



## General Articles

### A VISIT TO GERMANY

A few days after returning from our encouraging trip of two months to America we attended a meeting of our leading German brethren in Berlin. One cannot but contrast the order, comfort and prosperity of the homeland with conditions in Central Europe. We had met to study the present need and suffering of our people and to plan some relief. Brother Conradi reported from Hamburg. The prices of large subscription books like "Great Controversy" went up in less than three weeks from five billion marks to one trillion, nine hundred and seventy-eight billion marks (1,987,000,000,000) and yet this last sum, about twenty cents, was worth less than the five billion three weeks earlier. Under such conditions colporteurs and publishing houses cannot exist. Fifty of our printers and other workers in the Hamburg House went out to sell the books in stock to get the money to buy food. The house only pays its workers for thirty-eight hours a week though they worked forty-eight or more. But even with this people would actually starve if we had not in time had some grain and flour bought for the food factory. Thus the food factory saved us. Hamburg was greatly troubled with Communist riots. Many people were killed. Robberies were so common that no one felt safe. Many of our brethren have been robbed. Brother Vollmer, the manager of the publishing house, stated that if they came into another such time he thought they should by all means close down the

house. Our workers there have become ill from the lack of food, the children in the homes being especially troubled with rickets. \*

Brother Drinhaus, the president of the West German Union, told of conditions in the occupied territory. Our people suffer severely. He himself related how he had seen people in this separatist revolution slain in the streets and one day his little child came and said, "Papa, come over on the next street and see two strange wagons." When he went over he found them to be large auto-trucks full of dead bodies that had just been killed in the food riots and other troubles. The situation in the occupied territory is very, very hard. A large number of our people are not able to support themselves. They have neither work, money nor food.

Brother Schilling, president of the East German Union spoke of conditions in his field. He urged that the workers receive on an average \$25 with which to buy some food and a little clothing for the winter. Incidentally he mentioned that one week he received his wages two days late and found that the seven billion marks which he received would only buy one loaf of bread. Some of our workers have been compelled to seek other employment but few of them can secure it as thousands are out of work in all parts of the country. All the brethren spoke of the pitiable need of many of our lay brethren. The wages they receive or the income they may have is totally inadequate. Hundreds cannot buy even one meal of potatoes and black bread a day. Milk or fats, even the crudest oil or the cheapest margarine is not to be thought of. It is

very evident that we need at least \$100,000 to bring even the most necessary relief to our brethren in Central Europe between now and the first of May.

Conditions in Europe on the whole have changed greatly since last July. There is a dangerous undercurrent of hatred, distress and fear. The political situation is more bewildering and uncertain than anything this world has ever seen. Some governments are trying to bring about better conditions. When we visited America many asked us if Germany would ever redeem the immense quantities of marks printed. We can now answer the question. Since early December the Government has been buying back the marks at the rate of 22 cents for one trillion paper marks. The common money in Berlin when we were there December eleven, was five hundred billion mark bills. It corresponds about to one dime as it paid for two long street car rides. Gradually the gold mark is being introduced but this makes everything yet more expensive though an effort is made to keep down prices on the most needful articles of food. If our brethren could see these large stacks of worthless paper money and with them the long bread lines and the thin, worn, hopeless-looking faces of the mothers and children, very many of whom are tubercular, there would be few in America who would not help.

We are surely grateful for the liberality shown by our dear brethren across the sea. We cannot express in words and those living in the more favored lands cannot know what these gifts mean over here for if we do not get help this winter we will come into



such destitution as one shudders to think of. Our believers in the other lands of Northern and Western Europe are giving and gathering money and clothes for the needy in Germany and the East. One of our French brethren came over seventy miles to see us last week. He said, "We Adventists are all as one as Jesus said in John 17. We love our people in Germany. They are our brothers and sisters. We are all denying ourselves and giving to help them. I came to ask you to let all our French churches get a chance to help." Thus the message unites in love the children of God.

There is one other beautiful light in the darkness. That is that hundreds and thousands of people are accepting the Gospel. They are good Adventists too. We gained more members the third quarter of this year than ever in our history so that our membership now is about 70,000. Our brethren stated that in spite of these untoward conditions not one meeting had been closed but our ministers had crowded houses to all their lectures. In a certain specially important meeting the owner of the hall where it was to be would not accept paper marks so the people, poor as they are, gathered and paid him three hundred pounds of potatoes for the hall that one Sabbath. To cover this the brethren collected five hundred and nine billion paper marks, about twelve cents, fifty silver pfennigs from before the war and others had a few foreign coins. But they were bound not to give up the meeting even if they lost their potatoes, though that is about all the food they have.

All our schools in Europe are well attended. The three schools in Germany have more students than last year, though we confess we do not see how they keep going; but they do. These students have learned to live on dark bread, turnips and coarse vegetables. They do not complain. In one school all the students canvass two days weekly to earn their expenses. God has a care over His work. In some places there is heavy opposition and real persecution. One of our ministers was visiting a place where they had meetings in a private house. Just as the service was beginning a mob surrounded the building shouting that they would kill him. Through a little opening in the ceiling

he crawled upstairs and hid. When the mob broke in they hunted everywhere for him, in the kitchen, even down the cellar but never thought of the dark little attic. When the leader of the mob came home after giving up trying to find this minister, his three cows had been killed by lightning. This led the people to think that maybe the minister they wanted to kill was a good man and that God was punishing them. They had a change of heart and now wanted to hear the truth.

We are writing this article to ask our brethren in the Northern Union to give as liberally as they can and just as soon as possible to the European Relief Fund now being raised. But we also wanted to add these last words showing that while things are difficult the Lord has not forsaken us and the honest in heart are finding their way to Christ. We believe that many across the sea will help their native brethren and we ask those who will and can to do so at once. All funds should be sent in through the church and conference or to the treasurer of the General Conference, J. L. Shaw, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

L. H. Christian.

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#### NOTICE

Let everyone take notice of Elder L. H. Christian's article regarding our needy and starving brethren in Europe. It is imperative that we assist with liberal gifts our needy and starving brethren. The reports we obtain from various sources is that conditions there are distressing and we must help our brethren in this their hour of great need.

E. T. Russell.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPT

Anol Grundset, Secretary

#### ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE BRETHREN?

At one time there appeared in the Review and Herald an article written by Mrs. E. G. White in which it was stated: "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. This paper has been made a blessing to very many souls. . . 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 those who are not of our faith. . . . Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper. If they did, they would feel greater personal interest to circulate it everywhere." Are you one of these brethren? There is still a large proportion of Seventh-day Adventist brethren and sisters who "do not see and realize the importance" of "The Signs of the Times," and a special effort is now being made to reach everyone and secure united cooperation in the manifestation of greater personal interest in the circulation of the "Signs."

For fifty years this "silent preacher" has week by week reached thousands of men and women the world over, and through its influence many hundreds of people have been led to connect with the remnant church who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. It is just a little strange that any Seventh-day Adventist should not fully realize the importance of this missionary paper and the help which it renders in winning souls to the truth, but through the united effort of the Circulation Department of the Signs office and the General Conference Home Missionary Department, beginning January 20 and ending February 2, it is hoped that the situation will be entirely changed and all our people will become constant friends and users of the "Signs" in missionary endeavor. Every church should have a club of the "Signs" for missionary correspondence work, and individual subscriptions should be made up in large quantity. Let us make 1924 the year of greatest missionary activity in the present history of our cause, and begin now to make up representative orders for the "Signs" in harmony with our faith in the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message in all the world and its speedy triumph.

Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Dep't.

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#### PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES

You have already read some splendid articles referring to the present campaign to increase the circulation of the "Signs" weekly.

I am sure we all realize that this pioneer missionary paper will find its way into homes where ministers, workers and laity would not be privileged to enter, if we co-operate and



send it on its mission. It will penetrate into communities where the true gospel seldom has been heard, and from among the masses it will call out the honest in heart to the service of the God of Heaven.

One sister in North Dakota sent the Signs to a family in that state. This was their first opportunity to read and hear of the precious truth for our day. One member of the family accepted the message solely through reading the "Signs," and began the keeping of the Sabbath before any sermons on the message or believers of the faith had been seen. Hundreds of honest men and women, boys and girls will fulfill the prophecy "Come out of her my people." They are His people, honest in their present condition and when light comes to them they will be honest with God and accept Present Truth. We have seen many evidences of this.

It is not necessary to write more. Every reader will testify to the fact that the "Signs" is a strong exponent of our precious truth, and that all over the country, year by year, it wins souls from darkness to light, from error to truth. But dear reader will not you help in the present campaign in giving this periodical a wider circulation? Will you if need be sacrifice some other desire that the paper may be sent to some homes which should have its weekly visits the coming year? Will you work with the angels of God who are wooing you to co-operate in the great extension program to send this medium of salvation into tens of thousands of additional homes in the next few days.

We hope that every believer in the Northern Union will answer by a club of five names and addresses and your remittance sent on to your tract society.

Even boys and girls can share in this campaign by taking of their earnings and sending the Signs to some friend, or unconverted relative. It will do you more present and permanent good than investing the same amount in confectionaries or other foolish expenditure and may be the means of winning some soul to God, saved from a life of sin and ruin. So let none do less than send the "Signs" to one new address, and let hundreds send in clubs of five or more.

As we all act our part and share in

the work and program of extending the influence and usefulness of the "Signs," let us do so cheerfully, hopefully and prayerfully having faith to believe that God will bless the efforts, that the seed sown may be reaped for the eternal garner.

Anol Grundset

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

H. J. Sheldon, Secretary

#### 80,000 GONE!

Where did they go? Eighty thousand Morning Watch Calendars? We have had a few reports and they have been so inspiring we wish you to know of them. From a Missionary Volunteer Secretary in Pennsylvania we received the following paragraph:

"A sister from the Pittsburgh English Church presented a copy of the Morning Watch Calendar last year to a Sunday school teacher in the First Presbyterian church, who teaches a class of about two hundred. The sister met her last week, and she said she appreciated the little calendar so much, had memorized the verses every day, and wanted to order two hundred and twenty-five to use this season. I am trying to press the Morning Watch Campaign in our Conference."

There are Sunday School teachers all through the United States who might do the same for 1925 should they become acquainted with our inspiring little booklet by a gift now.

One Missionary Volunteer Society presented a Calendar to each Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Society leader in the community where it was located. It was a missionary enterprise that repaid in sympathy and good feeling as well as in truth scattered.

It has been reported to us that one Home Missionary Secretary sold nearly all the Morning Watch Calendars in a Tract Society office in less than a week and during a trip he was making among a few churches. Every one wanted one.

It is only a matter of getting acquainted with our little calendar, for it brings a blessing that is its own recommendation. Many, many times have I heard from the lips of a young person the personal testimony: "The text was meant for me that morning

and it kept me through a trying hour." Do not neglect supplying yourself and friends.

Harriet Holt

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### STUDENT MISSIONARY MOVEMENT AT UNION COLLEGE

In response to earnest appeals made by Elders L. H. Christian and I. H. Evans in behalf of the relief of our starving brethren in the famine stricken districts of Europe, and in behalf of our work in the Far East, an unusual movement toward a deeper spiritual experience, combined with a purpose to sacrifice for the sake of our work, has swept Union College.

Within the past month plans have been laid and carried forward by the students and faculty of Union College which have at present assumed surprising proportions, and which bid fair to produce still greater results in the remaining months of the school year. Seventeen faithfully attended prayer bands, together with other students and faculty members have assigned themselves to the task of raising means for the European Relief, and our work in the Far East. The sum of \$1022.45 has been raised thus far in the college by the sacrifice of faculty and students.

The girls of North Hall have adopted the plan of having each band take up some specialized activity whereby they may secure money for the European Relief. Certain bands serve breakfast, others mend clothes and sew, another band polishes shoes. Each band has its specific work.

Union's general cleanup day, Sunday, December 2, when one-hundred seventy-one students and faculty members raked the college campus, the girls served evening lunch. The proceeds were put into the Self Sacrifice Week fund. At present the girls have raised \$130.39.

The boys of South Hall, not having heard of what the girls were planning, began to prepare for a general campaign in the college to raise immediately a large sum for European Relief. One evening in worship when the plan was under discussion, one of the professors arose and informed the boys that the girls had already taken up the same cause. The boys, however, proceeded to organize themselves for the work. A society known as "Union's Prayer and Relief Brother-



hood" was organized in South Hall. The purpose of the organization is two-fold; on the one hand, it fosters the dormitory prayer bands; in the second place, the members pledge themselves to economize and sacrifice for the sake of contributing to the European Relief. The society is a permanent organization and it embraces a large number of the boys. It has raised thus far through sacrifice, approximately \$35.00. A number have pledged themselves to give twenty-five cents weekly for the remainder of the school term. The prayer bands meet four times each week; three times in the separate bands, and once as a complete body for devotional service on Sabbath morning.

Many faculty members by giving their salary for the week have also helped to swell Union's contribution to these funds.

One number on the college lecture course could not be given because of certain irregularities, therefore the college turned \$50.00 of the Lecture Course fund into the Self Sacrifice Week fund.

Incidentally it might be of interest to mention the fact that Union has recently passed her \$1000.00 Harvest Ingathering goal. One hundred dollars of this amount was raised by the normal school. Even the children feel the need and are doing what they can to answer the call in fields beyond.

In these closing days of earth's history when God's cause is in such great need, He has put it into the hearts of His people to respond liberally. When young men and women, who are sacrificing and are even going into debt to obtain a Christian education, answer the Spirit's call to rise and sacrifice further of their limited means that the work of God may be carried forward, we cannot doubt their sincerity of purpose. God expects great things of his people in this time of crisis. Especially does the appeal come home to every young person in our schools. The author and finisher of our faith is setting his hand to the finishing of His work in the earth. Would to God that every Seventh-day Adventist young person could realize what a high privilege is his to be a co-laborer together with God in the giving of this Third Angel's Message to the world.

J. H. Rhoads.

## South Dakota

President—S. A. Ruskjer.  
Secretary-Treasurer and Tract Society Secretary—J. H. Nies.  
Home Miss Sec'y.—C. A. Scriven.  
Y. P. M. V. and Educational Secretary—D. N. Reiner.  
Field Miss. Sec'y.—F. L. Showacy.  
Religious Liberty Sec'y.—S. A. Ruskjer.  
Sabbath school Sec'y.—Ella E. Merickel.

### SOUTH EAST SOUTH DAKOTA

Since reporting last we have visited and labored among the churches and companies in this territory. We are thankful to report some success. The Bible standard of Christianity is so much different than the world standard, and how much it means to attain to it. With the great apostle we hope to be able to say that we "press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

I think nearly all our churches went over the goal of 60 cents per week per member. The Yankton church has had some addition to its membership. We look for some to join at the Swan Lake church this coming summer. We look for good results from the effort our president conducted at Marion. The Swan Lake church did much to make the meeting successful.

The Harvest Ingathering was successful in all these churches. In some places it seemed to be more difficult than in former years. As it has already been reported we need not write much about that this time; suffice to say that it was a great encouragement to us all to note the willingness among our people to assist in all the work of God.

This was also noticeable with our dear people in Colton. They gave freely of their means and also assisted in working for others. The church in Sioux Falls is just launching a campaign and we are going to distribute 16,000 Present Truth, one thousand each week. We look for good results from this effort, and we hope that a public effort will be made here in March.

We have also occasionally visited our companies in Humboldt and Olivet and are thankful to note their interest in this great Advent Movement. This great message will most surely triumph gloriously and we want to share in its perplexities and finally in its victories.

E. G. Olsen.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Brother F. L. Showacy has spent several days at Agar, So. Dak., where he held a short series of meetings, which we believe were blessed of God. At this writing, he is at the Academy in the interest of the Colporteur work.

Brother Geo. Campbell, our new Union Field Missionary secretary, and Brother F. L. Showacy, the South Dakota Field Missionary secretary, spent last Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday at the Plainview Academy, organizing a colporteur band. The importance of the colporteur work cannot be over-emphasized.

Elders S. A. Ruskjer, A. W. Kuehl, and Brother J. H. Nies, spent last Thursday at Huron in the interest of plans for our coming camp-meeting. Our people have gained the full confidence of the members of the State Fair Board, and we have reason to believe that the request which is being placed before them, will receive favorable answer at the meeting of the Board next week.

Elder A. W. Kuehl has spent the past ten days with the Huron church.

Elder P. G. Stanley spent Sabbath, January 12, with the Colman church. The meetings conducted upon that occasion were greatly appreciated by the Colman brethren.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer spent last Sabbath with the Colman church.

Elder C. A. Scriven, and Brother D. N. Reiner spent last Sabbath at Yankton, conducting a Home Missionary Institute. They expect to spend next Sabbath at the Sioux Falls church.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer plans to spend Sabbath, January 26, with the Elk Point church, while on his way to attend the Union College Board meeting.

Elder E. H. Oswald is conducting a series of meetings near Herried, So. Dak. We trust that his effort may be blessed in the saving of souls.

Elder E. G. Olsen spent Sabbath, the 19th with the Swan Lake church.

Many expressions of satisfaction and thanksgiving have been heard from several of our members, since the report of our president appeared in the "Reaper" showing how the Lord



had blessed in the work in the state during the year 1923.

The 1924 Catalogues of Publication are now in stock at our office. We have mailed a copy to the Home Missionary secretaries in our churches. Upon request, we will send a catalogue to anyone.

The new book entitled "Special Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers" should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home. The price is only \$2.00 in the cloth, and \$3.00 in the limp leather.

The total amount of Sabbath school donations reported up to date for last quarter is \$3,683.08. \$1,000.04 of this amount goes to South America, as the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

The Sabbath schools sending their Picture Rolls to Africa, should mark each roll plainly, "Religious Literature, Duty Free."

Quite a nice list of our Sabbath schools has gone over the thirty cent goal for 1923, but we have not been able to make a complete list as yet.

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#### PLAINVIEW NEWS

"The Plainview Progressive Sabbath School" is making a brave endeavor to reach all the goals. The new officers are: Prof. H. C. Hartman superintendent; Marguerite Zimmerman, assistant superintendent; Belle Mundall, secretary; Freda Egger, assistant secretary; Perry Hills, chorister; Mrs. H. C. Hartman, pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. John Merkel of Glenham, S. Dak. were here for a few days visiting their two sons.

We are glad to have all of our school family together again after a much appreciated vacation. We also welcome two new students, Ida Morris and Alfred Christensen.

The school board together with three members of the Union Conference Committee met here Jan. 6 and 7 to lay plans for the progress of the school.

The new officers for the Missionary Volunteer Society are: Mabel Campbell, leader; Linden Anderson, assistant leader; Alice Flatten, secretary; Russel Babcock, assistant secretary; George Statz, chorister; Lulu Litwin-

enco, pianist. They are emphasizing the characteristics of true Missionary Volunteers.

Hila Williams, who was called to Indianapolis, Ind. on account of the death of his father, returned last week.

Last Saturday night the students met in the dining room where the evening was spent in playing games. This coming Saturday night a literary program will be given in the chapel.

Miss Blanch Nesmith, who is teaching at Winner, S. Dak., stopped at Plainview over Sabbath with friends.

Miss Dola Reiner and Miss Carr autoed up from Watertown last Sunday afternoon to see Miss Sarriven.

A new Enterprise board has been elected for the new year. They are anxious about your subscription. It is only \$.75 for nine issues. The paper is printed the first of each month.

The students are busy preparing for the semester examinations, which will be given Jan. 21-23.

A pleasant surprise to the Plainviewites during vacation week was a visit from LeRoy Graybill of Harvey, No. Dak.

## Iowa

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#### MARRIED

At twelve o'clock Christmas day at Onawa, Iowa, at the home of the bride's parents, occurred the ceremony uniting Mr. Eugene McKee and Miss Myrtle Bryceson in holy wedlock.

To the strains of beautiful music the bridal party entered the parlor which was pleasingly decorated in white and blue. The bride, becomingly dressed, carried a basket of roses and wore a wreath of orange blossoms.

Following the ceremony the sixty chosen guests were served to a delicious four course dinner. The afternoon was spent in singing many of the good old hymns of sacred music.

This indeed bespoke the Christian spirit of this young couple to their many friends and relatives not of their faith. How fitting that the hours be spent thus, rather than partaking of the pleasures and follies common to the world.

The esteem in which these young people are held was most manifest in the many useful presents given. This happy couple will make their home on a farm in Monona County, and we are sure their many friends and also the Reaper readers wish them Heaven's blessings as together they meet the changing scenes on life's pathway. The writer officiated.

F. E. Breece

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#### AMONG THE CHURCHES

I began my work in Iowa early in November. It has been my privilege to visit the churches at Nevada, Ruthven, Council Bluffs, Exira, East Exira, Atlantic, Elk Horn, Jacksonville, Harlan, Muscatine, Davenport, Ft. Dodge, Sioux City, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Ft. Madison, and Keokuk.

In all these places I have found our people anxious for spiritual help and a closer walk with God. Some of the above named churches have far exceeded their 60-cents-per-week-per-member goal for missions, and others have fallen far below. I see no reason why such a difference should exist. The churches that have reached their full goal, plan for it at the beginning of the year. Do not wait in your church until the eleventh hour, to make your gifts to the Lord, but give a certain amount each week and at the end of the year the task will not be so great.

Plans are being laid so that all our churches can have some ministerial help during the year.

During the summer we plan to have at least seven tent companies in the field. Several evangelistic efforts will be held in our churches this spring. Elder Schwindt is now conducting a very successful effort in Ft. Madison. Miss Hagmann is in Ft. Madison assisting him in the Bible work. Several there have already begun the observance of the Sabbath. Elder Fish is holding special services in the church at Keokuk, and is hopeful of several additions to the church.

Many calls are coming into the of-



fice for ministerial help, and these will be answered as quickly as possible. We hope in the near future to be able to increase our force of evangelistic workers.

Pray for the work and workers in Iowa.

H. H. Hicks.

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#### IOWA NEWS ITEMS

Brother G. A. Campbell, our new Union Field Secretary, spent January 12-16 in Iowa in the interest of the colporteur work. He and Brother Shidler met with the church in Des Moines Sabbath where Brother Campbell made a short address to an interested audience at the eleven o'clock hour. There is great need for some lively literature workers in that city, and Elder Smith has plans on foot for the accomplishment of a strong work along this line.

Sunday, Brethren Campbell and Shidler went to Guthrie Center and met the little company there in one of their homes at a 4:00 p. m. service, and although it was very stormy, they all came together. As a result, three prospectuses were ordered, and a number are giving serious consideration to the giving of themselves to the finishing of the work through the distribution of the printed page. May God have His way with them.

Monday and Tuesday, Brother Campbell addressed the students during the chapel hour at the Oak Park Academy with a view to organize a colporteur band. It was decided, however, to postpone the organization of the band to a later date. As a large portion of the students this year are quite young a large class of colporteurs from there is not expected. May the prayers of God's people everywhere arise in united petitions that workers be raised up to help disseminate the light of the gospel through the instrumentality of the printed page.

Brother John Bitzer of Ft. Madison recently ordered a prospectus for "Patriarchs and Prophets" and a full complement of colporteur supplies, so we are going to look forward to some good work from that direction. He plans to combine a subscription of the "Signs" with that of the book.

The auditing Board met with the Conference Committee at Nevada,,

Wednesday, January ninth. The accounts of the conference laborers were audited for the past year. Elders Russell and Sheldon, and Brother Ortnier, of the Union Conference, were also present. The Academy and Sanitarium Boards were in session the following day. Short talks were given by all the Academy Board members to the students at chapel, Jan. 10th.

The Northern Union Conference will be held in Minneapolis, February 12 to 21. The Iowa Conference is entitled to twenty-two delegates, and the following persons were elected as delegates: Elders Hicks, Smith, Miller, Jeys, Clemens, Dorcas, McKibben, Robb, Bresee, Nixon, Fish, Schwindt, and Olson; Brethren Hawley, Rhoads, Shidler, Regester, Stewart, Teesdale, Shively, Nethery, and Sister Dorcas.

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#### SANITARIUM NOTES

Brother Geo. C. Campbell, of Minneapolis, spent two days here this week.

Brother E. W. Fredricksen, of Sioux City, was a welcome visitor on Monday.

Brother R. R. Randall, of Wassan, Minn., and his wife's mother, Mrs. L. A. Kisor, of Morristown, Minn., arrived the 15th inst. The day following Brother Randall was operated on, and at present is doing well.

If half of the homes represented by S. D. A.'s in this Union Conference would send as many patients to the Iowa Sanitarium as does Brother Frank Culver and wife, of Yale, the doctor and business manager would begin to call for help and for some cottages right away.

Miss Bernice M. Fischer, of St. Paul, Minn., is now a member of the San. family, looking after the laboratory and X-ray work especially. She is a sister-in-law of Elder John Hoffman.

Mrs. Fred Smith, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Culver, both of Yale, arrived on the 14th inst.

Sister Lewis Larson, of Elk Horn, Iowa, came the 13th inst., seeking relief from rheumatism with which she has suffered for years. Several others have also entered during the week.

A patient was overheard to say of

her bathroom attendant: "She is worth her weight in gold." "Oh, I know I'll get a good treatment," was another remark overheard. Another patient said: "If I don't get well it won't be the bathroom man's fault." With tears of gratitude in her eyes, one lady who had recovered from an operation, said of her nurse, "She is a jewel." These few remarks show that, at least some of the helpers are not only trying to give honest service but Christian service and it is appreciated by the patients.

#### OBITUARY

Delia Rainsbarger was born at Philadelphia, Ohio, September 13, 1846, and died at her home in Ruthven, Iowa, December 26, 1923, at the age of 77 years, 3 months, and 13 days. Death was due to Bright's Disease.

She came to Iowa with her parents when but four years of age, locating in Cedar county where she resided a few years, then moved to Hardin county, where she grew to young womanhood, and on December 6, 1863 was united in marriage to John Estabrook. To this union six children were born; two sons and four daughters.

Her husband, four children, Mrs. Eunice Sawyer of St. Francis, Kansas; Mrs. Addie Colburn of Ruthven, Iowa; Mrs. Nora Eby of Chandler Oklahoma; Cline Estabrook of Ladysmith, Wisconsin; and two brothers, Nathan Rainsbarger of Marshalltown and Frank Rainsbarger of Abbott, Iowa, thirty-one grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren, and also a number of other relatives and friends, are left to mourn their loss.

She was a true Christian in every sense of the word, accepting the Third Angel's Message about thirty years ago and uniting with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Ruthven some time later. Mrs. Estabrook was a great lover of home, always looking after the welfare of her family and never thinking of herself. She will be greatly missed in the home, in the church, and by her neighbors.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the S. D. A. church at Ruthven, and she was laid to rest till the resurrection day.

W. A. McKibben.

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#### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

I am sure that every member in our conference is interested in our Young People's Department and would like to know how we have progressed in 1923. The best way to give you an idea of what has been accomplished is to show you what our goal was and then how close we came to it.



Our goal for 1923 in Reading Courses was as follows: Senior 80, Junior 60, and Primary 10; a total of 150. The certificates in North Dakota this past year are as follows: Senior 64, Junior 118, Primary 120; in all 302. While we did not quite reach the goal in Senior certificates we succeeded in getting more than double the amount of certificates our goal called for.

In Bible Year Certificates our goal was 50. We issued 48, but we have been receiving reports since the first of the year calling for certificates which would put us over the top if they had not been late. Just think of it, out of 1732 members not counting young people not baptized only 48 certificates were issued for reading the Bible through. This report is from only 12 companies and a few isolated. Don't you think North Dakota could shine more in this work if our societies would get busy and push this work? Try it in 1924.

Our goal for the Standard of Attainment was set at 25 certificates. We issued 24. One came in too late to apply which otherwise would have put us over the top. I am pleased to report that societies all over the state are organizing classes in Standard of Attainment and it looks encouraging for this work in 1924. If your church or company has no Standard of Attainment class it is not in line as 1924 is Standard of Attainment year. You will, I am sure, want your members to be working on something the whole General Conference is interested in. Write us about it.

Our goal for conversions was 70. All the reports for the last quarter of 1923 have not as yet been received but for the first three quarters we have 81 conversions reported. What could be done if each society went at things in the way it should. Our churches are full of splendid young people who are ready for baptism. I trust that every member of our churches will make it the business of his life this coming year to get some boy or girl to give his or her heart fully to the Lord.

Our goal for missions was \$2900. As all of the reports are not in we cannot give you a total of offerings but we are traveling towards our goal.

1923 is passed. What are we going to do in 1924? Notice our goals for

the coming year. Dear leaders, secretaries and isolated believers what part is your society or family going to play in reaching this standard? Begin now to set the goal for your church and we will all work together. Watch us grow. Will you help? The goal for 1924 is as follows:

Conversions .....	70
Standard of Attainment .....	25
Reading Course Certificates .....	185
Bible Year Certificates .....	50
Missions .....	\$2550
Reporting Members .....	100%

Young people's leaders take notice! Study this goal and set yours accordingly. Watch for the new goal chart for your company. Isolated believers, we want you in this work. Our isolated believers play a big part in our conference program. Will you all help? We are counting on old and young in this great work.

B. A. Scherr.

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#### OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

At the end of this year 1923 my mind goes back over the work I have done and I can see where many things could have been done differently. I am sure we all feel that way. But, we cannot call back the opportunities we have missed but we can determine to do better this coming year of 1924.

I am thinking especially of the young people and the children. What wonderful opportunities there are for leading them to Jesus. Sometimes we think we have done all we can to help them and we see no results but let us not grow weary in well doing. Let us take on new courage and start this year right for we are living in a time when children and young people need special help.

Let us begin this new year by encouraging them to read good books. It is surely an inspiration to see the interest the young people take in our Reading Course books. We have 43 enrolled for this work and a number have completed the courses this year. We are pleased to report that the Bowdon Young People's Society has received 34 Primary Reading Course Certificates, 20 Junior certificates and 3 Senior certificates. We enjoy the work and intend to keep it up.

I find that the children and young people need to study the Bible more. Some of our children grow up amongst

us without knowing the different points of our faith and very few know anything about our Denominational History. This should not be so. We are finding that the Standard of Attainment is a splendid thing to develop these necessary studies amongst our young people and children. The little Junior Standard of Attainment Manual which costs only six cents has been quite a help in getting our children and young people to understand the different points of our faith. Nine of our Junior boys and girls have successfully passed the examination in Bible Doctrines and will soon be prepared for their examination in Denominational History. This is great work for a young people's society and any society that leaves this part out of their work is missing one of the biggest things in the interest of young people.

Another point that I would like to emphasize is the importance of having every Junior read his Bible through from cover to cover. The little Junior Bible Year leaflet shows how much each boy and girl has to read to get a certificate. It is a splendid outline. The heavier passages are left out of this schedule and in this way it makes it interesting for the boys and girls to try and read their Bibles and get a certificate. I would suggest that every society supply their boys and girls with these Junior Bible Year leaflets. You can get them from the tract society office. This makes the Young People's Society interesting.

The Morning Watch is also necessary. If every young person has a calendar and meets His Master every morning for a few minutes I am sure our young people will love their Saviour more. Our prayer bands have been successful and the girls are faithful in meeting and praying together. I believe that every society would be strengthened if they had one or more prayer bands. Daily study of the Sabbath school lesson is a splendid practice for children and young people. It is an education in itself.

"In whatever else we may fail, let us be thorough in the work for our children. If they go forth from the home training pure and virtuous, if they fill the least and lowest place in God's great plan of good for the world, our life work can never be called a failure." C. E. p. 161.



What a wondrous promise is given to us. Shall we not all put more earnestness and effort into our work? Let us take some of our time that we say we haven't got for the children and give it to them. We should search and seek that which is above. We will grow stronger as we work for these little lambs. May this year be a year of success and advancement in our work especially in our endeavors for our young people and children.

Eldina C. Bietz,

C. S. teacher, Bowdon, N. D.

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### NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Have you read the new leaflets just issued by the Sabbath School Department entitled, "The Purpose of the Sabbath School," "The Organization of the Sabbath school" and "The Superintendent?" These leaflets are the latest thing out on Sabbath school work and are free to every one who takes the Teacher's Training Course. The course for 1924 consists of two books and these leaflets. As a help in the Sabbath school work for 1924 the Sabbath School Department have selected a splendid little volume entitled, "A Little Kit of Teacher's Tools." It contains 72 pages, divided into ten chapters of very excellent material—just what every Sabbath school worker wants to know. The other book every one should be acquainted with, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work." The two books together are \$1.10; separate, the price is 75 cents for "A Little Kit of Teacher's Tools" and 50 cents for "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," cloth. Now is the time to enroll. Send to the office for your books and leaflets. Questions begin in the February "Worker." Every Sabbath school should have a class.

Young People's Leaders take notice. What is your society going to do in the Sign's campaign that is now going on? Why not get your society to subscribe for a club of five or more? This will give you some splendid material for your missionary work every week. Just think of it. Five clean up to date papers each week or twenty a month if you have a club of five and all you will have to raise is \$6.25. Will you all help?

A New Book. "The Coming Man of Destiny." In a most interesting manner the author has described the con-

ditions that will prevail upon the earth just preceding the Saviour's return. To a considerable extent this book deals with the many false theories now prevalent concerning the Second Coming of Christ. Illustrated, 128 pages. Paper cover. Price 25 cents.

Have you noticed the article in the Church Officer's Gazette for February, entitled "The Mission's Investment Plan." You should hunt it up and read it. Try it in your Young People's Society.

"Sacred Songs for Little Voices." No. 1 and No. 2 Sunny Songs For Little Folks are three little song books with a fine collection of sunny songs for the kindergarten department. Send for them. Only 15 cents each. Make the Sabbath school interesting to the children.

Officers of the church. A brief outline of the departments of the church organization, and a statement of the duties of the various officers in connection with the same. A most helpful manual for all holding offices in the church. 91 pages. Cloth only 60 cents. Why not have one in your society and know exactly what should be done? New officers this is just what you need.

Now is the time to send that subscription of Present Truth to your neighbor or friend. Price only twenty-five cents and your neighbor gets a paper every two weeks with a Bible study in a systematic way, for a year. Why not send one of these silent Bible workers into the home of your friends? No postage. Only twenty-five cents. One of the best things, for the price, there is.

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### S. R. A. NEWS NOTES

Elder Lorntz returned Wednesday from Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he conducted a funeral.

Miss Emma Wagner visited her uncle, Professor Koehler, during the past week.

Our farm manager discovered that a corn sheller was very necessary, and so he and the boys chipped together and bought one.

The hydrotherapy class of sixteen members, under the charge of Miss Astleford, has been kept busy lately,

as many of the students have had colds on account of the sudden change of weather; but they are all on the way to recovery again.

The S. R. A. boys were pleasantly surprised last Friday during chapel when the girls handed out their announcements of a program that they were preparing for the entertainment of the boys.

A very interesting and instructive program was given by the Missionary Volunteer Society last Sabbath afternoon. They told us about the importance of starting right, and then sticking to it until the finish. This is good advice that is worth putting into practice in making and keeping our New Year's resolutions.

The girls' program was given in the dining room on Sunday evening, Jan. 13. All reported having spent a very enjoyable time.

### OBITUARIES

Esler.—Mrs. Mathilda, born in South Russia, on March the third 1880, passed away in her home in Kulm, No. Dak., after many months of suffering, on the 29th day of December, 1923. About four years prior to her death she accepted the present truth and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, to which she remained true till the day of her death. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, three daughters and her father and mother.

An impressive funeral service was conducted in the City Auditorium, to which many friends had gathered. Interment was made in the family cemetery near Kulm.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved.  
A. A. Dirksen

Rott.—John, born in Richville, No. Dak., on the 19th day of June 1894; passed away in the home of his parents at Napoleon, No. Dak. on the first day of January 1924, aged 29 years, 6 months and 12 days. Some years ago he gave himself to Jesus, to whom he, with his parents earnestly prayed during the months of his illness. During the time of war he obeyed the call of his country, and served his nation eighteen months. Soldier comrades acted as pall bearers, and gave their assistance in whatever way possible, performing also short Military Service at the grave.

Funeral service was conducted in the Baptist church, and interment was made in the cemetery near Napoleon.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his parents, six brothers and four sisters.

The writer spoke to a large audience on Job 14:6, "Turn from him that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day."

May God comfort the bereaved.

A. A. Dirksen



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### SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL

God has ordained that those who labour in the Gospel work should have a support, to supply their needs and to meet the demands upon them, for it is written, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." I Cor. 9:14.

The servant of the Lord, Mrs. E. G. White, in her instruction to the church states: "Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Gospel. Of the means which are entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion—a tithe." Vol. 5, p. 149.

The Bible makes plain what constitutes a tithe. "And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:32. Here we have "tithe" and "tenth" used synonymously and could be changed in the text without altering the meaning. Consequently we face the fact that one tenth of our possessions and our income belongs to the Lord. "It is holy" says the text. It doesn't belong to us at all, at no time, nor under any circumstances. It belongs only in the treasury of the Lord. The counsel of the Lord is, "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." Mal. 3:10. Commenting upon this we read from the servant of God, quoted above, the following: "He places His treasures in the hands of men, but requires that one tenth shall be faithfully laid aside for His work. He requires this portion to be placed in His treasury. It is to be rendered to Him as His own, it is sacred and is to be used for sacred purposes, for the support of those who carry the message of salvation to all parts of the world. He reserves this

portion that means may ever be flowing into His treasure-house." "Had God's plan been followed, means would now be flowing into His treasury and funds to enable ministers to enter new fields, and workers to unite with ministers in lifting up the standard of truth in the dark places of the earth, would be abundant." Vol. 6, p. 386.

It is just like our God to provide an abundance. He is an abundant Father, and in His plan those who are faithful will have an abundance, "I will pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it" is the promise of God.

I wish to appeal to all our people in Minnesota, to make 1924 a year when we will bring all the tithe into the storehouse (the church and conference treasuries) and prove our heavenly Father as He will be pleased to have us do. Let all begin with January and see when it closes that we are square with the Lord in tithes and offerings. To this end let "The Revenue of the Gospel come forth."

Chas. Thompson.

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### THE REVIEW IN EVERY

S. D. A. Home

Do you know that 1924 is the Golden Jubilee of Missions among us a people, and furthermore that this is the Diamond Anniversary of the Review and Herald? These are very significant facts.

For seventy-five years the Review has warmed the hearts of the believers in the Advent message, and linked the home land to the foreign mission fields for half a century. Brave hearts and tried lives have yielded to time and are with the living no more but the Review still lives on and faithfully does its work, and without a doubt will until time shall yield to eternity.

This good church periodical should find its way into every Seventh-day Adventist home. Note the following words from the spirit of prophecy:

"The Review is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers." Vol. 5: p. 598. And again, "Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the Review. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish

this, it would be done. Every family should have this paper. If they would deny themselves their darling luxuries. . . . many who do not have its weekly visits might pay for the messenger of light to come into their household. . . . Those who consent to do without the "Review and Herald" lose much. Through its pages, Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them as the Bread of Life." Vol. 5: p. 599.

Many throughout the field are depriving themselves of the blessings it carries with it by not subscribing for it, or by allowing their subscriptions to expire and failing to renew. This is playing fast and loose with their own spiritual needs.

During the year the Golden Jubilee of Missions will be strongly featured, and the editor has passed on the information that he has in hand articles from Elders Christian and Ising which lay wide open the situation existing in Europe, as they have seen them.

Dear brethren and sisters begin the New Year right by subscribing for the Review and Herald. You owe this to yourself and your family. And then resolve you will never do without it. The price is only \$2.50 per year and comes every week. Order of the Minnesota Book and Bible House, 1854 Roblyn Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

H. Christensen.

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### WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday evening Jan. 12th at eight o'clock Mr. Samuel Alexander Gleason, of Perkins Co., So. Dak., was united in marriage to Miss Flora Ruth Hall of Remer, Minn. The wedding took place at the home of Sister Tripp, who is a sister to the bride. For the occasion, the room was beautifully decorated, and during the ceremony it was lighted with many candles. May the light that shines from God's word thus continually brighten the pathway of this happy couple, is my sincere desire.

M. E. Anderson.

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### MINNEAPOLIS

Readers of the Reaper will doubtless remember a report that appeared in its columns last summer, concerning the Standard of Attainment class in the Minneapolis English church.

At that time there were 45 per-



sons who wrote on Bible Doctrines and 40 received passing grades. This was a good record, but the results of the fall examinations were really remarkable.

Late in the fall Elder Seltzer organized a class in Denominational History. This class, as did the former one, included not only the young people, but older ones as well. Under the influence and leadership of Elder Seltzer, a very enthusiastic class was diligently studying. The interest was such that they allowed nothing avoidable to keep them away from the class.

The result of this thorough work was evident when the time came for examination. 51 persons wrote the Denominational History examination, and 50 received passing grades. The larger part of these were above 90%, several being 100 or 99%. I was interested to notice that two of those who fell short in the previous examination, passed this one with good grades. It is also worthy of note that 12 of those who passed the Denominational History examination were new believers who had accepted the Truth through the work of Elder Seltzer and his assistants.

This is certainly the best record in the history of Missionary Volunteer work in Minnesota. It demonstrates what can be done with proper interest and co-operation. I trust it will be an encouragement to others to do likewise.

How better can we spend an evening during the coming months than in a Standard of Attainment class? Every society should have a class organized and studying between now and the May examination. This year is to be a special Standard of Attainment year. Every one who wins the degree of "M. A." (Member of Attainment) will have attained far more than the mere possession of a certificate. He will have a better knowledge of that which is "able to make thee wise unto Salvation," and the inspiration that comes from a knowledge of the wonderful leadings of God in this great movement. In closing I quote one statement from the servant of God:

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

Let us heed the counsel of God in this matter, as in all else that is revealed as His will. E. L. Sheldon.

## ADVENTIST CHURCH REPORTS FOR YEAR SHOW INCREASES

From the Austin Daily Herald, Jan 12, 1924

The annual business meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist church held recently was one of interest and inspiration.

The clerk, Mrs. L. O. Rosenthal, in giving her report of the last annual meeting, also gave a summary report of all special meetings held during the year, which was interesting and greatly appreciated. Her report showed the present membership to be sixty-five.

The church treasurer's report given by Chas. Rosenthal, showed total amount of funds received during the year as \$6,049.51, divided as follows: First, \$858.12, received from offerings and pledges, and used for local church and church school expense. Second, \$2,403.81, tithe. This is used to support the Ministry and Evangelical work being carried on in the state. Third, \$2,693.27, which will be used exclusively for medical, educational and evangelical, Foreign Mission work. About \$600 of this amount was solicited from friends of the local church members, in the Harvest Ingathering drive for Missions. This is acknowledged with hearty thanks to all, whether your gift was large or small. \$1,607.05 was given by the Sabbath school. This is an average of \$30.52 each Sabbath, and all goes to foreign missions. The balance \$486.22 was raised by special offerings.

The total Foreign Mission money shows an average of 80 cents per week per member. The total church funds show an average of \$1.79 per member per week.

The balance of \$94.13 was miscellaneous offerings, such as the Red Cross Japan Relief Fund, Educational work for colored people in the South, etc.

This is Jubilee year for Adventist Missions. By this we mean that on September 14, 1924, it will be fifty years since we sent out our first Foreign Missionary. While the work had a small beginning and may seem small today, yet not a day passes but that we have outgoing missionaries traveling on the high seas to take the front line of battle. Our work is being conducted in 170 languages and missionaries are stationed in nearly every port into which ships sail, even among the cannibals down in the South Sea

Islands, and they are wonderfully yielding to the Christian influence. "It pays to work for Jesus." This really is the biggest thing on earth today.

The election of officers resulted in the selection of the following for the coming year: Elder, Calvin Kinsman; deacon, J. B. Nelson; clerk, Mrs. L. O. Rosenthal; home missionary secretary, Charles Ashton; treasurer, Chas. Rosenthal; S. S. Superintendent, J. B. Nelson; S. S. Secretary, Mrs. Charles Ashton; leader of Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, May Jensen.

The Baptist minister read this to his congregation on Sunday and made favorable comments.

(Chas. Rosenthal, Austin, Minn.)

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## MINNEAPOLIS CHURCH NEWS

The Minneapolis church has had much to thank God for through the past year. Ninety-seven were baptized into the church and some others were taken in on profession of faith. Our tithe for 1922 was over \$3000.00 more than for 1921 while the tithe for last year was over \$5000.00 more than 1921; a gain of over \$9000.00 tithe in two years. Other funds have gained also.

The standard of Attainment class started last September in Denominational History. Sixty joined and met once a week, very few missed a night in the three months. Fifty-one wrote on the examination and fifty passed. We are proud of this large class and pray that they will continue to study God's word.

The new church and Sabbath school officers are taking hold of their work in an earnest way, and we hope God will bless them in their work.

The church school is getting along well. We have three teachers thus assuring the students ample supervision.

The Sunday night meetings are being attended by many people who do not belong to the church and we expect a number to be baptized next spring. A series of six sermons on the subject of "What is the World Coming To?" is being preached by Elder Seltzer. These lectures have created quite an interest and many have attended regularly. The ques-



tion box will be opened each Sunday night starting next Sunday. This will increase the interest and attendance.

The prayer meetings are also well attended. Last Wednesday, on a cold and stormy night, about one hundred of our members were present.

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## MINNESOTA ITEMS

### Austin

We were very glad to have Elder Thompson spend the Sabbath with us. His Sabbath morning talk on our responsibilities as members of the church was listened to with interest.

At the close of our Sabbath school it was voted almost unanimously that our Sabbath school hour be changed from 11 a. m. to 10 a. m. We appreciate the visits of our brethren from other churches and take this way of making this change known.

Calvin D. Kinsman.

The Austin Sabbath School's Home Department under the leadership of Chas. Rosenthal last quarter numbered 19, with offerings amounting to \$67.81; Mankato, Mrs. M. W. Melvin leader, had a membership of 28, and offerings of \$22.60; Minneapolis English, Mrs. John Green leader, 15 members, \$23.47 in offerings; Anoka and Stillwater also sent in good reports from this department, and other schools are caring for their sick and isolated members in this way. C. A. Butterfield, of Warba has ordered supplies for this as well as for the Cradle Roll, as they are anxious to give every one the advantage of Sabbath school membership and blessings.

One of the several Mankato Sabbath school members who finished the Training Course writes: "I am sending you my Training Course paper. I am so anxious to begin the Training Course for 1924. There would certainly be something missing in Mankato if we didn't have the course." We are glad to have so many enrolling for the 1924 course, and trust that every Sabbath school will be rightly represented in the number who join.

The offering for next Sabbath, January 26, is the regular fourth Sabbath collection for the conference educational fund.

the western part of the state the latter part of the week visiting the Montevideo company and believers at Granite Falls.

Miss Hopkins was at Stillwater last Sabbath in the interest of the Sabbath school work.

Elder Thompson went to St. Cloud on a business trip last Friday, and spoke on Sabbath at the Minneapolis English church.

Elder Sheldon has been holding a series of meetings at Austin the past week.

Brother Grand Pre was at the office the most of last week looking after his correspondence and getting out an issue of the "Encourager" for the colporteurs, both present and prospective.

Brother H. C. Keacher of Stacy, also Brother John Keacher of St. Paul, called at the office last Monday when Brother Herman Keacher happened to be in the cities on a business trip.

Elder Hiatt returned last week from a trip in the southern part of the state in the interest of the church school work. He visited the church schools at Mankato, Dodge Center, Austin, Sherburn and Warsaw and reports finding practically all of them progressing nicely.

The supplies for the Conference Educational or Church School Fund for 1924 were sent out to all of the church elders and leaders about two weeks ago with the request that the matter be presented to each church next Sabbath, January 26, giving everyone an opportunity to make a small monthly pledge to this worthy fund. If for any reason in any church it cannot be presented next Sabbath, please plan for it on the following Sabbath, February 2.

Brother Ben H. Palmer, who is principal of the Silverdale School at Greaney, Minn., desires missionary literature in the following languages: English, Finnish, Italian, Norwegian, and Swedish. There is quite a field for missionary work among people of these languages in that locality and he desires this literature for that purpose.

tee and Auditing Board met in St. Paul on Wednesday of last week. Those in attendance from out of the cities were: Elder A. H. Rulkoetter of Maplewood Academy, and Elder M. E. Anderson of Brainerd, also Brethren C. D. Kinsman of Austin, J. W. Dahlgren of Duluth, F. J. Nenno of Mankato and W. R. Dennis of Fergus Falls. Brethren O. L. Hilde of Minneapolis and R. E. Bowles of St. Paul were also members of the Auditing Board.

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## MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Mr. A. M. Sterns and Mr. Montz of North Dakota visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geier, Jan. 13.

Miss Kieth, our matron, has resigned her responsibilities because of illness. Mrs. Weatherly of St. Paul is taking her place temporarily.

The faculty and students of the academy gathered in the dining room, Wednesday evening, January sixteen, to bid our matron, Miss Medisse Kieth, farewell. A short program was given after which light refreshments were served. A small token of appreciation was presented to her.

Lowell Riechel spent Jan. 11-13 in Minneapolis with his sister, Mrs. H. J. Sheldon.

Ethel and Robert St. Clair were glad to have their mother with them over the week end, Jan. 12-14.

Carl Erickson of St. Louis enrolled last week to take up second semester work.

Mrs. J. J. Mair and Mrs. G. A. Jackman left Sunday, Jan. 13, for Hot Springs, South Dakota.

## OBITUARY

Ayer.—Alice C. Cambell, was born in the state of Illinois April 14, 1855 and died Dec. 29, 1923 at the age of 68 years 8 months and 15 days. Mrs. Ayer accepted the faith as taught by the Seventh-day Adventists when 15 years of age and was a faithful member unto her death. In 1875 she was united in marriage to John Ayer. To this union four children were born: two boys and two girls. Three are still living to mourn the loss of their mother. Soon Christ will come and the dead in the faith will come forth immortal. Words of comfort were spoken from God's Holy Word by Elder Chas. Thompson.

Geo. J. Seltzer.

Elder Christensen was on a trip in

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## NOTICE

The regular quadrennial session of  
the Northern Union Conference of S.  
D. A. will convene Wednesday, Febru-  
ary 13, 1924 at 1:30 p. m., in the Uni-  
tarian Church, located at the corner  
of Eighth Street and La Salle Avenue,  
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regular business to come before the  
delegates at this time will be the con-  
sideration of probable changes in the  
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## NOTICE

The quadrennial session of the  
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Minnesota, on Thursday, February 14,  
1924, at 1:30 p. m. Among other  
things to come before the delegates  
will be the election of seven trustees  
for the ensuing quadrennial term. 5

E. T. Russell, Pres.

I. G. Ortner, Sec'y.

## AN URGENT REQUEST

A very urgent request has come to  
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## OBITUARY

Wolf.—Elsie E. Wolf was born in the state  
of Illinois, Oct. 18, 1907, and died at the home  
of her parents in Harvey, No. Dak., Jan. 6,  
1924. She leaves to mourn her loss, her mo-  
ther, father, and sister, together with relatives  
and friends. During the Fall Week of Prayer,  
she was converted at a prayer meeting. She  
died in the hope of having part in the first  
resurrection. Funeral services were held in  
the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Harvey,  
and were conducted by Brother Kafton, the  
local church elder, assisted by Professor Liv-  
ingston from Sheyenne River Academy.

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for the year 1923

Conference	Members	Quota	Received	Short	Percent of Goal Rec'd
Iowa	3048	95097.60	59418.52	35679.08	62.48
Minnesota	2448	76377.60	57358.55	19019.05	75.09
No. Dakota	1830	57096.00	24097.89	32998.11	42.20
So. Dakota	1278	39873.60	32174.75	7698.85	80.69
Union	8604	263444.80	173049.71	95395.09	64.46

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

for year of 1922 and 1923

Conference	Members	Am't Rec'd 1922	Am't Rec'd 1923	Per Capita 1923
Iowa	3048	30321.97	29683.75	.187
Minnesota	2448	29985.20	29499.53	.230
No. Dakota	1830	11962.52	11948.77	.125
So. Dakota	1278	11561.13	13527.86	.203
Union	8604	83830.82	84659.91	.189