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

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## "If Thou Forbear to Deliver Them That Are Drawn Un- to Death," . . . "What Wilt Thou Say When He Punish Thee?"

M. E. Ellis

Fear is not the highest motive for service, but fear sometimes checks the downward career; fear keeps many a man from being worse than he is; fear of the future often "brings a man up standing," causes him to peer ahead at the probable outcome of his present course of action, and it is often then that the turning point for better things is rounded in his experience.

We have reason to fear, to genuinely *fear* and *tremble* as we look at the record of our gifts to missions *in the light of what God expects of us.* (See Vol. 9, p. 38, 1st full par.) For "if thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, *Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul doth not he know it?* and shall not he render to every man *accordingly to his works?*"

Notice three points in these two verses: (1) "Ignorance is no excuse." We can not excuse ourselves for little or no gifts to missions on the plea that we do not take the "Review" and therefore do not know the needs of the fields. (2) If we are holding back our gifts, God knows it; we can not fool him a bit about that point, and (3) our reward will be according to our works. If we have not done much work we will not receive much of a reward.

In 1910 the annual Midsummer Offering for the denomination averaged

about seventeen and one-half cents per member. In 1911 it crawled up to eighteen cents. But in the meantime, the imperative calls from the men at the front called for more than *double* the former outlay in mission work—and there was that half-cent gain per member to help meet it. Will their modest requests be granted? Not till we wake up and sense the fact that the Lord is and has been calling us to fill these requests.

I believe if we can catch a faint glimpse of what Christ's sacrifice for us really means to us, and has meant to us every day since we were born, and for generations before that, that seventeen and one-half cent average for the Midsummer Offering, or even the eighteen-cent average, will look pretty small to us as representing the interest of this denomination in foreign missions, and an average we will not feel like laying much stress on in the judgment when we are asked about the use of our talents. (By the way we can help raise that average very materially, Sabbath, July 27.)

God blesses us that we may bless. It is not the blessings we *receive* that gladden, but those that we *bestow*. The water pipes all over the city may be filled with water and no one be benefited a particle thereby. It is the water that flows out of the pipes that blesses the inhabitants. And we may be increased with goods and the world be no better off. It is what we pass on of our substance that blesses and brightens men's lives and saves them.

"Few churches, if any, have reached their possibilities in consecrated giving for the spread of the gospel." Is this all the fault of the churches? We believe not. "Churches will do

## General Interest

God's changeless Love! The wandering one  
Forsakes, forgets, dishonors; yet,  
Repenting, going home, is met  
With no reproach—"Welcome, My Son!"

God's endless Love! What will it be  
When earthly shadows flee away,  
For all Eternity's bright day,  
The unfolding of that Love to see!  
*Maltbie D. Babcock.*

Remember, Lord, the ancient days;  
Renew Thy work, Thy grace restore;  
And while to Thee our hearts we raise,  
On us Thy Holy Spirit pour."

heroic things when heroic things are set before them as the things to do." It is not because churches are not able to give that they do not undertake greater things for the advancement of the kingdom of God; it is chiefly because they have not been developed along stewardship and missionary lines. There is certainly need for a development of a real live consciousness of what is involved in our stewardship for God. That revival is not an impossibility. It can be brought about, and it will be, when, led by the Spirit of God, our workers and officers of the churches set their hearts upon bringing it about, and earnestly and persistently pray and work for it. We have come to a time when some clarion call to the Christian ministry needs to be sounded all along the lines, until God's servants are stirred to faithfulness and zeal in declaring to Christian people the whole counsel of God concerning the stewardship of money. Neither fear nor false modesty should be permitted for a single moment to cause the minister of the gospel to be silent on this question. The tremendous needs of God's world-wide work at the present time, the boundless opportunities to push that work forward to the utmost requirements of Christ's commission, the increasing wealth now in the hands of our people who are called of God to be stewards, and the momentous issues depending on immediate action, imperatively demand that the followers of Jesus Christ should everywhere surrender themselves to him in unreserved consecration, in order that they may perform all the duties to which they are called as stewards who have been put in trust both with the gospel for every creature and with the means to send it to every creature."

"Give as you would if an angel

Awaited your gift at the door;

Give as you would if to-morrow

Found you where giving would be  
no more;

Give as you would to the Master

If you met his searching look;

Give as you would of your substance

If his hand your offering took."

### Stealing a March on Satan

C. G. Bellah

We landed in Hanna, Wyoming, with Brother Rockwell, a new canvasser, July 4, at 8:00 a. m., and found the city nearly gone wild over a big celebration, the first in town for nine years. There were the usual foot races, horse races, ball games, gambling, drinking, etc., that

are common on this national holiday.

The devil told us we absolutely could not sell books that day, and from a human standpoint, it looked true. But we knew better. We did not propose to let him run the whole show. In less than five minutes from the time we stepped off the train, we booked the first order. Once before we had sold \$48.00 worth of "Great Controversy" on the fourth of July, so we knew this would be a splendid day for us.

Next he tried to interfere by getting us, as well as all the rest of the people, down in the valley to see the games. But we determined to remain in town with God, if every individual in every house left us. By ten o'clock ninety-five per cent of the population were at the park. But we did not care; we asked God to help us take the rest by storm.

Then he tried to stop us by having it rain heavy showers both in the forenoon and afternoon. But we knew the Lord loved people as much while it was raining as at any other time, so we looked up to Him and went on. More than once it would pour down while we were in doors selling books, and then stop while going from one house to another.

We found but very few of the people at home, yet God wonderfully blessed our feeble efforts. The vintage was down at the park, and only the gleanings left for us. But we found "the gleanings of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer." I never saw people more hungry for the truth than those we met that day. More than once it seemed as though we could almost see the heavenly angels by our side. God was very near to us, but the devil and his crowd were celebrating the Fourth. The first eight exhibitions we secured six orders, four of them in the full leather.

Perhaps the enemy thought he had better look after the two or three thousand at the park, rather than those two tired canvassers, plodding along from house to house with literature. But this was another time when the Lord helped us steal a splendid march on his Satanic Majesty.

We worked right through the day, scarcely stopping for meals till eight o'clock that night, when we thought it time to stop. We had made sales for "Patriarchs and Prophets" in about two-thirds of the homes visited, seventy per cent being in the leather binding. That night we went to bed very tired, but so happy we could scarcely sleep. Our total sales for the day were \$62.25.

The next morning the enemy tried to convince us that we simply could not sell books the day after the Fourth, but we knew in whom we trusted. We had only a half day to work, for we must take an early train for headquarters. In five hours we sold \$42.50. Altogether we had put in fifteen hours, and sold \$104.75.

This was not picked territory, but simply where our work lay on that day. We are thankful to be connected with a message that cannot be stopped by holidays, draughts, floods, panics, or any thing else, but will march gloriously on to final and complete victory.

### Do You Mean This, Lord?

I have often wondered at the position taken by some, and the statements of the Lord in Lev. 27:30 and Num. 18:21, 24. In Lev. 27:30, the Lord says: "And all the title of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord."

Query: Does it mean that if I should plant or sow a field in corn, oats, wheat, barley, alfalfa, clover, timothy, potatoes, sweet potatoes, melons, and such other crops as I may wish, the tenth of that which grows in the field is the Lord's? or must I ask the Lord to help me pay the expense of sowing and harvesting, and then give the tenth of what is left?

If I have an orchard bearing fruit, a vineyard, a berry patch, is the tenth of all that is gathered the Lord's? or must I first ask the Lord to help me pay my expense, and then give the tenth of what is left?

The Lord says in Num. 18:21, 24: "I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance." Verse 24: "But the tithes of the children of Israel. . . . I have given to the Levites to inherit."

This might answer my query, since the Lord says, "I have given all the tenth in Israel to My servants for their work in carrying My message to the world." But some one says to me, "No, brother, the Lord does not intend us to take out the tenth of all we grow in the field, or of that which we gather from the orchard, vineyard, or berry patch. We must take out our expenses first, or we will have nothing to live on."

This starts another query. that after we have taken out our expenses, will there be enough for us to live upon? And many say, "Hardly that." Then the Lord is robbed, is He not? And right before our hired help, our children, and our wives, all

are taught to rob the one that loved them.

Oh, why am I so tired these days that I want to rest and sleep on the Sabbath? I used to be anxious to go to meeting and to Sabbath-school. I loved to hear the earnest prayers from each one, and for the lonely missionary, away from home and the church privileges of their childhood.

How I used to love to have my tithe and offerings ready, but now it takes all I have to live on.

Last year I had a good crop, and I just had to use all the money in an investment, and I am behind on tithe, and I do not see how I can ever pay it all up. I have just got to use the money this year that I get from my crop. If I had as much as the great oil king, I would help the cause.

Dear brethren and sisters, poor women who are forced to take in washings to make a living pay an honest tithe, and they never count out the expense, either. It was a poor woman that gave "all her living," and Jesus said that she gave "more than they all." Luke 21:2-4; Mark 12:41-44.

Jesus does not say of the rich that they cast in their abundance, but of their abundance. The poor widow gave all she had, even all her living. She was interested in the message, the rich only partially so.

If we wish to know what the Lord does really mean, let us read Mal. 3:10: "Bring ye *all the tithes into the storehouse*, that there may be meat in My house."

Trust the Lord for a living, and work for souls.

### Expression of Sympathy

At the regular quarterly business meeting of the College View Seventh-day Adventist church, held in the north vestry of the church on Sunday evening, July 7, 1912, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"Resolved, That the College View church extend to Sister Libbie Collins our deepest sympathy and our sincere regret for the long continued affliction which she has been, and still is, suffering; and our earnest prayer to our heavenly Father that His sustaining grace may be richly given to our dear sister in this affliction, and that if it be in harmony with His all-wise purposes and designs, Sister Collins may be speedily restored to health.

"Resolved, That the church express its sense of the great loss it has sus-

tained in being deprived of the faithful labors of Sister Collins, who, for many years, served the church in an able and efficient manner as clerk and treasurer."

### In Which Harvest Field?

L. R. Ackerman

Each year at harvest time there is a cordial invitation given to our young men, students and all, regardless of whether or not they are working for a scholarship by selling our publications, to work in the harvest field at a wage of from two to three dollars per day. Some regard this as a special inducement, and leave the canvassing work, the Lord's glorious harvest," to spend from three to five weeks earning what they are pleased to call "good wages" and "sure money." However, they never call it "easy money." Last year one of our canvassers, Brother Melvin Shidler, canvassed right through harvest, and earned more than he would have had he stopped to work in the harvest field. His experience this year is worth passing on to others, and proves that the Lord's work is of more consequence in His sight than any other. Brother Shidler writes:—

"When I got to the field Monday, I found the people very busy harvesting. The first place I came to they were heading wheat, and were too busy to offer one even a pleasant look. I tried to get to show my book, but in vain. At the next place, they were threshing, and I had the same luck as before. I sold a book at the third house, but at the fourth place they would talk about nothing but hiring me to help in their harvest, offering me three dollars per day, and agreeing to go to town at once and get some work clothes for me. I hesitated a moment, but concluded that I was engaged in a more important 'harvest' work, and that if the people were too busy to listen to me, I would have the satisfaction of knowing that I had stuck to my post of duty."

What was the result. Listen:—

"As a result, I sold \$167 worth of books for the week."

One day's sales were \$47.00, and a large per cent were in leather. Brother Shidler has a method of securing the attention of the farmers without stopping their work. Sometimes he had to sit on the binders while they were running and talk to the men, thus securing the order without the loss of a moment's time. How long would it have taken

Brother Shidler to earn his commission on \$167 by working for the farmer at three dollars per day? Dear workers, let us work for the Master with all the earnestness and perseverance we have, and He will see that we make good without having to depend on the help outside of His work.

### Thanksgiving

J. W. Christian

As we go from place to place and see the grain fields thickly dotted with shocks of golden grain, waiting to be run through the threshing machine and hauled off to market, many thoughts run through our minds. We think of the hours of hopeful sowing in the fall and spring. What emotions found a place in our hearts as we watched it grow! We remember the anxious days when the dry weather and burning sun seemed to threaten to destroy all hope. We recall the little cloud which soon developed into a great water sheet hanging in the heavens, and how we watched, eagerly, for it to come our way. The gentle rain began to fall, and our suspense was broken, and we felt so thankful to the Father of mercies for His timely blessing to us, unworthy as we recognized ourselves to be. It seemed that nothing that the Lord should ask of us would be too much to do or give.

We should never forget that we are "laborers together with God," and that He "blesses us that we may be a blessing." The Lord lays His hand on the product of the soil, and claims one-tenth as His. This we should, with thanksgiving, give to Him whose it is. What a shame that so few of earth's inhabitants recognize God in this partnership deal. Some from pure neglect, others from ignorance, defraud God; while others are so tied up with those not inclined to give to God His own that they feel they can not "do just as they would like." My brethren, will either of these excuses prove valid before the Lord in the judgment? You answer most emphatically, "No."

I am writing these lines on the train on my way to Oconto. I can not forbear to silently lift my heart to God that He will put upon every one of His children a spirit of loyalty to God in the matter of an honest tithe. No money we appropriate should give us such profound joy as to turn over to the treasury of the Lord His own. With what confidence then can we ask Him to con-

tinue to bestow upon us His richest blessings!

In this connection, I wish to inform our brethren and sisters that our sanitariums have decided to pay into the treasury a tenth of their net earnings. Already they have acted in this matter. There is no reason why our institutions should not heed the instructions the Lord has given. It is satisfying to see this cooperation on the part of the institutions in the conference. It will mean a rich blessing to them, and I am sure the Lord will honor this faithfulness in sending patronage. It is a very interesting fact to note that never have there been more people applying to our sanitariums for help than this summer. The Hastings Sanitarium has not a vacant room, and has not had for some time. Some patients are held back because we have not the room to receive them. In some instances, the patients have had to be put in with others to make room for those who come without previously making arrangements. We receive this as an evidence that the Lord is pleased to let His blessing come upon His work.

Let us pray for wisdom to know the Lord's will and for grace to do it.



### Hastings Sanitarium Notes

Katherine French

These are busy days at the sanitarium. Every room has been full, and we have wondered what to do for the next one. So far, we have provided a place for all.

Many of the new-comers have been surgical cases, so every nurse has been more than busy, some of them putting in double time. The sanitarium workers at College View, though themselves busy, kindly helped us in our rush and sent Miss Sutton and Miss Patterson to our assistance. Their help is much appreciated.

Miss Nellie Jenkins, a graduate of the sanitarium at College View, is another who is helping the nurses with their heavy surgical work. She stopped for a few days' visit, and we kent her.

Last week, six heavy operations were a part of the work done here. We feel that we have cause for special thankfulness that all of these

cases are doing well, and promise complete recovery.

Miss Florence Baker, of the first year class, has so far recovered from her recent operation that she has gone to her home for a few weeks' visit before taking up her work again.

Among the most recent arrivals are: Mrs. C. E. Harrington, from Cowles; Mrs. C. E. Roe, from Superior; Mrs. J. C. Weilage, from Glenville; Mrs. Eva VanMeter, from Ayr; Miss Viola Baker, from Farnum; and Miss Elsie Coffey, from Beaver City.

Mrs. H. A. Green, on her way to Boulder, stopped over Sabbath with her sister, Mrs. O. H. Hahn.

New fire-escapes are being erected on the east and west sides of the building. We hope to have no use for them.

We are making good use of the elevator recently finished, and it is a great satisfaction to both patients and helpers.

Mr. Williams has returned to his home at Ragan after attending to business matters here the first of the month. He hopes soon to be able to give all his time to the work here.

Word has been received from Miss Lindholm that she is thoroughly enjoying her long delayed and much needed vacation. She will not return until in September.

Dr. Hahn took a seventy-mile ride in an automobile, performed an operation, and returned home the same night that he might give the necessary care to his patients here.

Yes, these are busy days for the Hastings sanitarium.



### West Kansas Conference

N. T. Sutton, Pres. Edward Harris, Sec'y  
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### Midsummer Offering

N. T. Sutton

Sabbath, July 27, has been set apart for the midsummer offering to be taken in all our churches. As we have read from time to time in the "good old Review" the call for means to advance the cause in the regions beyond, I trust that we have caught

the spirit of the call, and that we will rally at this time with our means to advance the cause which we so much love.

The cause of salvation is only advanced by sacrifice. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus gave His life. We read of Him, "I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of myself." Thus we see that the Father of all mercies voluntarily gave His only begotten Son for the salvation of souls. Jesus voluntarily gave His life for the same cause. And now, brethren, shall not we voluntarily give of our means for the advancement and triumph of the same cause. "The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven." Not until God ceases to bless us can we cease to give of our means for the blessing of others. The souls of men are of greater value to every believer of the third angel's message than are earthly possessions. "Thus it will ever be when the Spirit of God takes possession of the life. Those whose hearts are filled with the love of Christ will follow the example of Him who for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich." "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. Gather my saints together unto Me; those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

Brethren, let us make a real sacrifice Sabbath, July 27, in answer to the many Macedonian calls, which at this time will bring a great blessing to the cause of God. Let us seek God earnestly to know just what He would have us to do. God can only bless the faithful steward.

### The Camp-meeting for West Kansas

A. S. Bringle

The camp-meeting for West Kansas will be held September 5-15 in Salina, on the main lines of the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads, east and west; also branch lines of the Union Pacific, northwest and south. There is also a branch line of the Rock Island from Herington from the southeast. Better explanations will be given later about the ground, tents, and help.

The important question now is, Am

I planning to go? Remember it is not too early to plan. Begin now to plan.

This date was arranged for the convenience of the West Kansas people, especially for those who sow large fields of wheat. Plowing can all be over by then, and a good rest can be taken at camp-meeting before sowing time. Plan to come the first of the meeting, and stay to help take the tents down.

Let us leave our worries on the altar of burnt offering, and bring our best, our peace offering, to camp-meeting. Let your souls go out for the living God.

We are anxious that this meeting shall be the help you need, and one way to do that is to bring some neighbor with you, and, besides, bring a prayerful heart. Begin now to seek God to open the way, and begin to talk camp-meeting at Salina, September 5-15. Talk it, pray it, sing it, and all the time plan to go. None will go but those who plan definitely to go. Some one can bring a neighbor with him. Brethren and sisters, we want most of all that you come to help others get a better view of, or rather a better hold on God.

Watch the OUTLOOK for further notices. Clip them all out and paste them on a cardboard, and you will have them handy for reference.

### Sharon Springs

Orno Follett

Brother B. H. Shaw and the writer began a series of meetings in the Christian church of this place on June 11, and have continued nearly every night since. Sharon Springs is a railroad division point of about eight hundred inhabitants. Our brethren who have held meetings in a railroad town will appreciate what class of people we have to contend with.

We had a fair attendance the first few weeks, but the attendance is dropping off as the testing points of our message are being given. A moving picture show started up here July 8, and the 12th there is to be a cowboy show. Satan is diligent in his work of drawing people away from hearing the truth. But these things test the loyalty of those who are seeking after truth.

Two brethren and one sister who used to keep the Sabbath, but had become discouraged for various reasons, have been reclaimed by the grace of God. One of these brethren is quite a well-to-do farmer, and the other runs a repair shop in town.

There is a young man who works for the railroad company, and who is convinced that we have the truth, but on account of his work has not yet begun to obey. I learned that he planned to attend a business college this coming winter, so suggested Union College to him. Professor Griggs sent him a calendar of the school, and after investigating it carefully, he has decided to begin September 11 with the fall term.

We are earnestly praying that others may take a firm stand before we are obliged to close our meetings. There are several who are interested, but Satan is holding them back. The experience of a blacksmith is to the point. He and his wife attended the meetings. He became interested, and borrowed a copy of "Daniel and Revelation," that he might study more carefully and see whether "those things were so." But his wife became offended, and returned the book.

We organized a Sabbath-school yesterday, Sabbath, July 13, of sixteen members.

Another sister, a milliner, took a definite stand for the truth in the Sabbath meeting.

Since writing the above report, we have received the sad news of the death of Brother Shaw's wife. We are sure that all the OUTLOOK family will extend heartfelt sympathy to our brother in this time of his bereavement.

### Canvassing Notes

L. R. Ackerman

Miss Hattie Abbott writes: "I have enjoyed my work very much this week. I have found one lady who is keeping the Sabbath. She has several of our books. Her husband is quite favorable to us as a people. I sold them a book. I pray that God may convict him deeply, so that he may step out for the truth." Let us remember such an one at the throne of grace.

The writer spent last week canvassing south Hutchinson, and had some real good experiences. Several thought they were too busy to stop and listen to me, but when I left them they had signed for a book in the full leather binding. One lady told me that there was no use to visit a certain family, that the man would probably not use me very well when he found out what my work was. I listened to all the information I could get about the family, and went my way, praying that if it was the Lord's will, that He would help me to put a book in that home. Well,

He did better than that. When I left, they had ordered two books from me. This is another case of not taking the advice of any one who talks discouragingly. "We are living in a time when people who say, 'It can not be done,' are always being interrupted by somebody doing it."

Our work has been hindered considerably from one cause or another for two or three weeks, but we look for better things from now until camp-meeting.

Brother Forshee was taken sick, and was unable to canvass for a while, so he is at home resting and recuperating. We hope to see his reports again in the near future.

Brother Miller is working faithfully in Wichita to get our publications before the people, and is having some splendid experiences. His letters are full of courage, and show that he thoroughly enjoys his work.

We leave to-day for Kirwin, where Miss Abbott is working with "Patriarchs," and will spend several days there. From there, we plan to visit Nekoma and Shaffer, and stop at Burdette on the way back. Then we plan to spend two or three weeks in the field with a prospectus, and help gather in a few sheaves from the Master's harvest field.

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### The Field

Elder J. W. Christian

Since my last report, I have spent a couple of days with the Cortland church. We celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and held regular quarterly service. It was the second time I have been with this church. To me it was a very precious season. It was my privilege to meet one of our faithful canvassers, Brother Rash, here. He has been faithfully going from house to house with the printed page. He has met with remarkable success, and his devotion to the work strikes one with the idea that he is not in this work for the dollar, but for the love of souls and the good he may do.

Last Sabbath and Sunday were spent with the Broken Bow church. It was a real joy to meet with the dear brethren and sisters in this part of the state. The Lord came very near to us as we studied His Word,

and in the social meeting many stirring testimonies were borne. New consecrations were made, and our hearts were made glad in the Lord. Brother Bert Glassecock, the elder, bears a great burden for the flock in this place. May the Lord make him a mighty power.

Sunday afternoon, through the kindness of the Methodist Episcopal church, we were permitted to baptize two of the young people who have been waiting for some time for this privilege. One, Sister Mary Sample, drove forty miles over the dusty roads to follow her Lord in this rite. Sister Carrie Deming, a teacher in Custer College, and a young woman of marked ability, was the other candidate. I hope Sister Deming may be able to arrange to leave her home and fill some place more directly in connection with the Lord's work.

Brother and Sister Arthur Fulton are operating a small hospital in Broken Bow. They have a splendid location, and have had all they can do since they opened their place. It gives a splendid opportunity for them to scatter the light of the gospel among those who come there for physical aid. The doctors are very courteous and seem to be anxious to cooperate with them in making the home a success.

My next stop was at Grand Island, where I spent a day visiting among the believers. In the evening, I went to Dannebrog, where Elders Peterson and Johnson are holding a tent effort. They do not have a large attendance, but there seems to be some interest on the part of some to hear the truth. They will continue their effort up to near the camp-meeting.

From here I go to Hastings for a few days. Some things at the office demand my attention.

### Success, Success

J. W. Christian

By means of comparisons, we may learn many valuable lessons. Some will greatly encourage us, while others will cause us to think seriously and reflect on the situation before us. We wish in this to give a comparison that we feel sure will gladden the hearts of all.

While we have always had faith in the canvassing work, I think, considering the odds we have had to contend with, this line of work is appealing to us in a most encouraging manner. I will give the sales of books in our conference for the months of May and June for 1911 and 1912.

|        | 1911      | 1912      | Gain 1912 |
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| May    | \$ 349.80 | \$ 809.25 | \$459.45  |
| June   | 2356.50   | 2991.40   | 634.90    |
| Totals | \$2706.30 | \$3800.65 | \$1094.35 |

Our sales for July last year were \$1892.30. What they will be for the same month this year we can not tell, but we feel confident that we shall see a bigger report for the month, judging from the reports that reach the office for the first week in July. You will notice the reported sales amount to \$626.55 for the week. Two of our canvassers failed to report, and July 4 also came in this week, which has materially affected our week's report.

While we are glad for the financial showing that the canvassing band is making, we are especially thankful to God for the precious seeds of truth that have been placed in the homes of the people this summer. If there is one class of workers that should receive a warm welcome in our homes, it is the canvasser. I am glad that our people everywhere share in this sentiment, as evidenced by the open homes our book workers are finding.

I trust that some who can give all their time to this work are being stirred by the reports that are coming to us and will volunteer for the canvassing work, to stay with it the year round.

### Sabbath-school Convention at Bartley

Alice I. Teeple

A Sabbath-school convention was held at Bartley, July 12-14, which will be one of the bright experiences in the lives of several of the believers of Hitchcock, Red Willow and Furnas counties. All the members of the local school were in attendance and each of seven other schools in these counties were represented. The membership of the Bartley school is thirteen, and forty-seven came from the other schools; several of the citizens of Bartley were in attendance at each service.

Elder B. L. House rendered valuable assistance during the convention sessions aside from preaching able sermons on Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday evenings and Sabbath forenoon. Sunday afternoon he held a baptismal service in which three dear souls, a man and his wife, and a young lady, were led from the water to live new lives in Christ Jesus. The Christian church kindly welcomed us to use their baptistry for this service. By invitation, Elder House occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church

Sunday evening; some of our own young people formed the choir.

The subjects considered at the three convention sessions were: "Object of this Convention," "History of the Sabbath-school Work," "The Influence of the Sabbath-school," "The Sabbath-school as a Training School," "Our Duty to Foreign Fields," "How to Study the Lesson," "How to Prepare the Lesson for Teaching," "The Art of Securing and Holding Attention," "Order in the Sabbath-school," "The Ideal Teacher," "Preparation of Workers," "How to Make the General Exercises Interesting," and "The Home Department." A discussion followed each subject presented and additional thoughts were called forth by the questions placed in the question box. The program was interspersed with songs and recitations.

The Bartley brethren secured the use of a large house in town convenient to the church for the accommodation of the visitors as they lived so far in the country it was out of the question to try to drive back and forth. The visitors brought straw ticks and bedding, so with a table, oil stoves, bed springs, and plenty of straw for the ticks all were made comfortable.

This was the first general meeting held in the Bartley church since it was dedicated about four years ago.

Pearl E. Jones, the conference secretary, and the writer were in attendance from the Hastings office.

### Church School Teachers' Institute

Emporia, Kans., August 1-8.

There will be an institute for church school teachers at Emporia, Kans., on the above date. Arrangements for this institute are in the hands of Prof. J. B. White, the educational superintendent of the East Kansas Conference. All church school teachers in the conference are requested to be present the first session, which will convene promptly at eight o'clock Thursday morning, August 1. Teachers' examinations will be held in connection with this meeting. Teachers whose certificates have expired, or expire soon, may have them renewed, providing the present certificates meet the requirements of the educational department.

"Is not Thy grace as mighty now  
As when Elijah felt its power?  
When glory beamed from Moses' brow  
Or Job endured the trying hour?"

## Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y  
H. A. Fish, Field Agt.  
CRAWFORD, NEBR.

### Midsummer Offering

Elder D. U. Hale

The midsummer offering has been appointed by the General Conference for July 27. This offering has been appointed to meet a deficiency in finances for missions that comes each summer. The missionaries in foreign countries must have their support regularly, else they are thrown into strait places financially, and unnecessary hardships come. Our brethren and sisters who have left all to carry the message to the dark parts of the earth should have our hearty support and encouragement.

There are also stations waiting to be opened and cities and countries to be entered. The end can not come until this work is done. It will come as soon as the work is done, for the Saviour said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." This promise will surely be fulfilled. As soon as the last station has been opened and the last city and country entered and the work in these places done, the end is sure to come. Then what we have in this world will be worthless to us. If we have held onto our property too long, in the end it will be a source of regret and a curse. If we have it all in the cause, carrying the message and saving souls, it will be a source of joy and rejoicing.

Brethren, let us take advantage of this opportunity to get some of our means and earnings into the cause, where it will be helping to save souls. How thankful we should be that the Saviour offers us these privileges of laboring and sacrificing with Him in this world and sharing with Him in His joy in the world to come. Let us enter heartily into the services and give as we are sure will please the Master.

### Office Notes

Asa Smith

Elder and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, of Marsland, were in the city on business one day last week, and made the office a pleasant call.

Brother Hans Sorenson, of Granite Canon, Wyo., is spending some time visiting relatives and friends in Battle Creek, Mich.

We acknowledge with pleasure a brief call from Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stewart, of Wayside, Nebr., and Roy A. Pederson, of Hough, Nebr.

H. A. Fish, who has been in the field with the canvassers since camp-meeting, called at the office last Friday between trains. He went on to Whitney, where his wife is visiting.

J. A. Smith, deacon of the church at Hemingford, spent a couple of days visiting his brother in Crawford last week, and before returning called at the office and left a substantial amount of tithe.

Elder Hale and family left Crawford, July 10, for Laramie, Wyo., to unite with Elder Berry in a tent effort. A card received from them last evening states that they arrived safely and expected to be ready to begin meetings the 16th.

Dorey Baker came in the office the other day carrying his right arm in a sling, having broken it on the way to town, when his team ran away. There were several others in the buggy who received more or less bruises, but none bruised so seriously as himself.

During the camp-meeting, we received requests from several parties for copies of the Sabbath-school lesson quarterly for the first quarter of 1912. We are now able to fill a limited number of such orders at three cents per copy, which will include the postage.



### The Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

The annual meeting of the Kansas Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held on the camp-ground in the park, Emporia, Kans., Monday, Aug. 12, 1912, at 4:30 p. m., for the election of such officers as are necessary, and also for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. We trust that all our brethren throughout the state will remember that they are

members of this association, and that they have a voice in its business transactions.

H. S. Osterloh,  
President.

### Tents at Camp-meeting

The following prices will be charged for family tents during our camp-meeting at Salina, Kans., September 5-15:—

12x19, 6-foot wall, \$5.50.

12x14, 6-foot wall, \$4.00.

10x14, 6-foot wall, \$3.50.

12x14, 4-foot wall, \$3.00.

All tent orders must be sent to the office by the 12th of August, as we must close our contract by August 15. Be sure that your order reaches E. Harris, 508 Fifth Avenue, East, Hutchinson, Kans., before August 12.

### West Kansas Conference

The second annual session of the West Kansas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Salina, Kans., Sept. 5-15, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of business pertaining to the conference. The first business meeting will be held at 9:00 a. m., Friday, September 6. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate, regardless of the number of members, and one for every fifteen members or major part thereof. Let every church attend promptly to the election of their delegates, and request the delegates to be present at the first meeting.

N. T. Sutton,  
President;  
E. Harris,  
Secretary.

### Association Meeting, West Kansas Conference

The next annual meeting of the West Kansas Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association, a legal corporation of the state of Kansas, will be held at Salina, Kans., in connection with the annual conference and camp-meeting, Sept. 5-15, 1912. The first meeting of the association will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, September 9, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such business as may properly belong to said association. The delegates to this association are the regularly accredited delegates to the West Kansas conference.

N. T. Sutton,  
President;  
E. Harris,  
Secretary.

## Canvassers' Report for Week Ending July 12, 1912

|                               | Book    | Hrs.        | Ordn.      | Value          | Helps         | Total          | Del'vd        |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Colorado</b>               |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| Myron Dorman                  | G. C.   | 18          | 5          | 16 00          | 50            | 16 50          |               |
| *Geo. Renz                    | G. C.   | 70          | 15         | 47 00          | 14 15         | 61 15          |               |
| Claude Eldridge               | G. C.   | 14          | 2          | 6 00           |               | 6 00           |               |
| *John T. North                | C. K.   | 78          | 5          | 8 00           |               | 8 00           |               |
| *W. B. Davy                   | C. K.   | 57          | 11         | 17 50          | 1 00          | 18 50          | 42 85         |
| *Avith Bonnicksen             | C. K.   | 57          | 23         | 38 50          | 3 85          | 42 35          | 3 25          |
| *John Deapen                  | C. K.   | 63          | 18         | 27 50          | 8 50          | 36 00          | 6 00          |
| Elizabeth Warner              | C. K.   | 39          | 12         | 18 00          | 4 75          | 22 75          |               |
| Hilma Olson                   | C. K.   | 1           | 2          | 3 50           |               | 3 50           |               |
| Ray Eads                      | P. G.   | 69          | 7          | 26 50          | 1 50          | 28 00          |               |
| Geo. Chamberlin               | B. R.   | 24          | 7          | 21 00          |               | 21 00          |               |
| *Perry Hills                  | B. R.   | 39          | 2          | 8 00           | 2 00          | 10 00          | 50            |
| <b>Agents 12.</b>             |         | <b>529</b>  | <b>109</b> | <b>237 50</b>  | <b>36 25</b>  | <b>273 75</b>  | <b>52 60</b>  |
| <b>East Kansas</b>            |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| Thos. Carner                  | G. C.   | 37          | 3          | 9 00           |               | 9 00           |               |
| Roy Baker                     | G. C.   | 35          | 7          | 23 00          | 10 50         | 33 50          |               |
| Joseph Phillips               | G. C.   | 41          | 15         | 50 00          | 3 75          | 53 75          |               |
| Edith Manny                   | G. C.   | 8           | 4          | 12 00          |               | 12 00          |               |
| Grace Manny                   | G. C.   | 17          | 10         | 35 00          | 2 75          | 37 75          |               |
| J. T. Butcher                 | G. C.   | 28          | 8          | 29 00          |               | 29 00          |               |
| †Jessie Manny                 | G. C.   | 60          | 10         | 34 00          | 14 90         | 48 90          |               |
| †John Aitken                  | G. C.   | 76          | 22         | 84 00          | 18 75         | 102 75         |               |
| J. A. Schmidt                 | D. & R. | 47          | 18         | 54 00          |               | 54 00          |               |
| H. O. Phillips                | B. R.   | 14          | 6          | 18 25          | 1 00          | 19 25          |               |
| <b>Agents 10</b>              |         | <b>363</b>  | <b>103</b> | <b>348 25</b>  | <b>51 65</b>  | <b>399 90</b>  |               |
| <b>Nebraska</b>               |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| J. G. Mandalian               | G. C.   | 43          | 12         | 44 00          |               | 44 00          |               |
| H. F. Rasch                   | G. C.   | 32          | 10         | 30 00          |               | 30 00          |               |
| J. L. McCurdy                 | G. C.   | 40          | 10         | 33 00          |               | 33 00          |               |
| R. E. Hoen                    | D. & R. | 46          | 4          | 16 00          |               | 16 00          |               |
| T. E. Williams                | D. & R. | 10          | 3          | 9 00           | 6 30          | 15 30          |               |
| H. C. Wilson                  | P. G.   | 39          | 9          | 31 50          |               | 31 50          |               |
| W. A. Brown                   | P. G.   | 40          | 4          | 14 00          |               | 14 00          |               |
| P. C. Byington                | P. G.   | 40          | 9          | 34 50          |               | 34 50          |               |
| A. B. Tetzlaff                | P. G.   | 37          | 16         | 64 00          |               | 64 00          |               |
| S. H. Miles                   | P. G.   | 34          | 14         | 61 00          | 2 75          | 63 75          |               |
| Anna M. Post                  | Her.    | 26          | 15         | 26 25          | 5 25          | 31 50          |               |
| Emma Mallett                  | Her.    | 36          | 7          | 19 75          | 1 75          | 21 50          |               |
| Mrs. M. A. Eldridge           | Signs   | 32          |            | 31 05          |               | 31 05          |               |
| <b>Agents, 13</b>             |         | <b>455</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>414 05</b>  | <b>16 05</b>  | <b>430 10</b>  |               |
| <b>North Missouri</b>         |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| D. D. Turner                  | G. C.   | 38          | 12         | 39 00          |               | 39 00          |               |
| *E. A. Schuster               | G. C.   | 78          | 18         | 58 00          | 10 25         | 68 25          |               |
| *A. Pfanenachwarz             | G. C.   | 76          | 10         | 34 00          | 10 50         | 44 50          |               |
| *Rudolph Gross                | D. & R. | 56          | 9          | 31 00          | 24 25         | 55 25          |               |
| *Bessie Allen                 | B. R.   | 55          | 35         | 131 00         |               | 131 00         |               |
| Chas. & Lydia Atkins          | B. R.   | 43          | 4          | 13 00          |               | 13 00          |               |
| Wm. Wharton                   | B. R.   | 20          | 12         | 38 25          | 75            | 39 00          |               |
| *A. C. Voth                   | P. G.   | 51          | 15         | 63 50          |               | 63 50          |               |
| <b>Agents 8</b>               |         | <b>417</b>  | <b>115</b> | <b>407 75</b>  | <b>45 75</b>  | <b>453 50</b>  |               |
| <b>South Missouri</b>         |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| Winnie Walters                | D. & R. | 30          | 12         | 44 00          | 9 50          | 53 50          |               |
| Edna Walters                  | D. & R. | 24          | 9          | 36 00          | 4 25          | 40 25          |               |
| E. L. Wells                   | D. & R. | 41          | 13         | 41 00          |               | 41 00          |               |
| Robert S. McLain              |         |             |            |                |               |                | 82 20         |
| <b>Agents, 4</b>              |         | <b>95</b>   | <b>34</b>  | <b>121 00</b>  | <b>13 75</b>  | <b>134 75</b>  | <b>82 20</b>  |
| <b>West Kansas</b>            |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| M. W. Shidler                 | B. R.   | 56          | 44         | 167 00         |               | 167 00         |               |
| A. W. Cole                    | P. P.   | 26          | 6          | 17 50          | 3 50          | 21 00          |               |
| G. A. Miller                  | P. P.   | 19          | 6          | 10 00          | 1 25          | 11 25          |               |
| L. R. Ackerman                | P. P.   | 21          | 7          | 28 00          | 6 00          | 34 00          |               |
| Hattie Abbott                 | P. P.   | 12          | 3          | 9 00           | 3 50          | 13 50          |               |
| <b>Agents, 5</b>              |         | <b>134</b>  | <b>66</b>  | <b>231 50</b>  | <b>14 25</b>  | <b>246 75</b>  |               |
| <b>Wyoming</b>                |         |             |            |                |               |                |               |
| Orval Kirkle                  | G. C.   | 51          | 7          | 23 00          | 3 75          | 26 75          |               |
| Valentine Chapman             | D. & R. | 56          | 18         | 59 00          | 3 00          | 62 00          |               |
| E. H. Meyers                  | P. P.   | 38          | 16         | 53 00          | 3 00          | 56 00          |               |
| F. H. Pierce                  | P. P.   | 43          | 10         | 31 00          | 9 00          | 40 00          |               |
| Gerry Wells                   | D. & R. | 17          | 2          | 6 00           | 1 50          | 7 50           |               |
| <b>Agents 5</b>               |         | <b>205</b>  | <b>53</b>  | <b>172 00</b>  | <b>20 25</b>  | <b>192 25</b>  |               |
| <b>Grand Total: Agents 57</b> |         | <b>2198</b> | <b>593</b> | <b>1933 05</b> | <b>197 95</b> | <b>2131 00</b> | <b>134 80</b> |

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## Important Dates

Tuesday, July 30, Union College annual board meeting convenes.

Sabbath, July 27, mid-summer offering to foreign missions.

## Central Union Camp-meeting Dates

East Kansas, Emporia, August 8-18.

Colorado, Denver, August 15-25.

Nebraska, College View, August 22 to September 1.

South Missouri, Clinton, August 22 to September 1.

North Missouri, Hamilton, August 29 to September 8.

West Kansas, Salina, September 5-15.

St. Louis Mission, St. Louis, September 16-22.

West Colorado, Delta, September 26 to October 6.

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