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Are We Neglecting a Command of God?

WE are told to pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest, for fields are white. "Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38.

I am confident that it is the duty of the remnant church to pray this prayer now as never before. There never was a time when more laborers were needed than now, both in the foreign fields and in the home land. People are willing to accept the truth and be governed by the commandments of God when the truth is presented to them in its beauty and harmony, with meekness and godly fear.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit: then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." Psalms 51:10-13.

If God's people become aroused to the shortness of time and get a burden of souls upon their hearts, there will be no dearth of means in the treasury of our conferences, for the scripture plainly says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:10-12.

Evidently some must be withholding the Lord's tithe, for there is a shortage in every conference. Conference committees are anxious to put more men into the ministry to help answer the calls that are being sent in to conference presidents, requesting them to send workers

to their city or country districts to hold meetings and bind off interests that have been awakened in their neighborhood; but

The Work of God to Become More Extensive: We Shall Not Retrench

THERE are ample means in the possession of God's people to finish the work, and we will be tested and proved to see if we are willing to sacrifice for the saving of our fellow-men.

"God leads His people on, step by step. He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart. Some endure at one point, but fall off at the next. At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer. If the professed people of God find their hearts opposed to this straight work, it should convince them that they have a work to do to overcome, if they would not be spewed out of the mouth of the Lord. . . . Some are willing to receive one point; but when God brings them to another testing point, they shrink from it and stand back, because they find that it strikes directly at some cherished idol. Here they have opportunity to see what is in their hearts that shuts out Jesus. They prize something higher than the truth, and their hearts are not prepared to receive Jesus. Individuals are tested and proved a length of time to see if they will sacrifice their idols and heed the counsel of the True Witness. . . . Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation."—Vol. 1, p. 187.

J. F. PIPER.

conference funds will not allow them to add another laborer to their payroll.

To withhold the tithe is robbery against God. "All that is withheld of that which God claims, the tenth of the increase, is recorded in the books of Heaven as robbery against Him."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 394.

"All should remember that God's claims upon us underlie every other claim. He gives to us bountifully, and the contract which He has made with man is that a tenth of his possessions shall be returned to God. The Lord graciously entrusts to His stewards His treasures, but of the tenth He says, 'This is Mine.' Just in proportion as God has given His property to man, so man is to return to God a faithful tithe of all his substance. This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ Himself."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 384.

"Our heavenly Father bestows gifts and solicits a portion back, that He may test us whether we are worthy to have the gift of everlasting life."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 408.

"If all would pay a faithful tithe, and devote to the Lord the first-fruits of their increase, there would be a full supply of funds for His work. But the law of God is not respected or obeyed, and this has brought a pressure of want."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 385.

"Let us pay a tithe on 'all.' As did Abraham, they are to pay a tithe on all they possess and all they receive. A faithful tithe is the Lord's portion. To withhold it is to rob God. Every man should freely and willingly and gladly bring tithes and offerings into the storehouse of the Lord, because in so doing there is a blessing. There is no safety in withholding from God His own portion."—Mrs. E. G. White, MS, 159, 99.

In Matthew's gospel we are told that God "called His own servants, and delivered unto them His goods," and "after a long time the Lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them." Matt. 25:14-19.

There is a reckoning day coming, brethren and sisters, over the tithing question, and we must remember that "it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2.

If we sincerely pray that the Lord

of the harvest send more laborers into the whitened harvest fields, and support them with our tithes and offerings, we will see greater numbers accepting the truth.

In the year 1932 there were more people baptized and brought into the truth of the third angel's message than were brought in during the first fifty years of our organization, 41,629 being baptized or added by profession of faith.

Just how many were won to the mes-

sage during 1933 it is too early to say yet, for the reports have not been received; but we believe that the last year was as good in soul winning as the previous year, if, indeed, not better.

We are now starting a new year, 1934, and if we would all watch for souls as those who shall give an account, no doubt we would have greater success in soul winning than ever before.

"Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse."

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A Literature Catechism—No. 1

Question: What does God say each one of us should be in these last days?

Answer: "Every one who professes the truth should be a living preacher."—*Vol. I, p. 260.*

Question: What are we commanded to do?

Answer: We are to scatter the printed pages like the "leaves of autumn."

Question: What is the relation of the printed page to the finishing of the work?

Answer: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Vol. 7, p. 140.*

Question: What is the attitude of the world today toward papers, magazines, and books?

Answer: One of the most distinctive characteristics of our modern time is that it is a reading age. Everybody reads. There is a journal for every trade and profession and movement. People get most of their ideas from reading.

Question: What condition in the world makes people more favorable than ever before toward reading a religious magazine?

Answer: The terrible conditions over

the whole world that began during the war and have increased since then have made men everywhere inquire, "What do these things mean?" As a result, they are ready to listen to an answer.

Question: What prophecy is thus being fulfilled?

Answer: The prophecy of Amos, who said that there would be a famine in the land, for hearing the word of the Lord.

Question: How can we meet this issue and carry out the command of God to "preach"?

Answer: The Spirit of prophecy, in the following lines, gives at least a partial answer: "The *Signs of the Times* is our missionary paper; it is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented. . . In the Christian world there are many starving for the bread of life. The *Signs of the Times*, laden with rich food, is a feast to many of these who are not of our faith. . . The silent preacher, enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness of error."—*Review and Herald, Dec. 19, 1878.*

S. T. SHADEL.

Tithe Covenant Day

SABBATH, January 27, has been designated "Tithe Pledge Day," to be observed in all our churches. Beautiful covenant cards have been prepared by the General Conference treasury department, and are being supplied free to all our churches to be placed in the hands of our church members. Our ministers and church elders are requested to speak that day on the moral obligation of the tithing system, and our entire membership is to be invited to sign covenant cards pledging themselves to absolute loyalty

to this heaven-born system of financing the work of God in our conferences.

The year 1934 should mark the greatest advance in our work in the history of the church, and the responsibility for financing this advance should rest proportionately upon each member of the church. We earnestly appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist to start the new year by making a covenant with God like that made by Jacob at Bethel when he said, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will

give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God; and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:20-22.

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But Ye Shall Receive Power

LONG has the church of God looked for the mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God, the latter rain, while all about us it is falling. This was witnessed in a marked degree as twenty-two ministers of the printed page assembled in an upper room at Oak Park Academy to prepare themselves for greater service. The Spirit of God is given for service. Without the service, where is the need to be imbued with the Spirit? Christ says, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me"; and again He says, "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Elder D. E. Collins, our union field secretary, helped us in preparing our hearts to receive the spirit, and also gave us most valuable help and instruction. Elder Fries, Brother Nies, Elder Scherr, Elder Gant, and Brother Sherrig, our Branch manager, also lent their assistance to make our institute a success. Every man and woman was fired with a holy zeal for a speedy finishing of God's work.

The prospects for the coming year look bright. Our December report was the largest in three years: \$1,059 in sales

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for the month and \$935 worth of books delivered. In other words, our deliveries ran over 88% of our sales. Truly we have every reason to be optimistic. There has been a general trend upward. Our yearly sales reached \$11,185—the largest since 1924. Last year we had only twelve at our annual institute, and two of these were called to other fields, while this year we had twenty-two, and out of this number over sixteen have had experience in the canvassing field. Five of these were with us last year.

Sabbath afternoon, January 6, at 3:00 P. M., a colporteur symposium was held in the Nevada church, and as many colporteurs as possible told their experience. We will relate one briefly:

The colporteur called at a humble home to find the family in very poor circumstance, but due to a dream the lady had had, in which she saw the Lord coming in a chariot with six beautiful white horses, she felt this was an omen from God to prepare for His coming. The colporteur gave a canvass for "Return of Jesus." The order was soon taken for December 16, though this was late in September and the next delivery was to be October 16. However, soon after the 16th of October, the colporteur met the lady in another home. She inquired why her book was not delivered October 16. The colporteur said the order was taken for December 16, but the lady said, "I prayed for October 16, and the day before, my boy got work and was paid just \$3.75, the price of the book." The colporteur hastened home, returning with her book. Truly this shows how God is preparing the hearts of the people for His messengers.

Dear friend, if you want the out-pouring of God's Spirit, a preparation for His return, give God your service. We appreciate the help that was given us during our institute and the fine cooperation and hospitality given us by Oak Park Academy, the sanitarium, and also members of the Nevada church. We solicit your prayers for the success of this branch of God's work.

L. P. KNECHT.

Good Investment

THE Waukon society received \$40.89 investment and one of the items that helped to bring up this amount was that they gave 5% of their thrash bills. Other ways in which they raised money were by raising chickens, calves, eggs laid on Sabbath, and proceeds from a patch of ginseng.

We are in hopes that this may stimulate others to carry on this great work for 1934.

B. A. SCHERR.

The Still Small Voice

ONE Friday about ten years ago as a lady living in Des Moines, Iowa, was doing her regular work, she heard a voice saying, "Why do you not keep God's holy Sabbath?" She continued about her work, thinking of what the voice said to her. A second time she heard the voice speaking in similar words of admonition. Then again a third time she heard the voice. This time the voice added, "Do you not know that the seventh day is the Sabbath?" This made so strong an impression on her mind that she finished her necessary work and for the first time kept the Sabbath. After she had kept the Sabbath for some time she told her son that because it was so lonesome to keep it alone she had decided to give it up. He told her that if she did that he would have no more confidence in her, or that he would think that God had not spoken to her. She then decided to be faithful to the voice of God, and has kept the Sabbath from that time on to the present.

After she had been keeping the Sabbath for a time she heard the voice again. This time she was preparing some pork to eat. The voice said, "Why do you eat that which God says is unclean?" However, she cooked and ate the pork. After a day or two she cooked another meal of pork. Again she heard the warning voice. Again a third time she prepared for eating another portion of the pork. Again she heard the same warning voice. This time the voice added, "You had just as well eat the devil as to take his broth." She replied to the voice, "I will eat the devil then." As she proceeded to eat the pork she became very sick, so much so that her friends were concerned. It is needless to say that from that time on she has not eaten of pork.

One of the ladies of the Des Moines church last fall while out in the Harvest Ingathering work found this lady and turned the name and address over to me. I called to see her and found her and her husband keeping the Sabbath. Up to about three weeks ago this woman had never been inside an Adventist church, nor had she heard a sermon by an Adventist minister. This surely strikingly shows that God has ways of bringing His truth to the minds of people, ways that we know not. What we may be able to do for this family in bringing to them the whole message for this time I cannot say.

We have a nice group getting ready for the sacred rite of baptism, and expect to baptize a portion of this company soon.

C. H. MILLER.

Important Notice

ELDER W. W. EASTMAN, of the General Conference, will spend ten days in the state of Iowa, and will speak at the following churches and on the following dates:

Clinton, Friday evening, February 2.
Davenport, Sabbath morning, February 3.
Muscatine, Sabbath evening, February 3.
Burlington, Sunday, February 4.
Oskaloosa, Monday, February 5.
Osceola, Tuesday, February 6.
Nevada, Wednesday, February 7.
Des Moines, Thursday, February 8.
Exira, Friday evening, February 9, and Sabbath morning the 10th.
Council Bluffs, Sabbath evening, February 10.

We urge all members who live in the territory of these churches to be present at the meetings. Elder Eastman is a man of wide experience, and has traveled extensively. Our people will enjoy hearing him.

B. A. SCHERR.

Iowa Items

ELDER FRIES spent Sabbath with the Osceola church, celebrating the ordinances and holding a Bible study in the afternoon.

The conference annual audit will be held in Nevada, January 21, 22, at which time important problems will be brought up for solution.

Elder Fries broadcast Sunday afternoon from Henry Field's Shenandoah radio station. He was assisted by Mrs. Marie Corkham, and Forrest Tennihill, soloists, and Mrs. Marjorie Newsome, pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Archbold are connecting with the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria in Des Moines. Evening meetings are to be held in the cafeteria, and we are praying many souls will be coming in through this agency. We are greatly in need of literature for our reading racks. It is hard for us to keep the rack filled, for our literature is in such demand. Send it to the Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria, 420 Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

Kansas Conference

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Make wills and legacies to the Kansas S. D. A. Conference Ass'n.

An Important Day

JANUARY 27 will be a special day in our churches and has been designated as such by the General Conference. The purpose is to encourage our people to renew their covenant relations with God,

as faithful stewards to recognize His ownership and determine by His grace to give Him that which is His—the tithe. May those who have been careless in this important matter, or who have not paid their tithe at all, unite with God's heritage on this day in entering into the tithe covenant with Him. Material has been sent to the churches, so be sure to see your local elder. Should you be absent on that day take the matter up with him at the next service.

The end of all things is rushing upon us, therefore, let us set our house in order and prepare to meet our God.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Wichita M. V. Rally

THIRTY Missionary Volunteers from eight societies met with the Wichita young people in a three-day rally and officers' council on January 5, 6, and 7. The meeting opened Friday evening with a message from the conference M. V. secretary. The stirring sermon by Elder Gordon Smith, M. V. secretary of the Central Union Conference, at the Sabbath morning service was appreciated by the church and visitors who crowded the auditorium.

A study of the summary of 1933 achievements led to an enthusiastic purpose to

Go forth in our youth
With the banner of truth
To do a little more
In 1934.

Conditions in Kansas today challenge the Adventist youth to make their standards of temperance known. The use of temperance pledges and no-tobacco pledges was urged. The flying squadron idea of publicly presenting temperance information was enthusiastically received.

A deeper realization of our opportunities came from the discussion of the Youth-for-Youth Campaign. A census of youth will be taken early this year in preparation for the M. V. Week of Prayer.

The meeting closed Sunday night with an investiture service in which twenty-two young ladies were invested in three junior classes. Five Master Comrades assisted in the service.

Kansas youth are looking forward to a state convention and conference in May.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Galena Home Nursing Class

EIGHT pupils were graduated on January 8 from the class in home nursing that has been conducted in the Galena church for the past few months by Mrs. Leola Fairchild-Clark, R. N.

In connection with the graduation, an attractive program was given which il-

lustrated some of the subjects studied by the class. There was a large and appreciative audience in attendance. Considerable interest was manifested by several not of our faith, who have already made application for admittance into the next home nursing class.

One of the graduates was a member of another church and is a lady of influence in Galena. She is now very enthusiastic about our methods of treatments and diet. In connection with her class work she prepared a paper, and quoted frequently from "Ministry of Healing" and other of our books, using the quotations as authority for the things she had learned.

Surely a class in home nursing can be made a great blessing both within and without the church, and it should be the aim of all of our churches to have such a class wherever at all possible.

F. C. CLARK.

Investment Returns

RETURNS from the Investment plan are coming in. Complete reports are not in yet, but we cull the following amounts from the early reports:

Oswego, 47.12; Topeka I, 74.24; Girard, 13.99; Ozawkie, 10.51; Hillsboro, 54.61; Durham, 35.66; Chanute, 34.46; Fort Scott, 21.23; Enterprise, 28.13; Galena, 24.15; Shaffer, 26.12; Bison, 22.87; Kansas City Bethel, 10.66.

Some splendid investment donations are also coming from isolated members. Sister Louis, of Florence, who was recently laid to rest, had been raising chickens as her investment. Her family just sent in a \$5.00 check as a result. May God bless our investment offerings.

E. H. MEYERS.

Enterprise Notes

INEZ DWYER, Kansas City, Mo., and Elmer Krause, Bland, Mo., have joined the Enterprise Academy group for the second semester.

First semester examinations were given Monday and Tuesday, January 8 and 9. The new classes beginning second semester are Spirit of Prophecy, Physiology, Agriculture, Public Speaking, and Harmony.

Mr. Bietz, Mr. Gernet, Owen McComas, Frederick Harder, and Evelyn Shafer attended the Missionary Volunteer Convention held at Wichita, January 5 and 6.

A group from Enterprise Academy gave a half hour program from Station KFBI, Abilene, Kans., Sunday afternoon, January 7. Another program will be given from the same station at 1:30 Sunday afternoon, January 28.

It is not too late to come to Enterprise Academy for the second semester.

News Notes

WE learn that quite a number of our churches are checking up on their membership in an endeavor to enroll all "missing members" in the Sabbath school. Every Sabbath school should give careful attention to this.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter spent Sabbath, January 6, with the Ottawa church and Osawatomie Sabbath school.

Mrs. Zella Blyholder, of Kansas City, says after she made a pledge to raise her \$10 goal in Harvest Ingathering, hindrances began to flood in on every hand, but she now has the \$10. It pays to persevere.

Elder E. H. Meyers spoke at the two Kansas City churches Sabbath, January 6. It was missionary "organization day."

Missouri Conference

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Missouri News Notes

ELDER THOMPSON has been absent from the conference for a few days attending a general institute for Negro workers in Dallas, Texas. The territory served by this institute included the Missouri Conference, and our Negro ministers from St. Louis and Kansas City were present. The General Conference requested Elder Thompson to be one of the instructors at this convention.

We are pleased to pass to our readers two interesting investment items. One for 1933 relates to a boy nine years of age, Gerald Stuiwenga, by name, who in counsel with his father selected a place in the garden sufficiently large for 100 pepper plants. These plants were set and cultivated by the boy. However, through draught and the excessive heat of the summer, one third of the plants perished. Then later the "gent" in the market forced the peppers to be sold at a minimum price, 10 cents a dozen. But the plants were so exuberant in production that \$12 was realized when all were marketed. Imagine the pride of this lad when he placed this amount in the Sabbath school donation for missions. Then imagine again what the results would have been had all our Sabbath school family done proportionately.

The next one is from an isolated sister, who, sending her home division report for the fourth quarter of 1933, says:

"Yes, I want to have a part in the Investment Fund." Then she itemizes as follows: "I plan to invest the eggs laid upon the first two Sabbaths of February, March, and April; also one half of what I receive pressing clothes, darning and mending for others from January 1 to June 30." Surely this sister has the ability to plan as well as a willingness to support the cause through the Investment plan. We hope all will plan to do something along these lines during 1934.

Elder and Mrs. C. G. Bellah returned from St. Louis to their home in Fredericktown, Mo., on January 5, having been gone about five weeks. Mrs. Bellah is recovering nicely from her operation at the Barnes Hospital. Because of the nerve strain of taking care of her, and suffering from a severe cold, Elder Bellah took sick before returning home. However, under the care of the physician he is gradually improving. They are of good courage and solicit the prayers of the REAPER family for a complete recovery.

Miss Ruth Gardner and Mr. Daniel McAdams were united in marriage in Kansas City, Mo., Christmas eve, at the home of the bride's sister, Elder B. E. Wagner officiating. The bride completed the college course at Union College last spring, and Mr. McAdams, a former student of Southwestern Junior College and Union College, has been serving as field missionary secretary in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. They will be at home in Little Rock, Ark., after January 20.

Nebraska Conference

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The Laymen's Convention

PERHAPS the most inspirational convention which has been held for a long while took place in College View, January 5-7, to discuss the problems of the laymen's missionary movement. After most spirited and earnest discussion by the various church officers who were present, and under the leadership of Elder Shadel, of the Central Union home missionary department, Elder T. B. Westbrook, president of the Nebraska Conference, and Elder Roy, local conference home missionary secretary, plans were laid for the advancement of the work in College View and surrounding churches, which give great hopes for a harvest of souls before this year has closed.

The outstanding thought, the keynote of every report and of every plan was that as recipients of the grace of God,

it is impossible for us to refrain from telling others of the good things which God has done for us, and of urging them to share with us these blessings.

A great soul-winning movement was emphasized, and all present pledged themselves at the close of the service by standing to rededicate their lives anew in the service of their blessed Master.

Eighty-three officers and members were present from churches of College View, Lincoln, Seward, Beatrice, and Fairbury.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That we take our church membership list and definitely plan missionary work for each member of our church.

"2. That we will organize the membership of our churches into the various work bands as suggested by the General Conference as follows:

"a. Organizing the old people into prayer bands, having as their object praying definitely for souls.

"b. Organizing a Bible training class which will take up definite work, holding Bible studies and gospel meetings.

"c. Organizing a literature band, having as its definite object the systematic distribution of the *Present Truth*, emphasizing the personal visit as we give the paper.

"d. That we study to adopt the class band organization, taking the Sabbath school class as a band.

"3. That we plan for a regular monthly missionary meeting of the church missionary committee, having as its object the promotion and planning of the missionary work of the church.

"4. That we will lay definite plans to carry on both the Dorcas Society and welfare work in an aggressive, thorough, soul winning way." R. J. Roy.

Make This Decision Day

NO doubt you have read in the REAPER the previous articles about our plans for the colporteur institute to be held at College View, Lincoln, Nebr., January 25 to February 3. But what have you done about it? Are you halting between two opinions?

For decades many stirring appeals have come to us through the Spirit of prophecy. You may think, and even say, that those statements do not apply to you. I am sure it would please God if you were to change this form of reasoning today, and right now take this home to your own heart, and ask in all seriousness, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Get down on your knees and pray for guidance and a willingness to submit to God's plans, then allow God to

direct you in the plans you may make.

If probation were to close in 1934, are you where you would want to be? where God wants you to be? doing what He wants you to do? Will today's decision bear the stamp of God's approval? Will your record in the final reckoning day bear it?

It is a settled fact that a call to the colporteur work is as high a call as can come to a servant of the Most High God. "Literally, thousands of our people should cut lose from worldly entanglements and give themselves to evangelistic canvassing under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit." "God wants prayerful, faithful workers. Jesus will give firmness to the faith and renew the courage. In the path of humble obedience is safety and power, comfort and hope, but the reward will finally be lost by those who do little or nothing for Jesus."—*Vol. 4, p. 76; and "Christian Service," p. 89.*

"How oft across life's narrow path,
As on we tread the way,
There comes to us, the still small voice,
'Go work for me today.'
Decide for Jesus, no longer make delay,
Decide for Jesus, this decision make today."

Accept God's call and write me at once of your plans to attend the institute.
P. E. SHAKESPEARE.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
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Interesting Letters Keep Coming

SINCE sending out our *Tithe Bulletins*, we have received letter after letter, all bringing great encouragement to our hearts. From some of these letters before me I gather a few thoughts. Here is one:

"I have been reading every word in the *Tithe Bulletins*. Although I have paid tithe on all since I became an Adventist, yet I must say I never realized that the tithe is as sacred as the Sabbath."

From another letter we quote:

"I shall try to manage in some way to give the children some of the untithed money to use for themselves, that they may have the pleasure of paying their own tithes more than they have."

Another good brother writes:

"I do truly thank you for the statement you sent me of my tithes. I had forgotten how much I had paid in to the Lord, but now I see."

In another letter we read:

"The plan of sending out individual tithe statements from the office to the

people certainly is a good one, and has a wholesome effect."

Another brother writes of an increase of over 700 per cent in tithe in his church, and says it would have been more if the wheat allotment money had come in.

Quite a number have sent in goodly amounts of tithe for the end of the year, with the result that the December tithe was nearly \$700 better than a year ago. We thank God for the faithfulness of many of our people, and wish our people the blessings of Malachi 3:10-12 this coming year.

GORDEN OSS.

Conference Circulating Library

HERE is an opportunity I am sure you do not want to miss. We have at our conference office a circulating library. In other words, it is your library for the asking. It contains a large number of very fine books. There are sets of Reading Course books for past years, and books for every one in the family, senior, junior, and primary. If you read any one set you are entitled to a Reading Course certificate, and when you have completed five sets you will receive an award. All you need to do is to write us a postal card, saying that you want to start reading a senior, junior, or primary course, and we will send you the books. We pay the postage when the books are sent to you, and you pay it when you send them back.

There are a number of books out in the field that should be returned. I should be pleased if you would return all books that you have read, so others may read them.

Write that card today and we shall send you the book.

L. L. MCKINLEY.

Plainview's Second Semester Begins January 17

By the time this note reaches our readers we will have started our second semester's work. It is not too late to join our second semester classes. At present writing our enrolment is 107, and we know of others that plan to join us if they can make proper arrangements. Our rates are very reasonable.

Join Plainview now and receive the benefits of a Christian education. A hearty invitation is extended to you.

H. C. HARTMAN, *Principal*.

South Dakota Sunbeams

FROM many of our Sabbath schools encouraging messages of Investment blessings have come. We would like to

report all of the wonderful experiences our members have enjoyed through following this plan from the Lord to increase our mission funds, but space does not permit. We greatly appreciate the efforts made to promote this phase of the work.

Many are writing in and ordering the *Present Truth* sent to their friends and relatives. This is a good way to give them the message. Only 25 cents a year.

Brother McKinley and Elder Gordon Smith visited several churches in the interest of the young people's work. At all churches there was a splendid attendance.

The new Reading Course sets are in stock. Order yours today.

As these "Sunbeams" are written the conference books are being closed for the year. Nearly \$700 more tithe came in during December than a year ago.

Word has been received from Elder Beck to the effect that he is visiting at Mobridge and points west. He plans before long to visit Tolstoy and other places.

Brother Thompson, the father of Mrs. Okey Hill, of Redfield, passed away a few days ago. Elder Babcock had the funeral at the academy chapel last Friday, the 5th. Brother Thompson was a faithful disciple of the Lord, and sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Serviceable loose-leaf notebook covers can be secured at Woolworths and other stores of that kind for 15 cents. These are valuable in the preserving of the *Tithe Bulletins* and other material of that kind.

Brother Wyman and his Gospel colporteur group are doing good work at Sioux Falls. Are there not several others who would like to unite with them in this colporteur school? Write to Brother Wyman for further particulars.

Elder Kuehl is planning on a baptism at Sioux Falls before long.

Plainview Academy now has 107 students enrolled. A few others are expected for the second semester.

Mrs. P. A. Flatten, of Colman, has finished reading her Bible through. She has done this regularly each year since 1924.

Let all start a good, earnest campaign of soul-winning this year. The *Signs of the Times* or *Present Truth* will help you.

Remember, the 1934 Reading Course books are on hand, and we are sure you want to read them. Order a set today.

We are planning to place the *Watchman* magazine in each reading room and library in the conference. Think of the thousands of people who will come in

contact with the message through this plan! If you would like to help in carrying out this plan, send an offering to the Book and Bible House and say that it is for the library fund.

Nearly all of the Sabbath school reports for the fourth quarter were in by January 9. Thank you, secretaries.

Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, and Watertown are the Sabbath schools reporting so far on the Workers' Training Course. Sister E. P. Emerson, of Mitchell, also reported. These early and good reports are appreciated.

Words of cheer and courage accompanied every one of the many reports from the home division members. The Lord is surely blessing these faithful isolated ones.

No. Dakota Conference

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Box 1491 - - - Jamestown

Rays from S. R. A.

PROFESSOR C. P. CRAEGER, of the General Conference Department of Education, paid our school a visit, which was greatly appreciated.

In a chapel talk, "The Tragic Word 'Almost,'" Mr. G. J. Lang set forth the idea that many people make an effort to reach a worthy goal, but quit just before success is reached.

Professor R. R. Newman spoke to us during vespers last Friday evening on "Expediency."

Elder E. H. Oswald, our conference president, spent Friday, January 5, with us. He spoke to the student body during the chapel hour and at the Friday evening meeting.

Colorado Conference

Jay J. Nethery, President
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1081 Marion Street - - - Denver

The Denver Scandinavian Church

A VERY interesting program was rendered on the thirteenth Sabbath in the Scandinavian church. Among other interesting things, the junior class repeated the memory verses for the quarter, and Sister Louisa Larson, from the senior class, repeated the verses for the whole year in Swedish.

The school has reached its goal in offerings throughout the year. In daily study and attendance, one holds a six-year record, one a five-year record, eleven hold the record for the last quar-

ter, and one will hold a seven-year record next quarter. All the members of the church are also members of the Sabbath school.

The Scandinavian church reports all members as workers in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and about \$20 over its goal. The oldest member, who is eighty-seven years old, has brought in \$9.00 through personal soliciting.

E. L. PINGENOT.

Wyoming Mission
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1203 So. Oak St. - - Casper

End-of-the-Year Meetings

SABBATH, the 23rd, was spent at Newcastle. The all-day service, so characteristic of this new church, was the order. The purpose to prove faithful in the year just before us was forcefully expressed by these earnest believers.

The last Sabbath of the year was a most solemn yet enjoyable occasion in Sheridan, as six adults were baptized. Three men and their wives were added to the church. To have united families in Christian service added to our numbers is always an inspiring sight.

A total of ten are being added to the Sheridan church, bringing the roll to seventy-seven, the largest number ever reached in one church in the Wyoming field.

Among those thus identifying themselves with the remnant people of God, were Brother Earl C. Reed and his faithful companion. They will be remembered as the donors of the large quantity of honey given last year. Their daughter is attending Campion Academy. Brother Reed is the state president of the Bee Association.

Brethren Lindy and King, who were among the baptized, and Mr. Burnworth, who is contemplating this step, all of them skilled mechanics, offered their services, without compensation, to enlarge the church building to accommodate the increased membership. How to care for its communicants is becoming a matter of serious concern to this church.

One begins to understand how so many missionary enterprises can be maintained by the Sheridan church, when the activity of the Dorcas Society is revealed. Their income for 1933 was \$147.07; from this fund they have aided the church school, literature distribution, needy poor, and many other worthy enterprises.

This faithfulness represents arduous toil, sacrifice, and devotion that betokens a love for this message that will not be repressed.
C. A. PURDOM.

Minnesota Conference
V. J. Johns, President
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1854 Roblyn Ave. - St. Paul

A Day of Jubilee

IN the Minnesota Conference office on January 10 there was a great day of rejoicing. The reports were coming in for the December Harvest Ingathering. The totals were mounting upward toward the 1932 record. The books were about to be closed. We were still sixty-four silver dollars behind. Then came a special delivery letter. A last minute remittance from Moose Lake, and we were over last year's record!

Congratulations to the fine-spirited churches of Minnesota who worked so valiantly in these trying times to maintain our missions. Congratulations to the loyal Missionary Volunteers and their singing bands who helped so materially to swell the total. Congratulations to our workers and church officers who pushed the work forward to victory. And congratulations, most of all, to our home missionary leader, Elder J. C. Christenson.

There was a change in home missionary leaders in August. The campaign

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Obituaries

BLISS.—A. Z. Bliss was born in Peoria County, Illinois, May 13, 1858, and passed to rest Dec. 19, 1933, as a result of accident.

He was married July 4, 1880, to Mattie C. Huffington. To this union five children were born, two of whom survive the father. He was reared in the Adventist faith, and remained true to the message through his entire life. Burial was made in the county cemetery near Marion, Iowa. Services were conducted by the writer.
R. F. BRESEE.

THOMPSON.—Hulbert Thompson was born in Dane County, Wisconsin, and died at Redfield, S. Dak., Jan. 3, 1934.

He was married to Margaret Thompson and was the father of two girls and six boys. One of the boys is Elder James Thompson, now a missionary in Argentina, South America.

He continued faithful to the end and fell asleep with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Professor H. C. Hartman, and we laid him to rest in Greenlawn cemetery at Redfield.
C. M. BABCOCK.

GRABINSKI.—Arthur Gilbert Grabinski was born on a farm near Rockham, S.

Dak., and died at the Faulkton Hospital, Nov. 18, 1933.

In 1911 he was married to Miss Ella Dukerscheen, and to this union three children were born.

Funeral services were conducted from the Rockham Methodist church by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the church. He sleeps in the Rockham cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.
C. M. BABCOCK.

HOYT.—Mrs. Mary Hoyt was born Aug. 8, 1852, and died Jan. 6, 1934. Interment was made at Winterset, Ia.

Mrs. Hoyt had a great faith in Christ and looked for His soon return. Her life was one of loving service. She leaves three daughters, two sons, a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Funeral services were conducted in the Winterset church by the writer.

R. S. FRIES.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1934

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Secretary			
Bessie Nordstrom ..	GC	89	52.00
G. H. Boehrig	HW	49	37.75
Grace Shumway	RJ	49	50.50
H. A. Hanson	HW	39	20.75
Dorothy Boyko	RJ	30	47.00
Ada Schornstein	RJ	19	18.75
Nina Magnuson	BR	14	25.75
B. O. Engen	Misc	7	2.35
Mrs. L. Ludvigson	RJ	1	1.25
Miss C. E. Powers Mag		52	12.20
Mrs. V. Boehrig ..	Mag	49	28.90
E. L. Dufstrom	Mag	25	4.75
Clare G. Rust	Mag	16	7.90
Patricia Liers	Mag	9	9.20
Total		462	320.05
NEBRASKA: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.			
Mrs. J. B. Aitken ..	HW	11	10.75
Abel Larson	RJ	32	14.60
John Ogren	OD	27	4.15
H. E. Preston	FS	41	28.25
Total		111	57.75
KANSAS: A. K. Phillips, Secretary			
A. O. Kramer	OD	24	12.25
J. T. North	GC	9	1.00
R. L. Steele	BR	31	14.40
*J. D. Springer	DR	47	4.00
Mrs. M. Eggleston BPS			6.00
Mrs. Earl Hoover	BTS		11.50
Mrs. E. Millard	Mag	6	2.00
Miss Pearl Pride ..	Mag	5	2.40
Total		122	53.55
Grand Total		605	431.35

* Two weeks.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Housekeeping by middle aged, capable woman, in Adventist home. One boy fourteen. Prefer farm. S. D. A. Conference, Drawer 586, Watertown, S. Dak.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, January 19, 1934

Denver, Colorado	5:04
Des Moines, Iowa	5:12
Topeka, Kansas	5:29
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:03
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:16
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:29
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:26
Pierre, South Dakota	5:35
Casper, Wyoming	4:57

MISS GLADYS HUFFMAN and Mr. Ernest Hanson were married December 20 at the home of Elder and Mrs. J. F. Piper in College View, Elder Piper officiating. The bride has been a stenographer at the Central Union office for the past five or six years; the groom is a ministerial intern in the Minnesota Conference. Both graduated from Union College last spring. They are at home in Hancock, Minn.

Union College News

THE Union College orchestra, under the direction of Professor C. C. Engel, gave a program in the chapel Saturday night.

The Glee Clubs, with Professor Stanley Ledington directing, will sing in recital Saturday night, January 20.

Superintendent M. C. Lefler, of the Lincoln city schools, addressed the students in chapel on January 8 on "The Measure of a Man."

Arthur Bietz, who has been conducting services every Thursday evening at the Men's Reformatory since the opening of school last fall, reports an enthusiastic reception by the men. Officials state that the meetings are the best attended of all the non-compulsory programs in the institution. The average attendance is approximately three hundred.

Members of the Master Comrade band received their introduction to the science of astronomy when Professor H. K. Schilling lectured to them and showed slides in his classroom on Sabbath afternoon, January 6.

Dr. Frank Lopp, College View dentist, spoke to the girls of North Hall in their

Health Club January 9, urging them to take thoughtful care of their teeth while they are young.

Thirty Days' Extension in the "Testimonies" Campaign

IN order to give sufficient time for all of our conferences and churches to complete their work in the "Testimony" and "Conflict of the Ages" series campaign, the publishers have granted another thirty days' extension, which will give our people the rest of January in which to get in their orders for these books.

Very encouraging reports are coming from our conferences that our people in the last minute are taking advantage of the offer to secure these sets at the unheard-of price of \$7.00 in the cloth and \$11 in the limp binding. We doubt if this special offer will ever be repeated again in our union, and we therefore urge every Seventh-day Adventist family to make sure that they have both of these sets, or secure them before the special offer expires February 1. If you have a set of your own, you may have close relatives or friends that you would like to help secure the set.

If the question of finances stands in your way, take the matter up with your Bible House secretary immediately, as we know he will do all in his power to help you work out a plan that will make it possible for you to secure the books. Do not let this unusual opportunity slip by. You will never regret having made the investment, and the possible financial sacrifice it may mean. The writings of the Spirit of prophecy are needed at this particular time, and will be needed even more as time goes on—and *this is your opportunity.* H. W. SHERRIG.

Minnesota Department

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was off to a late start, and not any too encouraging a start. Then came our new secretary, Brother Christenson. Though unacquainted with the conference, he launched out into the stream of activity. Steadily he made the pull up-stream. Then came the last pull and the 1933 record stands above that of 1932.

We know that our churches will rejoice to read this report. And, best of all, we know that our missionaries out in China, over in the South Sea Islands, down in dark Africa, will rejoice that they can maintain their stations and carry on their work. V. J. JOHNS.

"The Coming Crisis"

I HAVE just read the little book by Elder F. M. Wilcox, entitled "The Com-

ing Crisis." I consider it a most timely message for all our people to read and study at this time.

The chapter headings are as follows:

The Crisis Hour, Apostate Protestantism, Restoration of the Papacy, The Papal Image and Mark, The Christian's Relation to Earthly Government, The Sabbath Keeper and Sunday Laws, Satan and Miracles, Pestilences and Persecution, Our Attitude toward Opposition, Preparation for the Crisis, The Everlasting Gospel, Comfort in Trial and Sorrow, God's People Delivered, and The Goodly Land.

I want to urge every member of the REAPER family to secure a copy of this book and carefully read it. It contains just the message we need so much in this critical time in which we have now entered. A. J. HAYSMER.

Maplewood Notes

WE are glad to state that the Week of Sacrifice manifested a real missionary spirit among our teachers and students. Last year we thought we did very well in giving \$109. This year, with two cuts in the teachers' salaries and less money among the students, we were happily surprised to see an increase in the Week of Sacrifice offering to the extent that it amounted to \$140.43.

This winter Dr. Guy, from St. Cloud, has visited us several times and furnished a number of the students with eye glasses.

Our bindery has been running full blast up to this time. Even during the Christmas vacation it proved to be the busiest place in the school, and the outlook is very bright. We hope to have so much work for the bindery next summer that we will be compelled to operate night shifts.

Recently our craftshop has received some large orders for different articles we are manufacturing here. It will necessitate a larger crew than we have at the school at the present time, so a number of boys who have accounts with the school will be given an opportunity to pay their bills by work. We will have so much work in the craftshop that it will be running twenty-four hours a day between Sabbaths, from now on until the end of school in order to have all orders ready on time.

The skating rink has been flooded. The students have also occasionally gone sleigh-riding, enjoying themselves immensely.

There is a good spiritual atmosphere in the school, and we are indeed thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings that He bestows upon us.

DAVID GULBRANDSON.