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"Every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. XLI. 6.

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Stewardship and Missions No. 3

SUGGESTIONS TO CONFERENCE
WORKERS
(Concluded)

Last week we made three suggestions that were calculated to call the minds of conference officers to the fact which should perhaps be taken for granted, that missionary work is spiritual work; that missionary work is indispensable spiritual exercise, not, sad to say, to every one who *professes* to be a Christian, but to every one who *is* a Christian. The suggestions this week, in apposition to those offered last time, might be called material suggestions.

4. *Be full of missionary information.* "Facts are the fuel for missionary fires." If you are out of fuel, your fire is probably not very brisk. You should possess a few good missionary books, and *study* them, and add one or two to your library each year. Missionary life is a progressive thing, and it might be well to bear in mind that Seventh-day Adventists have not done all the work, suffered all the hardships, received all the blessings, or expressed all the good

thoughts available on this line of work.

We mention five good books that have been found especially helpful to the missionary worker:—

"The Missionary Idea," by Mrs. A. E. Ellis, published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, paper and cloth bindings, 50 cents and \$1.00 in price, a book crowded with practical missionary suggestions, every one the outgrowth of experience, and the only book of its kind in our denominational literature.

"Mission Studies," by Edward Pfeiffer, Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio, cloth, 85 cents. This is an exhaustive outline of missionary principles and practice.

"The Missionary Pastor," by J. E. Adams, F. H. Revell Co., Chicago, cloth, 75 cents. Contains outlines and charts for missionary sermons.

"Where the Book Speaks," by Archibald McLean, F. H. Revell Co., cloth, \$1.00. Treats of the Bible as a missionary book.

"Holding the Ropes," by Belle M. Brain, Funk & Wagnalls, New York, cloth, \$1.00. Gives many missionary suggestions and quotations for home workers.

5. *Observe and encourage the missionary services of the church.* These are, or should be, at least two in number each month: the foreign missionary service on the second Sabbath, and the home missionary service on the fourth. If you have something for the church more important than the consideration of these subjects on these days—but you will not have, we do not advise an iron-clad following of the programs sent out by the General Conference, which are only meant to be suggestive, and which are furnished to help supply the great lack of missionary knowledge among our people. If you are profiting by

suggestion "four," this one will be followed as a matter of course, and our work will be greatly strengthened as a result.

6. *Develop the general missionary plans.* Every conference officer should feel it his duty to act a part in an organized, definite, systematic development in his field of *every* general missionary plan proposed, such as the Harvest Ingathering for Missions, "Ministry of Healing" campaign, the magazine work, etc.

7. *Originate local missionary plans.* Often some local turn can be given to a general plan that will increase its effectiveness in a local conference many-fold, or some wide-awake worker with a fertile brain can suggest some entirely local plan that will do wonders for a conference in the way of bringing about more faithfulness in stewardship, or in other phases of missionary work. But such suggestions never come from those who are not abreast of the times, or whose hearts are not in the work.

8. *Disseminate missionary information.* If you see a good missionary article in one of our papers, send for a few copies, pass it on, use it as a basis to get new subscribers to that paper among our people. Carry a few good, interesting missionary books in your grip, and dispose of them when occasion offers. The writer will vouch for it, that if you have never tried this plan, you will be surprised at the scores of books you will dispose of in this way in a year. Inform yourself about and encourage the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle work.

9. *Write for our local and union conference papers.* "Field reports" are good, but once in a while, if you get hold of a real, live missionary experience in *any* line of work that some one or more of our lay members

have had, write it up and send it in. It will always find a place on the "live copy" hook. Conference officers are especially apt to know of such experiences.

10. *Gather statistics and record reports.* This is dry work, routine work, hard work, thankless work; but it is also necessary work, instructive work, and in the end economical work for conference officers to engage in and persist in. Any business run with the haphazard methods and lack of definite information that prevail in most of our conferences as to the relation between expense and results, effort and the need of it, timely and untimely ventures, and actual financial conditions and standing of churches and individuals, would run into the ground in a short space of time. A little real earnest, painstaking effort spent in this line will often reveal astonishing results and undreamed-of conditions. Any ordinary amount of time and expense spent in "keeping tab" on our work is by no means lost.

11. *Develop sub-leaders in the churches.* In conferences of any size, a growing expansive work, like the missionary work of the third angel's message is or ought to be, can not be carried on by a few conference officers and workers. Sub-leaders *must* be developed, and local plans for lay members developed and carried to success through the sub-officers. In this way *only* can we come in adequate touch with our lay members, enlisting their help and cooperation, without which we are helpless, for "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—Vol. 9, p. 117.

12. *Provide for skilled instruction in missionary work of these sub-leaders, and also the rest of our lay members at all general meetings.* The need of this is so great and the benefits of its so apparent that further comment on this point is unnecessary.

13. *Develop more regularity and system in the gathering of offerings from our people, or at least try to make the most effective the plans we already have in theory and outline.*

14. *Choose a missionary secretary in each conference to develop missionary work.* We have general, union, and local conference departments for educational work, religious liberty work, publishing work, temperance work, Sabbath-school work, young people's work, etc., but up to four weeks ago the need of a strong, sepa-

rate department for the fostering, developing, and carrying forward of different lines of home and foreign missionary work was not fully realized, though deeply sensed by many. We thank God for the steps already taken in this direction, and believe that it must be evident to all that if there is anything in the suggestions that have been offered here, there is plenty of work in every conference, profitable work and work paying even from a financial point of view, for a live, tactful, energetic missionary secretary in systematizing, organizing, and pushing missionary plans of all kinds.

"We are years behind. The ministers have been seeking the hidden treasures, and have been opening up the casket and letting the jewels of truth shine forth, but not one-hundredth part has been done or is being done by members of the church that God requires of them."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Home Missionary Work," p. 10.

One great reason why this is so pitifully true is that organized missionary work, the strength, the life, and the sinews of the church, has been practically unprovided for. What may be expected of this line of work, how its need is regarded by prominent men and women of our denomination, how the carrying out of these suggestions might affect our stewardship and our missions in general, will be considered next week.

15. *Pray for missions.* Of the things that may be done to foster missionary life, this is the crowning force of all effort in this direction. We can not forbear to emphasize this point that has been dwelt on somewhat at length in a previous article. Omission of believing prayer or coldness in prayer entails failure at every point. When the spirit of prayer departs, there necessarily follows spiritual decline and decay. Workers who are so often called upon to pray in an official capacity may nevertheless need to remember and heed the advice of one who said, "Often pray for the gift of prayer." All our work, all our fitness, all our force, hinges upon the Word of God and prayer. "Let all other methods and devices, all human plans and arrangements, be brought into subordination to the power of God and the wisdom of God and be permeated with the spirit of absolute surrender to God and of unquestioning reliance upon His might." May He continue to bestow upon us every needful gift and grace, that we may "be filled with all the fulness of God."



Union College—Enter Now

So far this year we have been greatly blessed in our work. The health of our students has been most excellent. The question of discipline has hardly had to be considered at all, and on the whole the students have been doing excellent work in their studies. A spirit of unity has prevailed throughout the work of the institution, and we have seen the hand of the Lord in financial matters. So altogether we rejoice in the goodness of God and His willingness to help us in our need.

During the summer, with its long drought, we had many serious questions as to the attendance when school opened, and yet we had hope. And when, in spite of the drought, we found an increase in the enrolment on registration days of from fifteen to twenty per cent, we saw our hopes were realized. We feel that there is a reason for this increase, for during the summer, it will be remembered, a day of prayer was appointed in which to remember at the throne of grace the work of Union College and of all our schools throughout the Central and Northern Unions. God certainly answered our prayers, giving to us the desires of our heart, and to His name be all praise for His help in these matters. If we would only learn to trust the Lord far more fully than we do, we would soon see that the day of miracles is, indeed, not passed.

We are constantly receiving letters asking about entering Union College after the holidays, and in this connection we desire to say that it is beneficial for students to enter the school even up until within two months of its closing. They will find classes carrying on work which will fully meet their needs, and they will be enabled to shape up their work so as to obtain final grades for the year and lay a splendid foundation for next year's work.

Many students, particularly those living on farms, can attend school but for a few weeks in the winter. To such we commend most earnestly the work of Union College. They can obtain as thorough work in technical lines, and have it as advantageously arranged as in any other school, and at the same time have the benefit of

M. E. Ellis.

the religious influence of the school. The daily prayer bands, the foreign mission bands, the young people's societies, the prayer meetings, the Bible studies, and the general spiritual atmosphere, which is so earnestly sought for by the teachers and the majority of the students, are of inestimable value to the students who can spend but a little time in school. Accordingly, we hope to have a large number of such students, for whom we will make special effort that their short stay may be productive of the highest good. So altogether we are thankful for our present blessings, and we are trusting the Lord for far greater in the future.

Frederick Griggs.

A Department for the Blind in Union College

Union College is opening a department for the blind in connection with its regular work. This has been brought about through the fact that the department for work for the blind of the General Conference is located here in this place, and the paper for the blind, the *Christian Record*, is published here. It is possible to educate blind students in connection with those who see to a good advantage. There will be special work offered to this class of students, and special classes formed, teaching them to read the print for the blind.

Now, of course, there are very excellent schools for the blind scattered throughout the country, but they do not have the Bible and its truth for this time taught in them. Union College can teach no more, by way of learning their systems of reading and of work adapted to their condition, than can these state schools, but we can give them here an education in the gospel work for this time, and, inasmuch as our department for the blind is located here, an excellent opportunity is offered to our blind people to become thoroughly in touch with this feature of our great work.

It is possible that some of our people may know of blind persons not of our faith whom they could induce to come here, or whom they could assist, and so lead such people to a knowledge of the third angel's message. We shall be glad to correspond with any in reference to this work.

Frederick Griggs.

Have you obtained a Morning Watch Calendar for 1912? One has been printed for you. Get it at once. Begin to learn the texts on time.

Editorial

As the workers have not supplied us with an over-stock of copy this week, we have deemed it an opportune time to inflict an editorial article upon our readers. In casting about for a topic upon which to write, we select the one that lies nearest the heart. Of course, that is the OUTLOOK.

Out of deference to some of our much esteemed fellow-laborers who are strongly attached to the local conference paper idea, we have refrained from saying much concerning the OUTLOOK, but have preferred letting the paper speak for itself. We have received scores, probably reaching into hundreds, of expressions of appreciation from those who have been reading the OUTLOOK. As samples of these, we select a few from our letter file, taking them as they come in regular alphabetical order.

"Inclosed you will find fifty cents for one year's subscription.....I could not get along without the paper, I enjoy it so much. When it comes, we all gather around to hear what our workers are doing. I did not like the change from the *Kansas Worker* at first, but now I like it much better, and thank the Lord for the change."

"The OUTLOOK not only takes the place of the local state paper, but much more. It is filled with the best of the wheat, and brings reports and words of good cheer from many parts of the Central Union Conference."

"I enjoy reading the OUTLOOK very much indeed, and I am so thankful I can renew my subscription this morning. Please find stamps inclosed. May the dear Lord abundantly bless you in your work."

"I am very much pleased with the CENTRAL UNION OUTLOOK. May God's richest blessing go with every copy sent out."

"I am glad to be among the subscribers to our new Union Conference paper, the OUTLOOK. I appreciate its contents. It is interesting and pleasant to notice what is of so much interest both at home and farther afield, and have all condensed in so small a space. I gladly send my renewal for another year."

"The OUTLOOK just exactly suits me, and for my part I am glad the change has been made. Sorry I neglected to send in my renewal more promptly, as I do not want to miss a copy of the paper."

"Glad you reminded me that my subscription to the OUTLOOK was soon to expire. Please find post office order inclosed covering a year's subscription. I do not want to miss any of the numbers."

"I like the OUTLOOK, as it gives us information of what is being done outside of as well as in our own conference."

"Received your kind letter some time ago. We like the OUTLOOK ever so much, and do not want to miss a number. How good to know that the Lord is blessing the labors of His servants in so many places."

"It seems so good to get my dear paper. It gives me great cheer to read how the Lord is blessing so many of His servants."

"I like the paper very much, and do not miss the state paper as I thought I would, for we get so much from the OUTLOOK, and it seems good to hear from all over the Union. I believe the paper will aid much in strengthening the work in the Union Conference, most especially in the weaker districts."

The Central Union is one of the largest and most important union conferences in the United States or in all the world. Until about six months ago, it was the only union conference in the world in which a union conference paper was not conducted. Several of our brethren in the General Conference office at Washington, who have occasion to scan all the union conference papers, have been good enough to write us that in their opinion we are putting out the best gotten up union conference paper of any that they receive.

This union is composed of eight local conferences and the St. Louis mission field. It has within its borders two training schools, Union College and the Clinton German Seminary, the former of which is recognized as the largest institution of learning in the denomination. It has seven schools of lower grade, not counting church schools. It has five sanitariums and several health food manufacturing plants. The International Publishing Association, while not strictly a union conference or local conference institution, is located in our territory. This publishing house is issuing regularly ten periodicals, and is doing an increasing book publishing business. It is now recognized by the publishing department as one of our regular denominational publishing concerns, and is assigned its legitimate field in which to oper-

ate. The *Christian Record*, the only Seventh-day Adventist paper in the world that is published for the blind people, is also published at College View.

With this great sisterhood of conferences and with all the important institutions operated within our territory, how appropriate and how absolutely necessary for the unification and successful carrying forward of all these varied interests that we have a medium through which all lines of the work can be kept before the people.

With the talent we have connected with the ministry of this union conference and the men connected with our institutions, there is no reason why we should not issue from week to week one of the best papers that circulates in the denomination. We do not mean by this that it should take the place of certain other papers published, but that in its field and its sphere it should be everything that such a paper ought to be.

To make the OUTLOOK what it ought to be, it needs frequent reports of the laborers from every part of the union conference, and it needs the hearty cooperation of the local conference officers. I venture the statement that if some of the worthy officers of some of our conferences could take a little broader view of the field and of the situation, and would throw their influence and support in favor of the OUTLOOK, we could put in the hands of nearly every Seventh-day Adventist family within the bounds of the Central Union Conference a paper that they would be far better pleased with than with the local state paper, and that it would prove one of the strongest agencies at our command for building up and unifying the work of the Central Union Conference.

We respect and honor the conference president who works untiringly for the best interests of the conference with which he is officially connected. But each conference president should remember that his conference is but one member of a great union. He should broaden the horizon of his vision to take in the great sisterhood of conferences which form the union. He should cultivate a spirit of Christian patriotism and loyalty to the best interests of the union, even though at times such patriotism and loyalty may call for the sacrifice of some local advantage for the common good of the larger organization. Loyalty and a spirit to sacrifice personal rights on the part of the individual for the common good

of all is what make a strong, healthy church organization. The same spirit manifested by a number of churches is what makes a strong conference. This same spirit manifested on the part of a group of local conferences makes a strong union conference. This same spirit of compromise and surrender of certain rights on the part of the various union conferences constitutes the General Conference.

Now admitting for the moment that there are certain local advantages to a conference to maintain a conference paper, would it not be in harmony with this spirit of sacrificing certain rights and privileges for the general good of all if all the conferences would unite in an effort to build up a strong union conference?

But let us take another view of the matter. If all our conferences would unite in the matter, the people in the various conferences could be better served by the union paper, the union paper would be wholly self-supporting, and thus be published without a penny of loss anywhere, and the local conferences would be saved an annual loss of several hundreds of dollars, besides several persons who are tied up with the work of editing these little papers could be freed to engage in other lines of missionary activity.

I am not putting up this sort of an argument simply because I happen to be in the position of editor of the OUTLOOK. My co-laborers in the Central Union Conference know that I have advocated the union conference paper on all occasions during the past eight years. I can not better close this article than to quote a portion of an article from the pen of the former president of the South Missouri Conference, speaking concerning their state paper. He says:—

"The matter of publishing the *Messenger* has been a perplexity to us for some time. At the camp-meeting, it was voted that we continue to publish the *Messenger*. We started out after the camp-meeting with no other purpose in mind. But since that meeting some unforeseen changes have come in that lead us to make the following statement: It was expected that Mrs. Robinson, of South Dakota, would take charge of our tract society work, but on account of her physical condition, she decided that she had better not try to carry our work. . . . Brother Rhodes has taken hold, and is doing well, but it is evident that if he carries the paper with his other work, he will have to have a stenographer. During the month he has been in the office, it has become clear that he will be able to do the work easily, aside from the work on the paper. This

means that to keep the paper will cost the hire of a stenographer, not less than \$400 a year. It will also cost the printing of the paper, which was more than \$100 last year above the subscriptions received. That is, if we keep the paper, it will cost us over \$500. If we drop the *Messenger*, and turn all subscriptions over to the OUTLOOK to be filled out, it will be a clear saving to the conference of \$500. This is enough to put a good Bible worker in the field or to start a young minister well for a year. And yet we will get as much or more from the OUTLOOK for the conference as we would if we kept the *Messenger*.

"We are thoroughly convinced that it will be a saving and a help to the conference to fully warrant us in making the change. This matter will be up for consideration at our first committee meeting, the last of the month, and will be decided. However, we do not want to drop the paper without freely consulting the readers of the *Messenger*. If you feel still that it is the best for the conference to go right on publishing the *Messenger* at a clear loss of over \$500 clean cash to the conference, we shall be glad to hear from you at once. . . . We feel sure that the way the OUTLOOK is being run at present, we can have more and better service than we can have with a bi-monthly like the *Messenger*. You may not like the idea of the change right on the start, but after you get a little used to the change, I am sure that you would not go back for anything. In talking with some of the editors of the OUTLOOK, I spoke of what we would like in the paper, and the remark they made was that they were printing the paper for the people, and it was their desire to give the people what they wanted. I was satisfied with this answer, and am ready to try the OUTLOOK. Are you?"

"D. U. Hale."

The financial side of the proposition as stated by Brother Hale is one that faces every conference that is struggling to maintain a little monthly or bi-monthly four-page paper. By actual count of words, the fifty issues of the OUTLOOK in a year would contain a trifle above ten times the amount of matter that is put out in the twelve issues each of two of the state papers in the Central Union Conference. By dividing ten times the amount of matter between the eight conferences, each conference would have space for considerable more matter, and the people would be getting it four times each month instead of once a month.

When the OUTLOOK was started, we received from the conferences that turned over their lists to us, \$207.97, which is the equivalent of 414 subscriptions. Since that time, we have

received \$278.88 for 556 subscriptions and renewals, making our total receipts \$486.50. This just about pays for printing and incidental expenses connected with the paper, not counting the salary of the editor, who, by the way, is carrying nearly full work aside from the work on the paper.

In closing this perhaps already too long article, let me urge our workers in all the conferences to send us frequent up-to-date reports of their work. Such reports are what the readers of the OUTLOOK desire. If you want to avoid long articles from the editor, send us reports. Forgive me this once.

A. T. R.

Special Reason

Why All Our People in the Central Union Conference Should Have the Outlook, beginning with January, 1912

From January 16 to 31, there is to be in College View the largest and most important gathering of Seventh-day Adventists ever convened in the middle west.

The Northern and Central Union Conferences have arranged to hold their next biennial sessions conjointly at the time and place herein noted. Elder A. G. Daniells, W. W. Prescott, and G. B. Thompson are to conduct a ministers' and Bible workers' institute during the time. Prof. H. R. Salisbury will also be present during a portion of the time.

The program is to be so arranged that the two union conferences will be given the first day, January 16, for their routine business, to organize their work, appoint standing committees, hear reports, etc., and the last three days, January 29, 30, and 31, in which to close up the work of the session.

The Bible institute will open Tuesday evening, January 16, and will continue, uninterrupted, till Sunday evening, January 28, thus giving twelve full days and thirteen evenings to the important lines of Bible study.

Elder Daniells' studies will be on the work and calling of the gospel ministry. Professor Prescott will take up a line of study showing the place of the third angel's message in the great program of the ages. Elder Thompson's studies will be on the office and work of the Holy Spirit.

Similar institutes have been held in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Lake Union Conferences. Elders Daniells and Thompson have now gone to Europe to attend an institute of the same na-

ture in England, and the next one to be held in this country will be the one at College View.

Wonderful power is reported as attending these gatherings, and they are marking a new and fresh era in the third angel's message.

It is expected that from two hundred and seventy-five to three hundred delegates and workers will be in attendance at the College View institute, which will be as many as can possibly be entertained at that season of the year. This means that more than nine thousand of our people in the Central Union Conference will have to remain at home.

Surely we must not confine the blessings of this great spiritual feast to less than one-thirtieth of our people. While we are not prepared to speak authoritatively on the matter at this writing, we feel very confident that arrangements will be made to publish the principal portions of the Bible studies given by Elders Daniells, Prescott, and Thompson, and also the important proceedings of the union conference through the columns of the OUTLOOK.

Sample copies of this issue of the paper, with subscription blanks and coin-cards inclosed, are being sent to a large number who are not subscribers.

To those who are not already on our regular subscription list, let me say, we believe you ought to have the OUTLOOK every week, in order to keep in touch with what is being done throughout the borders of this great union conference. You especially need it the coming year on account of the gathering to be held in our midst, as noted herein. And now in closing this lengthy notice, we submit the following

SPECIAL OFFER:

All yearly subscriptions sent in during December, with fifty cents inclosed, will be credited till January 1, 1913, thus giving the remaining issues for 1911 free. Do it now.

A. T. R.

Prof. H. R. Salisbury, General Conference educational secretary, has been spending a few days in College View, and will preside over the deliberations of the educational council beginning Wednesday evening of this week, which will be in session several days. Professor Salisbury occupied the College View pulpit on Sabbath morning, when he gave an inspiring and soul-stirring discourse on the marvelous progress of this ever-expanding world-wide work.



Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y
CRAWFORD, NEBR.

The Week of Prayer

We are approaching the season set apart by the General Conference as a time for specially seeking the Lord and drawing near to Him by prayer. During the year, the Lord has abundantly blessed us with health, food, and raiment. He has stood by us in every difficult place, and has given us grace to overcome the obstacles and difficulties by the way. On every hand His guiding hand has been seen shaping our circumstances for the advancement of His work. Now the call comes to us, "Come ye apart and rest awhile." The Saviour gives the reason for resting in the same verse, "For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure, so much as to eat." Mark 6: 31.

We have been surrounded during the year with the hurry and bustle of this busy life; day after day surrounded by the rush of the business world, until we have almost brought this spirit of hurry and unrest into our very seasons of devotion and worship. We hurry through with our morning prayers, or neglect them altogether, and rush off to the day's work. But the Master now says, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile." Brethren and sisters, let us just as far as possible lay aside the cares of the home during this whole week, and let us spend this time in seeking for a closer connection with God.

In the gatherings of this kind among God's ancient people, He instructed them that they were not to appear before the Lord empty handed. Ex. 23:15. There was never a time when God's cause in the earth was calling so loudly for the gifts of His people to help carry it forward as at the present time. Brethren, let our offerings be liberal this year, remembering that we will not need our worldly possessions much longer. Every dollar given will help to finish this work, and will thus hasten the coming of the Lord. May the Lord greatly bless His people during this season.

D. U. Hale.

Notes

Miss Grace Helm, of Lincoln, has returned from a very successful trip to North Platte, Nebr., selling *Life and Health*. She is anticipating a trip to Omaha for the same purpose.

The last word from Elder Hale is that he was at Banner, Wyo., on his way to Buffalo and Kaycee with Brother Fish. He said that it was "very cold, away below zero," but that he had not missed any appointment yet.

Mrs. E. M. Hamlin, with her children, called for a short time at the office while on her way to Minnesota, where she will join her husband. We regret to lose Brother Hamlin and family from our field. His departure leaves the church at Bellefourche, S. Dak., without an elder.

Mrs. Minnie Kloss, of Owatoma, S. Dak., sends a substantial remittance of tithe. This sister lives within a few miles of the North Dakota line. So far as we know, she is the only Adventist in Perkins County, South Dakota. Her place is about one hundred miles from Bellefourche.

Mrs. F. A. Jones, of Viola, Wyo., sends two dollars for the Ingathering fund. She is another of our isolated ones. Viola is a country post office in the Green River valley of southwestern Wyoming, and is about fifty miles from the nearest railroad station.

It will soon be time for another annual report from the church clerks. We have just received the blanks from the General Conference statistical secretary. We hope that all our clerks will be able to report promptly at the close of the year, so that we may not be the cause of delaying the statistical report.

Another month has passed, and the conference missionary secretary is sending out the blanks for the church missionary societies to report the work done. We trust that there will be a greater effort made this winter to give the truth to our friends and neighbors. The special six-months series of the *Signs* is just the thing for this.

The *Golden Prairie Herald*, of Burns, Wyo., recently contained the following item: "Rev. Paul Curtis is preaching every Sunday night at Carpenter, and is said to be an excellent

speaker. His audiences are increasing with every service. He preached last Sunday night on the 'The Second Coming of Christ.'"

Elder Berry found that there was no opportunity for a series of meetings near Ellsworth. The anticipated place was twelve miles from town, and in a very sparsely settled country. He has therefore returned to the Platte River Valley, and is now at Scotts Bluff. There are other interests farther up the valley which will occupy his time for a while.

A letter from Brother A. Hedgecock, now in Portland, Ore., states that they are pleasantly situated, and are getting somewhat used to the continued rain. He remits a draft for \$147.25 for missions. One hundred twenty dollars of this is the price of a team which he pledged at the Crawford camp-meeting, and the balance is from himself and wife as a result of their investment fund pledges last spring. Asa Smith.

North Missouri Conference

A. R. Ogden, Pres. Allie Guthrie, Sec'y
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Utica, Mo.

Bradyville

Since my former report from Maryville, it has been my privilege to visit Clearmont, Burlington Junction, Bradyville, and Worth, working with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. It has been a pleasure to meet isolated brethren at these places and to find them steadfast in the present truth. I held eight public services at Bradyville and vicinity. Four dear souls took their stand with the people of God, and went forward in the ordinance of baptism on November 19. Our brethren here appreciate what has been done very much, and are hoping that the Lord will open the way for a series of meetings as soon as the rush of the cornhusking is over. Surely the Lord is blessing His people who have their faces Zionward. Brethren, we can be of good courage in the Lord, knowing that our redemption draweth nigh. Pray for the work in this section.

J. W. Beams.

Kansas City News Items

Elder MacGuire closed a ten-day meeting at the church November 15. Every one who attended felt greatly benefited by these services.

On his return from the Washington council, Brother H. H. Hall spent a few days in the Pacific Press office. He gave a stereopticon lecture in the church one evening on the work of the Waldenses. By careful research in the University of California, in the Congressional Library at Washington, and other sources, he was able to present some facts that were intensely interesting as well as instructive.

Elder W. C. White also gave the Pacific Press office a brief but pleasant call on his return from Washington.

Brother Brands spent about one hour and a half each day last week with some of our holiday books, and sold thirty-seven copies. Why not many others do the same?

Miss Eunice LeMaster, who has been in the employ of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, has left, and will sail with Elder Evans for China, November 24. She promised to write an account of her ocean trip for the *OUTLOOK*, providing she could remember it. We do not doubt but that it will be distinctly remembered.

Brother Wiggins resigned his position with the Chicago & Alton railroad company, kept his first Sabbath November 18, came into the Pacific Press office Sunday, the 19th, purchased a prospectus, and Monday, the 20th, began work. How true is that statement from "Great Controversy," page 70: "The very first impulse of the renewed heart is to bring others also to the Saviour."

The young people's society is doing an excellent work under the able leadership of Brother S. J. Abegg. Fifteen are taking the reading course, and they will distribute twelve hundred Ingathering *Signs*. Two of the boys have a route with one of the city papers, with 925 customers. They will place a copy of the *Signs* in every home, and then when collecting for the daily paper will present the solicitor's card and receive donations for missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Abegg, who recently set sail on the matrimonial sea, were happily surprised on the evening of the 26th, when about twenty-five friends called on them to wish them God-speed in their new life duties. After refreshments, prepared and served by the friends, speech-making was in order, lasting until about eleven o'clock.

Mrs. W. A. Gosmer spent a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. S. J. Abegg, on her way to Melrose, Mass. Elder Gosmer is chaplain of the New England Sanitarium, and Mrs. Gosmer will have charge of the music.

Mr. S. J. Abegg, of the Pacific Press office, recently made a trip west. He and Miss Luella Reed were united in marriage October 23, at the home of the bride's parents, Bozeman, Mont. Mrs. Abegg is a graduate nurse of the Nebraska Sanitarium, of the class of 1905. They will make their home in Kansas City. Their many friends wish them well. The OUTLOOK extends congratulations.

C. G. Bellah.

South Missouri Conference

L. W. Terry, Pres. Ralph Rhodes, Sec'y
F. L. Limerick, Miss. Agt.
520 West Lynn St., Springfield, Mo.

Week of Prayer

We are again reminded of how rapidly time is passing when we consider that another week of prayer is at hand.

Another year with its varied experiences is in the past. Very likely there have been some failures as well as victories, but with it all we should be ready to recount God's mercies to us all through the year.

As a people, we have every reason to be thankful. God has permitted to dawn upon our pathway the light of Jesus' soon coming, which has been the hope of His people in all ages, and is at this time; and it becomes more glorious as we near the end.

We see everywhere omens of the near approach of that day, and the Christian, while realizing that he is not worthy of the home prepared for him, knows that in Jesus there is worthiness, and as he sees the many signs, it rejoices his heart that the end will soon come.

As these seasons of prayer return, they should be observed with deeper gratitude in our hearts to God for His tender care and boundless mercies.

In order that this season shall prove a great blessing, it will be necessary for each one to do a little planning and arranging of his home affairs. If we could just lay aside our work for this time, I am sure it would be time well spent.

To those who are not situated to meet with others, they could devote an hour in the evening, when the children could be present, to studying the reading and the country men-

tioned. We would find that an interest would be deepened in these countries so needy.

Brethren and sisters of South Missouri, let us make this the best week of prayer ever held. God would have it so, and for one I do desire more of His Holy Spirit in my life, that it may be more like the Master's.

This is a busy world, but, as we often sing,

"Take time to be holy,
Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always,
Aand feed on His Word;
Make friends of God's children,
Help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

"Take time to be holy,
Be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath
His control.

Thus led by His Spirit to fountains
of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service
above."

May God grant it is the prayer of
your brother. L. W. Terry.

Chitwood

The work here is moving along quite well. Most of the new Sabbath-keepers are growing in the knowledge of the truths of the three-fold message, and are taking hold of all points of the faith.

The first one to join the church paid her first tith last week. We feel confident others will be ready to join the church soon. Our Sabbath-school is a source of help and encouragement to all, and all take an interest in it. A number of the brethren and sisters of the Joplin church (some coming from Webb City) attend our Sabbath-school, and are doing much to help establish this company in the truth.

However, the dragon is very wroth with this little company who have begun to keep all of God's commandments. In different ways the enemy is trying to cause doubt and prejudice to enter the minds of some of them. We earnestly desire your prayers in behalf of the work here.

H. E. Lysinger.

Notes

Elder Schroeder is visiting some of the companies in the north part of the conference.

We understand that Elder Mackintosh's interest is still good near Cole Camp.

Elder Lysinger reports a good hearing last Sunday night in Chitwood.

Sister Robbins has a number of readers who seem almost persuaded. Some of these readers are persons who attended Elder Walker's tent meetings in Springfield.

Elder Terry left the office Thursday night to visit churches and companies in the southeast part of the state.

Remember the week of prayer is December 9-16, and all should plan to observe it.

Brother Maxwell reports the school at Turners doing nicely and the attendance good.

Brother Bellah, the Union missionary agent, is spending some time at the German Seminary. He will organize canvassers' bands, and get them in running order, so that when the school closes you may look for a good number to enter the work. Indeed, now is the time to plan for next year's work along the line of handling our books with the students.

Wanted at once, ten more consecrated men and women to handle books and magazines in South Missouri, the best of territory. We are calling for Missouri people.

West Kansas Conference

N. T. Sutton, Pres. Edward Harris, Sec'y
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508 E. 5th Ave., HUTCHINSON, KANS

Hill Academy

On my way from College View, Nebr., I had the privilege of meeting with the board of the Hill Academy and of visiting the school.

While the attendance is not large, yet there is a good class of students, and a good spirit seems to pervade the whole school. I am sure that it is the desire of all who are connected with the school to have it remain true to the principles for which it stands. When the principles which call an institution into existence cease to govern it, that very minute that institution ceases to exist, no matter how large the building or how fully equipped.

May this school ever stand where the Lord would have it to stand, and accomplish the very work He would have accomplished through such an institution.

I trust that all our brethren will

be faithful in carrying out the resolution which was passed at our camp-meeting, and that the desired amount, \$1.50 per member, may soon be sent to the treasurer, E. Harris, 508 Fifth Avenue, East, Hutchinson, Kans. You will find the resolution in full in the OUTLOOK of October 17.

N. T. Sutton.

East Kansas Conference

W.F. Kennedy, Pres. B. M. Emerson, Sec'y
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821 W. 5th St., TOPEKA, KANS.

Welcome to Elder Kennedy

The students and patrons of Strode Academy met in the chapel, Sabbath evening, November 10, to welcome Elder Kennedy, our new conference president. The meeting was appointed for 6:30 p. m., but it was learned that the train on which Elder Kennedy would arrive would be one and one-half hours late. Professor White took charge of the meeting, reading to us some of the ever-living messages from the closing chapters of "Great Controversy."

After a short intermission, the meeting was called at 8:00 p. m., and we listened while Elder Kennedy spoke of the nothingness of this world as compared with the glories of the world to come. Elder Kennedy especially spoke of the need of preparing workers to carry on this great work, and our souls were thrilled as we listened to incidents of many people who have lost their lives even within sight of their homes, and then thought of the thousands of poor souls who will be lost, although not far from the kingdom of God.

The presence of the Holy Spirit seemed very near, and touched the hearts of many in the social meeting that followed, convicting them of their sins.

Again on Sabbath morning, Elder Kennedy spoke to us, showing the great love of God for suffering humanity. At the close of the sermon, an invitation was extended to all to put away self and accept Christ as their Saviour. Fourteen young people responded to the call, seven of them being from the church school.

A noticeable feature was the absence of any urging or undue emotion. Some of the younger people were in tears during the sermon, and were among the first to respond to the call. Some had been under deep conviction for several months, and accepted this opportunity.

Four of the academy students living in the girls' dormitory were

among those converted and baptized. One whose parents are not Sabbath-keepers accepted after a hard struggle. The morning being so pleasant, it was decided that the dear ones should be buried with their Lord in the waters of the river, but the weather suddenly changing and becoming very stormy and much colder, the services were held in the Baptist church. As the young candidates were led down into the water, each heart could not but pray earnestly that God would guide the footsteps of the lambs who had just entered the fold.

The changes in their lives have been very apparent, and we can only thank God for His wonderful love to us, that His invitation to taste and see that the Lord is good had been accepted by so many; and yet we can still hear the question ringing in our ears, "Are all the children in?"

Miss M. E. Kinniburgh.

Notes

Brother W. H. Clark spent last week with the Ottawa church, assisting in the Harvest Ingathering campaign work.

Brother J. H. Roth is still working at Durham, and the interest is so great that he is calling for additional help.

Brethren Yates and Neff are holding a series of meetings at Stark, and report that the interest is good.

Brother E. T. Wilson called at the office last Friday. He was on his way to the northern part of the state to look after the canvassing work.

In response to a letter sent out from the office a few days ago, we are glad to report that we are already receiving remittances for the \$300,000 Fund.

Elder W. F. Kennedy was called to Wichita, to attend a board meeting of the Kansas Sanitarium. While away, he is planning on visiting a number of the German churches.

Word has been received from Brother Jesse Miller that he has disposed of the 500 November *Watchmen* which he recently ordered. He also placed a nice order for the December number of the *Watchman*.

Elder W. F. Kennedy spent last week visiting among the German churches.

Brother A. Allison and his wife, of Denver, Colo., passed through Topeka last Sunday on their way to Lawrence, where Brother Allison expects to labor in the interest of the colored people. He took with him one hundred copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, and expects to begin work by distributing these.

Brethren Leach and Newman are making their first delivery in Doniphan County this week, and we trust the same success will attend the delivery that was with them in taking the orders. Surely the Lord is just as much concerned about the delivery as the getting of the orders, so let us always petition Him to move upon the hearts of the people for our delivery with as much earnestness as we do for Him to open the way to get the orders.

A few days ago, while delivering some books for one of our canvassers, who is in Strode Academy, I found a lady keeping the Sabbath. She had ordered a "Great Controversy" from the canvasser, and she was so much impressed with his earnestness that she kept him answering questions for some time before letting him go. This lady lives in Fort Scott, and comes from the Baptist Church, but says she keeps the Sabbath a great deal better than she ever kept Sunday. Her former pastor will not call on her now, since she asks him questions about the Bible. What a glorious meeting it will be when this dear sister grasps the hand of the faithful canvasser who sold her the "Great Controversy," and says to him, "It was through your faithful efforts that I am here"! I fancy the above meeting to be in the New Earth, when the redeemed of the Lord will be relating their experiences of the past. My brother, my sister, do you not want to have some such experience? If so, let me tell you how to get it. There are just scores of honest souls eagerly waiting for some one to come and tell them about the message contained in our books. Can not we help you step into some of the vacant places here in East Kansas with some of our precious truth-filled books?

Have you done anything with the Ingathering *Signs*? Many are doing a good work and receiving a blessing therefrom. They are also placing the papers in the hands of persons who may thus become interested in the truth. Although the first week of the campaign has passed, there still remains about six weeks before the close of the work, December 31.

Asa Smith.

Nebraska Conference

J. W. Christian, Pres. Pearl E. Jones, Sec'y
E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Agt.
College View, Nebr.

Investment Fund Notes

One morning's mail last week brought in over \$200 on the investment fund.

Thirteen members of the Sett church, five of them children, sent in \$58 on the investment fund last week. This is from southwestern Nebraska, where they have just experienced their fifth successive crop failure.

Here is an extract from a brother who also lives in western Nebraska, where successive crop failures have been experienced for several years. This brother's investment was one acre of wheat and an acre of corn. He says: "The wheat in this part was almost a total failure. Out of 180 acres, we only cut 63, from which we threshed 249 bushels, about four bushels to the acre of what we cut. Corn is making between 15 and 20 bushels to the acre." This brother sent in \$10 on the investment fund, \$15 for "Ministry of Healing" sold, and an order for forty copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*.

These experiences are samples of many others which prove the truth of the canvasser's epigram "that the drought does not do any damage to the Lord's work if it does not get on the *inside*."

An interesting service was held in the Hastings church recently when the investment fund proceeds were gathered in for the year. Many interesting experiences (forty-five in number) were related, and the collection for the day, with what was received from members who were not present (the day having been a stormy one), amounted to about \$150.

Be thinking about what you will invest in for this fund next year.

M. E. Ellis,
Miss. Sec., Nebr. Conf.

Week of Prayer

At the recent meeting of the conference committee, the matter of help for the churches and companies during the week of prayer, December 9-16 was discussed, and finally left with Brother M. E. Ellis and the

writer to work out a schedule. We have carefully gone over the ground, and submit the following, which may in some instances be changed, should suggestions be made which will make the plan more feasible:—

C. C. Kenaston: Cozad, Lexington, Holdrege, Gothenburg.

L. B. Porter: Ainsworth, Valentine.

F. Johnson: Newman Grove, Fremont, Arlington.

Alice Teeple: York.

C. J. Paulson: Williams, Blue Springs.

B. L. House: Holbrook, Bartley North Platte, Kearney.

C. A. Beeson: Wolback, Ericson, Comstock, North Loup, Loup City.

Lars Neilsen: Norfolk, Plainview.

G. R. Hawkins: Tekamah, Decatur.

H. R. Johnson: Sterling, Beatrice.

C. H. Miller: Sartoria, Oconto, North Platte, Kearney.

F. M. Corbaley: Shelton, Mason City, Broken Bow.

L. B. Schick: Sett, Beaver City.

L. E. Johnson: Ringgold.

M. E. Ellis: Ragan, Alma, Grand Island.

E. L. Cook: Petersburg, Oakdale.

A. W. Ericson: Omaha (Scandinavian).

Mrs. G. R. Hawkins: Omaha, Ft. Calhoun.

A. F. Kirk: Nebraska City, Dunbar, Falls City.

J. W. Christian: Hastings.

F. M. Burg: Lincoln, Seward.

C. A. Thorp: Denmark, Dannebrog.

R. Schopbach: College View (German), Culbertson.

P. A. Field: Blair, Hartington.

E. M. Oberg: Fairbury, Shickley.

C. L. Premer: Hickman, Courtland.

Meade McGuire: College View.

These named persons will please correspond with the churches and companies assigned and make their own arrangements. Please take up this matter at once.

We trust the coming week of prayer may be a great blessing to all our people. It may be so if each will make the proper preparation. Remember the date, December 9-16, and let us begin early to shape our work so that we shall have "time" to seek the Lord.

J. W. Christian.

When we began to make up this issue of the OUTLOOK we were short of copy, but before the paper went to press so much fresh copy came to hand that we decided to make this number ten pages.

Report of Home Missionary Work in Nebraska

<i>Six Months Ending September 30</i>	
Number of individual reports returned	211
Number of missionary letters written	836
Number of replies received.....	356
Number of missionary visits made	1969
Number of Bible readings held...	431
Number of subscriptions taken for our papers	136
Number of magazines sold.....	453
Number of papers mailed, loaned, or given away.....	26084
Number of pages of books and tracts sold	94917
Number of pages of books and tracts loaned	45226
Number of pages of books and tracts given away	78160
Number of hours of Christian help work	1789
Number of persons accepting the truth through the efforts of lay members	9
M. E. Ellis, Miss. Sec.	

Obituary

Mrs. Emma Dymond was born near London, England, March 28, 1852. When four years old, she came to America with her parents, Sarah and James Rowe, who made their early home in Ohio. On Feb. 2, 1871, she was united in marriage to Wm. Dymond, with whom, in 1878, she moved to Sterling, Kans. There they made their home until coming to College View in the fall of 1893. She accepted the truth in 1873, under the labors of Elder H. A. St. John. She passed away Sunday, Nov. 19, 1911, at 4:10 p. m., aged 59 years, 7 months, and 21 days. For nine years she had been an invalid, suffering patiently, ever placing her hope in Christ. Her companion, one son, and three daughters, with many friends, mourn for her, looking forward to that bright day when death shall be swallowed up in victory. The family have lost a loving and affectionate wife and mother, and the church a faithful member. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:14. A large number assembled to sympathize with the bereaved family. We laid her away to rest, to await the call of the Life-giver. Elder F. M. Burg assisted the writer in the services.

J. S. Hart.

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A typographical error in last week's OUTLOOK gave the date of issue November 28. It should have been November 21.

Just as this paper was to go on the press, word was received at this office that the Ames Industrial Academy, at Eagle, Idaho, was destroyed by fire. No particulars concerning the fire have reached us. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn George, who recently left the Nebraska Conference, are connected with that school.

Welcome, South Missouri

We are happy this week to be able to extend a welcome to a new member of the OUTLOOK family group. The subscription list of the *Messenger*, the South Missouri Conference paper, has been turned over to the OUTLOOK, and the former readers of the *Messenger* will now join our constantly growing circle of OUTLOOK readers. We most heartily welcome them every one, and it will be the highest aim of the OUTLOOK to serve the best interests of this new accession to our family group.

Still there's room. Let others come.

An educational council, composed of the union conference educational secretaries throughout the United States, is to convene in College View on Wednesday evening of this week. This is to be a closed session, and we understand that some of the most important problems connected with our educational system are to be carefully considered.

Would you be men and women of power, my friends? Then you must be men and women of much prayer. Let the Morning Watch Calendar help you form the all-important habit of personal Bible study and secret prayer daily. Get this calendar from your tract society. Price, five cents.



Canvassers' Report for Week Ending Nov. 17, 1911

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
East Colorado							
*A. E. Gann	B. R.	27	10	35 00	19 65	54 65	7 40
*John Anderson	G. C. & C. K.	70	23	35 00	1 05	36 05	85 20
Mrs. A. E. Gann	P. G.	15	8	29 00	1 60	30 60	13 60
*W. B. Davy	C. K.	72	19	29 00	6 70	35 70	1 10
*J. T. North	C. K. & H. M.	8	1	2 00	3 25	5 25	55 10
*Mrs. W. B. Davy	B. F.	16	10	11 50	3 50	15 00	
Agents, 6		208	71	141 50	35 75	177 25	162 40
East Kansas							
†J. Leech	P. G.			187 85	9 55	197 40	110 65
†Chas. Newman	P. G.			85 60		85 60	11 50
†Mrs. Anderson	H. M.			4 50		4 50	
†Mrs. Nordyke	H. M.			5 00		5 00	
Agents, 4				282 95	9 55	292 50	122 15
North Missouri							
‡Wm. Whorton	B. R.	64	17	55 00	8 00	63 00	
‡P. R. March	B. R.	76	20	64 00	15 35	79 35	
§J. M. Gallemore				64 00		64 00	
Agents, 3		140	37	183 00	23 35	206 35	
South Missouri							
R. S. McLain	G. C.	36		51 00	1 05	52 05	52 05
O. S. Owen	G. C.	35	17	63 95		63 95	
A. M. Scheu	G. C., B. R.	21	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	
W. F. Surber	B. R.	22	26	84 75	8 75	93 50	
Bessie Allen	B. R.	70	83	323 00		323 00	
Agents, 5		184	129	531 70	11 30	543 00	52 05
Grand Totals: Agents, 18		532	237	1139 15	79 95	1219 10	336 60

*Two weeks. †Three weeks. ‡Four weeks. §Six weeks.

Union College Canvassers' Band

In company with F. E. Painter, field agent of the Northern Union, and E. M. Oberg, field agent of Nebraska, I recently spent a week at Union College in the interests of the canvassing work. President Griggs and the faculty heartily cooperated with us in all our work while there.

After a few chapel talks, some personal work, and an experience meeting with the students, a call was made for the names of all those who wished to join the canvassers' band. Seventy names were handed in, and we feel sure that others will join later.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing was called one afternoon, Professor Griggs acting as chairman. After a stirring talk by the president, the subject of books for next year was discussed, and leaders for the bands were appointed.

That night we met with them, assisted in organizing their committee, and discussed plans for the future. W. A. Long was selected as chairman,

and associated with him are Frank Doll, and John Strahle, with Merton Helligso as secretary.

A book study will be held every two weeks, and each alternate week will be devoted to studying general principles. Four classes have been formed—"Patriarchs and Prophets," Mrs. Rowell, teacher; "Great Controversy," Professor Morrison, teacher; "Daniel and Revelation," Professor Burg, teacher; and "Practical Guide," Professor Benson, teacher. President Griggs has also promised to take an active part in the band work.

We appreciate very much the hearty cooperation on the part of the faculty of Union College. We are sure this will bring success to the band work, and will mean many canvassers for the field next vacation.

C. G. Bellah.

Wanted

Thirteen hundred new subscriptions to the OUTLOOK. Your name will count one of the number.