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

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In loathsome dungeons some must wait
To death's cold seal ne'er hesitate,
All like the martyrs of the past
Must faithful be until the last;
Then soon upon a fairer shore
Where earthly conflicts all are o'er
We'll meet and keep all holy, free,
The Sabbaths of eternity.

—Paulina Always-Anderson.

A Forward Movement

Just fifty years ago, the General Conference was organized. It is a circumstance of more than passing interest that on the fiftieth anniversary day, the General Conference being in session, steps were taken to organize European and North American divisions of the General Conference, the work having grown to such vast proportions that it seemed necessary to make this division. Later it is contemplated that there will be two other world divisions, the Asiatic and Australasian. North America will now be a division operated by a full corps of officers, as also will be the European division, leaving the General Conference officers to devote their energies to the work throughout the entire world.

Call to Greater Faithfulness

E. T. Russell

The presidents of the respective conferences in the Central Union met in council at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., May 25. The question given the most serious consideration was how to impress upon the hearts of our church members the importance of paying a faithful tithe, and we adopted as the slogan of the Central Union Conference for the year 1913, "A faithful tithe from every member of every church in the Central Union Conference."

I will present a few reasons why it is so important that we should not fail to do our duty in this respect.

1. God gave all for us in the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus. All things we enjoy in this life come from Him. Though He has given all, He requires comparatively little of us in return for what we have and are receiving from Him. A tithe is His, and it is considered by Him as very sacred. "And all of the tithe 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." Lev. 27:30. He desires that it be rendered to Him, and He will not excuse neglect on our part. Withholding it, He terms robbers. "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:7, 8.

2. We need His blessing, and whenever His people have cheerfully and faithfully given Him the tithe, He has blessed them. See 2 Chron. 31:5-10; Mal. 3:10, 11.

3. We need to experience His love, and one way that it can be obtained is by giving of our means to Him. "So let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.

4. We should be faithful in this matter, that there may be plenty of means with which to extend the work into all the world. Mal. 3:10; Neh. 13:10-13. We may truly say that God is good, and as He is so good, it becometh us as His people to show our appreciation of His goodness. As the Father gave a priceless gift, His beloved Son, and as His Son gave Himself for us, this giving on the part of our kind Heavenly Father and His Son, our Saviour, is a living evidence,



The Holy Sabbath Day

The sun is sinking in the west,
The busy week has passed away;
We welcome now the sacred rest
Of the blest holy Sabbath day.
O sweet memorial of God's love,
Through His dear Son created given,
A token of redemption fair,
Which gives the sinner hope of heaven.

From childhood's early morning hour,
Our parents told us of its power,
And bade us treasure it with care,
That we might all its blessing share;
Ah, yes, they told us that above,
Where all is everlasting love,
The ransomed souls will meet for aye
And worship on the Sabbath day.

Delightful day, thrice welcome morn,
Come bid the dreary night be gone,
And bring to us eternity,
With all its Sabbath rest so free;
But still we know before the time
That we enjoy that rest sublime,
We'll all be tested by the way
With reference to the seventh day.

a constant reminder of their great love for us. Therefore, can we as believers more fittingly show forth responsive love than by cheerfully and faithfully rendering to God a tithe of all? It was thus that Jacob gave expression to His love when God appeared to Him at Bethel. He recognized that God had met with Him, and in appreciation of that fact he said, "Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." Gen. 28:16, 22.

In the language of the Psalmist, may we all exclaim: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:1, 2. If we do not forget His benefits, we certainly will render to and restore to God His own. Let us now covenant with Him to be true and faithful in this matter. If we are, we are assured that He "will pour out a blessing upon us," "and there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. It is for us to do our duty, and then God has promised the blessing. He calls us to duty. We can but respond.

Relation of Health Reform to the Advent Message

Paper read at the General Conference by Elder J. O. Corliss

To arrive at just conclusions regarding this important point, a survey of "advent message" requirements must, of necessity, be first in order. Proceeding therefore along this line, one learns first of all, and that by transcendent authority, that those who meet the Lord in peace at His second advent must be "like Him." 1 John. 3:2.

This being true, the essential nature of that "likeness" should be the one great study of all believers in the near advent of the Lord. What is this demanded resemblance? Does it refer to the physical, or mental, or both of these natural divisions of the individual man? Inasmuch as the divine exhortation is to entire preservation of body, soul, and spirit unto the coming of the Lord (1 Thess. 5:23), it is safe to conclude that somehow, or in some way, the entire man is to be reckoned with in the wondrous plan to stamp the image of Christ upon humanity.

But what can man, who has fallen in sin and so lost the image of his Creator, do toward his elevation to so great height? Can the present tenement of human clay be restored to pristine condition by a certain pre-

scribed diet, and regularly administered ablutions, and thus restore the image of Christ's body? If so, then why not the whole man as well, be fitted for heaven by human regulations, and thus follow in the footsteps of those nations to whom the name of Christ is but an incredible myth?

In the "last analysis" of this problem, one is fairly obliged to admit the logic of the old colored "auntie" to be unassailable. She being an inveterate smoker, her pastor used many arguments in an attempt to win her away from the vile habit. Failing in this, at last he said: "You know, auntie, that smoking leaves with you a terribly foul breath. Should you go to heaven with such an offensive breath as tobacco breeds, the Lord would surely disown you." This semi-anathema was quickly met by the old lady with the ultimate word: "Why, de Lord bless you, honey. You doesn't know what you is talkin' about. When I goes up dere, surely I leaves my bref down here."

The same in substance may be said of the fleshly body so completely marred by sin. Another must needs take its place, one fashioned according to the fiat of the Infinite. Speaking of this contemplated change, the apostle designates it a "mystery"—that is, something "known only to the initiated." He says that at the sounding of the last trump, "we shall all be changed, in a moment," both those then raised from the dead, and those yet living, to meet their Lord. 1 Cor. 15:51-53. This change is absolutely necessary, because abased and humiliated human bodies can not be associated with heaven's splendor, and so must be "fashioned like unto His (Christ's) glorious body." Phil. 3:21.

But though nothing which is now mortal can enter the heavenly resting place, there must certainly be cooperation between that which is mortal and that which is divine, to procure a fitness to dwell with the Master of eternal salvation. One may at this point half impatiently ask, If one's veritable body is not to be taken to heaven, why spend any thought upon preserving it from disease in view of the Lord's coming?

Such a question indicates an evident lack of proper study on the subject. It is clearly taught in Holy Writ that God's last message to men, by which they must prepare to meet their final account, requires the keeping of God's commandments and the faith of Jesus. To do all this, more than ordinary effort is called for.

Human works are certainly not sufficient, because only by the *mind* can the law of God be served. Rom. 7:25.

But the mind reaches its best endeavor solely through unobstructed tissue. That is to say, when a diseased body sends merely vitiated blood to the brain with which to operate its delicate mechanism, thought becomes indistinct, and incapable of grasping the highest conception which is actually necessary to comprehend the depths of God's requirements. More than this, a brain thus fed has not the power to check inherent vices, which so often control the individual of gross habits.

A very common illustration will make the last statement plain. One under the influence of intoxicating drink says and does things he would never think of saying or doing when sober. But in this condition, he lacks power to refrain from extreme actions, because his brain is clouded by an undue influence. In other words, the paralyzing poison of the drink has entered the blood which operates the inhibitory nerve centers, and changed the human into a demon. This is an extreme case, to be sure; but it serves to show that pollution of the blood, to whatever degree, affects the mind adversely in proportion to its influence upon the vital current.

Power to be right always, is the greatest need of the present generation. But mere brute force is not power in the truest sense. Knowledge, however, is genuine ability, even to authority over the greatest obstacles. As has been emphasized by the Lord of glory, knowledge of God and of His Christ is eternal life. John 17:3. This is a most forceful statement. It means that if one knows God, his thoughts must run parallel with the mind of Jehovah, and be in sympathy with the love of Christ for fallen humanity. He must let the *mind of Christ* be his constant mentor. Stated otherwise, his head must be connected, by every thread of suggestion, with the Head of the universe, and thus be able to think thoughts of the heavenly. Isa. 55:7-9.

So knowledge of the heavenly becomes eternal life, because one is associated with that life which is the power to create and uphold every constituent of the vast universe. But as before hinted, to know a body or person completely requires daily and hourly intercourse, such as will open to view the inner attributes of the one fraternized with. But this can not take place unless the life blood

which supplies brain energy flows through an unobstructed channel of healthy tissue.

It was upon this postulate that Daniel and his three fellows acted when refusing food offered them from the king's table. They were in a strange country, and among alien people. They were yet to meet exigencies when and where they must not only refuse to acknowledge false gods, but must verily stand in support of the one only true God. To do this properly, it was highly necessary that their minds be kept clear, so that the results of the three years they spent in school would fit them for what was to follow. As counselors to the king, their wisdom was far greater than was possessed by any other minister of that high court, and one of them, at least, was permitted to enter so far into the secrets of the Most High as to receive instruction in visions of divine foresight.

The arbitrary kingdom of old Babylon, where the experience of these Hebrew worthies was met, has been employed as the type of ruling conditions just prior to the second advent of Christ. As Babylon of old was infested with those given up to voluptuous pleasures, so modern Babylon of prophetic forecast is said to be tenanted by "every unclean and hateful bird." So ignoble, indeed, does this captive home of God's last-day people become, that an imperative call is issued from heaven for them to abandon all former associates, that they be not partakers of prevailing luxuries. Rev. 18:1-8.

But while the divine seer reveals the abandoned condition of this depraved class, he does not fail to point out another order of folk who are developing the patience of holy beings. These are presented in contrast with those who are following the nerve-racking customs of the time, as those who persevere in their calling, because of well-balanced minds with which to withstand the religio-social demands of an evil-minded generation.

To such a people the commandments of God mean far more than to those who indulge in baneful luxuries, simply because their dietary and general habits of life are in conformity to the laws of hygiene. Without these precautionary measures looking toward clearness of vision, this people would likely view heaven's requirements in no more distinct light than will others who are more indulgent.

It may be suggested that the line of thought here followed ignores the direct operation of God's Spirit. But

when one stops for a moment's consideration, he must acknowledge that in the gift of the Holy Spirit, God is no respecter of persons, yet it is just as true that many are not benefited by it as are others, and why not? Is it not true that the self-indulgent are the ones who fail to receive the advantage of heaven's gift? Why is this?—Simply because the pure Spirit of Jehovah can not consistently sanction such self-pampering by working in conjunction with it. When one is willing and anxious to yield those things that are in opposition to the Spirit's course, he may then well expect the uplifting power of God in his behalf. But how can the Spirit give overcoming power to him whose brain is partially paralyzed with intoxicating drink? If it can not, then is it not reasonable to believe that one's brain affected in a somewhat less degree by the use of exciting viands, must suffer lack in proportion to the mischief thus created?

Admitting the correctness of these principles in their effect upon individuals, it follows that those who proclaim the advent message from a denominational standpoint, must be counted derelict in duty when not teaching them to the world as a denominational doctrine. Not only should these principles be made prominent in evangelistic efforts, but their importance demands their elevation socially, through well-organized endeavor, in public lectures, and by institutional training. Let this be done thoroughly in every part of the world, and the Lord's purpose in behalf of the last generation of men can not fail to be met in an early day.

Slogan for 1913

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Central Union Conference, held at Takoma Park in connection with the recent session of the General Conference, it was unanimously and enthusiastically voted that we adopt the slogan for 1913, "A faithful tithe from every member of every church in the Central Union Conference."

The mark we have thus set for ourselves is one that is held up before every Christian man and woman in the Bible as a sacred obligation resting upon him or her. This slogan, "A faithful tithe from every member of every church," should appeal to every true hearted Seventh-day Adventist who believes that the finishing of God's work for a lost world is to be accomplished in these closing days of the last generation.

Elder Russell's article in this paper, launching this campaign, will be read with interest. Articles from the presidents of the respective conferences in the Union are to follow from week to week. Let every church member in the Central Union Conference help to sound the arousement, "A faithful tithe from every member of every church."

Central Union Conference

Read by E. T. Russell at General Conference

I take pleasure in presenting a brief report from the Central Union Conference. Its territory is Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, and a small portion of the Black Hills of South Dakota, and it comprises the conferences of Nebraska, North and South Missouri, East and West Kansas, Colorado, West Colorado, and Wyoming. It has a total membership of about 8,400, with 247 churches and 30 companies. There are 62 ordained ministers, 30 licentiates, and 93 holding missionary licenses. In this class are included Bible workers, physicians, etc. I am not able to give the number of conversions during the past quadrennial period, as I failed to get definite data from all of the conferences, but suffice it to say that during the years 1910 and 1911 between thirteen and fourteen hundred conversions were reported, and it is safe to say that no less than 2,500 conversions have been reported during this period.

The total amount of trust funds passed from the local conferences through the Central Union treasury during the past quadrennial period amounted to \$265,623.12, and the total tithe receipts were \$515,422.01.

The total value of books sold and delivered was \$375,000. This we consider a fairly good showing when we take into account that many of our field agents have been frequently changed, and at different times conferences have been without any one to take charge of the book work. The present outlook for the canvassing work in the Central Union is most excellent, as our sales thus far this year are about 138 per cent better than for the same period of 1912.

Educational Work

There are 53 church schools, with a total enrolment of 870 pupils, and five intermediate schools, with 399 pupils enrolled. The general character of the instruction is excellent. While there are many children who do not have church school privileges, on ac-

count of being scattered, the general interest in educational matters is increasing, and teachers of experience and professional training are much needed.

There are also two training schools, Union College and the Clinton German Seminary. This year Union College had an enrolment of 309 college students, and 120 in the Normal department, making a total of 429. The German Seminary had an enrolment of 130, exclusive of the church school or Normal department, which had an enrolment of about 25.

Union College has closed one of the most successful years of its history. Just before leaving for this conference, as chairman of the board of management, I had the pleasure of signing fifty-three diplomas. Of this number there were twenty for those who had completed the full college course, this being the largest number that were ever graduated from this institution at one time.

The German Seminary was purchased in 1909, and has had three successful years of operation, with a gradually growing attendance. When the building was bought, it was thought by some to be too large, but it is now evident that it will soon be too small to accommodate the gradually increasing number of students. Nearly all in attendance have a fixed purpose to prepare themselves for some place in the work of the Master. Fully fifty per cent of those in attendance this year will engage in some line of missionary effort during the vacation period. The past few months the seminary has enjoyed special blessings, both spiritual and financial, for which we are very thankful.

Missionary Volunteer Work

The Missionary Volunteer work has been fostered by an excellent corps of state secretaries. The gathering of funds for missions has been a prominent factor in the work of the societies. The actual membership is not as great as it is possible to attain. The Volunteer institutes that have been held annually have stimulated the young people to make greater efforts to become active Christian workers.

Sanitariums

We have four sanitariums under denominational management, and two private institutions. Our denominational institutions are as follows: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Hastings.

The Colorado Sanitarium is located at Boulder, and is under the man-

agement of the Central Union Conference. This institution is doing a good work in the training of laborers, and also in treating the afflicted.

The Kansas Sanitarium is located at Wichita, and is under the management of the Kansas Conference. This institution is also enjoying fair prosperity.

The Nebraska Sanitarium is located at College View, a suburb of Lincoln, and the Hastings Sanitarium is located at Hastings. Both of these institutions are enjoying a splendid patronage, and are practically free from debt.

Publishing Work

The International Publishing Association, at College View, Nebr., is doing a good, steady work in the circulation of foreign literature in this country. Ten regular periodicals are issued, five being in German, three in Danish-Norwegian, and two in Swedish, all of which have increased steadily in circulation. Ten-cent magazines have been furnished in these languages for the past three years, with marked success. Books, Bibles, and tracts are handled in thirty-two languages. The total sales of all literature during the past four years have amounted to \$141,590, or about \$35,000 each year. About thirty employees are engaged in the work of this institution, and a good Christian spirit prevails among them.

Work for the Blind

After the great fire at Battle Creek, the publication of the *Christian Record*, our paper for the blind, was transferred to College View, Nebr., and, while controlled by the General Conference, is under the supervision of the Central Union. It now has a circulation of about 2,300 copies, and is issued monthly. It seems to be accomplishing a good work in enlightening the physically blind. Though sightless, many see the glorious message of the coming Saviour. Last year they purchased a building for their office, and are at present comfortably located in the same. Aside from the paper, they are publishing many tracts treating on the message. The writer would recommend that the committee on plans take under advisement the bringing in of a recommendation looking towards the incorporation of the *Christian Record*, as many benevolently disposed people might feel desirous of assisting this branch of the work by deeds and legacies.

Suffice it to say that nearly all lines of work are being carried forward in the Central Union in a strong way,

except the religious liberty work, which has been somewhat neglected, as we have been without a secretary for some time. The past four years have been a period of deep anxiety to those in charge of the work, but it has also been a period marked with evidences of the special favor and blessing of God. And suffice it to say that at present we are of good courage in the final triumph of the advent message.



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Church School Boards and Parents Take Notice

B. L. House

Our church schools in Nebraska are now all closed for the summer, and it is truly encouraging to look back over the year's work and see how God has blessed all of our schools during this past school term.

We have not had as many schools as were conducted in some former years, but every school has been a success, and every school has had a good teacher, and the general satisfaction on the part of the parents speaks well for the grade of work done.

We are not working so much for quantity as we are for quality. We believe that as we increase the quality and efficiency of our schools, we shall see a corresponding increase in numbers.

In order to increase the efficiency of our church school system, there must be a closer cooperation between the school boards, the educational superintendent, and the teachers.

Every spring, as soon as our church schools close, the teachers pass through a period of uncertainty, in regard to their future, which militates very strongly against the stability of our church school work. Many times our teachers are kept in suspense all summer, sometimes even as late as September, to know whether they will have a church school to teach or not.

Brethren and sisters, this should not be, and I appeal to all our church school boards, and parents, and urge you now to take immediate steps to secure your teacher for next fall.

We are constantly losing good teachers because of this summer period of uncertainty in several ways. (1) Our summer school will begin the first of July at College View, where our teachers will gather from the Northern and Central Union Conferences. If we can not assure our teachers of a school, our very best teachers will soon be taken up by other conferences. (2) Others leave the field of teaching to become Bible workers and nurses, because of the uncertainty which many times is connected with their work as teachers. (3) Still others are forced to take up public school teaching, in order to make sure that they will have a school. As there is a natural temptation to teach in the public schools, where they can make more money, it is not hard to see that in many cases our churches are responsible for the loss of valuable teachers from our teaching force, by delaying to secure their teachers until so late in the summer.

I am glad to say that some of our churches are waking up on this important point and have already secured their teachers.

Will not all our school boards and parents take immediate steps to provide for their teachers? I shall expect to have every request for teachers by July 1. Then after careful prayer and counsel, we will do our best to provide you with good teachers, suited to your needs.

Address all requests to your educational superintendent, B. L. House, 905 North California Avenue, Hastings, Nebr.

Office Notes

Pearl E. Jones

Brother A. F. Kirk is at Hastings, getting the tents ready to ship out for tent meetings.

After spending several weeks visitings at her home at Bartley, Nebr., Sister Ethel Beeson has returned to Omaha, where she will remain until the opening of tent meetings at Nebraska City.

Brother H. A. Hebard stopped at the office a few hours the past week on his way to Kenesaw, where he went to assist Brother Howard Cook, who is selling "Practical Guide."

From there he went to Aurora to help Brother G. F. Knapp.

Miss Violette Ball, one of the sanitarium nurses, was out selling magazines, and a business man of Hastings, without solicitation, gave her a donation of \$1.50. He said that, though he was not an Adventist himself, he was glad to help advance their cause.

A camp-meeting for the southwestern part of the state will be held at Arapahoe, June 16-22. We trust that all who can will attend the meeting. Several of our conference workers, who are now attending General Conference, will be there, and they will have many things of interest to tell of the progress of this message.

Sister Lizzie Lockwood is selling magazines at South Sioux City, Nebr. She is having good success, and has many opportunities of talking with the people about our message.

Wyoming Conference

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Our Canvassing Work

H. A. Fish

Sunday, April 18, I left Crawford for Hemingford, and spent the day visiting with Brother and Sister Thomas.

The next day, in company with Misses Edith Erickson and Bertha Sauerwein, we left for Bridgeport, where they were to begin their summer's canvassing. At the close of the second day's work, we left them in good spirits. They had taken \$18.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

We left Monday to spend a few days with Brother Walter Hahn, as he takes up the sale of "Daniel and Revelation."

We are glad that the canvassing work is onward, and hope that Wyoming will go ahead of all previous records, and that we may do our part to make the "One-half million for 1913."

Bellefourche

C. W. M. Reed

We desire your prayers for a family of four who have made a determination to keep the Sabbath. The wife heard the truth in Oregon, years ago. The rest of the family have attended a few Bible studies, the last three days.

Sabbath, May 24, this family, with the writer, drove six miles, to Bellefourche, S. Dak., to the home of a lady who is interested in the truth. Three sisters from Bellefourche were present at the meeting. The Lord came near by His Spirit.

The family's name is Cornell.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

F. H. Hahn and wife from the Pleasant Valley Church, near Marsland, Nebr., were in Crawford on business May 26, and made the office a call. Their son, Walter, came with them on his way to his field of canvassing in South Dakota.

Brother C. T. Grubbs, who has been canvassing in the vicinity of Sheridan, Wyo., has lost one of his horses, and so has been unable to work. He had not found it at the last report.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alburton Brandt of Moorcroft, a fine pair of twin boys.

M. J. Rockwell has been enjoying a visit with his younger brother, who has been a student of Union College the past year.

H. A. Fish returned from Bridgeport, where he went to assist a couple of academy students in getting started at canvassing. He remained here over Sabbath, and occupied the pulpit of the Crawford Church.

Mr. J. A. Cartwright, husband of Sister Cartwright of the Bridgeport Church, has returned from California, where he had been for some time.

Brethren Canaday and Martin, with their families, of the company at Whitney, recently spent a Sabbath with Brother and Sister R. W. Stewart, near Wayside, Nebr.

Through a misunderstanding, we stated that Allen Johnson of Hemingford had gone to work for A. S. McCully at Carroll. We should have said Walter Johnson, who worked at the same place last summer.

Please order your memory verse cards for the next quarter at once. We shall not have a stock on hand, and it will be necessary for your orders to be sent in immediately, so that the cards may be ordered and reach you before the first Sabbath in the new quarter. It is also time to order

the lesson quarterlies. These should be on hand before the last Sabbath of this quarter, so that your members may be supplied with the lessons.

I shall be very grateful if all Sabbath-school secretaries will be prompt in sending in the quarterly report immediately after June 30. Mrs. Smith is not here, and it means that much more work for me, and I greatly desire to have all reports in before the camp-meeting.

How about that fifteen-cent-a-week fund in your church? The year is almost one-half gone, and we have not raised nearly one-half of the necessary amount in the conference. Is it your church that is behind? Please remember that the work in foreign lands is very needy. The reports now being given at the General Conference are surely inspiring. They should stir us to more complete consecration of all that we have to the work of finishing this message quickly. If we do not do our part, some one else will take our place and our crown of rejoicing.

Verne E. Stewart of the Crawford Church is now at the Boulder Sanitarium taking treatments. For many months he has been suffering from rheumatism.

The Union Conference auditor, W. J. Huffman, dropped in on us a few hours last Tuesday morning between trains to secure some data concerning the academy accounts, and then went on to Hemingford to audit the books of that institution.

North Missouri Conference

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Glenn Shelton, Field Agent, Hamilton, Mo.

From the General Conference

E. E. Farnsworth

Those who have the *Bulletin* will get the best of the news from this place, but still there is an inspiration that comes from personal contact with this great body of people that can never be put on paper. There are about three thousand here, from all parts of the world, and each day, so far, we have been privileged to hear reports from some of them. The wonderful leadings of the Spirit of God in these heathen lands testify to the fact that we are in a time when God desires to do wonderful things for this people.

There are as many nationalities here as were present on the day of Pentecost, and, as a body, we are praying for a Pentecostal baptism. The beautiful woods, all about us, are a sanctuary where many are seeking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and we believe that you are praying with us for the same experience.

Plans are being laid for a great advance along all lines, and I believe that we will receive great help from this meeting. Some help is being planned for the North Missouri Conference, and at least two new workers will join us in time for the tent season. I am sure that you will all rejoice in this, and will rally with us to the support of these workers.

From the financial statement in the last *OUTLOOK*, you will see that our tithe receipts are a little more than a thousand dollars in advance of the same season last year. We all thank God that it is so, and this will prove a great blessing to the work in the conference. As soon as we are home from the conference, we will give you the outline of the plans for the summer's campaign.

Give us not only the financial support, but also your continued prayers for the success of the conference work.

Office Notes

Allie Guthrie

Miss Lydia Dupper, who, in company with Miss Minnie Ehrlich, came to North Missouri to engage in the magazine work, was called to her home in La Salle, Colo., recently. We regret very much that it was necessary for her to leave the work, as we feel confident that she would have earned her scholarship, from the good beginning she had made.

Since our last report, M. E. Mullinex and J. J. Strahle have joined the rank and file of canvassers in North Missouri. They are located in the northeastern part of the state, and will work Putnam and Mercer Counties. Enroute for his territory, Brother Mullinex stopped off in Hamilton. While in town, he made the office a pleasant call.

Miss Bessie Mahurin closed a very successful term in the Hamilton church school, Friday, May 23. The progress made by the children speaks well of her ability as a teacher, and we wish her success in her future efforts in this branch of the Lord's work. She left Hamilton last Wednes-

day morning for Chanute, Kans., where she will visit her sister before returning to her home in Thayer, Kans.

For the encouragement of those who have been doing missionary work for some time without seeing any results, we quote the following from a letter recently received from Sister Bates of Alexandria: "I am so glad that we can all have a part in the work. For two years, I have been furnishing the library in Keokuk with the *Signs of the Times* and the *Watchman*. I have never heard of any results until this spring. A man accepted the message from reading them there. He had not heard of Seventh-day Adventists before." Let the good work of distributing our literature continue. Your reward is sure.

South Missouri Conference

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Our Educational Work

Harry A. Alway

Training up a child for the Lord's work is like training a modern gun on an aim or mark. The gun is pointed in the direction of the mark, and a little higher. Think of aiming that powerful weapon in any direction, for instance, the direction the rest are aiming in, then, when the projectile is out of the gun, try to control it and change its course into the direction of the mark. Yet that is what many are doing in permitting their children to remain in public school. No one will deny that in public school they are trained up in the world, by the world, and for the world. In looking over their outline of study for the child, one can plainly see the selfish and commercial incentives used.

Others contend that they will give their children the best education they can, even though it be in public school, and then let them choose for themselves their aim in life. That would be like arranging the gun so that the projectile might either go out of the muzzle or backward, as it chose, and how would that result?

Who is it who says that the educational advantages of the public schools are better? Granting that in one way they are, how will our church schools ever improve unless supported by the brethren? Much in the way of improving the organization and training the teacher is being accomplished

now. Think of the great importance of having our children in gospel training for the future of this closing message. What can hasten the Lord's coming more?

Some remember when this conference could number her church schools at fourteen. What strength a repetition of this would bring to this work. Take steps to-day to conduct a school in your church. God will bless your effort, though there are but few to attend. You remember the command and promise of the Lord on this matter. Elect a school board, and send in your application for a teacher, so that your teacher may have opportunity to attend summer school, and receive the best preparation for her work.

I hope to hear from all the churches, whether you have a school or not. I shall be glad to further the work in any way you may ask, and in any way the Lord directs. I trust that I shall become acquainted with more of the people of South Missouri soon.

My address is Turners, Mo.

West Kansas Conference

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Among Our Churches

A. S. Bringle

Weeks have passed since I sent a message through the OUTLOOK. My time has been occupied in work continually, except when at home with a very severe sore throat and cold, and even then I spoke three times to the church in Wellington, when I should have been in bed.

At present, my health is good, and I have held one short series of meetings in the southern part of Kingman County, between Duquoin and Spivey. It seemed, for a while, that there would be several who would take their stand for the truth, but it is so hard to yield. Yet, as a result, two men and their wives held up their hands when I called for those who desired baptism. I had made other calls before this, when others promised to keep all the commandments of God.

Besides these who desire baptism, there are two girls, the daughters of Sabbath-keepers, who wish to go forward in the same ordinance, making six in all to be baptized.

The meeting was good throughout. I have planned to return with another worker, if he can be secured, and hold meetings June 6-8. On Sunday, the 8th, we expect to hold a basket meeting, and hold two services and the

baptismal service in the daytime, so as to have a large number present.

I am now visiting isolated companies, and getting ready for tent work in Belle Plaine, Sumner County, beginning about the middle of June, after the other help returns from the General Conference.

Wichita

Phena Morey

How it cheers our hearts to see the message moving so rapidly. When we see so many honest, intelligent people embracing the truth, we think of the text that says, "He will cut the work short in righteousness." Rom. 9:28.

I was born in this truth, almost forty-eight years ago, and have watched its progress from the time I was sixteen. I have always longed to have a part in helping to spread the truth that I love so well. I knew that my part of the work would be on the unpublished list, but my desire was to be faithful in the little things.

We came to Kansas twenty-seven years ago this spring, and how the work has grown since then. Not a worker who was here then is left in this state. Among the early work-

ers were Elder Cook, who was president, C. McReynolds, C. A. Hall, and W. W. Stebbins. Brethren Oberholtzer, Gregory, Beason, Fortner, Thorn, Westphal, and Woodruff soon after entered the company of workers. Some of these have fallen asleep, some have taken up work in other fields, some are doing manual labor, while others are not in harmony with us. But the work goes on. Others have accepted the truth, and taken the place of the departed workers.

What does this all mean?—"That in the latter time some shall depart from the faith." 1 Tim. 4:1.

I often wonder if we could not even see more accepting the truth, if we as a people were standing where the Lord could trust us with new ones.

It is rejoicing to see the work increasing in Wichita, and to see the interest among our own people. The other day a sister remarked that the meetings we were having were timely, and that it surely was bringing us where we could see ourselves, and be where the Lord can use us. We are all so thankful for these instructions. Thanks be to God.

May we as a people all seek to know what we are to do, and with God's help do it.



Still Gaining

S. N. Curtiss

In a letter just received from Brother Shidler of West Kansas, he says, after speaking of his disappointment in not securing more canvassers from our schools, "We are still gaining, however, and mean to continue." That is the spirit that wins out. Discouragements may come, difficulties may be met, the work may go hard, but "we mean to continue." That is a good motto for the students who are just taking up the work. The Lord who led the children of Israel, opened before them the Red Sea, and miraculously supplied their temporal needs daily, is the Lord whom we serve, and who is still leading His people on toward Canaan. His power is the same to-day, and we can trust Him to lead us through the difficult places, to give wisdom to meet the

varied minds of our customers, and to lead us on to victory and success, if we will only trust Him on *this* side of the Red Sea.

What a fine record it would be for the Central Union, if every canvasser stuck to his work, and made a success of it this summer. Some will be tempted to give up and go home when difficulties come, when unlooked-for conditions arise. But these things should be a call to prayer, and not a call to go home. "Turn away from those whose hearts are as steel, and make your requests known to your Maker. . . . We pour out our heart's desire in our closets, we breathe a prayer as we walk by the way, and our words reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe."—"Object Lessons," p. 174. We can do all things through Christ which strengthen us.

To be "still gaining" in experience,

in knowledge of our book and how to interest the people in its contents, in books placed in the homes of those who need them: may this be the blessed experience of each of the canvassers now in the field. Do not forget the rest of the motto, "we mean to continue."

Kansas City Branch Office Notes

S. N. Curtiss

Reports from four conferences in the Central Union give the following number of canvassers on the various books mentioned: "Patriarchs and Prophets," thirty-four; "Great Controversy," five; "Practical Guide," nine; "Daniel and Revelation," eleven; "Bible Readings," nine; "Heralds of the Morning," five; "Coming King," six. Total, seventy-nine. This shows that "Patriarchs and Prophets" is the favorite book among our canvassers in this union this summer, and we look for some fine records to be made on it.

In two days, shipments of books amounting to thirty-six cases have been received at this office. In addition to these, twenty-two cases more are coming within a few days. This is the "advance guard" of stock for the early orders of our canvassers, and for camp-meetings in the Northern Union.

J. T. Butcher and Roy Parker called at the office on their way to their territory.

Miss S. E. White, who has been teaching an Indian school at Academy, Okla., spent Sabbath, May 24, in Kansas City. She was on her way to her home in Nebraska.

Brother Manny writes that a canvasser in East Kansas recently delivered every book, and sold two additional. That is the way they do business in Kansas, and it is a good way, too.

It is confidently expected that "Practical Guide" in German will be ready about July 10. That is, we expect to have books in Kansas City to fill orders by that date. Deliveries should be planned accordingly.

The OUTLOOK feels that it owes the East Kansas Conference an apology. In last week's issue, the articles entitled, "Commencement at Strode Academy," by M. B. VanKirk, and "Chautauqua," by Martha Ramey, were placed under the West Kansas Conference instead of the East Kansas Conference. We feel sorry for this, but hope that we are pardoned.

If I do what I may in earnest, I need not mourn if I work no great work on the earth. To help the growth of a thought that struggles toward the light; to brush with gentle hand the earth stain from the white of one snowdrop—such be my ambition!—George McDonald.

Canvassers' Report For Week Ending May 23, 1913

	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
East Colorado							
Kenneth L. Gant	D. & R.	37	13	\$44 00	\$ 75	\$44 75	
Anna S. Hayer	B. R.	24	10	32 00	10 20	42 20	\$9 70
R. E. Lynn	B. R.	35	2	6 00		6 00	11 00
John L. Anderson	C. K.	48	44	78 00	95	78 95	
R. M. Eads	C. K.	39	12	18 50	1 00	19 50	
Myrtle Eames	C. K.	25	4	6 00		6 00	
Agents, 6		208	85	184 50	12 90	197 40	20 70
Nebraska							
G. F. Knapp	D. & R.	24	5	21 00		21 00	
John T. Eden	B. R.	47	4	12 00	7 65	19 65	
F. M. Green	P. & P.	16	7	26 00	6 50	32 50	
*J. Roblyer	P. & P.	107	26	80 00	12 50	92 50	
Howard Cook	P. G.	17	5	17 50	3 25	20 75	
Agents, 5		211	47	156 50	29 90	186 40	
West Kansas							
Arthur Moore	G. C.	38	13	43 00	3 50	46 50	
F. C. Clark	B. R.	31	8	30 00	75	30 75	75
D. E. Riggins	P. & P.	38	28	93 00	35 50	128 50	35 50
Irving Daily	P. & P.	37	9	30 00	7 70	37 70	
Mrs. Miller	Her.	17	3	6 00	40	6 40	40
Agents, 5		161	61	202 00	47 85	249 85	36 65
South Missouri							
Geo. Mayer	G. C.	52	6	18 00		18 00	
H. F. Rasch	G. C.	49	28	96 00		96 00	
E. L. Wells	D. & R.	42	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	
*J. H. Allred		81		86 85		86 85	
Agents, 4		224	38	212 85	3 00	215 85	
Wyoming							
Edith Erickson	D. & R.	23	8	26 00	5 00	31 00	
C. T. Grubbs	P. & P.	28	2	7 00	1 50	8 50	
E. H. Meyers	P. & P.	24	10	40 00		40 00	
Bertha Sauerwein	H. M.	20	5	11 50	5 50	17 00	
Agents, 4		95	25	84 50	12 00	96 50	
North Missouri							
Wm. Whorton	G. C.	27	17	73 00		73 00	
Minnie Buchner	G. C.	42	8	27 00	75	27 75	
Miss L. S. Hanke	G. C.	42	4	13 00		13 00	
A. M. Scheu	B. R.	12	5	18 00	3 25	21 25	30 35
J. B. Mc Bane	P. & P.	28	1	3 00		3 00	
Leo Chang	P. G.		4	14 00		14 00	
Agents, 6		151	39	148 00	4 00	152 00	30 35
Grand Total, 30		1050	295	\$988 35	\$109 65	\$1098 00	\$87 70

*Two weeks.

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