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

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General Interest

He Knoweth the Way I Take

Surely this day is my complaint bitter;
My calamity is heavier than my groanings.
Who will declare, that I may know where I may find Him?
O, that I might approach even unto His judgment seat!
That I might spread out, at length, my cause in His presence;
And replenish my mouth with arguments;
That I might know the answers He would make unto me;
And that I might learn what He would say unto me.
Would He contend with me in the mightiness of His strength?
Nay, rather would He yield unto me.
There would the righteous one satisfy the matter with Him:
And triumphantly should I come forth from my Judge.
But behold, I go forwards, and He is not there;

And go backwards, yet do I not perceive Him:

On the left hand where He is working; but I can not see Him:

On the right hand He obscureth Himself, so that I can not behold Him.

But He knoweth the way of my path:

After He hath tried me, I shall come forth as the gold.

In His steps will I firmly fix my feet;

His way have I kept, and I will not turn aside;

And from the commandment of His lips I will not depart;

In my bosom have I stored the words of His mouth.

Surely He is ever the same, therefore who can alter His mind?

For as His soul ordaineth, so accomplisheth He.

Behold, He fulfilleth my destiny:

And many the like things are with Him.

Job 23: 2-14, Spurrell's Translation.

Response from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

More about the Selukwe Reserve

Plumstead, C. P., South Africa,
Sept. 18, 1912.

My dear friends in the General Conference Sabbath-school Department—

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge your valuable services in working up so large a thirteenth Sabbath offering, through the Sabbath-schools, for the opening of the Selukwe Reserve Mission.

There is something remarkable about the overruling of God's providence in the opening of this mission station. We had applied for the lease two years ago. It was granted,

and a year ago Elder Anderson called at the office of the government and was informed that they were just ready to send out the papers for signature. Almost another year passed. When I called at the government office, they said the papers were not there, and they supposed they had been sent out for the signature of our mission superintendent. When informed that he had not received them, they began looking them up by writing to their office at Bulawayo. The application had been made at the office in Salisbury. The feature that seemed to us remarkable was that the papers were found and sent to Brother T. J. Gibson for signature just at the time when we learned that you were taking the thirteenth Sabbath collection for the opening of the Selukwe Reserve Mission.

After the General Conference Committee decided that they could not grant the appropriation we asked, we felt that we must go right on with our plans in faith, although we could not see where the money would come from for the opening of this station when the lease was obtained. We can now very easily see that the Lord knew how it was coming all the time. He held the lease in abeyance until the proper time, and shaped the plan for the thirteenth Sabbath offering to meet the needs of the Selukwe Mission just at the moment when we were ready to enter upon the work.

I wish to express my appreciation to you personally for the interest you have taken in the matter, and to assure you that it is greatly appreciated by the South African Union Conference and the Selukwe Mission. You can imagine that it was quite a surprise to us, for we had not the

slightest hint that you were doing anything of the kind until the American papers, containing the appeals for that purpose, reached us. At first we thought that it must be a mistake, and that the name of the mission for which the collection was being made had been a misprint. When we saw by other reports that it was confirmed, we thanked God and took courage.

Assuring you that we are most grateful for the substantial interest the Sabbath-schools have taken in the work in Africa by sending the money for the original opening of the work in this field, by aiding, by the constant Sabbath-school offerings, in the general offerings for the support of the foreign mission work, and by this special offering, in this time of our need for the opening of the work in the Selukwe Reserve; and further assuring you that the interest thus taken by the Sabbath-school Department in our work in Africa places us under renewed obligation to devote ourselves faithfully to the advancement of the work in this great field, and that we constantly remember the Sabbath-schools in our prayers, we are,

Faithfully yours in Christian service,
R. C. Porter,
Pres. S. African Union Conf.

Colporter Wagon in Wyoming

C. G. Bellah

In a personal letter from Brother J. M. Fletcher, who is working with a colporter wagon in the Wyoming Conference, we quote the following:

"I knew the Lord was leading before we started, and we were bound to make it go. All the mines but one have closed, because of the strike, and all the sawmills have been closed for two years. The Home Stake Mining Company is running here in Lead, S. Dak. I have been here for two weeks. Week before last, I took orders for \$111 worth of 'Bible Readings,' and last week my report was \$173.25, making \$284.25 for two weeks. Have four more weeks to canvass before making a delivery.

"It is fine up here in the hills. I have my wife and two boys with me, and they surely enjoy the trip. We have all had the best of health since we started out. This is the only way for a man with a small family to canvass. Wish you could see our outfit.

"We have a fine wagon and team, and a new tent, ten by ten feet, with five-foot walls.

"Two boys were drowned near here, at Terraville, last Sunday. I

went over Wednesday to canvass, thinking the funeral would be over; however, one of the boys was not buried till that day. The hearts of the people were tendered. The Lord helped me in meeting the people, and blessed with success. I sold the parents of one of the boys a five-dollar 'Bible Readings.' The people were all anxious to know what the Bible taught about the state of the dead, and I made this one of my strong points. When night came, I found that I had sold \$50.50 worth of books, besides attending the funeral."

My dear brother and sister, would you not like to have some experiences as good as these? God wants to use you in helping spread this last message of mercy to the world. Write your field agent for particulars as to book and territory.

Dedication of the New Pacific Press Building

The new Pacific Press building in Kansas City was dedicated Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1912.

The day was very pleasantly spent at the Pacific Press office in an informal reception, refreshments, and inspection of the building. About two hundred were present.

At 8:00 p. m., the congregation assembled at the church, corner of Fourteenth and Michigan Avenue, where the dedicatory service was conducted.

As the congregation joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," a stillness crept into the room, and every heart felt grateful for the power in that blessed name.

Brother S. N. Curtiss, the manager, gave the address of welcome. He referred in an interesting way to the fact that nineteen years ago he and Elder W. S. Hyatt, who was then president of the Missouri Conference, had tramped the streets of Kansas City for more than a week, looking for a location for the Pacific Press office. Finally they found a place at 18 West Fifth Street. The first shipment of books, to the amount of \$113, was made to the Kansas Conference. He also referred to the fact that every book ought to have a man or a woman behind it who had the third angel's message in his or her heart; in short, this work called for advertisements with boots on.

Brother C. H. Jones, manager of the home office at Mountain View, Cal., gave a brief history of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. It was first located at Twelfth and Castro Streets, Oakland, Cal., April

1, 1875, where it remained until 1903, when it was moved to Mountain View. He called attention to the difference between a publishing house and a printing plant. A printing office is a place where books are made, and a publishing house is where they are circulated. He said every house should be a publishing house.

Elder E. E. Farnsworth, president of the North Missouri Conference, gave a stirring address on "The Importance of the Publishing Work," referring to his first experience canvassing, and how it had shown him that this line of service was indeed ordained of God for the finishing of the work in the earth.

The following are some of the figures presented under the topic, "Work in the Central Union Conference."

Here is given a comparative statement of subscription book sales for June, July, and August, 1911 and 1912. The gain each month is indeed gratifying. This is the largest amount that has ever been sold during three months in the Central Union Conference.

June, 1912	90	8469	2719	\$ 9453.00
June, 1912	90	8489	2712	\$ 9453.19
June, 1911	64	6378	2066	7494.10
Gain	26	2111	646	1959.09
July, 1912	100	9141	2348	10193.55
July, 1911	53	4244	1316	4628.95
Gain	47	4897	1032	5494.60
Aug., 1912	62	3327	1156	5004.40
Aug., 1911	32	3067	868	2872.50
Gain	30	260	288	2131.90
3 mo. 1912	252	20957	6216	24651.14
3 mo. 1911	149	13629	4250	15065.55
Gain	103	7328	1966	9585.59

The prospects were never brighter for a strong autumn work. We have had to struggle with some hard difficulties in the Central Union, but brighter days are ahead of us. The crisis has been passed, and we are coming in on the flow tide. We are planning not only for a strong autumn work, but expect to continue right through the winter months.

Under the topic, "Work in the Northern Union Conference," Brother Painter, the Northern Union agent, gave some interesting facts and figures. He stated that the work had been too much up and down,—up in the summer and down in the winter, but they hoped to keep it up now.



New Pacific Press Building

For the first eight months of this year, more orders have been taken than for the entire year 1912.

Brother Cochran gave the sales of the Kansas City branch, the cost of the new building, etc. He took charge as manager, Oct. 1, 1903. In March, 1904, the office was moved to 1109 East Twelfth Street, where it remained to the present year. Ground was broken for the new building Mar. 1, 1912. Stock was moved in and the building occupied May 30. The actual cost of the new building was \$3678; entire investment, \$8250. It is a beautiful brick building, 35x70, facing east. There are two office rooms in front, with stock room in rear. Brother Cochran stated that the total sales of the Kansas City branch since its establishment was \$1,250,000, and the prospects are the best since 1908.

Every heart was touched when Elder Hennig offered the dedicatory prayer, asking God's blessing to rest not only upon the new building, but also upon the literature and the self-sacrificing men and women who print and circulate this blessed truth.

We greatly desire that this new office may be a place where the Spirit of God shall be felt by those who pass over its threshold.

Wanted.—A position as house-keeper by a young woman who is alone in the truth. She is thirty years of age, and thoroughly understands cooking, sewing, and other lines of work found in the home. Address Mary Purviance, Route 5, Box 2, Oswego, Kans



Responsibility

A Chapel Talk

Frederick Griggs

This word from Abraham Lincoln: "If you intend to go to work, there is no better place than where you are. If you do not intend to go to work, you can not get along anywhere."

In our talk yesterday morning, we came to this idea, that it was scrupulous attention to the details of any work that fosters and develops best the sense of responsibility, and here is where the majority of us stumble. We want all the emoluments of earth without rendering the services for them. We want to be able to play like Paderewski, but we do not want to practice a little selection thirty-five thousand times, as he did, in order to do it. We want to be able to invent like Edison, but we do not want to spend toilsome days and weary nights in the laboratory in order to have the ability. We are very anxious to be able to give an oration like Clay, but we are not willing to take time for study and for rendering the extemporaneous speeches to the calves and the chickens as did Clay.

We are anxious for all the great things of life,—wealth and fame,—but we are not anxious to give for

them their price. We are not ready to enter very carefully and closely and critically into all of the little minutiae that go to make perfection. "Perfection is made up of trifles," some one has said, "but perfection is no trifle." Perfection is made up of trifles, the little things. It takes repetition upon repetition upon repetition to make the work perfection. But the majority of us fail here. "We want," as I heard a speaker say the other day, "the mince pie, but we don't want the stomach-ache." We want the good things, but we are not ready to pay the price.

God and men want those who have a strong, predominant, prevailing sense of responsibility. But this sense of responsibility is a matter of growth. It is one of daily progress. Men do not leap into the heights of wisdom and usefulness in one sudden bound. You know it is said of Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, that she sprang full grown from the forehead of Jupiter. A great many young men and women want to spring full grown into the responsibilities of life. But, my friends, Minerva and Jupiter are myths, and the idea that it is possible for us to spring full grown and full armored into life's responsibilities is likewise a myth. We attain strength by growth.

There is in New York a sign upon a window in Broadway that has often caught my eye when I have gone up or down that street. It is a picture of a number of pine trees, beginning with a small one; each succeeding tree is larger than the preceding, with room on the sign to put a good many pine trees; and under it is written, "John Miles. As I live I grow." When I first saw that sign I said, "That is an excellent motto for me," and I have commended it to a great many young men and women. "As I live I grow." The pine tree never looks dead; summer and winter it is the same. So should we live and grow. We grow by bearing and discharging acceptably any responsibility we may have, and when we cease to bear well and in detail every responsibility we cease to grow. Samuel became the great prophet that he was because of his faithfulness to the details of his work. He who feels a responsibility for his work, be it great or small in his sight, is he who grows and whose life is a happiness to himself and a benediction to others.

If we wish to teach, we must stoop to think the scholar's thoughts.

Changes in the Faculty of Union College

While the faculty of Union College is far less variable in its personnel than the student body, still the changes of time leave their impress upon it each year. Our former Bible teacher, Elder Burg, whose voice was so often heard in earnest exhortation and wise counsel, is president of the Southern California Conference. Mrs. Rowell is enjoying a year's respite from the taxing work of guiding awkward pens to ease and grace in composition and opening up the rich fields of literature. She is enjoying a free, open life on the western slope of Colorado. Prof. H. U. Stevens, former science teacher, is on his way to South America to take charge of the training school at Entre Rios, Argentina. Dr. W. W. Worster, who was science teacher during Professor Steven's leave of absence, is now connected with the medical college at Loma Linda, Cal. Professor Kirby has found relief from classroom confinement in the invigorating mountain air of Colorado and New Mexico. We wish these, our former teachers, abundant realization of the hopes they are pursuing.

As we become more and more acquainted with our new teachers, they will endear themselves to our hearts and fill the vacancies of those who have gone away.

Elder Leland comes to us from the pastorate of the Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Mich., which he has held for the last two years. He was graduated from the scientific course at Battle Creek in the class of 1881, and has been in public work for twenty-eight years. For several years he was president of the Quebec Conference and the Ontario Conference. For five years he was principal of the Lornedale Academy, Toronto, Canada. Elder Leland regards Bible study as the most important part of the curriculum, and believes that no student can afford to neglect it.

Prof. Lynn Wood has already won our confidence as an able science teacher. He has taken his position as a spiritual leader in the college. Back in his college days, when he and Professor Caviness and Docteur Rockwell were fellow-students, Mr. Wood was very active in the young people's work. He has resisted unusually tempting allurements of the world, and has remained loyal to the message. He brings with him an experience in Sabbath-school and confer-

ence work and an enthusiasm that are of great value to a professor in a Seventh-day Adventist college, where the spiritual interests are of paramount importance. Professor Wood finished the engineering course in the University of Michigan in 1908. For the last three years he has occupied the chair of science and preceptor in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, D. C. His keen interest in mechanics and engineering enables him to teach science from a practical standpoint. Mrs. Lynn Wood is a former student of Emmanuel Missionary College and of the University of Michigan.

Miss Kate Sierke comes to us from Pacific Union College, where she has taught voice, French, and German for three years. She received her musical education in Dresden, Paris, and Berlin. She teaches voice, sight-singing, and German III. The interest in the chorus Saturday evening is growing, and a number of recitals for the year are promised. Miss Sierke likes America, and we know the affection between her and Union College will be strong and mutual.

Miss Mary E. Hartwell, assistant in the mathematics department, has been engaged in Bible and tract society work since she became a Seventh-day Adventist two years ago. She is a graduate of Albion College, a Methodist school in Michigan. Miss Hartwell has taught science and mathematics in Dowagiac, Mich., and in the high school at McCook, Nebr. Miss Hartwell is an able teacher, and Professor Morrison is relieved of much of his teaching work, so that he may fill the position of business manager.

Leo Thiel is acting as head of the English department; Gordon Andrews, assistant in the history department; and Miss Imogene Morrison and Eugenie Covert, piano teachers, are all former students of Union College, and are too well known to need introduction.—*Educational Messenger.*

The Prayer Bands

Frederick Griggs

We are glad to receive letters which indicate a growing interest in the prayer band of Union College. The following selection from a letter recently received indicates this growing interest in such a prayer band:

"I am glad that you are going to start a Union College prayer band. I know this is pleasing to the Lord. I am very pleased to join it. The early morning hour, five o'clock, has

been suggested. This is rather early for old folks in winter time, but I think we can join you in the fifteen-minute prayer period; or the nine o'clock prayer period in the evening would be a good time. I have been praying for all our colleges, students, and faculties, but not regularly every day. I know this prayer band will result in much good. I am so thankful that our son has been able to attend Union College. I wish you the richest blessing of God in all your work."

The prayers of our people all over this country will mean much indeed to the spiritual uplift of Union College, and the spiritual part of the school is, after all, more important than any other feature. If hundreds of prayers can daily be offered for the teachers and students of the school, and for the protection of the Lord to rest upon us, it will mean very much for our prosperity.

Music

Clara Twing

Fourth in a series of papers read at the Young People's Missionary Volunteer meetings in connection with the Nebraska camp-meeting.

Music is a part of the beauty of heaven. Before the creation of this world, we are told, a choir existed in heaven. We read of the harps upon which the angels play, of the rapturous songs which the angels sing, "ascribing praise, honor, and glory to Jesus." The music of heaven is rich and perfect. Its harmony is complete. It was God's desire that this world should be a place of music, where His people would continually offer up praise and thanksgiving to Him by speaking and singing of His wondrous works.

Since sin entered the world, He has used music as an aid through which souls may be brought back to Him and kept near Him.

He has given us this admonition: "Speak to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him; talk ye of all His wondrous works. Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord." Ps. 105: 2, 3.

Wandering Israel brightened their journeys through song and praises to God. Their hearts were cheered and their faith rekindled through the many precious lessons which were fixed in their minds by means of song.

Luther calls music the fairest and most glorious gift of God. It served as one of the most powerful agents during the Reformation. It was during this time that the first hymn books were printed and scattered broadcast through Europe. Those who took part in this suffered much persecution, but history says that when one was taken, ten arose to take his place. This was due to the influence of pure music upon those who took part in this work.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that, "when rightly employed, it is a precious gift of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble themes, and to inspire and elevate the soul."

Music has power to quicken thought, to awaken sympathy and promote harmony among fellow-men. It has power to banish the gloom that destroys courage and weakens effort. It calms and pacifies the rude and uncultivated nature.

Congreve wrote, "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast." Another historian says, "A man is safer in going through Africa with a hand-organ than with a band of soldiers, so susceptible are the natives of the Dark Continent to the sound of music."

As we pass down through the ages, we find music is an important part of worship in religious services. It is one of the most effective means of impressing the heart with spiritual truth. Unbelievers may be favorably affected by correct, harmonious singing.

Music is as much a part of worship as prayer, and worshipers of God should offer up praise to Him from their lips through song.

Some seem to view music as a pastime, a mere means of destroying the monotony of the services. Others think it is to attract people to church. This may be true, yet the music for the house of worship should not be selected on this basis. It should be such that will arouse the emotions of the heart for the reception of God's Word, that which will raise the worshipers to a higher religious sentiment, to refine their feelings, and dispel worldly thoughts; but, above all, it should be the purest praise which intelligent creatures can offer to their Creator and Benefactor. This will inspire the speaker, and bring the people into closer union, finally impressing the mind deeply with lessons and scriptural truths.

There is danger of the church of God feeling they must conduct their choir as the worldly churches do,

they must have the same pieces and they must be sung after the manner of the world, or their music will not be appreciated.

Choirs, when led by the Holy Spirit, are a blessing of God, but how can songs in which the words can not be understood unite the hearts of the people with purest praise to be offered to the Creator?

The Lord has given us this instruction: "In their efforts to reach the people, the Lord's messengers are not to follow the ways of the world. In the meetings that are held, they are not to depend on worldly singers and theatrical display to awaken an interest. How can those who have never read His Word with a sincere desire to understand its truths be expected to sing with the spirit and with the understanding? How can their hearts be in harmony with the words of sacred song? How can the heavenly choir join in music that is only a form?"

When the heart is full of religious fervor, the lips will overflow with religious song.

"When human beings sing with the spirit and the understanding, heavenly musicians take up the strain, and join in the songs of thanksgiving. He who has bestowed upon us all the gifts that enable us to be workers together with God expects His servants to cultivate their voices so that they can speak and sing in a way that all can understand. It is not loud singing that is needed, but singing that is clear intonation and distinct utterance. Let all cultivate the voice so that God's praise can be sung in clear, soft tones, thus used to His glory."

In the home, music draws the members of the family closer together; it causes fewer words of censure, and more of cheerfulness and joy. Sweet, pure music helps to make a happy home. How often the heart of the absent one turns with longing to the old home when he hears again the songs that were sung by the family circle in his youth. Many a wandering, straying child has been led back to home and mother through the melodies that were sung under the parental roof.

As singing influences the home, so will it influence the school. It will draw the hearts of the teachers and pupils into closer union, so that they may work together in unity with God. In the public schools, songs are sung that will thrill the children's hearts with a love for their country and inspire them to even die for it. Then do not the songs of the Chris-

tian schools fill the children with zeal to be soldiers for their heavenly King?

Music is one of the essentials of an individual's happiness which inspire him to higher ideals and nobler thoughts and feelings. But Satan, who has counterfeited things of the Master's creation, has his music also on the market. He who was once the choir leader in heaven, now uses music as one of his most attractive agencies for ensnaring souls. He uses it as one of his agents for blinding the minds of the youth so that they can not comprehend the truths of God.

Doubtless we all have noticed that by our indulgence in music of a cheap nature our own ideals have been lowered, and we have found it hard to raise them again, even to the place we once held them.

Shameful to say, in many of our Adventist homes we find upon the organs and pianos cheap music that would not even be used in a theater. The young people of these homes spend hours singing and playing these pieces that are used in the five and ten-cent shows, in saloon parlors, and in other places to allure one into the wiles of Satan. The character of such is not to encourage and elevate thoughts and feelings, but to degenerate. It leads the unconsecrated to pride and vanity.

"God is glorified by songs of praise from a pure heart filled with love and devotion to Him." Can we through such cheap music glorify God? Are our hearts pure when filled with these foolish, sentimental songs?

I quote from Test., Vol. 1: "No one who has an indwelling Saviour will dishonor Him before others by producing strains from a musical instrument which call the mind from God and heaven to light and trifling things."

Music is emotional. It causes the mental powers to create and form pictures. As we sing the beautiful hymn, "We Have Heard from the Bright and Holy Land," our hearts seem to lighten, for we are among that lonely pilgrim band, so weary and worn and sad. In imagination we journey on to the place where no longer are homeless ones. A vision of our future home passes before our eyes, and as Jesus seems to appear, our weariness leaves us; we know we are almost home. Such heavenly visions pure, holy songs bring us. But Satan seeks to numb our sight by placing before us pieces that will create within our minds pictures that poison the human mind. Our thoughts

are recorded, as well as our words and acts. Our angels are caused to weep when such vile scenes must be placed upon our records.

This scene is brought to our attention through the Spirit of Prophecy: "Angels are hovering around yonder dwelling. The young are assembled. There is the sound of vocal and instrumental music. Christians are gathered, but what is it that you hear? It is a song, a frivolous ditty, fit for the dance hall. Behold the pure angels gather their light closer around them and darkness envelops those in that dwelling. The angels are moving from the scene. Sadness is upon their countenances. Behold, they are weeping. This I saw repeated a number of times all through the ranks of Sabbath-keepers."

By many of our Christian young people of to-day more time is given to the practice of exciting music than is spent in prayer with God. They do not worship God through song or prayer, thus are not able to resist the temptations of Satan, and are overcome in a trying hour. May God help each of us to consecrate our talents anew to Him each day, that we may not have such a record to meet in the judgment. Young people, let us no longer grieve our angels by indulging in music that is harmful to the soul. Let us no longer utter Satan's praises by singing his vile songs, but rather strive to keep our pages pure and white.

There are only two classes of music, the good and the bad. There are only two roads for travel in our walk of life. One road leads upward, the other downward. Only good music is found on the upward road; bad music leads us on the downward. If we would travel on the upward road, we must "educate our minds to be prepared to sing the songs of heaven," and the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Obituary

Rhodium.—Mrs. Louisa L. Rhodium died at her home, south of Beaver City, Oct. 12, 1912, aged 49 years, 5 months, and 12 days. She was born in Madison County, Iowa, May 1, 1863. Miss Louisa Emerson was united in marriage to Mr. William Small, Dec. 1, 1881, and to this union were born four children, three daughters and one son. She has six sisters and two brothers and many friends to mourn her loss. Mr. Rhodium was her second husband. Sister Rhodium took her stand for present truth in her youth, and was faithful until death.

C. J. Paulson.



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The Field

J. W. Christian

According to previous arrangements with the Omaha church, I spent last Sabbath and Sunday there. The Friday evening meeting was fairly well attended. Sabbath morning, after the Sabbath-school, the Scandinavian brethren came over to the English church to join in the after-service. Elder A. V. Olson, of Minneapolis, delivered a very impressive sermon from the text, "My son, give Me thine heart." He showed how there was another, the enemy of our souls, who also bids for the heart. He does not seek it by invitation, but comes and "steals away" the heart. This foe has many artful ways to carry on his work. He appeals to the natural senses and by his wily arts seeks to capture the heart. It was very evident that the Spirit of God was moving upon the congregation. Brother Olson will always find a welcome in Omaha, and we hope he may respond to the many "Come again" that were extended.

Sabbath afternoon, in company with Elder and Sister Hawkins and Brother L. B. Johnson, we visited the home of our dear, crippled Sister Sherlock. We were deeply impressed with her patient manner of bearing her affliction. The special prayer season was a time of deep solemnity. May the dear Lord work for this dear sister as in His wise providence it may seem good to Him. The Lord has other dear, afflicted ones in this church, for whom we prayed, and have the assurance that He heard our petitions.

Sunday evening, at 6:30, the young people met for their regular weekly service. This was well attended. The Lord is blessing the work among the young people in Omaha. Sister Madison is doing a noble work as leader. The youth are wide awake in active missionary work.

The regular Sunday evening service was largely attended. It was a source of much pleasure to speak to the people on the fruition of our hope.

Elder Hawkins and the corps of Bible workers are all busy binding off the work commenced in the tent effort. There will be a good harvest of souls in Omaha from the year's work. The Lord is doing a mighty work here for His people. Pray for this needy field.

From Omaha, I came on to Broek, where Brethren Cook and Premer are holding tent meetings. It is getting late in the season, but the brethren have the tent well staked down and a good stove to warm it up. This, with a carpet of clean straw, makes it a very comfortable place to meet. They plan to keep up the tent two more weeks at least. There is a real interest in this place to hear the truth. Some have declared for the truth, but it is too early to state at this time the number who will take a firm stand for God and the commandments. The enemy is at work, but the Lord is mightier than he, and will triumph over all his mean, wily ways. I enjoyed very much the privilege of speaking to a well filled tent the night I was there.

I am now at home, expecting to meet Elder D. P. Miller here tomorrow morning for a few hours, and will then be off for Plainview and other points in the north part of the state. Everywhere I find a real interest on the part of our brethren to see this beloved message go forward until it shall have accomplished its work. New calls are coming continually, and it is time our people everywhere were using every wise means for aiding in this work. By your prayers, your active cooperation, and your means, you are sustaining this movement, that will end only in the final harvest of the earth. May that day be hastened!

Harvest Ingathering Notes

M. E. Ellis

Our stock of the Ingathering *Signs* is being rapidly reduced in filling the orders that are coming in now with every mail, but we still have a good supply, however, and will fill all orders promptly.

Good reports have come in from the work at Omaha, Grand Island, and College View, and several donations have been received already from other places.

At College View, nearly 250 persons have signed for papers, and

there is a good interest manifested in the work. The college students have set themselves the task of raising \$300 with the Ingathering *Signs*.

A sister told us, and we believe it is true, that she believed the Lord had given us the Ingathering work as one test of discipleship. She said that, with her at least, it was indeed "crucifying the flesh" to go out with these papers, but that she did not dare to refuse to do her share of this work, because she realized that by doing her part she was cooperating with the Lord, and He would help her in doing what was from a human standpoint almost impossible for her to do, to go out with the papers and interest outside people in our work and secure means from them to help carry on our mission work.

We believe that in a failure to understand this principle lies to a great extent the reason for the apathy of the majority of our people in this campaign. What right has a single one of us to believe that the Lord will excuse us from doing our part in this work? Are we not limiting the Lord's power when we say that we will not do this work, because we can not? If we would honestly give this plan of work a fair trial, and pray God to help us in the use of every paper circulated, we should see hundreds having a part in the work where there are now dozens, and we would see ten times as much money secured for the furtherance of the work. Roughly estimated, 400 of our people in this state have so far expressed their determination to share in this work and in the blessings coming from it. This number ought to be doubled and trebled in the next three weeks. Why not? What is the answer?

Wyoming Conference

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

Notes from the Field

D. U. Hale

At the recent meeting of the conference committee in Newcastle, we considered the work of the conference quite carefully. With the plans laid, we hope to see some good results in the near future.

Brother Fish was asked to remain at Newcastle for a time and canvass, and to report and help any who he might find were interested.

Sister Welsh reported about twelve in Sheridan who were interested in

the readings she was giving, so she returned to bind off that work. We also appointed a five-day general meeting, for November 5-10, and hope this will help to bind it off.

Brother Reeder reported an interest at Carroll, where some new ones are already keeping the Sabbath. He also reported that Buffalo was about ready to be organized into a church. He will work at these places for a time and get them in shape for organization.

Elder Berry feels that he needs a rest, so he will stay at home and keep things together this winter while his wife goes to Hemingford and keeps the children in school.

It was planned that I should visit Knight, Wyo., spending some ten days there, and that I stop on my return at Ft. Steel and Laramie. The last of October I will visit Upton and Sheldon, and then be in Sheridan in time for the general meeting there, November 5-10. From Sheridan I will visit Garland, arriving about the 13th. We hope for a good meeting at this place. From there, I will visit Lander before returning to the office. I hope to make all these meetings spiritual feasts for the members. This can be done only by the cooperation of the members themselves. I trust that the brethren at each place will begin at once to seek the Lord earnestly, that we may see the manifestation of His presence to convict sinners and convert souls to Him.

On account of an accident in running a nail into my foot, I have lost almost a week, and in order to meet the other appointments, I will have to postpone my visit to Upton and Sheldon. I hope to visit them soon after I finish the trip to the northwest. However, it may be in December.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Brother P. R. Canaday, of Whitney, Nebr., and Brother F. M. Lee, of Ardmore, S. Dak., were callers at the conference office last week.

Elder Hale returned to the office last Friday, after an absence of about three weeks. He would have been here earlier but for an accident in stepping on a nail in Hemingford, which laid him up for a few days.

We have been informed that Mrs. H. E. Tillotson and her daughter, Fern, of Cascade Springs, S. Dak., left, October 10, for Spokane, Wash., to visit relatives and also to make

their future home. We regret to lose Sister Tillotson from our conference, but her health is such as to make the change imperative.

Brother O. R. Gilbert, who has been doing such good work canvassing the past summer, has had to go home for a time, while his wife has gone to College View to undergo a surgical operation.

Miss Sarah Mullinex, one of the younger members of the Crawford church, living near Whitney, Nebr., has the honor of being the first in the Wyoming Conference to make remittance for missions on account of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*.

Brother H. A. Fish, who remained at Newcastle for a time, called at the office while on his way to Lisco, Nebr., to assist Vernon Chapman with his delivery. While at Newcastle, Brother Fish canvassed five days, putting in about twenty-five hours of time, and taking orders to the amount of \$84.00.

Elmer Gipson, who has been working on the farm for J. H. Wheeler the past summer, spent Sabbath with the Crawford church. He left Sunday with his prospectus for Sioux County, where he will canvass for "Bible Readings."

R. J. Marshall, from Bozeman, Mont., was in town to-day, and spent several hours at the office between trains. He leaves to-night, October 14, for Gordon, Nebr., to visit his uncle, Brother John Marshall.

N. W. Nesmith, who has canvassed the northern part of Dawes County for "Patriarchs and Prophets," came into the office to-day from Whitney, Nebr., for his books to begin delivering.

A call came over the telephone the other day from Ardmore, S. Dak., asking where Elder Hale was, as he was needed to perform the marriage ceremony of M. F. Lee and Elizabeth Howland. On getting in touch with Elder Hale, it was found that he was crippled with a nail in his foot. The bride and groom were not daunted with this accident, so they took the train Wednesday for his home, and were married there, at five o'clock, October 9. The happy couple passed through Crawford on their way to their home in Ardmore, S. Dak.

South Missouri Conference

P.G. Stanley, Pres. Mrs. F. A. Washburn, S'y
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Office Notes

Mrs. F. A. Washburn

While Elder Stanley has been waiting for a house, he has been very busy with correspondence and getting acquainted with the situation in the conference.

Elder Schroeder is having some good meetings at Versailles. One sister writes that the attendance is good and six are deeply interested.

The Springfield church was pleased to have Elder Stanley occupy the pulpit last Sabbath. In his discourse, he presented the similarity between the children of ancient Israel and modern Israel.

We understand that many are attending the meetings at Fristoe, where Elder Terry is holding meetings, and Elder Mackintosh reports another baptismal service for next Sabbath in Clinton. We are glad to see the work moving onward.

Elder W. D. MacLay left Springfield Monday night for Poplar Bluff. He will spend a few days with the church there, and will then go to Malden, where a number are interested through the efforts put forth by Brother Ferguson.

It does us good to read the good and encouraging letters that come to our office from the canvassers. They find some people who are not very much interested in religious affairs, but yet they are full of hope and courage. Brother McLain tells of an encouraging experience he had. He had given a canvass at the home of a German family, but did not get an order. It was almost evening, and when he left the place he felt impressed to return and stay all night. This he did, and the result was that he got an order for a book. Surely the Lord impressed him to return, and who knows but what these people may see inside of the kingdom because of reading the truths presented in this book. One of our lady canvassers went home one evening, and was somewhat discouraged—felt like giving up. She had found a poor settlement, as they were mostly all Catholics and Lutherans, but that evening she changed her mind and decided to go at it again. She went to another part of the country, and here she met with better success. She says "she still has faith in the canvassing work." It pays to hang on, even though it may seem dark and discouraging at times. It is the ones who stay by the work, even though it be an uphill travel, that will come out polished, with the rough edges hewn off, and will some day see results of their work. Let us remember these dear canvassers in their work.

Some people will never learn anything because they understand everything too soon.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending October 11, 1912

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'
Nebraska							
G. E. Kingman	G. C. B. R.	12	4	13 00		13 00	
*John T. Eden	B. R.	52	5	15 00	9 15	24 15	
J. L. McCurdy	P. G.	39	8	29 00		29 00	
L. W. Tanner	P. G.	4	2	7 00		7 00	
*M. A. Eldridge		41		37 90		37 90	
Agents 5		148	19	101 90	9 15	111 05	
South Missouri							
*Robert S. McLain	G. C.	66	21	36 50	3 85	40 35	
*John Crisp	G. C.	86	25	50 50	1 00	51 50	
†E. L. Wells	D. & R.	84	16	63 00	4 25	67 25	
†H. J. Heady	D. & R.	115	38	155 00	7 65	162 65	
*Winnie Walters	D. & R.	48	11	39 00	5 50	44 50	
Agents, 5		399	111	344 00	22 25	366 25	
West Kansas							
*L. R. Akerman	B. R.	72	45	163 00		163 00	76 75
*Jesse E. Miller	D. & R.	94	12	51 00	20 50	71 50	3 50
F. C. Clark	D. & R.	6	3	9 00		9 00	
†J. T. North	C. K., H.	239	148	251 60	1 40	253 00	12 50
Agents, 4		411	208	474 60	21 90	496 50	92 75
Grand Total: 14		958	338	920 50	53 30	973 80	92 75

*Two weeks

†Three weeks

‡Seven weeks

West Kansas Conference

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The Call of the Hour

N. T. Sutton

The call of the hour to us as a people is to carry the light of the third angel's message to all mankind. There has never been a more sacred work committed to man than the work committed to us by the message of Rev. 14: 6-14. This work demands of us men to go everywhere to diffuse the light of this message. It takes means to send these men to all parts of the earth. The Harvest Ingathering will be a means of testing ourselves as to what extent we desire the people of every land to hear the everlasting gospel proclaimed under the third angel's message. This Harvest Ingathering is a work that we can all have a part in, securing means to send men to all parts of the earth with this saving truth.

Dear brethren, as we know that the judgments of God are soon to fall upon the ungodly, surely we must arouse to the call of the hour, and give this warning message that God has entrusted to us. Oh, that we may do our very best at this time!

Salina

W. L. Nott

After the close of the camp-meeting held in the Oakdale Park, we pitched our tent in the south part of the city; but on account of the cool nights, we took it down and stored it away for the winter. I am now carrying on the work here by holding cottage meetings and giving Bible readings at the homes of the people. There are a number here who are interested, and we hope that others will become interested and take their stand with us.

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