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

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General Interest

When I Have Time

When I have time, so many things
I'll do
To make this life more happy and
more fair
For those whose lives are crowded
now with care;
I'll help to lift them from their low
despair,
When I have time.

When I have time, kind words and
loving smiles
I'll give to those whose pathway runs
through tears,
Who see no joy in all the coming
years;
In many ways their weary lives I'll
cheer,
When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I love
so well
Shall know no more those weary toil-
ing days;
I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths
always,

And cheer her heart with words of
sweetest praise,

When I have time.

When you have time! The friend you
hold so dear

May be beyond the reach of your in-
tent—

May never know that you so kindly
meant

To fill her dreary life with sweet con-
tent

When you had time.

Now is the time! Ah, friend, no
longer wait

To scatter loving smiles and words of
cheer

To those around whose lives are now
drear;

They may not need you in the coming
year;

Now is the time!

The Minister as a Pastor

By Elder A. G. Daniells

From the beginning of our work,
we have not assigned our ministers
to churches permanently as pastors.
We have recognized that we have a
message to the world, and the aggres-
sive work in this line has been placed
upon our ministry. So during a por-
tion of each year, at least, all our
ministers who are in health and
strength have been encouraged to go
among the churches to strengthen and
to build them up.

When a minister visits a church,
he should have a very definite pur-
pose in mind regarding what he will
do in that church. He ought not to
go there simply because he is sent.
He should go there to consider the
needs of that church and to strength-

en the members, encourage, and in-
struct them.

This may be accomplished by two
special lines of effort; first, by teach-
ing them in the public services; sec-
ond, by house-to-house visitation.

A minister who visits a church on-
ly once or twice a year, ought to value
that time very highly, and he should
study and pray most earnestly con-
cerning what he should present to the
members. It should not be his aim
to prepare some pleasing essay, or to
take on some subject that he has re-
cently read about, and which is prom-
inent in his mind, simply because
it interests him. He should seek to
know the needs of the church, and
then he should give them meat in due
season. It should be his purpose to
"strengthen the things that remain,
that are ready to die."

In selecting his sermons, he should
study the conditions of the church,
and preach the sermon that will meet
those conditions, and help the mem-
bers most, even though he may never
have preached upon that subject be-
fore.

There are a few things which a
minister may always safely present
to a church. One thing is to give
to the people a good report concern-
ing the progress of the work of God
in the world. Another duty is to
shear the sheep. As a usual thing,
our sheep are very docile, quiet, and
willing to be shorn; they stand it well;
they enjoy it. They like to have us
shear them, provided we feed them
well; but they won't stand shearing
forever without some provender. They
must be fed, and one kind of food
they all like is to be told about
what the wool is doing that they have
been giving all these years.

It is the duty of a minister to be
well informed regarding the progress

of our work, and be prepared to tell the people about it. It is not right to continually present before them the great needs of the field, the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, etc., and not tell them what the money is accomplishing.

A minister should carry with him a missionary map of the world, and when he visits the churches, he should hang that map up, and show the people what God is doing in this world with the third angel's message. He should be able to relate incidents and to give statistics. It will warm their hearts and encourage them, as they are led to see that the money they contribute to missions is not thrown away. It is due our people that they should know what is resulting from the constant shearing.

The minister should call attention to important work that has been accomplished in special fields as the result of gifts that have been sent from the home land. The people will be interested to know, that we are not now sending a dollar for the support of the work in Australia; that they have their publishing houses, and their training school for workers, and are entirely self-supporting. The few dollars that we sent there to get the work started has served a good purpose, and they have now taken up the burden of carrying the message to others. The same is true of Germany. When we sent our first missionaries over there, every dollar required for their support was sent from North America, but now we do not send a dollar to them. They have conferences organized, with thousands of loyal believers, and are supporting their evangelical, publishing, educational, medical work, etc., the same as we are here. They have opened mission stations all through the East, and are supporting their own work.

One of the first things that a minister should do when he visits a church, is to visit the church clerk, and go over his books with him. Ascertain how many members there are, and whether they are all resident members or not. He should make a record of the names, learn where to find the different members, and visit the home of every one, holding Bible readings with them and endeavoring in every way to encourage them. He should not select the most pleasant place to stay, and spend his entire time there.

When the minister has learned how many members there are in the church, he should ascertain from the elder or deacon how many young people there

are who are old enough to seek God, but who are not converted and do not belong to the church. He then should plan meetings for them, and put forth most earnest efforts to win their souls to the kingdom of God. Let him work with a determination not to leave an unconverted person in that church. He should point them to our schools, and seek to impress upon their minds the importance of an education and working for God. We can fill our schools to overflowing with those young people, if we work for them in our pastoral endeavors as we should. Point them to the canvassing work; endeavor to get them to doing something.

A minister should lay before a church all the plans of advances that are formulated by the General Conference, the union conference, and the local conference, and endeavor to secure their cooperation in carrying out all these endeavors. He should make an effort to increase the tithes and offerings in a church. He should compare the treasurer's book with the church clerk's book, to ascertain if all who are listed as members in the clerk's book are also recorded in the treasurer's book. If not, ascertain why. Before leaving the church, he should see that they are organized for active missionary endeavor.

Regarding the importance of a preacher's aim and purpose in his pastoral work, Doctor Jefferson in his "Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers," chapter "Value of a Target," has said:—

"A preacher without a purpose is worse off than a man without a country. The frequent pondering of a purpose braces the heart and energizes the will. The man without a goal seldom gets anywhere. A man is effective in the ministry, other things being equal, in proportion to the clearness of his purpose and the definiteness of his aim. Unless a man can make the purpose of his sermon stand out broad as a barn door he ought to go into some work for which the Lord has fitted him."

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Nebraska Sanitarium News

Professor Engel, of Union College, favored the sanitarium recently with an excellent musical program.

An interesting program was rendered Tuesday evening, vocal music by Miss Anna Pierce and a lecture by Dr. W. W. Worster.

Elder J. W. Christian, at our late helpers' meeting, gave an instructive talk on general principles, which was very appropriate.

Mrs. Max Johnson has returned from Minden, Nebr., where she has been visiting.

Mrs. Nellie M. Whittaker, formerly of Hastings, is working in the Nebraska Sanitarium food factory.

Elder Meade MacGuire made a short stop Tuesday. While here he received a telegram calling him to Topeka, Kans., the following morning.

Mr. Richard Cobb, who was brought in from Lincoln recently in a serious condition, is making marked improvement. Mr. Cobb, before being taken sick with typhoid fever, was a student at Union College.

A few nights ago, an urgent call came from the home of M. E. Ellis for Doctor Humphrey, and on her return she reported the arrival of a baby boy. The following night there was a call from the home of Professor Engel, and the arrival of a girl was reported.

Our old-time friend and patient, L. K. Lord, of Parker, S. Dak., is again with us as a patient. It seems good to meet a patient that always has a smile and a cheerful word for everybody. Mr. Lord is a banker in his home town.

The food company has shipped goods the past week to fifteen places in Nebraska, besides points in Kansas, Oklahoma, Utah, South Dakota, and Iowa. You should call and see how nice the place looks with a new

coat of paint. They are also making some repairs to the oven, so they can do more prompt and better service.

Recent patients are: J. A. Abbott, J. N. Randolph, Richard L. Cobb, Lincoln, Nebr.; E. E. Abbott, Beatrice, Nebr.; Frank McKin, Alta Barrack, College View, Nebr.; Arthur Myatt, David City, Nebr.; George E. F. Lamb, Williams, Nebr.; F. O. Martin, Cheney, Nebr.; Jake Rupp, Mayflower, Nebr.; Mrs. T. L. Duncan, Wilsonville, Nebr.; Mrs. P. A. Larson, Omaha, Nebr.; A. K. Bevens, Rosebud Agency, S. Dak.; Mrs. G. I. Kirehner, Germantown, Nebr.; Andrew Nelson, Norfolk, Nebr.; L. K. Lord, Parker, S. Dak.; Hening Larson, Ashland, Nebr.; W. T. Hartley and wife, and Miss Della Sturn, Sargent, Nebr.



Old Union

(Heard Over the Phone)

Ting, ting, ting. "Hel-lo, editor of the OUTLOOK. This is Professor Griggs. Say, do you know that this is the twenty-first year of Union College." "Well, I had not thought of it, why, what about it?" "There is this about it, May 21 will be 'Foundation Day' and why should not 'Old Union,' with her children scattered from one end of the earth to the other, do something to mark the passing of this twenty-first mile-stone in her history?" "I must say, Professor, that somehow the thing appeals to me as a proposition worth thinking about; but what would you suggest?" "I would suggest that the College serve a dinner on that day to as many of its alumni as can be gotten together, and of those who were closely associated with the establishment of the institution, get responses from as many as possible of those who have been in Union College and who are now in different parts of the world, and have a rousing program of exercises that will fittingly mark the occasion." "Your proposition seems all right to me. Go ahead with it and if the OUTLOOK can be of any service in giving 'Old Union' a new send-off, as she continues her years of faithful ministry, let us know. Good-bye." Ting, ting, ting.

Union College Notes

Chancy Premer

Elder B. L. House, educational and young peoples' secretary of the Nebraska Conference, is visiting the college this week in the interests of his work.

Doctor B. G. Wilkinson, of Washington, D. C., stopped off here one day last week, on his way to California. He gave a very interesting and instructive chapel talk.

In a recent letter from Professor Rennings, he states that he is rapidly regaining his health. He expects to be able to return to Nebraska within a few months.

Mr. H. H. Hall, representative of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture in the college chapel, Tuesday evening, March 12.

We were greatly favored last week by having Elder K. C. Russell, of Washington, D. C., with us. He conducted some very impressive revival meetings, in which our hearts were stirred. Some took a stand for Christ for the first time, and others gained definite victories over sin. All were encouraged to press on in the Christian way.

Elder Meade MacGuire is visiting Union College this week in the interests of the young peoples' work.

The public speaking classes have been receiving special instruction and training in extemporaneous speaking the past few weeks.

The advanced Bible doctrine class is doing some research work this week, studying the seven trumpets of Revelation 8 and 9.

"Your publication, *Life and Health*, impresses me as an excellent one for teachers because of the excellent suggestions which it contains on the subject of sanitation, which is receiving increased attention in education. We have in this college a teacher's training class of about twenty-five, whose attention I intend to call to your magazine because it seems to me to be of value. That they may become personally acquainted with it, I would be glad to have you send me a few sample copies of any recent issue, for examination by the class." Prof. E. N. B., Head of Department of Education, Hope College, Mich.



Missionary Volunteers

The Korean Fund.

B. L. House, Ed. and Miss. Vol. Sec.

What can we do this year for Christ? There is nothing in which the Saviour is so much interested in all the universe, as in the work which His people are doing to save the perishing millions who sit in midnight darkness.

Doubtless you have read of the plan to raise \$1,000 for the Korean Mission Field, in which all of the Missionary Volunteers of the Central Union Conference are going to have a part. We are anxious for all the young people of this conference to share in the blessing that will come from helping in this united effort by our volunteers. We want to get our Korean Fund started as soon as possible, and if all of our Missionary Volunteers will fall in line and concentrate their endeavors to swell this fund, we can raise \$1,000 for foreign missions ourselves this year. And when we think of the joy this will bring to our struggling missionaries in Korea, ought it not to stir our hearts and inspire us to put forth our very best efforts?

You may ask, What can we do to help this fund? There are many ways in which you can help. I will offer a few suggestions:—

1. Through the regular weekly offerings in our volunteer societies.
2. By cash gifts from any of our young people who are anxious to help us raise this \$1,000 for Korea.
3. Through our Missionary Volunteer Investment Fund. This is a new plan, by which we as volunteers all over the conference can unite our efforts and see what we can do for Korea by the investment plan. The investment fund blanks for our Missionary Volunteers will be sent out to all our churches and isolated Sabbath keepers at the same time that the blanks are sent out for the older people. We want the church elders, missionary secretaries, young people's leaders, or parents, who have anything to do with giving out the blanks to see that those marked, "Missionary

Volunteer Investment Fund" on pink slips, are given to the young people, and the white blanks for the general Foreign Mission Investment Fund will be used by the older members of the church. After the blanks have been filled out, send the pink slips to your conference volunteer secretary and the white ones to M. E. Ellis, the conference missionary secretary. Let us have for our aim this year, "Something for Korea from each Missionary Volunteer in the Nebraska Conference."

I trust the Lord will richly bless the young people of this conference in this noble work for God and humanity.

Suggestions Concerning Church Schools

M. B. Van Kirk
Union Conf. Ed. Sec'y

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand."

The above statement, taken from the first page of volume nine Testimonies to the church, places upon the people who have this message to carry to the world, a great responsibility.

Every department of our work has been organized with the view of assisting in carrying this gospel to the world in this generation.

To carry this gospel of the kingdom many messengers are needed; to prepare these messengers, our denominational schools have been instituted; perhaps the most important of these schools are the church schools; for it is in the schools during the formative period of life that our children and youth receive their foundation preparation.

No more important period in the child's life exists than during the period of securing an elementary education, therefore no class of schools carry heavier responsibilities than the church schools.

The proposition being true, there is no more important branch of our denominational educational system than these elementary schools. It is in these schools that the habits of thought and study are quite fully settled; it is here that the proper view of this message may be permanently impressed, and correct principles of denominational organization may be thoroughly implanted; therefore there is great necessity that our church schools be planned and conducted along correct lines.

There should be a carefully arranged plan of organization in the church where the school is to be carried on; wisdom and care should be used in selecting the school board; a regular system of raising funds and keeping the accounts of the school should be followed; properly furnished rooms and adequate equipment should be provided; great care in the selection of the teachers should be used; and proper arrangements for a home or boarding place made for the teacher.

That there occur no opportunity for misunderstanding between teacher and patron, a contract ought to be signed by both teacher and school board, a copy of which should be in the hands of each party.

The General Conference educational department has carefully prepared blanks to supply the needs of all the schools. It is the duty of the conference superintendent to be able to supply all these blanks to the local churches.

Since it will soon be time to definitely plan for the church schools for the coming year, would it not be well for the local school boards to take up these matters with the conference superintendent immediately, that he may be prepared to furnish the proper supplies and give counsel concerning plans for the coming school year?

It was voted at the secretaries' council held in College View, November 30 to December 6, that the union secretaries provide a supply of such blanks as should be used, and that the conference superintendent secure the supplies from the union secretary.

I am at some disadvantage, not being located in the Central Union Conference yet, hence the request that conferences and churches take up these plans as early as possible, so that we may be able to do our part. There is no time to waste in careless experiments. Let each take hold and help to develop plans that will raise our church schools to their highest point of efficiency.

A New Plan for Our Sabbath-Schools

Alice I. Teeple, Secretary of Sabbath-school Department

There is a certain enjoyable sensation which comes from doing new things, and from seeing our efforts crowned with success.

In the Sabbath-schools, our donations have been given to foreign missions for some years, but the field was not named. Now we are to give to

a definite field on the thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter.

The brethren in the treasury office of the General Conference have named the city work in India as the object for all our Sabbath-school donations on the last Sabbath of this quarter. Workers have just gone there, and are ready to engage in active duties as soon as means are sent for them to spend in bringing the third angel's message before the multitudes living in these cities.

No new language has to be mastered, for English is used in the large colleges and universities, and is spoken by about six millions of the people, aside from the English-speaking foreigners. Here are doors wide open for the message. What part will we have in giving it to them? Think it over and decide before Sabbath, March 30. Let the donation that day be our answer.

I am mailing a leaflet to each of the superintendents and home department members which will explain the plan fully. Watch for it, and read it carefully, so all may have a clear knowledge of the plan.



Wyoming Conference

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

Notes by the Way

D. U. Hale

Since our return to the conference, we have been very busy. We are glad to say, however, that we are catching up rapidly with our correspondence. We are also doing some visiting that seems necessary.

On March 7, the school board met at Hemingford to decide upon teachers for the coming year, and to lay plans. Prof. E. A. von Pohle was unanimously elected as superintendent. The remainder of the help needed was left until a later date. In looking over the situation, there are several important needs. Some time ago, we mentioned in these columns that they needed an unabridged dictionary. We are glad to say that it is here, a gift from a good brother. We also mentioned the need of a team. One horse of this team has been donated. If we can get another

one, the team will be complete. For these gifts we thank the Lord, and pray His blessing upon the givers.

From the way the school has filled up this year, we will not have room enough the coming year for the boarding students. Therefore the board, after looking the situation over, decided to ask the conference to raise enough cash to partition off some rooms for the boys and make their quarters more convenient and suitable, and to add enough room for two or four more girls. The expense has not been calculated, but we are sure it will be small, compared to the help it will be to the school.

It was also voted that we carry no grades above the tenth. This will enable us to carry more pupils with the same teachers. It will also enable us to do more thorough work for those who attend. How thankful we should be for this good school, where we can send our children until they are older, without having to send them so far from home while so young. It will also lessen the expense, as it does not cost so much to maintain such a school. While we are carrying all the grades at Hemingford, we are making a specialty of the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth grades. We trust that every student in the conference who needs these grades may plan to attend the coming winter.

Our next point of interest was to locate the camp-meeting. We had in mind Hemingford and Scott's Bluff. March 11, we went to Scott's Bluff to see what opening was there. We found not only the company of our people there anxious that the camp-meeting come there, but the business men of the town also. They offered us the free use of the Chautauqua grounds and buildings, also electric lights, water, and lumber. A brother volunteered to see that our hauling was done. While we will not positively announce where the camp-meeting will be, yet we will say that Scott's Bluff is very favorable.

We trust our brethren will plan now to be at the meeting. While we can not expect a full attendance from the north part of the conference, we shall hope for a good representation from each church at the conference. The business of the conference will be attended to at this meeting, and we want every church represented. We hope that every one who can will prepare to attend.

"The presence of God calms the soul, and gives it quiet and repose."

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Remember the annual offering April 6 for the Orphans.

Miss Jennie Stewart of the Crawford church, is just recovering from quite a serious illness.

While central Nebraska was gripped in a blizzard with the mercury way down below zero we were having mild weather.

Elder Reeder has been visiting the companies at Buffalo and Kaycee, Wyoming.

Mrs. R. W. Stewart and her sister, Gladys Tillotson, called at the office recently and left a nice little sum of tithes.

Elder Hale and Elder Berry have been visiting among the churches and companies along the Platte River. They spent last Sabbath with the Mitchell church.

Mrs. Fanny Davis-Abbott who has been spending the winter in Texas has returned to her home at Sheldon, Wyo. Sister Abbott is the clerk of the Sheldon church.

Harm Frey has been chosen as elder of the Mitchell, Nebraska church since the departure of Elder Fritz for his new field of labor.

Recently we received a private card from Elder and Mrs. R. T. Baer. They are enjoying their place of labor. Elder Baer was just preparing to start for the Columbia Union Conference at Pittsburg, Penn. Both he and his wife will be remembered by nearly every one in the Wyoming conference as they have labored in all parts of the field.

Miss Fern Tillotson, aged eleven years, solicited in Hot Springs, S. Dak., and secured \$2.75 to purchase a Bible for an invalid lady. That is good missionary work for children, as well as older ones.

A copy of the "Free Press" number of *Liberty* has been mailed to 174 members of the South Carolina Legislature, the Governor, and other State officials. This "Thomas Jefferson" number is being sold very rapidly by our agents everywhere. Send \$2.00 for 50 copies, and distribute or sell them in your town.

South Missouri Conference

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Lest We Forget

L. W. Terry

For fear some may have forgotten the special offering for the first Sabbath in April, I am writing these few lines.

You will remember that it has been arranged by the General Conference, and has been practiced for a number of years, that we make a special offering the first Sabbath in April for the benefit of the orphans and aged.

It seems to me it is needless for me to make any appeal, as their needs appeal to every one of us.

As parents, we have so much to be thankful for that we have been spared to our little ones, and that they have not been left to the cold mercies of the world. So let us show our appreciation by a good offering for this class the first Sabbath in April.

Let the church elders and leaders please bring this before the churches and companies. If you are isolated, you can send your offering to Ralph Rhodes, 520 West Lynn Street, Springfield, Mo.

Remember that one-fourth of the offering at that time is passed on to the General Conference for the benefit of the colored orphanage which has been established at Huntsville, Ala.

Obituary

Elisabeth Clayton Sanders was born at Carterville, Jasper County, Missouri, in 1887, and died in Carthage, Missouri, March 12, 1912, of tuberculosis.

Elizabeth Clayton was married to F. J. Sanders in 1907, and to this union two children were born, the older a little girl, died one month before the mother. Sister Sanders was raised in the truth and died in hope of the first resurrection. She seemed to have a bright experience and was fully resigned to the will of the Master, even arranging for the funeral in such a calm peaceful way, that was remarkable for one so young.

She leaves a husband, one child, a mother and three sisters to mourn, but what a comfort that it is with hope of meeting her again if faithful.

The funeral was conducted by the writer in the presence of a large audience who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect for the dead.

L. W. Terry.

East Kansas Conference

W.F. Kennedy, Pres. B. M. Emerson, Sec'y
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Reece, Eureka, Severy, and Moline

A. B. Campbell

The Reece Sabbath-school is a branch of the Eureka church. We went to Reece and announced meetings for a few nights. During our stay of about a week at this place, from twenty to forty not of our faith attended.

In the practical subjects we presented, a good interest was manifested. We trust the people of Reece received broader views of us as a people. We have several young people at Reece whom we trust the Lord will call to His service. Our numbers at Eureka are not many, but the Lord is helping them to hold up the light of truth.

One family at Hamilton which does not have regular Sabbath-school privileges, was visited.

At Severy we found two families supporting a church school, taught by Sister Hamilton. Here we tried to make our meetings as interesting for the youth as possible.

Moline, one of the oldest churches in the state, and once a large one, has been reduced in numbers by death and removal until the company is small. At first we felt a little hesitancy to talk to some who were in the faith before we were born, but were soon at ease, because of a message which is always new to our people, even of any age.

The weather was very bad while we were at Moline, yet we had some precious seasons with the church. A few loyal believers will be a light wherever they live. The Christians were holding a revival at Moline, so we had few in attendance except our own people.

At all these places, it was good to see the interest manifested while speaking of the progress of the message in all lands. To the Lord be all the praise.

So much has been written in regard to the intolerance of Spain that all will be interested in perusing the article "Spain and Religious Liberty," by Pastor W. G. Bond, our special representative in Barcelona. See the current issue of *Liberty*. Price 10 cents; 25 cents a year; \$1.50 pays for 10 yearly subscriptions.

Elk City

John S. Yates

On March 4 I commenced a series of revival meetings with our church at Elk City, Kansas. The first night on account of snow and cold there were only two of our people, and a few outsiders present. The bad weather continued, it snowed and rained nearly every evening, but the congregation grew until we had an outside attendance of over one hundred fifty. After eight days of meetings the doors of the church were opened, and three men united with the church. Two of these are young men and are now planning to attend one of our schools next year.

It being necessary for me to leave on account of an appointment to attend the Missionary Volunteer Institute at Topeka, Brethren A. B. Campbell and Ed. Neff, who were passing through remained and are following up the interest. Let us pray that God will abundantly bless their labor.

West Kansas Conference

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Garden City

Orno Follett

The work in Garden City has felt its full share of the effects of the severe weather through which this western country has been passing. Notwithstanding all the adverse weather, however, with snow and mud everywhere, we are having some interesting experiences in our work. We held cottage meetings whenever possible, and visited with the people, holding Bible readings with them.

Two more have begun to observe the fourth commandment since our last report to the *OUTLOOK*. These are not yet established in all the truth, however.

Others are deeply interested, and we look for some of these to obey.

One of the leading first day ministers used the Gamble chart and literature to win away one of our new Sabbath keepers, while the writer was away attending the recent ministerial institute at College View. Of course we found considerable confusion upon our return, but I thank the Lord that he has redeemed our cause and truth has won the day.

We need the prayers of the faithful in Israel.

Easter

Orno Follett

Easter-tide is nearly here again. The shop windows are all aglow with their gaudy display of Easter bonnets, Easter suits, and Easter eggs. Easter post cards are on sale at every drug-store and news stand. As I pass by and behold the devotion of modern worshipers, I wonder how many are aware of the true origin of the Easter.

Hear what Chas. A. S. Temple has to say in *Pagan Counterfeits* in the Christian church, pages 42, 43:—

"The ancient pagans, with entire unanimity, worshiped one and the same great 'goddess of sensual love.' The Babylonians and Phoenicians called her 'Astarte;' the Egyptians, 'Isis;' the Greeks, 'Aphrodite;' the Romans, 'Venus, Flora, Ceres,' etc. Our Pagan-English ancestors called her 'Eostre,' and the Saxons by the similar name, 'Easter.' She also had many other names among which were the 'Ashtaroth' of the Jews and Zidonians, and 'Diana' of the Ephesians."

The Easter egg was likewise conceived in paganism. "The Hindoo fables celebrate their mundane egg as of a golden colour. The people of Japan make their sacred egg to have been brazen. In China, dyed or painted eggs are used on sacred festivals, even as in this country. In ancient times, eggs were used in the religious rites of the Egyptians and the Greeks, and were hung up for mystic purposes in their temples. From Egypt these sacred eggs can be distinctly traced to the banks of the Euphrates."

Here is one story of its origin: "An egg of wondrous size is said to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, where the doves, having settled upon it, and hatched it, out came Venus, who afterwards was called the Syrian Goddess," that is, 'Astarte.' Hyginus, *Fabuloe*, pages 148, 149.

The Roman Church adopted this mystic egg of Astarte, and consecrated it as a symbol of Christ's resurrection. Following is part of a prayer which Pope Paul V taught his superstitious followers to use on Easter: "Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, this thy creature of eggs, that it may become a wholesome sustenance unto thy servants, eating it in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc." *Scottish Guardian*, April, 1844.

Like the Sunday, Easter had its origin in ancient Babylon.

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Notes from the German Work in Nebraska

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Following the ministerial institute in College View, I returned to my work in Norfolk. I was pleased to find that the Lord had watered the seed which I had sown late last fall, and brought fruits for my labors, four persons having stepped out and begun the observance of the Sabbath, and also paying tithes. These persons are firm believers in all the light that has been given them. Although strong prejudice had arisen during my absence, which made it unwise, if not impossible, to again hold meeting in the schoolhouse, yet I received a hearty welcome in many homes.

Before returning home, I succeeded in placing among these people quite a few more of our books, making a total of nearly one hundred dollars' worth in this small settlement. I also received several subscriptions for our periodicals.

My next visit was with the few believers in Johnson, Nebr. I found them still faithful and of good cheer. My heart was made glad while here when I learned that a young English lady had severed her connection with the Methodist church and begun the observance of the Sabbath. While we were holding meetings at this place a few years ago last summer, she attended a few of the meetings. Though it seemed to make no impression upon her at the time, yet the seed which was sown has finally brought forth its fruit. I also learned at this time of a young man, whose home is a few miles out of Johnson, who had learned of our message at the same time, and is now deeply interested and making a careful study of our doctrines.

On account of the weather being so unfavorable of late for doing work in the country, I have not attempted to go out for the past two weeks, but have been assisting with the meetings which are being conducted in Lincoln by two of our German brethren of College View. It does our hearts good to see how glad the people of this German settlement in West Lincoln are to hear the truth. We have reason to expect at least a few of these honest-hearted people will soon take their stand for the truth.

Recently, I enjoyed a short visit with those of like faith in Omaha and Bennington, and stayed over Sabbath with the little company of believers in Fairbury.

Little do we realize how quickly the Lord can finish His work, if we are only faithful to the trust of sowing the seed. Let us each do our part, that the work may quickly be closed, and we be gathered home. Pray for the work among the German people in Nebraska.

Does It Pay?

One worker, in writing of his experiences, says: "A few years ago the *Signs of the Times* fell into the hands of Brother A—, and as a result he soon began the observance of the Sabbath. He passed his papers on to his three brothers, and his neighbors, and so created an interest among them. Brother B—, who was a student at the Seminary, went to the neighborhood to canvass for 'Controversy.' In the fall of 1910, a tent was pitched there. Last summer Brother C— and Brother D—, with their wives, pitched a tent and held a full summer's effort. . . . There are now eighteen baptized converts, while others are keeping the Sabbath, and there is a marked interest on the part of many more. We have a creditable and comfortable meeting house ready for dedication.

All of this is the result of the *Signs of the Times* reaching one person, and his passing them on to others.

A Ministering Spirit

"Dear Brother: Enclosed please find money order for three dollars, for one renewal and one subscription. While reading aloud out of the February 20 number of the *Signs* to my wife, who is sick, a friend being in the house at the time, I read 'Jesus at the Well of Sychar,' by Mrs. E. G. White. At the close of the reading, this friend asked how often we got the paper. I told her it came weekly. I did not take it myself, for when my subscriptions was out, a year ago, I did not have the means to send the renewal. How wonderfully the Lord works to bring things to pass. All praise and glory to His name, for it will be a ministering spirit to have the *Signs* again in our home, for we love to read the good things that are in it. And may God bless the other number as it goes into the other home. May God bless you in your labors, as you week by week send out instruction and warning to all who read the *Signs*. Your brother in Christ."

Liked the First Number

"Enclosed please find post office money order for \$0.90, for which mail to Mrs.— the weekly *Signs of the Times* for six months. She had received one number already when she ordered me to withdraw the subscription, but when she received the first number, she liked it so well that she wants it continued for six months."

Leader of Hopes of Salvation

"Enclosed please find \$1.75 postal order, for which renew my subscription to the *Signs* weekly. I esteem it as much as my necessary food. It was the leader to my hopes of salvation. With many thanks for your trouble."

For \$1.00 we will send *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and the *Protestant Magazine* for one year to any public library. Why not send two copies of each to your library for \$2.00? Some large libraries receive as many as a half dozen copies of the popular magazines, and are thus able to accommodate the demands of their many readers. Note the following communication recently received from the librarian of a public library in Mississippi. "Your kindness in sending *Liberty* to this library during 1911 is duly appreciated, and I hope that it may continue to come, and assure you that it shall be placed upon our reading tables as soon as it arrives." Remember the special offer, and send your list of public libraries to your tract society office to-day. Don't put it off. Think of the many people to be reached in this way with the truth.

For the third time, the President has honored the Roman Catholic Church by attending Thanksgiving services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Washington, D. C. For an illustrated account of this "official" Thanksgiving service, read the illustrated article in the current issue of *Liberty*, in which appear pictures showing President and Mrs. Taft arriving at, and leaving the church.

"I got hold of your magazine *Liberty*, dated 1908. Please send me a sample copy. Would subscribe now, but don't know whether you are still in business or not." N. D. E., Oklahoma.

From the sheriff's office in Ontario, comes the request: "Please send me *Liberty* for one year, for which I enclose thirty cents."

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Elder E. T. Russell was called to his home in Minatare, Nebr., on Friday, March 15. He went direct from his home a day or two later to the Pacific Coast, to attend the General Conference council at Loma Linda, Cal.

Brethren A. T. Gibson and L. B. Johnson, of Omaha, made the office of the OUTLOOK a brief visit one day last week. We are glad to note that Brother Johnson has fully recovered from his automobile accident.

Are you reading the Bible through this year? Send six cents to the Central Union OUTLOOK for a copy of "An Aid to the Systematic Reading of the Bible." They are going fast, which is evidence that this card, for slipping inside of one's Bible, is being appreciated.

Elders Meade MacGuire, Central Union Conference missionary volunteer secretary, and B. L. House, holding a similar office in the Nebraska Conference, spent a few hours at the office of the OUTLOOK. They had just closed a series of revival services in the Hastings, Nebraska church, which were attended with special blessings from the Lord. Eight young people were baptized on Sabbath, March 16. Mr. Irvine Blue, in charge of the church school at that place, in a private communication states that with one exception, every previously unconverted person in the school gave his heart to the Lord.

Brother M. E. Ellis, missionary secretary of the Nebraska Conference, was called to College View one day last week to greet the latest arrival in his family circle. He is the proud father of a second son.

Miss Mettie E. Cornell, Central Union Conference secretary, was recently called to her home in Ottawa, Kansas, on account of the illness of her father. Miss Cornell has been an untiring worker in the office of the Central Union Conference for a period of five years and thoroughly understands the work of the office from A to Z.

There has been some dispute in literary and scientific circles as to whether or not, on account of this being leap-year, spring should begin one day earlier than in other years. The question has been settled for another four years by the weather man, whose prediction came true that the worst blizzard of the season would strike the middle-west on March 20, followed by a "cold wave" on the twenty-first.

Elder A. C. Anderson, of the St. Louis Mission writes in a communication to this office of recent date:—

"I shall never forget the good meetings we had at College View. My prayer is that the Lord will help us to give the message in this great and wicked city. I have found some dear souls who are interested in the study of God's word. I have appointments for every evening in the week and if there were more evenings I could fill them. My readers are eagerly drinking in the truth and seem hungry for more. Time will tell as to who will obey the truth and walk in the unfolding light. Ours is to sow the seed and the Lord must give the increase."

Obituary

E. E. Wilson was born in the state of Ohio, July 31, 1858.

While a boy he moved with his parents to Farmersburg, Ind., and there grew to manhood. Nine years ago he came to Thayer, Kansas, where he departed this life February 23, 1912, being fifty-three years, six months, and twenty-two days of age.

In October of 1887 he and Clara Oberholtzer were united in marriage. To this union were born five children, all of whom with the mother survive to mourn the loss of a faithful father and companion.

While a young man he embraced the third angel's message, was baptized, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of which he was a member at time of death, and fell asleep confident of having part in the first resurrection.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Thayer, Kansas, February 24.

Brother Wilson was held in high esteem, which was attested to by the large outside attendance of sorrowing friends who sympathize with those mourning the loss of a member of the home. Blessed thought is theirs, that they sorrow not as others that have no hope; for his was the Christian's hope that of eternal life, when the Life-giver comes with trumpet sound to open the graves of the just.

W. H. Clark.

Many Christians believe that the Word of God has outlined the history of our nation. Such students will be benefited by reading "America a Beacon Light to the Nations; The Hand of God in the History of the Nation," in the "Thomas Jefferson" number of *Liberty*.

Congress, and the country at large, have been much exercised of late over the refusal of Russia to honor American passports when presented by naturalized Jews. The principles of religious liberty which are at stake in this controversy are ably discussed by the editor of *Liberty*, in the "Thomas Jefferson" number.

Wanted.—To correspond with graduate nurse for hospital work. Arturo Fulton, Broken Bow, Nebr.

Cooking Oil.—Best grade, water deodorized, doubly refined. Will deliver, freight prepaid, a 5-gallon can for \$4.10, anywhere in Central Union Conference east of Denver and Pueblo, Colorado. Three cans or more, \$4.00 each. Shipped from Kansas City, Mo. After April 20, add 15 cents per can. Address R. H. Brock, Box 629, Kissimmee, Fla.

Farm to Rent, to Seventh-day Adventist desiring church school. Situated 5 miles north of Oconto, Custer County; 80 acres of farm land; will rent 200 acres of grass land with it, if desired. A. F. Kirk, Oconto, Nebr.

Wanted.—Position as farm hand. Will work by the month. Address N. C. Johnson, Route 1, Lucerne, Kans.