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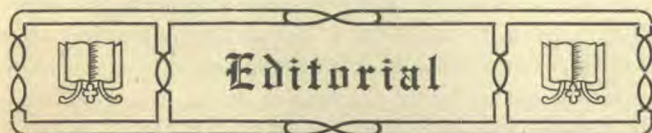
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Report of Educational Convention

Continued

Grading and Promotion

One entire afternoon was devoted to the matter of co-operation in the grading and the promotion of students from the lower to the more advanced schools. It is generally agreed that the lower schools should not attempt to do work for which they are not prepared. Thoroughness and efficiency are necessary. Let the different church schools and intermediate schools be built up as far as they can do good work. Our intermediate schools generally are not prepared to go beyond the tenth grade. Let these schools be multiplied and strengthened.

Some consideration was given to the idea of providing a system of examinations to be issued by the General Conference board, but while some good reasons were offered for such a plan, it was finally thought best to leave this matter in the hands of the union conferences.

Attention was called to the fact that two policies are being followed by different conferences. Some conferences are building up several intermediate schools; others are concentrating their efforts in one strong academy. Some thought that one of our greatest dangers lies in the multiplication of colleges. We do not need more higher schools so much as we do the better equipment of our intermediate schools. These schools should not attempt to train bookkeepers, teachers, etc. A fact was brought out that the Testimonies have said distinctly that there should be several schools in the conference strong enough to sustain them, and that they should be called State or Conference schools. That idea would tend to prevent

the establishment of other intermediate schools in different parts of the conference where they may be needed. Another statement is to the effect that these schools should serve those portions of the conference where they are located, and that other schools should be established in other parts of the conference where they are most needed. Whether a conference should pursue the policy of establishing one strong academy or several intermediate schools would depend largely upon the particular condition of that conference, but it seems to be generally agreed by the delegates that one of the strongest needs at present is the establishment of more and more efficient intermediate schools.

In order to secure greater unity and co-operation among our schools of different grades the following recommendations were adopted.

Examining Boards

"Whereas, Our educational system has not yet been unified in harmony with recommendation ten passed by the College View Educational Convention 1906 (See "Story of the Convention," page 82).

"We Recommend, That each union conference have an examining board composed of the union conference educational secretary, the head of the training school for the union, the local conference educational secretaries, and the heads of schools. This examining board should provide questions, conduct examinations, and issue certificates of promotion for all subjects completed in church schools, intermediate schools and academies; and should grant certificates to the teachers of these schools."

Report Blanks

A committee consisting of union conference secretaries took into consideration the subject of reports and blanks, and perfected a system of blanks covering all the needs of our school work. The blanks are now in the hands of the chairman of the General Conference Educational Department, and will be published in time for the opening of school next fall. The report as adopted is as follows:

1. That the following forms and report blanks, approved by the secretaries, be published by the educational department of the General Conference and recommended to the union and state conferences for general use:—

(a) Teacher's contract; (b) Teacher's enrolment list and report at commencement of school; (c) Teacher's monthly report; (d) Teacher's final re-

port; (e) Pupil's monthly report and promotion card; (f) Church school treasurer's annual report; (g) Annual report of the secretary of the church school board; (h) Order blanks for use of school boards.

2. That the forms and requirements of teacher's certificates be left in the hands of each union conference.

3. That all other record and report blanks necessary be referred to the Union Conference educational secretaries to be reported at the council next spring.

4. That the educational department of the General Conference have a series of leaflets prepared on Christian education emphasizing especially the different phases of church school work.

Plans of Boarding

The discussion of the respective merits and demerits of the American and European plans of boarding was interesting and profitable. Each system is practised among our schools, and was strongly advocated by those naturally who practise it. It was admitted that the European plan affords better opportunity for economy, personal choice, and good judgment in the selection of food; but it was contended that the American plan is more natural and is better adapted to teaching good manners and thoughtfulness for the wants of others. The following summing up of the discussion was unanimously adopted:—

Your committee after listening to the discussion of the American and European plans of boarding in our schools, are of the opinion that each plan presents so great advantages that it would not be wise to recommend all our schools to adopt either system, but rather leave them free to act as it seems best under their different conditions. At the same time we would earnestly urge the matrons, preceptresses, and principals of our schools to make special efforts, through table talks, lectures, etc., to train the students in right habits of table manners and healthful eating and drinking, whichever plan of boarding may be followed.

(To be Continued)

The Simplicity of True Greatness

The following editorial from the *Nebraska State Journal* draws from the burial of Grover Cleveland a lesson of simplicity and good taste which should be studied by the youth of the present generation:—

"The burial of Grover Cleveland reflects credit upon the man as much as any act in his life and supports the view of those who hold him great. Small men unwilling to be judged by their own work and personality may want their lack obscured by the display that money or prominence can command at their comings and goings and their funerals. Greatness can afford to be simple. The wishes of an ex-president faithfully carried out by his wife, that his burial be unostentatious as befits a citizen of a democracy, make a healthy antidote to the opposite example set by the many Americans who have more money than

taste. The American commoner, who too often mortgages his little home that the line of carriages at the funeral of his relative may be as long as his grief is deep,—cannot he now afford to bury his dead as simply and as sanely as an American president is buried?"

General Articles

An Appeal to Ministers

ELLEN G. WHITE

[The following appeal, just received, is so important to all people as well as to ministers that we hasten to lay it before our readers.—EDITOR]

The Lord has instructed me to say to His people that he demands a deeper consecration on their part in every conference, in every church, in every household. Said the messenger: Speak to the leading men saying, You should give to the people an example of what may be done by the human agent in holy living, by coming into close relation to God. Do all in your power to send home the messages of warning that have been given. Wake up the watchmen; for their unbelief has paralyzed the efforts of many who would become workers.

As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

"But this know, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" I repeat this. Many among professedly Christian teachers and pious men are not such at heart. They have not been purifying their souls by obeying the truth. And because the religious experience of many has been only a profession, meat has not been given in due season, and God has been greatly displeased. Blessed is

that servant, the Lord declares, whom his Lord when He comes shall find faithful. "Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods."

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart My lord delayeth his coming, and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This lesson is being fulfilled all around us and right in our midst. In the indifference and boasting of men and women to-day, the words of the evil servant are being repeated, "My Lord delayeth His coming." In our large cities every kind of wickedness imaginable is being revealed, and yet among the masses, yes, even among the scoffers, there are some who are listening for the trumpet to give the signal of alarm. But they listen in vain. The appropriate warnings have not been given. Is it not high time that the messengers should awake, and give the warning message that is to prepare the world for the judgments that are right upon us?

Let there be an awakening, and heartfelt confessions of sin. Let there be a seeking after God. Let the shepherds throw off the lethargy that is upon them. Wake up, brethren, for Christ's sake wake up! Let earnest, organized efforts be made that light may go forth to those in darkness, who are eating and drinking with those who are befogged with skepticism.

Our sinful condition of lukewarmness has been coming on for years. We are far behind in following the instructions given to enter the cities, and erect memorials for the cause of present truth. For many years the instruction has been repeated to us regarding the work to be done in the cities, yet there seems to be a deathlike slumber upon many ministers and people. There are a few who have been doing all in their power, but the burden of this work has not been borne upon the hearts of our people; they are not urged to co-operate, and to set in order the things that remain, that are ready to die.

At our meetings held in the cities, and at our camp-meetings, we do not ask for great demonstrations, but we ask that the men who come before the people to present the truth shall be in earnest, and shall reveal that God is with them. There must be a special seeking after God, that the work of the meeting may be carried on under the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. There must be no mingling of the wrong with the right. In the past we have had abundant evidence that God will work through those who place themselves wholly on His side; and this evidence will again be given. We must have at our camp-meetings Christians of the class of whom it was said, "Ye are the light of the world." "Let your

light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Those who seek the Lord in humility of heart will be uplifted and refreshed.

Avoid the Errors of the Past

Those who take hold of the work at this time are not to repeat the mistakes that have been made in the past, when men have sought to rule and control their fellow-workers. God forbids that this spirit shall come into His work. Another message than this is to be borne. Those who have felt a burden to place yokes on the necks of their brethren who desired to labor, are called upon to repent and be converted. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." The message of the third angel is to go forth with a loud voice. Wake up the watchmen; leave them not to settle back in their deathlike slumber. By words and works some have declared, "My Lord delayeth His coming," and the thief is preparing to steal in and destroy their goods. O that our brethren would awake to the situation! Every presentation possible may be made to them, but unless the plowshare of truth shall plow up the fallow ground of the heart, there will be no thorough work done. Hearts that are hard will not be broken until there is deep and sincere repentance. Unless there is a thorough reconversion, some will fall back into the same ways that have been followed for the past eight years.

A Word to the Wavering

Of those who are constantly working to undermine faith in the message God is sending to His people, I am instructed to say, Come out from among them and be ye separate. Come into the light, brethren, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Those who in faith accept the leadings of the Spirit of God will see where their dangers lie, and will make decided moves in the right direction.

There are some who have not accepted the messages God has sent, and these have sown the seeds of unbelief until tares have sprung up and multiplied. Those who themselves have a tottering faith are constantly working to weaken the faith of those who come within the reach of their influence. Those who have stood directly in the way of the work of God for the past fifteen years, are not to be sustained or given influence.

Now, brethren and sisters, is your time to obtain an experience that will be invaluable to you in the future. But there can be no compromise. Those who desire to be accepted as workers in the future of this cause, must advance step by step heavenward. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

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"Have God's prayers to you ever been answered? If not, this may explain why your prayers to Him have not been answered."

Christian Education

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL

True Christian education embraces the "harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." It is only by the training and development of this three-fold nature in man, that we can present to the world a symmetrical whole. Any system of education which seeks to advance the one at the expense of the other is a faulty education. Any education which has not for its basic principle the formation of right character is a faulty education.

The world is clamoring for educated men and women to perform its work. It is willing to pay them well. What we need to-day is not an education that will simply fit young men and young women to enter the avenues of commerce and trade, or to stand high in the professional or scientific world; what we need to-day, what we must have to-day, is an education that will fit young men and young women to carry this gospel of the kingdom to all the world; an education that will fire the mind with an intensity of purpose, and fill the heart with a burning zeal to carry this light of truth to those who sit in darkness.

We have been instructed that a Christian school should be provided, even if there are no more than six children to attend. If we step out by faith, and do as God directs, we can then justly claim the promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." God will use this as a means of saving our children, and making them workers for him; and, by and by, if we are so unspeakably happy as to be saved eternally in God's kingdom, with "all the children in," there to be given a few acres of Father Abraham's farm, we will not say, "I'm glad we're all here, but oh, it cost so much!" We can not take our farms, our stock, our dollars with us. We must leave everything behind except our children; but thank God, we may take them with us, for he says, "I will save thy children."

The greatest asset which this denomination possesses to-day is its children and youth. "With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."—Education, p. 271.

"The Holy Scriptures are the perfect standard of truth, and as such, should be given the highest place in education." All true wisdom comes from God. "Behold, the fear of God, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." God has revealed himself not only in the Bible, but in the book of nature as well. Thus we read in "Special Testimonies on Education," page 59, "While the Bible should hold the first place in the education of children and youth, the book of nature is next in importance." With the revelation of God in His Word and in His works, we are left without excuse if we neglect to teach them diligently unto our children.

Much of that which passes for education in the world to-day is falsely so called. True science and the Bible are in perfect accord. But the philosophies and sophistries of men are instilled, day after day, into the impressionable minds of the young until error appears truth, and truth error. False ideas of God, the Creator of the universe; the popular teachings in geology and astronomy; the doctrine of evolution—the survival of the fittest; all these, and many other like fallacies, undermine faith in the Word of God, and can but lead to a disregard of its teachings—to skepticism and infidelity.

Never before was there so bright an outlook before us in our educational work. Never before were there so many of our young people enrolled as students in our schools. Never before were there so many calls for educated laborers in all departments of the work—ministers, teachers, doctors, Bible workers, canvassers, nurses, bookkeepers, stenographers, proof-readers, business managers. Our educational work has come to stay. It is founded upon principles which are as eternal as the throne of God. Satan knows that the success of our school work means the salvation of our children, and the turning of many souls to the light, through their consecrated efforts. He is therefore striving by every means at his command to bring discredit upon the work. And there are those among our people who demand perfection in every one but themselves, who stand aloof and criticise every effort made to carry out the instruction we have received upon the subject of Christian education.

And because mistakes are made, and have been made, these accusers are ready to point the finger of scorn, and say that the whole work is a failure. Was it any proof that God was not with the children of Israel, bringing them out of bondage into the promised land, when mistakes were made—when even some of the leaders went astray, so that two hundred and fifty of the princes were destroyed?

"He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with his, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that can not be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grades—the school above."

In view of the perils which are thickening about us; in view of the demands of the hour for educated laborers; in view of all that God in his mercy has told us regarding the education of our children; and in view of the shortness of time to prepare for this great work, let us in the fear of the Lord ask ourselves again the question: "What shall we do unto the children whom God has given us?"

A Visit to Lake County

The following bit of descriptive narration, which we have received from Eld. W. C. White, as a token of friendly courtesy, is so refreshing that we desire to let our readers enjoy it with us:—

During the eight years we have resided in Pratt Valley, California, a pretty little pocket in the mountains just below the great St. Helena Sanitarium, we have heard much of the wonders and beauties of Lake County and have often talked of visiting some of our friends residing there.

Sunday morning, April 19, we started at 4:30 A. M., hoping to reach the home of Mr. N. Hurlburt, near Finley post-office, in one day's drive. It is fifty-two miles by the route we had chosen,—through Calistoga, then over the mountains by the Oat Hill mines, and down to Middleton, and again over the mountains to Kelseyville and two miles beyond.

There were five in our party: Mrs. Ellen G. White and the writer, in a single buggy drawn by a heavy bay; in a strong platform spring wagon, drawn by a span of heavy grays, were Mr. Iram James, of Pratt Valley, Professor E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville Normal and Agricultural Institute of Madison, Tennessee, and Miss Sara McEnterfer, Mrs. White's secretary and traveling companion.

The morning was cool and we were sixteen miles from home when we stopped at nine o'clock to breakfast by a beautiful stream that came tumbling down the mountain, shaded by firs and live oaks and laurels.

About noon we passed through Middleton and were soon climbing the second range of mountains. The sun was warm and progress was slow; but near the summit a cool breeze sprang up and we hastened on. Passing many pretty camping-places, we stopped in a beautiful spot near a country school house and ate our dinner in the shade of some tall pines, which must have been a little more than two hundred feet high. These tall pines and firs are an interesting feature along the way for many miles.

Over the last ridge, we soon caught sight of Clear Lake, and it, with the rich pasture lands and orchards with which it is surrounded, was in view much of the time during the last two hours of our journey. Just before sunset we passed through the village of Kelseyville, and at seven o'clock we were warmly welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt.

Monday was spent in looking over the large ranch where Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt have been conducting an orphanage for several years. The soil is rich and productive, and the large orchards, the broad fields, the pretty wood lot and the point of land jutting out into the lake are all interesting features.

Tuesday morning a short service was held at the orphanage, Mrs. White giving a brief address which was followed by a talk to the children from Professor Sutherland.

Just as we were about to leave, Mr. D. R. McMains, whom we had missed about two hours before, drove hastily in and placed in my hands a marriage license. A call was made for the family to assemble again, and Mr. McMains led Miss Elphina Batterson into the big dining-room where we were waiting, and it was announced that the family had been gathered again to witness their marriage.

These young people had been planning a quiet wedding at an early date, and decided to give the family

a surprise before the departure of their friends from St. Helena.

We wish the young people much joy as they take up unitedly the responsibility of caring for the big ranch while Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt go for a time to the St. Helena Sanitarium to see if the far-famed skill of Dr. Rand and the care of his faithful associates may prove a benefit to Mr. Hurlburt's health.

Canvassing Facts!

The following report for the week ending July 4, shows what some of Union College students are doing this summer in the canvassing field.

Agent	Book	Value
Edgar Brigham, Grant Co., Wis.	H & H.	\$ 72.50
Henry Winn, Polk Co. Wis.	G. C.	35.15
Sine Gjerde, Eau Claire, Wis.	H. M.	23.75
Frank Doll, Grant Co. Wis.	H. & H.	20.45
O. J. Olson, Dunn Co., Wis.	G. C.	11.00
*A. C. Dick, Kansas	B. R.	111.75
*Etta Oppy	B. R.	109.80
*Edith Hostetler	B. R.	45.00
*R. B. Stauffer	D. & R.	123.05
*A. Segebartt	"	33.80
*Hanna Reinhardt	"	18.00
*Frank Hallock	G. C.	142.70
*Albert Shidler	"	149.25
*Charley Sutton	"	122.60
*D. E. Pettis	"	103.25
*R. S. Irvine	"	64.75
*O. C. Durham	"	39.75
*Maggie Ogden	H. M.	20.00
Emilia A. Johnson, Minn.	"	28.00
Huldah Anderson	"	40.00
Matilda Thori	"	4.75
Martha Anderson	"	30.50
David Gulbrandsen	"	45.40
Bennie Grundset	"	35.70
Gertie Grant	H. H.	27.85
Bessie Christenson	"	29.25
Andrew Wasby	G. C.	47.35
Oscar M. Akre	"	48.25
Martinus Ruskjer	"	27.25
Alfreda Mortensen, S. Dak.	"	21.50
Geneva Anderson	"	28.50
Clara Kier	"	52.10
Olive Crum	"	49.92
Fred Bolton	D. & R.	41.75
J. C. Madison, Iowa	G. C.	34.75
Nels H. Olsen	"	20.25
Ellen Svenson	"	31.25
Esther Anderson	"	16.00
C. C. Morlan	"	33.00
Chris. Norgard	"	34.75
P. Langhoff	H. M.	27.25
*V. W. Palleson, N. Dak.	G. C.	64.00
*E. Nelson	H. M.	35.00
*John Lorenz	D. R.	254.70
*L. E. Westermeyer	"	52.75
*T. C. Schmidt	"	300.25
Alfred Adson, Wyoming	G. C.	419.25
(From May 16 to June 26)		
Carl Wolters, Missouri	"	72.75
F. H. Kugel	"	84.50
Ernestine Kochschorner	"	75.50
Otto S. Owen	Delivered	88.75
G. C. Jenks	"	106.50
J. H. Larkin	"	94.00
Week ending July 10, 1908		
Alta Wordell, Nebraska	G. C.	15.75
Sophia Paulson	H. M.	28.50
Fred Herzer	H. & H.	107.00
P. H. McMahan	G. C.	89.00
Augusta Schnieder	D. & R.	3.75
Emma Schmidt	"	17.75
Lulu Peterson	H. & H.	11.70
Mrs. Lydia Nelson	G. C.	11.00
E. Ventling	"	39.50
Emelia Carlson	"	22.75
Alta Alix	D. & R.	8.35
Winnifred James	H. M.	8.50
W. F. Hardt	D. & R.	20.50
*Two weeks.		

Obituary of Mrs. Noah Hodges

Abbie B. Huntly was born at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, October 26, 1843. Her father came to Ohio from Connecticut, and her mother from Rhode Island. When she was eleven years old, the family moved to Washington County, Iowa. At Washington, the county seat, on November 20, 1867, when she was twenty-four years old, she was married to Noah Hodges, and went to his home at Sandyville, Iowa, where they lived happily together until they moved to College View, in March, 1891.

The following thoughts were expressed by Eld. C. C. Lewis, in the funeral sermon, Sabbath, July 18.

About ten years ago she suffered from a partial stroke of paralysis, and a second stroke had been feared since that time by herself and by her friends. It came last Wednesday evening. There was little warning of the approaching end. For some months she had been failing, and it was evident she would not live very long. Still her husband thought he would be called first. Two weeks ago to-day, (Sabbath, July 18), she attended the Sabbath service in this church. The day of her death she seemed, if anything, brighter than usual, and was able to attend to little household duties. In the evening she was at her son's across the way, and waited until about eight o'clock for him to return and help her home. Other friends finally assisted her, and evidently about this time the stroke came; for they had difficulty to get her home. She soon became unconscious, and about ten o'clock fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, being sixty-four years, eight months, and nineteen days old.

When, as a young wife, she came into the home of Brother Hodges, she found four motherless children, the eldest eleven, the youngest three. All the mother instinct of her heart went out at once to these children, and she reared them with as much self-sacrifice and tenderness as any mother ever bestowed upon her own children. As the years went by, these children became as warmly attached to her as if she had been their own mother. One of these, Ross Hodges resides in Denver; another, Phillip, at Minatare, Nebraska; a third, James, died many years ago, and the fourth, a daughter, died in 1864. She had only one child of her own, a son, who is present on this occasion.

The Christian experience of Sister Hodges began in 1859, when, at sixteen years of age, she embraced the views of Seventh-day Adventists under the labors of Eld. M. E. Cornell. From that time to the day of her death her faith never wavered for a moment in loyalty to the Saviour or in devotion to this cause.

In all religious and church work she was intensely active until failing strength made it impossible to carry so many of these burdens as formerly. In Iowa she was interested in tract society work, being district secretary for years. When the family moved to College View she became a charter member of the College View church, organized in 1891, and was a deaconess of this church until advancing years made it necessary for the duties of this office to be laid aside.

But her religion was manifested not simply in official acts and attendance upon church services, but in quiet,

kindly ministrations to the wants of others. She was, in the language of the Scriptures, "given to hospitality," and she delighted to entertain the ministers and the brethren and sisters who came to attend meetings at their home in the early days. Sometimes there were as many as forty to care for; but she never complained, no matter how large the company. On the contrary she was always happy in this work.

She had a heart full of love for her many friends, and was especially beloved by all of them. Many a weary pilgrim, tired and worn by labors in the gospel field, has found a haven of rest in her home, and has been nursed back to vigor by her gentle hands.

And now we gather here, to pay our last tribute of respect to her memory. Here are members of several of the families who belonged to the old church at Sandyville—the Wilburs, the Morrisous, the Schees, the Van Syocs, the Lewises—together with us also who have come into the circle of her friendship in later years, since the beginning of the College View church, in 1891. We all join in honoring her memory to-day. We all "mourn with those who mourn, and weep with those who weep." Some of us, judging from our white heads and tottering forms, must soon follow her to the tomb. We have loved to visit "Aunt Abbie" in her home upon earth, and we shall all rejoice to meet her again in the heavenly home, which our Saviour has gone to prepare.

All the promises of the word of God belong to this group of sorrowing friends; for the conditions of these promises are fulfilled in the life and character of the one who sleeps before us. You have everything to comfort you, and little to regret except the brief sorrow of parting. Since it is appointed unto us all to die, you perhaps could not have chosen better the time and circumstances of her departure. Though sudden, it was not unexpected; and her

end was painless. You would not have chosen to have her linger, even for a few hours, in helpless suffering. You would have had her life lengthened out a little longer; but still she had almost reached the three-score years and ten allotted to mankind, and she comes to her grave in a full age, as a shock of corn cometh in in its season. Much more you could not reasonably expect. You would have chosen some words of parting, but they could not have been more tender, loving, and true than those words to which you have been accustomed to listen all your lives. Treasure up these words, especially those you can recall of her last day, and let these be her parting words. She rests in peace. She sleeps in Jesus. To her the promise is sure, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," for she has fulfilled the conditions.

The thoughts of our sister were ever towards her loved ones. During the recent months, while under the influence of the disease which carried her away, her mind would occasionally wander for a moment, but always her thoughts centered in the dear ones.

And so, methinks, it will be on the morning of the resurrection. Her last thoughts here being about her loved ones, her first thoughts there will be upon the same theme. As she is caught up together with the sleeping and the translated saints to meet the Lord in the air, she will look around first for her companion, and having found him, she will inquire, "Where are the children that we used to have?" And then she will look for these aged friends, (then aged no more forever), and she will ask, "Where are the brethren and sisters of the old church at Sandyville? Where are the brethren and sisters of the College View church?" God grant that in that day we may all be there, so that her joy in the glad reunion may not be marred by disappointment over a single missing face.

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College View Items

The collection for the poor this month was 10.96.

College View title for the quarter just closed was \$2314.16.

The mid-summer collection for the College View church has reached \$135 and for the Sanitarium, \$25.

Over one hundred dollars has now been paid in to commence work on the new model church school building.

The quarterly meeting was well attended by both old and young. Elder Caviness and Prof. C. C. Lewis officiated. The thoughts brought out from the scripture usually read at such a meeting were new and inspiring. To all the meeting was a feast of good things.

Misses Inez Shultz, Geneva Dawson, Belle Twining, Thirza Mason, and Irma Lewis may be found at 7:30 A. M. in the Testimonies class at the home of Mrs. C. C. Lewis. The girls are working hard and enjoying their study. They are also taking some work in the summer school.

Mrs. Iza Clement in writing to the MESSENGER says: This morning finds us once more in the sunny south, enjoying the cooling breezes and the beautiful scenery of northern Tennessee. We are at Nashville where Brother O. R. Staines is starting the colored normal school. The building work is now well under way. Our health and courage is the best. Please address our MESSENGER to Nashville, Tennessee, East Station, R. F. D. No. 3.

Elder George W. Caviness, of Mexico City, Mexico, has been visiting his son, Professor L. L. Caviness, and friends of the village for a few days past. Elder Caviness has been engaged in missionary work in Mexico for the last eleven years. He addressed the students of the summer school at chapel period Friday, and preached in the church at the regular service Sabbath morning. He has been in California for a number of months past, engaged in translating several different works into the Spanish language, and also getting additional help for his field in Mexico. He left Sunday evening with his son to visit a brother at Fairbury, Nebraska, and will very soon return to Mexico.

The secretary of religious liberty work in Missouri writes: "Your letter of June 26th, enclosing \$22.18 donations from the College View church toward the religious liberty fund received, and we wish to convey our sincere thanks to the College View church for their liberality in making this offering. I do not believe that people generally realize that Missouri is such a needy field. There are only twelve hundred members in this conference; hence you can see that such offerings as you sent to-day would be very much appreciated, and would help out greatly in extending the work in this conference. Large congregations of the best citizens hear the lectures of Brother and Sister Wightman as they speak in different places, and in every town with one exception the newspapers have been friendly, and devoted a column or more of their space to the promulgation of principles brought out in their lectures."

S. H. Daniells came over from Omaha and spent Sunday with his family in the village.

A. R. Ocker, of Edgar, Nebraska, visited Mrs. Ocker at the Sanitarium on Sunday.

H. N. Larsen is building a tailor shop just east of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rowell.

Miss Mary Thompson, of Minatare, Nebraska, is visiting at the home of her brother, Clarence Thompson of College View.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rees and son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Oxley of the village. Mr. Rees is a brother of Mrs. Oxley.

Misses Emily and Alma Larson, of Bertrand, Nebraska, are visiting their mother, Mrs. August Larson, at the sanitarium.

Miss Emma Schmidt spent Sabbath and Sunday at her home in College View. She has now returned to her canvassing work at Wilbur, Nebr.

Judging from the President's correspondence and the calls for calendars, there will be a large attendance at Union College the coming year.

H. J. Robb is placing the numbers and letters at the street corners of the village, according to the system of designation adopted by the village board.

At the late meeting of the village Board of Trustees, an ordinance was passed giving the Citizens' Interurban Railway Company the right of way in College View. It is allowed to enter at Fortieth Street upon Bryant Street at the west and then go east upon Bryant Street until it reaches College Avenue, when it will turn south and may extend to Prospect Street, and thence east to the village limits. It will, however, probably not build further south than to the junction of College Avenue and Union Street, or according to the new system of numbering, 11th and L Streets.

From California

I am aboard the steam ship "George W. Elder," enroute for Los Angeles to spend a few months in a needed vacation, after having been in the sanitarium work in Eureka, California, for the past six years.

Although regretting to leave what seems now to me to be my "home," I am nevertheless enjoying my trip. This has been one of the grandest trips I have ever experienced on the ocean. I have not missed a meal and have been out on the hurricane deck nearly all the time. I very much prefer the ocean voyage to the train, since it is not so dusty and disagreeable. We will arrive in Los Angeles to-morrow morning, after having been on the trip three days, making several hours' stay in Frisco yesterday, where we still saw many traces of the destruction wrought April 18, 1906.

I brought with me the last two numbers of the MESSENGER to read, and I see a little blue mark in one corner. I suppose that means I had better send fifty cents to you if I want you to visit me longer, and I certainly do.

I enjoyed reading the commencement numbers very much. My address until further notice will be Oliveto Heights, R. F. D. 4, Los Angeles, California. Yours in the Master's service,

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News and Notes.

Miss Clara Anderson has gone to visit at her home in Tekamah, Nebraska.

Anna Hendrickson, of Custer, S. Dak., has canvassed only three and one-half days when she wrote July 2, that it was necessary for her to stay at home while her mother went to camp-meeting.

Sunday, July 5, the Chamberlain, South Dakota church decided to have a church school this coming winter. Forty-nine dollars per month was subscribed for running expenses, fifteen pupils guaranteed and it is planned to have a term of nine months.

Our new Danish workers, Elder H. Steen, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Brethren J. H. Schmidt and Rudolph Nelson, have arrived and will form the Danish tent company for Chicago. They have located their tent on North Avenue, just west of Humboldt Park near Kedzie Avenue.—*Northern Illinois Recorder.*

Bro. W. B. Roberts, who has been delivering, writes: "People who lost all their crops with the flood, and had to move out of their homes, were ready with money in hand for their book. The Lord has set His hand to give this message to the people, and if we but trust Him, doing our work faithfully, he will see to the result."

Edgar Brigham wrote July 5, from Lancaster, Wis. He says, "We have had rain in abundance here in Wisconsin, but Providence has favored us by sending it on Sabbath and Sunday, giving us five nice days a week while we were in the field. Last week I lost three days on account of rain and bad roads, but in the other three and one-half days my sales were \$72.50, more than any other week. I have just finished a scholarship now. Frank Doll has about half earned his."

Miss Mertie Wheeler writes that she is enjoying her vacation, and is having a nice time at home. Elder Meade Mac Guire had been holding tent meetings at Crawford. She says that Mr. Adson is selling lots of books in Wyoming. Up to June 26 he had sold 419.25 worth of "Great Controversy." That was from the close of school to June 26. At the time of the flood at Lincoln she and her mother were out in all the rain. They drove from their ranch to Crawford, about ten miles. They had to get out and walk up some of the hills, because they were afraid the horses would fall down.

Miss Alta Summitt, of Macedonia, Iowa, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Arrillo Rentfro in College View, has returned to her home.

Helen Kiellbach is canvassing at California, Missouri. Up to July 6 she had taken \$143.00 worth of orders. She says, "I enjoy my work more every day. O, how nice it is to be a child of God. He always leads me to such nice places to stay." Her expenses have been almost nothing so far.

To the Messenger

I cannot get along without the visits of the MESSENGER. I eagerly look for the day of its arrival. As we will move our tents to Creston, Nebraska, will you please change my address to that place, so I will not miss a single copy.

I wish more of the students would have their names and work represented every week. There are so few.

We have been here holding meetings at Stanton for four weeks. There will be baptism Sunday.

Irvin Blue.

Stanton, Nebraska, July 10, 1908.

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