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

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The Special Effort

The last word on the special effort for the "Ministry of Healing" campaign following the week of prayer is that encouragement of general cooperation comes from many parts of the field. Union and local conference presidents and other workers express their interest to push the work.

May this occasion be used for all it is worth as an opportunity for placing many copies of "Ministry of Healing" in the hands of the people. Let us take advantage of the fact that there are many who will be prepared to make special purchases for Christmas presents. In some instances, several copies may be sold to an individual. Employers will buy for their clerks and for others. Parents will buy for children, some perhaps for mailing. No doubt many openings will present themselves for placing books, and thus give opportunity to bring up the quota of sales.

Above all, let us remember that every volume sold or given away may be the means of blessing souls. It is no ordinary book we are handling, and it is no common enterprise in which we are engaged. We have a book of precious heaven-sent truth, and we are working in a grand co-operative movement of manifold blessing. God's blessing is added to our efforts. By His help we may succeed in doing our part. Let us do it.

L. A. Hansen.

The Call of the Hour

"God has His work in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine voice cries, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come, 'Here am I; send me.' Isa. 6:8. Let all who labor effectually in the canvassing work feel in their hearts that they are doing the work of the Lord in ministering to souls who know not the truth for this time. They are sounding the note of warning in the highways and byways to prepare a people for the great day of the Lord, which is soon to break upon the world. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer, clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send

me.'"—Manual for Canvassers, pp. 71, 72.

It will be remembered that at the time the prophet Isaiah gave back his answer to the call for workers was the time that he saw the Lord in all His glory, as recorded in the sixth chapter of Isaiah.

I have often wondered if it would not be a good thing for more of us to take a look into God's great mirror, the Bible, and see if we are measuring up to the pattern. I am inclined to think that most of us would cry out as did Isaiah, "Woe is me, for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."

If you will read the next three verses, you will see what this confession on the part of the prophet brought to pass, and how it was that he could respond so readily to the call of the hour.

May the Lord help each one of us to examine ourselves to see if we are what the Lord desires to make of us, and if we hear the call to enter the canvassing field, say, as did the prophet, "Here am I; send me."

E. T. Wilson.

A Word Further in Reference to Wills and Legacies

Some have already made inquiries concerning the making of wills in favor of the cause as referred to in last week's OUTLOOK. For the benefit of others who may be thinking along the same line, I desire to say that in all of the local conferences legal associations have been formed, in harmony with the laws of the respective states, for the holding of legal title to property. We advise in the making of wills or bequests that

unless there are special reasons why a person desires to make a will in favor of some General Conference or Central Union Conference institution, the wills be made to the conference in which the person resides who desires to make provision for the distribution of property in case of death. A will made to a local conference can be made so that property will be used for foreign missions, or for any institution, either in the local conference, the Union Conference, or the General Conference.

It is a good plan and one that is frequently followed to make the president of the conference the administrator of the will. The best way to word this provision is to state whoever shall be president of the conference at the time of the death of the testator shall be the administrator.

We believe in the matter of wills and legacies, as in all other funds, the best way for our people is to work through the regular channels, that is, first the individual, second the church, third the local conference, fourth the Union Conference, and last the General Conference. A will, to be of force, must be made either to an individual or a legal corporation, and as our churches are not incorporated, a will should be made to a body that is incorporated.

There is such a wide variety in the matter of making wills that no regular printed forms are provided. A will, to be binding, does not depend so much upon any particular set form of words, as it does upon the clearness with which it states the exact wish of the one making it. The best way for a person who wishes to make a will is to consult some good, honest lawyer in whom one has confidence, tell him just exactly what disposition you wish to have made of your property in case of death, and ask him to put it in such clear and simple language that it can not be misunderstood.

A. T. R.

This week, following the week of prayer, is the time set apart by the recent General Conference Council at Washington, D. C., for making a special effort with the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. We trust that there is a general taking hold of this effort throughout the Central Union Conference, and that a manifold blessing will result from the effort.

You never know what you can do till you try.



The Nimrod System of Apostasy No. 4

ORIGIN OF THE PAGAN MYSTERIES

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made *all the earth* drunken; the *nations* have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." Jer. 51:7.

The grand distinguishing feature of the ancient Babylonian system was the Chaldean "Mysteries," which formed so essential a part of the Nimrod system. To these mysteries, the language of the Hebrew prophet distinctly alludes, when he speaks of Babylon as a "golden cup."

The gospel is the "mystery of godliness." There could be no successful counterfeit of the divine plan of salvation without counterfeit mysteries. "The Chaldean mysteries can be traced back to the days of Semiramis, who is reputed to have lived only a few centuries after the flood. . . . In the mysteries which she had a chief hand in forming, she was worshiped as Rhea, the great *mother* of the gods, with such atrocious rites as identified her with Venus, the mother of all impurity, and raised the very city where she is reputed to have reigned to a bad eminence among the nations, as the grand seat at once of idolatry and consecrated prostitution." Let us not forget in this connection that Ninus, the deified Nimrod, was reputed to have been the son and also the husband of Semiramis. The reader may suspect, what will be made clear later in this study, where the modern idea of the worship of the Mother and Child came from.

The primary object of the ancient mysteries was to introduce privately, by little and little, under the seal of secrecy and the sanction of an oath, what could not have been all at once openly propounded. The very time at which they were instituted suggests this, a time when the patriarchal faith was fresh in the minds of men, when Shem was still alive, to rouse the minds of the faithful to rally around the banner for the truth and cause of God. At such a time it would have been hazardous to have all at once and publicly set up such a system as was inaugurated under the

bold hand of Nimrod, "the overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight."

"In that system, secret confession to the priest, according to a prescribed form, was required of all who were admitted to the 'mysteries,' and until such confession had been made, no complete initiation into the mysteries could take place." The Chaldean priests were believed to be the only persons who possessed the key to the understanding of the mythology of Babylon, a key handed down to them from primeval antiquity.

Space in this article forbids more than a mere hint at the hundreds of striking parallels that might be drawn between that great system of pagan mysteries and the elaborate, sublime, and mysterious ritual and ceremony of that church in our time which borrowed its entire system and ceremonial from ancient paganism. The deified Nimrod was worshiped under the name of "Tammuz," the Egyptian sun-god, to whose worship was set apart the first day of the week—"Dies Solis," or "day of the sun"—sun's day, from which comes the Pagan-Christian church festival day, Sunday. Through the initiative of Constantine, the Pagan-Christian emperor, who issued the first Christian edict in favor of Sunday sacredness, that day has almost universally supplanted the true Sabbath of Jehovah. The natal day of the sun-god, "Tammuz," was celebrated with pompous and licentious rites ("women weeping for Tammuz." Eze. 8:14), every year on the twenty-fifth day of December, from which comes our church festival day, Christmas. "Tammuz," the Egyptian sun-god, was represented as a child in its virgin mother's arms, whence comes the modern worship of the "Mother and Child." The sign of the tragic death of Tammuz was the letter "T," the initial letter of his name, whence came the "Sign of the Cross," which dangles from the necks of millions of devout worshipers in our time, and points toward heaven from hundreds of thousands of church spires.

That whole system of pagan mysteries given to the pagan world by Nimrod, was, by Constantine, the Pagan-Christian emperor, glossed over with the appearance of Christianity and made the connecting link between paganism and paganized Christianity. It was Babylon then, and it will still be counted Babylon in that day when "Great Babylon" shall come "in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath." Rev. 16:19.

It was then, is now, and ever will be, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev. 17:18.

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city [Babylon], which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Rev. 17:18.

"Babylon [that great city] is fallen, is fallen, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Rev. 14:8.

"And the great city [Babylon] was divided into three parts." Rev. 16:19. *Paganism, Roman Catholicism, apostate Protestantism.* There stands "Great Babylon" to-day.

A. T. R.

(To be continued)



Union College Items

A special farewell service was held in chapel Tuesday morning for Brother and Sister E. N. Shepherd and their two little girls. After a selection by the orchestra, President Griggs gave a brief address, in which he counseled all to have a fixed purpose to be ready to go anywhere to give the gospel to the world. Our hearts are cheered, he said, in knowing that we send our friends away but for a short time. Another golden cord was then stretched on the wall from Old Union's doors to St. Thomas Island, Danish West Indies. This stands as a symbol of the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, and a reminder of our brother's mission. Mr. Varner Johns then presented an album and a grip from the young men of College Hall and the faculty. Brother Shepherd responded with words of deep feeling, telling how he will always remember Union College as he labors for the Master in a foreign land. The service was closed appropriately with prayer by Professor Benson, leader of the Foreign Mission Band. Brother Shepherd and his family left Wednesday afternoon for Washington, D. C. They will sail from New York soon for St. Thomas, where they will take charge of a mission school. Union College bids them God-speed.

The week of prayer has been a blessed season of refreshing for the

college. Class work was lightened to give all time for special devotions. The class periods were shortened, and the chapel period was lengthened to give time for the daily reading. The prayer bands met twice a day, and sometimes oftener, for prayer and intercession. The evening meetings at 7:30 were led by President Griggs, Elder MacGuire, and Elder Burg, and were a means of advancement in the spiritual condition of the college. Many new consecrations were made, and the movement to put away sins and sacrifice all on the altar of service was almost unanimous. The students appreciate the visit of Elder MacGuire, and are grateful for the encouragement he has given in his calm, sweet, earnest way.

Wednesday was Ingathering day. All hands were called to the work of distributing the missions number of the *Signs of the Times* and soliciting funds for foreign missions. Before starting, they met in the chapel for final arrangement of plans and a season of prayer. The company, which almost filled two cars, proceeded in squads to their territory in Lincoln and its suburbs. Although some received more donations than others, all esteemed it a privilege to have a part in the work. While they found many hearts hardened, still there were other souls hungering for a knowledge of the true message of salvation. These were very eager to read the *Signs* and learn of our work. Some found that parts of their territory had been previously worked by independent solicitors. The need of thorough organization of a campaign of this kind was thus shown.

A. N. Anderson.



Nebraska Sanitarium Notes

Mrs. Amanda McDougald, of Humboldt, Nebr., has undergone a surgical operation, from which she is making a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Rosa Thurber, from Ong, Nebr., is taking treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Flink, from Onawa, Iowa, are among the latest arrivals at the sanitarium. Mr. Flink is taking treatment.

Miss Ida Rankin, from Oxford, is spending the week of prayer at the sanitarium.

Mrs. W. W. Worster, wife of Dr. Worster (member of Union College faculty), is convalescing from a serious surgical operation she underwent a short time ago.

Dr. J. H. Long, from Greeley, Nebr., a former patient, is making the sanitarium family a short visit.

Mrs. J. W. Andrews, of College View, has entered the sanitarium for medical treatment.

The sanitarium has installed a new drinking fountain on first floor.

North Hall is undergoing repairs, plastering and papering.

Mr. Chas. A. Skinner has gone to Fremont to canvass for *Life and Health* and in the interest of the sanitarium. Mr. R. C. Post has gone to Beatrice for the same purpose.

The spiritual condition of the institution is better than in some months past. There is more earnestness among the workers. Each class of the nurses is organized into prayer bands, and they are accomplishing a good work. The sanitarium faculty meet every Monday for prayer and consecration and to lay plans for the advancement of the work.

The hearts of the family were made glad the other day when they received a letter from a young lady who had been a patient about a year ago, telling that after she left the sanitarium she had studied deeper into the things that she learned while here, and became convinced that it is the truth for this time, and has stepped out to follow the light as far as she understands it. She was a timid, backward girl, and we felt when she left that there had been nothing much done for her spiritual welfare. Another lesson for us to sow beside all waters.

Hannah Larson.

As the Year Closes

And the new year is ushered in, what would be more appropriate than to let the mind dwell for a time on the great world movements, those that affect the nations, what they are, and their significance?

The January *Signs* Monthly affords food for thought along these lines.



Wyoming Conference

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CRAWFORD, NEBR.

Notes by the Way

A letter had been received that the matron of the Hemingford school had been invited to take up work in the West Colorado school, and this would necessitate our making arrangements for another matron. So we had to return from Garland. This was a disappointment to us, as we had hoped to spend some time with the Lander church and help them before the week of prayer.

On the last day at Garland we received a phone message that a young man who had been taking Bible readings from Sister Welsh at Sheridan and had decided to obey had died suddenly, and that his wife was anxious to have an Adventist to preach his funeral. The body was taken to Upton, and I was to meet them there.

On the way down, as we passed through Sheridan, Brother Fish came into the train to tell me of the arrangements for the funeral, when who should come in with him but Elder Reeder. He had arrived home from South Dakota at five o'clock that afternoon. We were truly glad to see him and to feel his hearty handshake. He expects to spend a few days with his family, and then spend the week of prayer with the Sheridan and Upton churches.

We stepped from the train at Upton about 5:30 a. m., in a driving snow storm. The first I noticed of it was the porter standing by the step and he turned his head to one side to shield his face from the snow and said, "Oh, you blizzard."

During the morning, it cleared up, and I went out to find some of our people. I was soon on the road to Brother W. F. Russell's, but when I knocked at the door there was no answer. I started to the neighbors to seek information, and found Sister Russell busy visiting. Not long after, Brother Russell came in, and we had a pleasant visit with them.

There was a good-sized company at the funeral, and we spoke to them of the blessed promise of the Saviour's return for His people, when

the dead will be raised. From the church, we took sleds and went to the cemetery. As we were breaking up, we met Brother Davis, and went with him for supper. We had an interesting visit with his family. They are much concerned about the education of their children. We are sorry to see our brethren compelled to send their children to the public school when the Lord has said so much to us about this in the Spirit of Prophecy.

We stopped at the office the next morning to see the auditor, Brother Huffman, who was helping to get our books up in first-class shape. He pronounced our conference and tract society books in first-class order, and said that he had very few corrections to make in them for more than a year past. This was encouraging to us, as nothing helps to keep things in a conference on a good basis so much as to have a treasurer who is careful and exact, and where you can know at any time how the finances stand.

Elder Berry failed to get our telegram, and did not get to Hemingford for the school board meeting, but Brethren Hahn, Smith, and von Pohle were with us. We were glad to find the school running on quite smoothly. Among the students there is manifest a desire to do their best in what time they have. Sister Rockwell has been selected to fill the vacancy in the matron's work made by the calling away of Sister Curtis.

Brother Hahn being there with his hack, it gave us the best opportunity we will have soon to visit the Pleasant Valley church. So we went out with him on Friday morning. These wide prairies and rolling hills made me feel like I had returned home to Texas, when I was a young man, and rode over the wide prairies there.

On Sabbath morning we found a good company gathered in the little sod church. Every one seemed to take an interest in the Sabbath-school, and they paid close attention to the words spoken. On Sunday morning, Brother West came for us in his hack, and gave us a pleasant ride over the hills, down the valley, and across the divides, hunting up the brethren. They are all situated on homesteads, and are laboring to maintain their own and make homes for themselves and families until the time comes when we will not need homes any more. We were able to visit all except Doctor Hansen, but we made him a special promise for the next time we go there.

One encouraging feature we found here, and that is that they are laying their plans for a church school yet this winter. We do hope they may have it.

We are now at the office, trying to catch up with our correspondence. We will spend the first part of the week of prayer with the Crawford church, and the last part with the Hemingford church. Then we will return for the conference committee meeting, December 18, at Crawford.

D. U. Hale.

Notes

Brother F. Hess, of Fort Steele, Wyo., is now working Rock Springs and other places in the southwestern part of the conference with the Ingathering Signs. He has already worked Hanna, Walcott, Saratoga, and Encampment in the south central part of Wyoming.

Word has reached this office that some of our brethren at Lander are under quarantine for the small-pox. This news prevents Elder Hale from making his contemplated trip to that part of the conference at present.

Ora G. Pierce, who canvassed along the Platte River last summer for "Daniel and Revelation," stopped at the office one day last week on his way to visit his mother at Cascade Springs, S. Dak. Brother Pierce expects to canvass at Hot Springs and other places in the Black Hills.

Elder Reeder has returned from the South Dakota Conference, and after spending a short time at home has again taken up work in this conference. He will spend the week of prayer with the churches at Beckton, Sheridan, and Sheldon.

Elder Berry will be with the churches at Bayard, Scottsbluffs, and Mitchell during the week of prayer. Brother Fish will be at Buffalo, while Elder Hale will be at Crawford and Hemingford.

Elder M. J. Fritz sends in a nice list of *Review* subscriptions. That is the kind of missionary work that will count. Every Seventh-day Adventist family should have that valuable paper.

D. A. Petegrew has sold his place near Oelrichs, S. Dak., and gone to Junction City, Ore., to make his future home. We regret to lose them from our conference. Misses Mary

and Lulu will prove up on their claims in the spring and then go west also.

Elder Berry spent a few days at Alliance last week, and reports the death of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Burns, on November 27. Short services were conducted at the home, and then Sister Burns took the body to College View for interment. The funeral was conducted by Elder Hart in the Seventh-day Adventist church at that place. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this hour of trial.

Asa Smith.

East Kansas Conference

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Stark

Six weeks ago to-night, we began a series of meetings in the Mount Zion schoolhouse, which is in the county just east of here. The attendance continued to grow, so that we have had a very large congregation during the past few weeks.

There is now a good interest. Two have commenced to keep the Sabbath, and we expect others to take their stand with them soon. We trust that a goodly number will be gathered out at this place who will be obedient to the demands that God makes of His peculiar people.

Jno. S. Yates,
W. E. Neff.

Notes

Prof. Frederick Griggs occupied the pulpit in the Kansas City church Sabbath, December 9, and also addressed the young people in the afternoon. His talks were enjoyed very much.

Three young men from the Kansas City church will enter Union College at the beginning of the year.

Brother W. F. Surber, who has been canvassing in the South Missouri Conference with wonderful success the past few months, has closed up his work, and is now visiting his family in Kansas City. In less than three months, Brother Surber sold and delivered more than \$1,000 worth of books.

A prominent business man in Kansas City was solicited for money a

few days ago for the carrying on of missions. He informed the solicitor that he did not believe in churches, but did believe in helping humanity. The brother soliciting pointed out to him from the *Signs* the wonderful amount of work the Seventh-day Adventists are doing in foreign fields in sanitarium and Christian help work. The man was convinced, and gave a very liberal offering. Oftentimes the means of approach has to do with people giving.

Elder W. H. Clark began a series of meetings at Ottawa last Sunday night. In a communication just received from him, he states the attendance is good.

Elder W. F. Kennedy left the office last Monday to spend several days visiting the churches. He spent Monday night with the church at Lawrence, Kans. He went on to Ottawa, and spent a day or so with the church there, and assisted Elder Clark in the meetings. He expected to go from Ottawa to Stark, to aid Brethren Yates and Neff in their work at that place.

Prof. H. M. Hiatt, educational superintendent of the Southeastern Union Conference, and who was formerly educational superintendent of the Kansas Conference, made a very pleasant call at the office last Thursday. He was just returning from the educational council which was held at College View, and reports that it was a very profitable convention. He spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Kansas City. He states that he is enjoying his new field of labor very much.

Miss Esther Bergquist reports that two of the people she has been holding Bible readings with in Kansas City have taken their stand on the side of truth, and they will walk in all the light the Lord gives them. Let all remember these people at the throne of grace.

Brother John B. Aitken, who spent the past summer canvassing in the East Kansas Conference, and who is now in Strode Academy, called at the office one day last week. Brother Aitken is planning on entering the canvassing work again at the close of school. He has not yet decided what book he will handle.

The new safe which it was found necessary to purchase for the East

Kansas Conference, arrived last week. It is something indispensable in an office of this kind, as there are so many records and valuable papers to be protected in case of fire. There is no danger now of our books and papers being destroyed, as our new safe has heavy six-inch walls. All who have seen it are well pleased with it. Are there any of our brethren and sisters who would like to make donations toward the purchase price of this safe? If so, correspond with the secretary of the conference.

The \$300,000 Fund was taken up and considered last Sabbath in the Topeka church, and about \$120 in cash and pledges was raised, in addition to what had been raised before. Let more of our churches do likewise.

Encouraging reports are coming in from our people throughout the field of the splendid experiences which they are having with the special number of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. One sister who is seventy-nine years old writes: "If every one has enjoyed the soliciting and distributing of the *Signs* as I have, there will be real joy to begin the week of prayer." One day she and another sister took a horse and buggy and drove into the country, and they did not make one stop but what they sold a paper. Sold twenty-four in all.

There will be a Sabbath-school convention held at Ottawa, Kans., December 23 and 24. There will be services each evening. The president of the conference will be with us, and we would be pleased to have all isolated members and near-by churches attend. Please notify Mrs. Lillis Follon, 904 East Eighth Street, Ottawa, Kans., when you are coming, and on what train, and there will be some one there to meet you.

Brethren Leach and Newman have just finished their first delivery in Doniphan County, and surely the dear Lord was with them, for Brother Leach delivered all except three books that were ordered, and he sold these while delivering. In his letter regarding this work, Brother Leach says the Lord has blessed wonderfully. Brother Newman also had a very good delivery, only losing a few orders. I might say that both of these brethren are only beginners in the canvassing work, and we rejoice to see the splendid results they are having.

We are glad to see a report from two more sisters of the Kansas City church, and we feel sure they would not exchange their experiences for anything in this world. May many more of our brethren and sisters who are desirous of a closer walk with the Lord follow the example of these faithful servants of God, who have laid down their timidity and gone out into the highways and byways with the invitation to the supper. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing and praying with and for them—is a work that will educate men and women to do pastoral labor. In evangelistic canvassing, young men may become better prepared for ministerial labor than by spending many years in school. Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work.—“Manual for Canvassers,” p. 42. Are there not many more in East Kansas who are ready to begin their ministerial course by taking up this greatly neglected work of preparation for true gospel ministry?

E. T. Wilson.

West Kansas Conference

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Nekama

We have now closed our two weeks' effort with the Nekama church, and the effort marks a bright spot in our lives. The first Sabbath, the Lord came very near by His blessed Holy Spirit, but last Sunday marked the climax, when, under the gentle but mighty influence of the Holy Spirit, strong men and women cried aloud to God for mercy and forgiveness of sins. In the afternoon, eight dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Circumstances prevented one young sister from being baptized, but she is to be baptized at Shaffer next Sabbath, the Lord willing. This is a blessed beginning for the week of prayer.

Yesterday (Monday) forenoon, we had the annual business meeting of the church. The old elder, and Deacons G. Henry Mohr and Gottlieb Schneider were re-elected. Jacob Mohr was elected as treasurer, Alex. Betirus as clerk, and David Schmidt as librarian. Every thing was done in perfect harmony.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed the ordinances of the Lord's house.

The church now has over fifty members, and every member, except three, who could not be present, was present and took part. This is as it should be. To God alone be all the glory and praise.

S. S. Shrock,
Abraham Loewen.

Kiowa

My wife and I came to this place and began meetings in a schoolhouse in the country December 5, with a good hearing. I spoke to a well-filled house Sunday morning. Notwithstanding the roads were bad from a recent rain and it was threatening rain Sunday night, the house was filled to almost an overflow. We were sorry the people had to go home in the rain, and trust it will not cause any of them not to come back.

We believe the Lord has a people here, and are praying that the truth may triumph at this place and many souls be brought to a saving knowledge of the same. We ask to be remembered at the throne of grace.

W. L. Nott.

Naron

I came to the little country town of Naron last Wednesday, December 7, where Dr. J. E. Heald and wife have lived for nearly one year, to begin a series of meetings in a store building which they had secured free of charge for the purpose. The folding seats used in the tent meetings at Stafford last summer and fall were shipped to a near-by railroad point, and a man not of our faith sent his hired man to haul them to Naron. The building was ready by Friday, the 8th, and about sixty or more were present at the first meeting. It rained all day Sabbath and part of the night, yet about thirty came out. Sunday, the 10th, the clouds cleared away, and although the roads were very muddy, every seat was full, and some sat on the rostrum, some going outside. The best of attention was given. This is virgin soil, and the people are coming for miles around. While getting the building ready, some of the citizens took hold with the same interest seemingly as did our own people. We are in hopes of seeing some of these souls step out and obey before the meetings close.

Pray for the meetings at Naron.
A. S. Bringle.

Wellington

As no report from Wellington has appeared for some time, a few lines may be of interest to the OUTLOOK family.

I took up my Bible work here again the first of November, and in visiting my readers find a good interest manifest among them. Several new readers are interested, and the work is opening up nicely.

Some of the members here are working with the Ingathering Signs, and are enjoying good experiences.

The Sabbath-school is a source of strength to all, and as we meet together to study of God's care for His faithful disciple, Paul, we are encouraged to go forward.

Our young people's society and prayer bands are doing good work.

As a church, we are all of good courage, and esteem it a privilege to be co-workers with Him for the salvation of souls.

Elder Bringle has been with us and held several meetings lately. We had a precious season together last Sabbath, December 2, when a mother and her two sons were buried with their Lord in baptism. This sister has been keeping the Sabbath for more than a year, and we feel to praise the Lord for the stand she and her children have taken.

One united with the church by letter, making four additions in all.

Two others in the country, and two in town, are keeping the Sabbath, and we think they will take a decided stand soon.

To God be all the praise. May we all continue to work faithfully until He comes. We earnestly desire your prayers in behalf of the work here.

Mrs. Lulu Richards.

Wellington

On Sabbath, December 3, the church at Wellington, Kans., had a good day. This company of people always have their prayer meeting on Friday evenings. But as I was at home, I occupied the time in a study on the seven churches. On Sabbath, a study on the gifts of the Spirit was given. In the afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, all went to the Christian church, which had been secured for baptismal services, and after a short talk on the subject of baptism, a mother and two sons went forward to follow their Lord's example. From there we returned to our own church, where I spoke to the young people's meeting on "Loving Service." Sabbath was a good day for Wellington. Yes, it always is. A. S. Bringle.

Notes From the Field

Elder M. G. Huffman reports a good interest in his meetings at Turkville.

Elder A. S. Bringle is holding a series of meetings at Marion.

Elder H. R. Godfrey has gone to Conway Springs to hold a series of meetings.

At the close of a series of meetings conducted by Brethren Nott and Follert in Garden City, four persons were baptized.

Elder S. S. Shroek reports two baptized at the close of their meetings at Bison.

Brother Nott is now engaged in a meeting near Medicine Lodge.
N. T. Sutton.

South Missouri Conference

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

Poplar Bluff

December 8, 9, and 10 I spent with the Poplar Bluff church. This church has not been visited since last spring, and while the weather was very unfavorable and roads muddy, there was a good attendance at each service. An excellent spirit was in the meetings. Almost every one expressed a desire for a deeper consecration in his own heart.

In our Sabbath meeting, it was very touching to see the children who are attending the church school press right in and bear testimonies. They did not wait for the older ones, or to be asked, but as soon as an opportunity was given, they stepped right in.

I will say right here that Sister Edna Walters, with the hearty cooperation of the church, is teaching a splendid school at this place.

We all felt that it was good to wait upon the Lord.

L. W. Terry.

Our Sabbath-schools

Below we give the report of the Sabbath-schools of the South Missouri Conference for last quarter, thinking that it will be of interest to all and especially to our Sabbath-school workers. However, we regret to say that the report is not strictly accurate, as in some cases the different items called for were overlooked.

Teachers and secretaries, let us be careful in keeping our records each week, that at the close of the year we may be able to send to the General Conference as correct a report as possible, both for the present quarter and for the year. Let us try to have our records correspond with the record in the heavenly books.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH MISSOURI CONFERENCE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1911

Number of organized schools reporting	34
Number of home department schools reporting	7
Membership, including state home department	744
Average attendance, including state home department	520
Number in senior division.....	233
Number in junior division.....	193
Number in intermediate division	37
Number in primary division...	114
Number in kindergarten division	45
Total contributions reported by organized schools.....	\$200.93
Total contributions reported home department members ..	\$10.79
All contributions reported. .	\$211.72
Donations to missions reported	\$211.72
Number of Sabbath-school scholars converted	9
Number of Sabbath-school scholars baptized	13
Yours for the work, Minnie Robbins, Sabbath-school Secretary.	

Notes

After spending a few days at the office, Elder Terry left for Poplar Bluff, Wednesday.

Brother H. O. Crisp paid the office a visit last Tuesday.

The Harvest Ingathering donations sent in so far amount to \$66.10.

Most of our canvassers plan on spending Christmas at home, and then returning to the field.

Many letters received at the office tell of many rich experiences and blessings received in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, but the greatest blessing will be received when the Lord comes to reward His servants.

Brother L. F. Thomas, one of our

Bible canvassers, called at the office Tuesday.

Brother James Johnson and wife, of Pleasant Hope, isolated members of the Springfield church, are distributing tracts and other literature in their neighborhood, and will appreciate the prayers of the brethren and sisters in behalf of their work.

We regret that the Sabbath-school at Oxley has been discontinued. This was made necessary by members moving away.

The *Sabbath-school Worker* is one of the best helps on Sabbath-school work published, and we are promised that the January issue will be a specially excellent number. In clubs of two or more, it is only thirty cents a year, two and one-half cents per month. Surely the Lord is providing His workers with a valuable tool, the price of which is within reach of all. Brethren and sisters, and specially Sabbath-school officers and teachers, let us not hinder the Lord's work by neglecting to make use of the tools He provides.

We have recently learned of a company of six families of new Sabbath-keepers at Malden that have organized themselves into a Sabbath-school.

There have been several cases of quite serious sickness among the members of the Springfield Sabbath-school, but we are glad to say that all are improving.

Some of our faithful members at Springfield are trying to keep the reading rack at the passenger depot supplied with our truth-filled literature. The persistent effort required to do this is encouraging, for it means that some of the many who "run to and fro" are getting at least a glimpse of some strong points of this last warning message.

Study the great events of the day in the light of prophecy as they appear in the *January Signs of the Times* magazine, just out. Some of its articles are:—

"China in the Light of Prophecy," by the editor. Mentioned in the Bible years ago. Brought to our attention now. Worthy of serious thought.

"The Future of Europe—What Is It?" by A. O. Tait. Outlined completely in the Scriptures, even to its closing acts. A picture of the future that you can depend upon.

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Among the Sabbath-schools

As another quarter is now so nearly finished, and its records on our Sabbath-school books, as well as on the books above, so nearly made, it might be of interest to glance over the record made during the third quarter of this year. As a general thing, "advancement" was the word written by the figures of the reports. In the one item of the per cent of attendance was the only place in which the third quarter fell behind either the first or second quarter of this year.

The membership at the close of the third quarter was 2,294; the average attendance during the quarter was 1,626, thus leaving 668 people to be marked absent every Sabbath. Were you one of these absent ones? Did you have a good excuse, one you will be willing to face when every word and action is brought in review? How will the report for this fourth quarter look?

The local and state home departments each shows added numbers, and letters from these individuals are full of interest. In the local home department, 108 were reported for the third quarter, and 111 were enrolled on the state list.

The matter of the donations was also encouraging, the total sent to missions being \$725.35. This was an average of a little less than two and a half cents per member for each Sabbath. True, it is not a very large sum any one week, but all the small amounts added make a nice sum for the faithful workers who are in the foreign lands.

In the matter of our conference having a place on the honor roll of "all to missions," the record for last

quarter was "almost, but lost," for three schools out of our list of eighty-two used money out of their donations to pay some or all of their local expenses. This is but an illustration of the principle that we are all as one body, and all have to share in the results of the actions of any of its members. Seventy-nine schools were held from a place on the honor roll by the action of these three. Let every one plan, aim, and work for a place on this honor roll of "all to missions" for our conference for this fourth quarter.

If there are any questions about this subject or any other phase of Sabbath-school work you would like to ask about, it will be a pleasure to me to help in any way I can. Write to me at Hastings, Nebr., at any time, and if I am not at the office, the letter will come to me, as I have my mail forwarded from there every few days when out visiting.

Alice I. Teeple,
Sabbath-school Secretary.

**WHERE ARE THE CANNASSERS' REPORTS ? ? ? ?****No Paper Next Week**

It being the desire of the publishers of the OUTLOOK to begin the second volume with the first issue in January and thereafter run the volumes concurrent with the calendar year, it is proposed to make volume one a half-year volume. As we advertised to furnish fifty issues of the paper in a year, and as the present issue is number 28, we have decided to omit what would be the issue for December 26. The next number of the OUTLOOK will therefore be Volume 2, No. 1, and will bear date of January 2, 1912.

The many friends of Elder E. T. Russell, especially those who have made inquiry at this office concerning his health, will be pleased to learn that he has undergone quite a serious surgical operation at the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium, from the effects

of which he is making a rapid recovery. We have just received from him the cheering word that he hopes to be back in his office here in College View within ten days or two weeks.

Notice

The annual meeting of the constituency of the Nebraska Sanitarium and Benevolent Association will convene in College View, Nebr., Jan. 12, 1912, at 2:30 p. m., for the election of members of the board of trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

Orville Rockwell, President.

Central Union Conference

The fifth biennial session of the Central Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in College View, Nebraska, January 16-31 for the election of officers and boards of management of the various institutions and corporations connected with the Central Union Conference, and the transaction of all business properly coming before said conference. E. T. Russell, President; Mettie Cornell, Secretary.

Central Union Conference Association

The next regular biennial session of the Central Union Conference Association (Incorporated) will be held in College View, Nebraska, in connection with the biennial session of the Central Union Conference, January 16-31. The first meeting of the legal association will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 5:15 p. m.

E. T. Russell, President;
F. F. Byington, Secretary.

Union College Loan

Union College, having recently paid off several thousand dollars on notes that have fallen due, to parties needing their money, needs a loan of \$5,000, which it would be glad to take for a period of five years, at five per cent, interest payable annually or semi-annually, at the option of party wishing to place such a loan. This loan will be secured by the note of the Central Union Conference Association, which association owns the property of Union College.

The undersigned will be pleased to correspond with any party interested in this matter. A. T. Robinson,
Treas., Central Union Conference.