The hire of the laborer is the tithe. (See Mal. 3:10) And in James 5:4 we have

these words: "Behold the hire of the labourer. . . which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth," etc.

In the early days of our work, in a vision given His servant, Mrs. E. G. White, we have the following comment on James 5:1-3:

"I was directed to James 5:1-3: 'Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.'

"I saw that these fearful words apply particularly to the wealthy who profess to believe the present truth. The Lord calls them to use their means to advance His cause. Opportunities are presented to them, but they shut their eyes to the wants of the cause, and cling to their earthly treasure. Their love for the world is greater than their love for the truth, their love for their fellowmen, or their love for God. He calls for their substance, but they selfishly, covetously retain what they have. They give a little now and then to ease their conscience, but have not overcome their love for this world. They do not sacrifice for God. . . . The work is closing; and soon the means of those who have kept their riches, their large farms, their cattle, etc., will not be wanted. I saw the Lord turn to such in anger, in wrath, and repeat these words: 'Go to now, ye rich men.' He has called, but you would not hear. Love of this world has drowned His voice. Now He has no use for you, and lets you go, bidding you, 'Go to now, ye rich men.'"

These are fearfully solemn words, but being given as they have, they are timely to repeat under the urge we find ourselves in today.

In Volume 9, "Testimonies for the Church," we have the following words:

"The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserved portion

"Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi and see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into His treasury, more laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the minis-

try were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld the tithes, or made use of them to support other lines of work.

"God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent."

Dear reader, we accept these words as true, and being trustworthy, they are the answer as to why the Missouri Conference cannot supply more ministerial help to our churches, or evangelists in the field.

The writer has now been in the conference for more than three months, and he can testify that no conference-paid worker is idle. Every one seems to be carrying a full load, and more. Therefore, we will have to get along with what we have until the tithe income will warrant adding to the force.

We can assure the reader that we are not discouraged. Our confidence in God and His people was never better. But we felt impressed to make this God's own reply to the conditions confronting us.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

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"Let No Man Deceive You by Any Means"

THE title of this article is found in the words of Paul to the church at Thessalonica, II Thess. 2:3, and should be a warning to us today to put us on guard lest we be deceived and led astray. Jesus and the apostles declared that false prophets and teachers would arise and deceive if possible the very elect. (Matt. 24:24, II Peter 2:1, II Thess. 2:8-10)

Generally a person is himself deceived before he deceives some one else. It is a terrible thing to be self-deceived. One may deceive himself by thinking he has victory over sin, that he is sinless, that he has no sin. One who makes such claims to perfection is self-deceived and in danger of deceiving others. The Apostle John says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. . . . If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." I John 1:8,10.

In commenting on one advocating his own holiness, the Spirit of prophecy says, "None of the apostles and prophets ever claimed to be without sin. Men who have lived the nearest to God, men who would sacrifice life itself rather than knowingly commit a wrong act, men whom God has honored with divine light and power, have confessed the sinfulness of their nature. They have put no confidence in the flesh, have claimed no righteousness of their own, but have trusted wholly in the righteousness of Christ.

"So will it be with all who behold Christ. The nearer we come to Jesus, and the more clearly we discern the purity of His character, the more clearly shall we see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the less shall we feel like exalting ourselves. There will be a continual reaching out of the soul after God, a continual, earnest, heart-breaking confession of sin and humbling of the heart before Him. At every advance step in our Christian experience, our repentance will deepen. We shall know that our sufficiency is in Christ alone, and shall make the apostle's confession our own: 'I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.' 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.'

"Let the recording angels write the history of the holy struggles and conflicts of the people of God; let them record their prayers and tears; but let not God be dishonored by the declaration from human lips, 'I am sinless; I am holy.' Sanctified lips will never give utterance to such presumptuous words."—"Acts of the Apostles," page 561.

It is true that one may not have such outbreking sins as others, but to claim freedom from sin is to deceive oneself. Again we find in Volume 2, page 395: "Satan will, no doubt, through his delusions deceive these delinquent souls, and make them believe that they are about right after all. They have committed no grievous, outbreking sins, and they must, after all, be on the true foundation, and God will accept their works. They see no special sins to repent of,—no sins which call for special humiliation, humble confession and rending of heart. The delusion upon such is strong indeed, when they mistake the form of godliness for the power thereof, and flatter themselves that they are rich and have need of nothing."

The greatest men of the Bible all realized their sinful condition when in the presence of God. Abraham fell on

his face in humility when God spoke to him. (Gen. 17:3) Job, although declared by God to be a perfect man (Job 1:8), when in the presence of God, said, "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5,6. Isaiah, the prophet, cried out as he saw the Lord, "Woe is me! I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips." Isaiah 6:5.

Again the Spirit of prophecy speaks; "One ray of the glory of God, one gleam of the purity of Christ, penetrating the soul, makes every spot of defilement painfully distinct, and lays bare the de-

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Obituaries

MIDDAUGH.—Lyman T. Middaugh was born in Mercer County, Ill., Aug. 19, 1899, and died at Boulder, Colo., July 26, 1933. He came to Nebraska with his parents in 1873 and spent his young manhood with them on the old farm near Ames, Nebr. The first conference office in Nebraska was located on the home farm, and as a boy he helped provide for the comfort of the ministers who visited the home. He was baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist church at the age of seventeen, and remained a faithful, earnest member and believed in the three-fold message throughout his life.

In 1891 he was married to Grace Hyde, of Saunders County, Nebr. To this union were born seven children, two of whom preceded in death the mother, who passed away May 23, 1908. In 1917 he was united in marriage to Anna Peterson, of Greenleaf, Kansas. He is survived by the widow and four children: Mrs. Horace O'Bryant, Key West, Fla., Mrs. Wilbur Hahl, Beemer, Nebr.; Sterling Middaugh, Wismer, Nebr.; and John Middaugh, Gypsum, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. James Kimmel, North Bend, Nebr.; and three brothers: William, Ames, Nebr., Raymond and Frank, Fremont, Nebr.; and three grandchildren.

For more than fifteen years Lyman Middaugh was lay elder of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Fremont, Nebr. During a number of years he served as a member of conference executive and auditing committees. Always a liberal donor to the cause of God, he was faithful in his various church duties, a loving husband and father and a good neighbor. Besides his family and brethren in the faith, he is mourned by a large number of friends.

FRANK H. YOST.

BOSS.—Arthur W. Boss passed away at his home Sunday, Sept. 10, 1933. He was born April 2, 1854. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Grace Hird, of the home; two sons, Clyde, Los Angeles, and Ralph, Hickman Mills, Mo., and one step-son, Archie T. Shepardson, Los Angeles.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, R. E. GRIFFIN.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 16, 1932

	Book	Hours	Total Sales
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Secretary			
W. A. Burton	BR	50	152.00
Mrs. Rosie Busch	OD	17	3.50
W. E. Helt	BR	28	5.00
Sallie Holmes	RJ	34	57.95
Floyd Mathews	BR	32	34.50
John Sessor	BR	24	16.25
Mrs. G. Davenport	Mag	23	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Murray	Mag	18	18.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	26	9.80
Mrs. Wm. Ramey	Mag	12	3.20
Total		264	302.20

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Secretary			
Clarence Wiltse	RJ	22	31.25
Elmer R. M. Cox	OD	36	29.75
H. G. Biggers	Misc	31	29.50
Florence Maurath	RJ	16	17.85
J. W. Simmons	RJ	14	15.50
R. A. Gibson	RJ	22	13.00
E. W. Frederickson	RJ	27	12.00
Total		168	148.85

KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary			
E. L. Calkins	RJ	42	5.00
A. F. Harder	BBR	30	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Murray	Misc		31.00
J. T. North	GC	40	2.75
Arthur L. Reed	RJ	49	36.15
Total		161	76.90
Grand Total		593	527.95

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

WANTED.—Work by S. D. A young couple on farm or dairy. Able to do any outdoor work. A. T. Johnson, Ringold, Nebr.

FOR SALE.—A complete broom making outfit with some tools, almost as good as new. To be given free to anyone who will come for it and pay for this ad. Tom Davidson, Gary, Minn.

Diabetics, we have success with an herb compound. Strengthens organs involved so that symptoms disappear. Need take it three to four months. Mailable. Drs. Black, Shelton, Nebr. We sell glasses at Sears, Roebuck prices.

WANTED.—Job picking corn, for one or two. Paul Olson, R. R. 6, Alexandria, Minn.

WORK WANTED.—Young man, good church standing, desires work near Adventist church greatly in need of ministerial help, self-supporting ministerial work being aim. Graduate Union College ministerial course, nearly seven years' missionary service in China. Will consider any line of work in any locality. Cecil Nichols, 1144 Garfield, Kansas City, Kans. 39-40

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D. D. REES EDITOR

Sunset Calendar

For Friday, September 29

Denver, Colorado	5:46
Des Moines, Iowa	6:00
Topeka, Kansas	6:09
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:58
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:55
Lincoln, Nebraska	6:13
Bismarck, North Dakota	6:27
Pierre, South Dakota	6:28
Casper, Wyoming	5:53

Sabbath, September 30 Remember Africa

WHILE this is the fourteenth Sabbath of the quarter, it will be the day that most of our Sabbath schools will be having their special missions exercises in the interest of our work in South Africa. No doubt many have been planning for this for some time, both for the program and for the gifts to missions for that day. The offerings in the Sabbath schools of the Central Union are lamentably low. Our money is hard to get, I know, yet if we plan for a regular amount to be given each Sabbath, I feel that God will help us to have it to give.

I remember a small boy in one of our Sabbath schools. He had the habit of spending all the pennies that were given to him for candy, until he had a change of teachers in Sabbath school. His new teacher provided all of her class with a small envelope and asked each child to save and to put his money in the envelope, except the amount which he would give in the regular Sabbath school, and to see how much they could have for the thirteenth Sabbath offering. I was rooming at the home of the boy mentioned, and when I returned to my room one day, this little fellow was very attentive to all my needs, helping me in every way he could. Finally I asked him why he was doing for me all that he was. Then he told me of his new Sabbath school teacher and his little envelope she had given him, and that he was not buying candy any more, but that he was putting his pennies in the envelope for his thirteenth Sabbath offering. And then he said, "All that you give me I am going to put in my envelope too" (although I had not promised anything). He had a mind to get his thirteenth Sabbath school offering, and a week or two before the offering was taken, he showed me his

fat little envelope and said, "I have more than any of the other kids."

So let us all do our part in giving to South America's needs. Let us make our Sabbath school a full sixty cents a member on September 30. J. F. PIPER.

Nebraska Department

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formity and defects of the human character. . . . He loathes himself as he views the pure, spotless character of Christ."

"The closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes; for your vision will be clearer, and your imperfection will be seen in broad and distant contrast to His perfect nature. This is evidence that Satan's delusions have lost their power; that the vivifying influence of the Spirit of God is arousing you.

"No deep-seated love for Jesus can dwell in the heart that does not realize its own sinfulness. The soul that is transformed by the grace of Christ will admire His divine character; but if we do not see our own moral deformity, it is unmistakable evidence that we have not had a view of the beauty and excellence of Christ."—*Steps to Christ*, pages 33, par. 1; 70, par. 1 and 2.

Ponder these things, brethren and sisters, lest you be deceived yourself in making claims to holiness or be deceived by others who make such claims and finally make shipwreck of your faith. "Could those who are self-sufficient see how the universe of God regards them; could they see themselves as God sees them; they would behold such weakness, such manifest want of wisdom, that they would cry to the Lord to be their righteousness. They would want to hide from His sight."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in R. and H., July 26.* T. B. WESTBROOK.

Visit of Elder Tait

IN harmony with the plans laid at the conference session, Elder A. O. Tait, editor of the *Signs*, will be in Nebraska visiting our churches in the interest of the special sale of the "Testimonies" and other of Sister White's books.

Brother Tait is a veteran worker in the cause and has some very interesting things to tell us of the relationship of the Spirit of prophecy to our denomination. It will be a real treat to have him with us. He plans to arrive in the conference Friday, September 29, and the writer will accompany him to the following churches for services:

Hastings, Friday night at 7:45 o'clock; Grand Island, Sabbath morning, September 30, at 11 A. M.; Shelton, 3:00 P. M.; Kearney, 7:45 P. M.; North Platte, Sunday night, 7:45 o'clock; Gering and Scottsbluff, Monday night; Minatare, Tuesday night; Alliance, Wednesday night; Crawford, Thursday night; Chadron Friday night; Gordon, Sabbath morning; and Valentine Saturday night.

I hope that our isolated brethren will plan to attend the church nearest them to get the benefit of Elder Tait's long experience and to meet with those of like faith. We trust that all will be prepared to avail themselves of this very special price on the "Testimonies" and the "Conflict Series." The whole plan will be fully explained at each service and we hope to have a good attendance in every place. Other meetings will be announced later.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

From the Office Viewpoint

ELDER AND MRS. WESTBROOK met with members of the Kearney church and isolated ones around Elm Creek Sabbath, September 16, at the home of Brother Wendt. The house was full of believers, and in the afternoon three dear souls were buried with their Lord by baptism in the North Platte River.

Brother Schnepfer and wife are on their vacation now, driving out to the Coast to visit Mrs. Schnepfer's mother and other relatives. Brother Schnepfer enjoyed the privilege of having his mother and sister accompany them from Denver on west.

Elder Westbrook spoke in the Grand Island church Sabbath, September 9, and the church ordered 3,500 more copies of *Present Truth* on "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" bringing the total up to 5,000 to be distributed in Grand Island.

Brother Roy has returned from a trip up in the districts of Elder Baer and Elder Butterfield in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, and brings back a very encouraging report. Money comes about as it did last year, and the members are taking hold earnestly in passing out copies of *Present Truth* and soliciting funds with the Ingathering magazine.

Shelton Academy opened school with an enrolment of 84 students. This is an increase of 24% over the opening enrolment of a year ago.

Mr. Butherus has 41 boys in his dormitory, and Miss Brebner has 40 girls in her dormitory.