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#### THE ADVENT.

BY ELDER W. H. LITTLEJOHN.

A Hymn. Tune: My Rest is in Heaven.

The Saviour is coming, O children of light,  
With hosts of the angels, the angels of might.  
Adown the bright azure; with banners of flame,  
He'll come soon in triumph, he'll come soon to reign.

The trumpet long sounding, with notes loud and shrill,  
He'll robe each believer in garments of white.  
The touch of the Master we all soon shall feel;  
He'll make us immortal, while glad anthems peal.

He'll deck ev'ry forehead with coronet bright,  
He'll robe each believer in garments of white.  
Away to the city; the city of gold,  
We'll mount with the angels, in numbers untold.

Then through its high portals we'll enter at last,  
With shouts of rejoicing, our sorrows all past.  
Along the bright river, the river of life,  
We'll wander together, with hearts free from strife.

With harps tuned celestial, we'll sing the new song  
Of Moses, the faithful, and Jesus, the strong.  
Then shout, O ye children, ye children of light,  
The Saviour is coming; he's almost in sight!

### Anniversary Meetings.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

PURSUANT to appointment, the Conference assembled at the S. D. A. house of worship in Rome, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1882, at 9 A. M. Eld. Butler, President, in the chair. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Waggoner.

The organization of the Conference was effected by the presentation of credentials by delegates, as follows:—

- California: J. H. Waggoner, I. D. Van Horn, W. C. White.
- Colorado: Uriah Smith.
- Dakota: O. A. Olsen.
- Illinois: R. F. Andrews.
- Indiana: S. H. Lane.
- Iowa: Geo. I. Butler, C. A. Washburn, J. T. Mitchell, A. R. Henry.
- Kansas: J. H. Cook, John Gibbs.
- Maine: J. B. Goodrich.
- Michigan: U. Smith, J. Fargo, J. O. Corliss, W. H. Littlejohn, M. B. Miller, H. M. Kenyon, E. S. Griggs.
- Minnesota: Harrison Grant, John Fulton, H. W. Norton.
- Nebraska: Geo. B. Starr.
- New York: B. L. Whitney, M. H. Brown, M. C. Wilcox.
- Ohio: H. A. St. John, R. A. Underwood.
- Pennsylvania: D. B. Oviatt, J. W. Raymond, F. Peabody.
- Province of Quebec: A. C. Bourdeau.

Texas: R. M. Kilgore.  
Upper Columbia: J. H. Waggoner.  
Vermont: A. S. Hutchins.  
Wisconsin: H. W. Decker.

By vote, Bro. A. C. Neff was received as a representative from Virginia, and Eld. T. M. Steward as a delegate from Illinois in place of C. H. Bliss, who was not present, and J. O. Corliss as a representative of the General Southern Mission.

Eld. U. Smith stated that a Conference had been organized in Colorado, that wishes to be received as a member of the General Conference. The Conference has three churches with 164 members, and has a full corps of officers. It appointed him as delegate to the General Conference, provided it should be received.

It was then moved that the Colorado Conference be received as a member of the General Conference.—Carried.

Eld. Haskell called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Sabbath-keepers in Sweden had been organized into a Conference, with officers and a membership of about 150, and that it was anxious to become a part of the General Conference; whereupon it was moved, that the Conference in Sweden be admitted into the sisterhood of Conferences.

Pending the action of the assembly on this question, the fact was mentioned that a European Conference had been organized, embracing the different missionary fields in Europe, including Sweden, and the question presented itself as to what relation the Conference in Sweden would sustain to that Conference, if it were admitted into the General Conference, and also what relation the European Conference sustains to the General Conference.

After remarks by Elds. Waggoner, Butler, Lane, Haskell, and St. John in reference to the question, it was moved that this matter be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair.—Carried.

Elds. Haskell, Waggoner, and Fargo were designated as said committee.

On account of their great length, it was moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the last annual session.

On motion, the Chair was authorized to appoint the standing committees. It was further moved, that a Committee on Credentials and Licenses be considered as a standing committee.—Carried.

Committee on Nominations: J. Fargo, Harrison Grant, J. B. Goodrich.

Committee on Resolutions: U. Smith, J. H. Waggoner, W. H. Littlejohn.

Committee on Auditing: A. R. Henry and E. S. Griggs, to act with the Executive Committee.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials: W. C. White, J. O. Corliss, O. A. Olsen.

Reports from missionaries being called for, Eld. Corliss spoke for Virginia and North Carolina. They are greatly in need of help. In order to have the wants of the different missionary fields considered, it was moved that the Chair appoint a committee of four to act with himself in considering the wants of missionary fields.—Carried.

S. N. Haskell, B. L. Whitney, R. M. Kilgore, and O. A. Olsen were requested to act in this capacity.

Eld. J. H. Waggoner introduced the following: Resolved, That Article 2 of the Constitution of this Conference be amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "three," making the Executive Committee a committee of five instead of three, as at present.

This was spoken to by Elds. Hutchins, Waggoner, Andrews, Underwood, Littlejohn, Steward, Lane, Bourdeau, St. John and Bro. W. C. White, and in order to give more time for its consideration, it was by vote laid upon the table.

Following this, Eld. Smith read a report from Eld. J. N. Andrews in reference to the work in Switzerland, and Eld. Haskell related some very interesting experiences with Sabbath-keepers in Europe.

H. W. Decker and A. S. Hutchins were requested to act with the Chair as a committee to consider the question of enlarging the Auditing Committee, which was left over from the last session.

On motion, the Chair announced the following persons as a committee on preaching: B. L. Whitney, R. A. Underwood, D. B. Oviatt.

By vote, the Conference adjourned to call the Chair.

SECOND MEETING, 2 P. M.—Prayer by Van Horn. After roll-call, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A considerable part of this meeting was spent in listening to calls for labor and delegates. Elds. Andrews, Steward, Waggoner spoke for Chicago, requesting the Conference to send the brethren there some help. This brought up the subject of division of Conferences, when it was moved that the Chair appoint a committee of four to the General Conference Committee to consider the matter of boundary lines between Conferences.—Carried. H. A. St. John, J. O. C. Kilgore and I. D. Van Horn were appointed to this committee.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting, to consider the matter of enlarging the Auditing Committee, reported as follows:—

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Constitution be changed by substituting for the words "two laymen" "four laymen" who have not been in the employ of the Conference during the preceding year.

Geo. I. Butler,  
H. W. Decker,  
A. S. Hutchins.

Moved, to accept this report. After spoken to, it was moved to amend by substituting "six" instead of "four."—Carried.

The question recurring on the original report was passed.

Moved, that the Chair appoint the additional four members of the Auditing Committee.—Carried.

They were appointed, as follows: S. H. Lane, W. C. White, J. Fargo, H. W. Decker.

Elds. E. W. Farnsworth and J. M. Rees having arrived, they took their seats as delegates, the former representing Missouri and Nevada, and the latter Indiana.

Moved, that all brethren in good standing be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference.—Carried.

A letter from Chas. P. Whitford of Jacksonville, Fla., was read. There is a company of Sabbath-keepers there who desire help.

Bro. A. C. Neff made known the wants of Virginia, Eld. E. W. Farnsworth spoke for Nevada and Eld. Geo. I. Butler for Missouri.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING, DEC. 8, 10 A. M.—Prayer offered by Eld. Haskell.

Eld. D. A. Robinson and Bro. C. W. Comings took their seats at this meeting, as delegates from New England.

Eld. Haskell proceeded to give an extended statement in regard to the European missions, especially the work in Switzerland, showing that a great work is being accomplished in Europe, and that there are a great many good openings for the introduction of the truth. But there is such a feeling there against anything that is American, that papers published in America and sent over to Europe cannot accomplish the good that they

published in European countries can. There is great need of a German paper in Europe. The French paper has accomplished a great deal of good in removing prejudice and bringing the truth before the people. But Eld. Andrews is very feeble, and has not the help in the management of matters that he should have; neither can he visit the Sabbath-keepers in different parts and look after the various openings for labor. Somebody is needed to do this, and something must be done soon to supply this want.

Following these remarks, the Committee on Resolutions introduced the following:—

*Whereas*, We have listened with deep interest to the report given by Eld. Haskell of the European missions, showing the importance of the work, the necessity of maintaining it, and the need of further assistance in this direction; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we recommend that Eld. B. L. Whitney and family go, at their earliest convenience, to the assistance of Eld. Andrews, by connecting themselves especially with the work in Switzerland, laboring also to help our missions as opportunity may offer.

This was spoken to by Elds. Haskell, Butler, Waggoner, Oviatt, Bourdeau, Cottrell, Whitney, and W. C. White, and pending action the Conference adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

FOURTH MEETING, 2:30 P. M.—The meeting was opened with prayer by Eld. S. H. Lane.

The resolution under consideration at the previous meeting when adjournment took place, was taken up, and after being spoken to by Elds. Brown, Wilcox, and Bro. H. W. Norton, it was unanimously.

Committee on Resolutions introduced the

That we recognize the necessity of publishing in Europe, and we hereby recommend the Committee to arrange for such publication at the earliest possible opportunity.

discussed by Elds. Haskell, Butler, and Bro. W. C. White, and passed.

Communication from Eld. J. N. Loughborough to the condition and wants of the mission was read, after which the meeting called to call of Chair.

SIXTH MEETINGS, SUNDAY, DEC. 10.—The additional delegate from Michigan, read his credentials at this time.

The meetings were entirely occupied in listening to some very interesting remarks from Bro. G. L. Bell, in regard to education in general, and the manner of conducting the S. D. A. school at South Lancaster, Mass., in particular. The speaker proceeded to show that the popular method of filling the student's mind with that which is not practical, and hurrying him through a certain course in order that he may obtain a diploma, is not true education. True education begins on the inside, at the core, with that which is practical. It builds up and strengthens a symmetry of character that by and by, in after life, will show itself in some grand, good, and noble work for the world. The school at South Lancaster seeks to attain to this ideal. The teachers at this school have experienced that study and physical labor must be intermingled, in order to make a good school. Hence the time of the students there is divided into labor, study, and recitation hours; and the best of results are seen, both as to physical health, mental discipline, and progress in study.

Many interesting details in regard to the school were given, after which the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SEVENTH MEETING, DEC. 11, 10 A. M.—Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Cook.

The subject of education and the establishment of schools in different sections of the country, drew forth many interesting remarks from Elds. Haskell, Butler, Waggoner, M. B. Miller, and Bro. W. C. White and G. H. Bell, during this meeting. Plans for the future of the South Lancaster school were mentioned, and also some brief explanations were given in regard to the closing of the Battle Creek College, showing what difficulties are to be met in the establishment and management of schools, and upon what principles schools should be conducted to meet the mind of God and forward his work. An account was also given of the establishment of the College at Lealdsburg, Cal.

EIGHTH MEETING, 2:30 P. M.—Prayer by Eld. J. O. Corliss. A. H. Hall, delegate from New York, took his seat at this meeting.

The reports of special committees being in

order, the following was presented by the committee appointed to consider the wants of missionary fields:

Your Committee recommend that the Executive Committee issue special credentials to those in the direct employ of the General Conference, showing the relation of each to the Conference; also the issue of local credentials and licenses to those laboring in fields outside of organized Conferences; these credentials and licenses to be continued from time to time by the General Conference, or at the discretion of the Conference Committee.

We also recommend that the California Conference supply Nevada with such help as it can consistently give; that an experienced laborer be sent to the Southern Atlantic States, to develop and build up the interest already existing, instruct those laboring there who are deficient in experience, and have a supervision of the work, with the object of bringing up the cause in all its branches. And we further recommend, in view of the fact that Eld. J. O. Corliss has already some acquaintance with that field, has felt a deep interest in it, and has a burden to go there to labor at the present time, that this field be assigned him till the providence of God shall indicate that his duty lies in a different direction.

These recommendations being discussed at some length by the Conference, they were adopted as the sense of the body.

Another special committee submitted the following report, which was also adopted:—

Your committee appointed to consider the relation of the organizations in Europe to the General Conference would report as follows:—

We find that Denmark and Sweden have regular Conferences organized, which have adopted our State Constitution, or Constitutions similar thereto; but the recent organization called the "European Conference," would more properly be called a "European Council," as that appears to be the object for which it was organized. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the Swedish Conference be admitted to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, according to their request.

*Resolved*, That while we indorse the organization of the European Conference, we recommend that its name be changed to that of a "European Council of Seventh-day Adventist Missions," according to the object stated in its Constitution.

*Resolved*, That we highly approve of the action of the European Council in the fifth article of its Constitution, as follows: "When any important enterprise involving a considerable expenditure of money or affecting the general interests of the cause is to be entered upon by any mission, it shall be the duty of those conducting that mission to consult the Executive Committee of this Conference" [Council]. And the General Conference cannot hold itself responsible to aid in any such enterprise without such consultation having been held.

The matter of boundary lines between Conferences was made the subject of a special report, the committee appointed for that purpose making the following recommendations:—

*Whereas*, The organization of churches by ministers of one Conference in the territory of another State has raised the question of the proper boundary of Conferences; therefore—

*Resolved* 1. That the boundary lines of a State should in all cases be the boundary lines of the Conference bearing the name of said State, except in cases where good reasons shall exist for varying this rule.

2. That where differences arise on this point, appeal shall be made to the General Conference, and through their supervision the lines shall be established.

3. That before any steps are taken to organize a church by the ministers of one Conference in the territory of another, the full consent of the latter Conference should be obtained.

4. That when a church is so located that the members usually attending the meetings of said church are partly in one State and partly in another, a majority of such church shall decide to which Conference they will belong, but the individual members may, if they choose, pay their tithes to the Conference in which they live.

5. That where churches are transferred to another Conference by the establishment of boundary lines as herein recommended, there should be a consideration of the expense incurred in raising up and caring for said churches, and when the matter cannot be amicably arranged by the Conferences concerned, it shall be referred to the General Conference for settlement. Ministers located in the districts transferred may choose to which Conference they will belong.

6. That we recommend that for the present the Scandinavian church of Chicago be permitted to remain with the Wisconsin Conference.

7. That the cases of New York and Pennsylvania, and New England and New Jersey, where an understanding already exists, be exceptions for the present to the foregoing resolutions.

H. A. ST. JOHN.	GEO. I. BUTLER.
J. O. CORLISS.	S. N. HASKELL.
R. M. KILGORE.	U. SMITH.
I. D. VAN HORN.	

It was moved and seconded that the preamble and resolution be adopted. This motion was quite fully discussed, but pending action the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

NINTH MEETING, DEC. 12, 10 A. M.—Prayer was offered by Eld. John Fulton.

The discussion of the recommendations of the Committee on Boundary Lines of Conferences was continued at some length, after which they were all adopted.

As these recommendations especially affect the Minnesota and Wisconsin Conferences, Eld. Geo. I. Butler offered the following, which it was moved and seconded to adopt as a part of the foregoing report:—

*Whereas*, The first resolution in this report places the boundary lines of Conferences in harmony with the boundary lines of the States in which they are located, thus allotting to the Conference of Wisconsin certain churches which have belonged to the Minnesota Conference; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we advise these churches to present themselves to the Wisconsin Conference at its next session, and apply for reception. But in case any of them should not feel willing to drop their connection with the Minnesota Conference, we advise that they remain for the present a part of that Conference.

This was spoken to by the delegations from both States, and also by others; but the resolution was finally laid upon the table.

The committee appointed to consider the wants of missionary fields then presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

*Resolved*, That ministers laboring outside their own Conferences, should after an absence of one year or more, be considered members of the Conference in which they labor, and should receive credentials therefrom; and ministers laboring in missionary fields should receive credentials from the General Conference.

*Resolved*, That the above resolution shall not prevent any Conference from issuing credentials to its members who are laboring in the general interests of the cause.

*Whereas*, Some ministers find it necessary to change their field of labor from one Conference to another, and confusion is liable to arise; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we recommend that before such changes are made there should be an understanding between the Conferences concerned or the change should be made in accordance with instructions from the General Conference.

The Committee on Resolutions reported still further at this meeting, as follows:—

*Whereas*, The establishment of such schools as those recently created by our people in Massachusetts and California is necessarily attended with many perplexities, and will cost much more than would be imagined by one who has had no experience in such matters; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we recommend to our brethren in different Conferences that they proceed in the organization of schools with great caution; and that before doing so they counsel with the General Conference Committee.

On motion, this was adopted.

*Whereas*, Confusion is liable to occur in the accounts of our s. b. treasurers, resulting in the loss of funds, unless all pecuniary transactions are conducted according to careful business principles; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we recommend that all persons paying tithes require from the treasurer a receipt for all moneys paid him, and that the treasurer be required to present quarterly to the church, or to an auditing committee appointed by the church, an itemized report of all money received, and all that is paid by him into the Conference, showing the receipts of the State treasurer as vouchers therefor.

After some discussion, the above was adopted.

*Whereas*, The usefulness of our Publishing House in California was seriously imperiled by the threatened enforcement of the Sunday laws of that State; and—

*Whereas*, By a mysterious Providence the very party which passed that law originally, arrayed themselves against the same in the last political contest in that State, so that their triumph rendered its repeal certain; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we recognize in this result the hand of God so shaping and directing the affairs of men as to render possible the full and free proclamation of his truth, until such time as the world shall have been thoroughly warned in regard to their duty to observe the Sabbath of the Lord, and to prepare for the advent of his Son.

The above resolution drew forth interesting remarks from Elds. Littlejohn and Waggoner, showing how the Lord had worked for his people during the Sunday excitement in California, after which it was unanimously adopted.

On motion the resolution introduced in the first meeting in regard to increasing the General Conference Committee to five members, was taken from the table; but after some further discussion, the motion to adopt was lost, the balloting showing 24 yeas and 18 nays, a three-fourths vote being required to amend the Constitution.

The Treasurer's report, showing the financial standing of the Conference, was then read, as follows:—

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. Chapman in account with the General Conference of Adventists.	Dr.	
Cash on hand Nov. 30, 1881,	\$5108 50	
" rec'd to Oct 31, 1882,	7632 78	
Total,		\$12741 28
Cash paid out from Nov. 30, 1881, to Oct. 31, 1882,	Cr.	
Balance in Treasury,	\$4702 86	
	8038 42	
Total,		\$12741 28

The time for closing having arrived, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

**TENTH MEETING, DEC. 17, 9 A. M.**—Prayer was read by Eld. Geo. I. Butler.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three, including himself, to consider the matter of remuneration for the preachers to be transferred from the Minnesota Conference, according to the action of the Conference at the previous meeting. The Chair afterward called J. Fargo and S. N. Haskell as the additional members of this committee.

The following resolutions were then presented, and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That our ministers be instructed to pay attention to the subject of health reform; to study the light of the Bible and to enforce it in our lives as an element of Christian character; and to interact in a careful and judicious manner the prevalent tendency among our people to backsliding in relation to this important grace.

*Whereas*, Counsel has been given to us as a people that the duty of Eld. Uriah Smith to labor in the cause, and especially in holding Biblical Institutes, is not to confine his labors to Battle Creek; therefore *Resolved*, That we hereby request our Executive Committee to assign to Eld. Smith such labor as will give the same Conferences the benefit of his ability and experience as indicated above.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

**ELEVENTH MEETING, 2:30 P. M.**—Prayer by W. H. Littlejohn.

The Committee on Resolutions introduced the following:—

*Resolved*, That the ordinances of the Lord's supper and washing are important, and should never be separated in administration, except in cases where such separation shall be absolutely necessary.

*Whereas*, Many of our ministers have found it a very difficult matter to carry out our system of quarterly meetings successfully, so as to derive from them the benefits contemplated, and in many cases are obliged to set them or appoint them on another day than the one assigned; therefore—

*Resolved*, That the Chair be authorized to appoint a committee of three to consider this subject with its variations, and report, making such recommendations as they may deem proper.

The above were adopted, and the Chair named Cook, R. F. Andrews, B. L. Whitney, as the committee provided for in the latter resolution.

*Resolved*, That we recommend that the General Conference Committee prepare, or cause to be prepared, indexes to church officers, to be printed in the REVIEW AND HERALD or in tract form, as they may deem the better.

On motion, the Chair appointed W. H. Littlejohn, J. O. Corliss, H. A. St. John, as a committee to consider this matter into consideration, and report at the next annual session of the Conference.

*Resolved*, That we recommend that our churches purloin copies of the General Conference proceedings, and themselves intelligent in reference to the business connected with our annual meetings.

*Resolved*, That another section be added to Art. II. of the Constitution, to read as follows:—

§ 2.—The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in their number by resignation, or otherwise."

*Whereas*, The English mission is now organized so that preachers and other persons distributing our literature are in operation the work now being done in South America and elsewhere; therefore—

*Resolved*, That in view of the wants of the cause in America, our Executive Committee be instructed to make arrangements in the English work as shall secure, as soon as consistent, the services of Eld. Loughborough in the States.

*Whereas*, It is the judgment of those who understand the condition of the cause that a paper will sometime be published in England, and it is also judged that the time for publishing it is not yet come; therefore—

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that a committee should be selected and educated for that work, and that the duty of conducting the paper can be entrusted to the proper time.

The resolutions were adopted, after being read by different members of the Conference.

The Committee on Nominations then presented the following names for officers of the Conference for the coming year: For President, Geo. I. Butler; Secretary, A. B. Oyen; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Executive Committee, G. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, J. Fargo. These persons were elected to their respective offices.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses suggested that credentials be granted to Elds. J. N. Andrews, J. G. Matteson, J. N. Loughborough, A. A. John, B. L. Whitney, Geo. I. Butler, S. N. Haskell, J. Fargo, J. O. Corliss; and that local credentials be given to Elds. C. O. Taylor of Alabama, Wm. F. Killen of Georgia, L. P. Hodges of North Carolina, H. A. Rife of Virginia; also that a Ship Missionary License be granted to Geo. R. Drew of England.

They further recommended the following:—

"In order that the Conference may move understandingly in the matter of granting licenses in the Southern States, we recommend that action be deferred until a laborer from the General Conference shall enter that field, and ascertain the minds of the brethren living in the several localities relative to the proper persons to receive licenses. But in the cases of those who have heretofore received licenses, we recommend that they continue to labor as formerly, until the visit of the laborer herein mentioned."

This report was then adopted.

The following resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this General Conference endorse the action of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Society in closing the College, under the circumstances, and we endorse the resolutions passed at an informal meeting of the Educational Society in this place.

The meeting then adjourned to call of Chair.

**TWELFTH MEETING, MONDAY, DEC. 18, 9 A. M.**—Prayer by Eld. S. H. Lane.

Eld. S. N. Haskell gave an account of his visit to the Scandinavian countries the past summer, showing that an encouraging work is being done there, there being now about four hundred Sabbath-keepers in the three countries. Particulars were also given in regard to the publishing work in Norway.

On motion, the Chair was empowered to appoint a committee of five, including himself and Eld. S. N. Haskell, to consider and recommend action concerning the Scandinavian and other missions. They were named, as follows: W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, B. L. Whitney.

Moved, that the General Conference Committee be requested to prepare a report of all foreign missions, and an appeal to be read in the churches at some quarterly meeting, together with an address encouraging donations to the mission funds. —Carried.

Eld. O. A. Olsen gave a brief history of the Scandinavian work in America, showing that the cause among the Scandinavians is in a thriving condition. He also spoke of the great need of having some of sister White's works issued in the Danish-Norwegian language, and asked that something of the description be published. It was thereupon

*Resolved*, That it be the expressed sense of this Conference, that a book containing selections from the writings of sister White be published in the Danish-Norwegian language.

The above was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

**THIRTEENTH MEETING, 4 P. M.**—Prayer by Eld. J. Fargo.

The following resolutions were introduced, considered, and adopted at this meeting:—

*Resolved*, That Eld. E. W. Farnsworth be recommended to labor a part of the year, as the way may open, in the Missouri Conference.

*Resolved*, That we consider the tract and missionary work, in its different phases, one of great importance, and we recommend that special efforts be put forth for the increased circulation of all our periodicals.

*Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this General Conference that the blessing of God attends the canvassing work; and we think that an experience in this work is an excellent preparation to efficiency in other departments of the cause.

*Resolved*, That we request the President of the General Conference to arrange with the Publishing Committee of the S. D. A. Publishing Association to publish a book to be entitled, "The Seventh-day Adventist Year-Book," which shall contain such portions of the proceedings of the General Conference, and such other matters, as the Committee may think best to insert therein.

*Whereas*, This General Conference has voted to send Bro. B. L. Whitney, President of the New York Confer-

ence, to Switzerland, leaving that Conference, for the time being, without a President; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we request our Executive Committee to do all that may appear to them practicable to furnish aid to the New York Conference for the remainder of the current Conference year.

*Resolved*, That we request the General Conference Committee to take such steps as they may think advisable for the purpose of securing to the College a loan, without interest, of a sufficient amount of funds to replace the money upon which it is paying interest at the present time.

The subject of organizing local schools in different sections of the country was then introduced by the Chair. Statements were made by Elds. R. M. Kilgore of Texas, H. Grant of Minnesota, and G. B. Starr of Nebraska, to the effect that there is a great desire on the part of the brethren in their respective Conferences to have schools organized as soon as practicable. But they wish to move cautiously, and to conform as far as possible to the recommendations of this Conference in regard to this matter.

**FOURTEENTH MEETING, DEC. 19, 3:30 P. M.**—Prayer by Eld. J. H. Waggoner.

The Committee on Church Quarterly Meetings reported as follows:—

Your committee recommend that the church quarterly meetings be held the first Sabbath and first-day in December, March, June, and September, and that one of the members of the Executive Committee of each State Conference hold a general meeting in each district within the bounds of their respective Conferences as often as once in three months if possible, this new arrangement to take effect March 1, 1883.

This was amended by inserting the expression, "or some minister whom they may appoint," after the words "State Conference," and finally laid upon the table.

The committee appointed to consider the wants of the Scandinavian mission, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—

*Whereas*, Considerable sums of money have been sent by our Scandinavian brethren to men who were strangers, and in some cases to unworthy persons; and—

*Whereas*, The General Conference Committee exercises a watchful care for the wants and necessities of all the missions, receiving authentic information from our experienced missionaries, and is thus prepared to judge of the importance of private appeals; therefore—

*Resolved*, That it is the safe and wiser plan for all persons wishing to aid the European missions to forward their donations to the authorized treasurers of the mission funds.

*Whereas*, The building in Christiania, Norway, used at present for printing and holding meetings, is larger than is necessary, and will require a large amount of means to provide for interest and future payments; and—

*Whereas*, Another building can be erected, better suited for their work, at less cost; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we approve of their effort to sell, and make other arrangements.

The following resolutions were then presented by the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we express our unabated confidence in the Testimonies which have been so graciously given to this people, which have guided our ways and corrected our errors, from the rise of the third angel's message to the present time; and that we especially express our gratitude for Testimony No. 31, which we accept as a token of the care of God over us,—an evidence that he has not forsaken us, notwithstanding our many backslidings.

*Resolved*, That we hereby tender to the brethren of the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences, and especially to the church at Rome, N. Y., our sincere thanks for the cordial reception extended by them to this Conference, and for their generous hospitality while we have been with them.

A vote of thanks was also extended to the railroads that granted the delegates favors in coming to the Conference.

Eld. R. F. Andrews invited the General Conference to hold its next annual session in Illinois, and Elds. H. A. St. John of Ohio and C. F. Washburn of Iowa extended the same invitation, offering the Conference the hospitalities of their respective States.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

A. B. OYEN, Sec. GEO. I. BUTLER, Pres.

—Mr. Spurgeon recently made this remark: "Doubts about the fundamentals of the gospel exist in certain churches, I am told, to a large extent. My dear friends, where there is a warm-hearted church you do not hear of them. They do not come near it; it is too warm. I never saw a fly alight on a red-hot plate."

—Mountains of gold would not seduce some men; yet flattery would break them down.

## MEETING OF THE S. D. A. P. ASSOCIATION.

THE stockholders of the S. D. A. Publishing Association met for their twenty-first annual session, at Battle Creek, according to appointment, Dec. 20, 1882, at 5 P. M. Eld. W. H. Littlejohn opened the meeting with prayer. The call for delegates being made, it was ascertained that those present represented sixteen hundred and fifty-four shares.

The Treasurer's report, being next in order, was presented, as follows:—

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. W. Kellogg in account with the S. D. A. P. Association		
Dr.		
To cash on hand Dec. 1, 1881,	\$9,277	42
RECEIPTS.		
To cash received on Mich. Conf. Fund,	\$11,078	37
“ “ “ “ Gen. “ “	7,632	78
“ “ “ “ notes, accounts, and deposits,	317,219	90
“ “ “ “ job work,	30,964	50
“ “ “ “ sales,	34,602	92
“ “ “ “ REVIEW,	11,349	82
“ “ “ “ Instructor,	4,987	85
“ “ “ “ Tidende,	1,196	28
“ “ “ “ Harolden,	541	06
“ “ “ “ Stimme,	217	50
“ “ “ “ donations & legacies,	1,551	96
“ “ “ “ shares,	5,670	00
“ “ “ “ interest,	2,827	54
“ “ “ “ fuel,	632	96
“ “ “ “ labor,	560	45
“ “ “ “ rent,	111	34
“ “ “ “ real estate,	610	00
“ “ “ “ incidentals,	103	27
“ “ “ “ old Good Health acc't.,	129	08
“ “ “ “ stock,	481	31
“ “ “ “ type,	5	06
“ “ “ “ building,	100	00
“ “ “ “ Temperance Beacon,	7	13
Total,	\$441,864	57

DISBURSEMENTS.		
By am't paid to Mich. Conf. fund,	\$12,269	51
“ “ “ “ Gen. “ “	4,703	86
“ “ “ “ for labor,	30,339	17
“ “ “ “ stock,	41,812	78
“ “ “ “ on notes, ac'ts, & deposits,	305,351	11
“ “ “ “ for fixtures,	3,662	96
“ “ “ “ Instructor cuts,	117	33
“ “ “ “ manuscript,	1,424	72
“ “ “ “ type,	1,408	68
“ “ “ “ fuel,	4,553	33
“ “ “ “ interest,	5,608	59
“ “ “ “ incidentals,	8,855	05
“ “ “ “ job work,	2,753	39
“ “ “ “ real estate,	910	00
“ “ “ “ building,	2,397	44
Total expenditures,	\$426,167	92
Cash on hand to balance Nov. 1, 1882,	15,696	65
Total,	\$441,864	57

RESOURCES.		
Valuation of the property of the Association,	\$194,972	33
Notes and book accounts,	116,956	91
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1882,	15,696	65
Total,	\$327,625	89
LIABILITIES.		
The Association owes on notes, ac'ts, & deposits,	\$185,787	01
Assets over all liabilities,	\$141,838	88
Assets as given Dec. 1, 1881,	\$123,685	52
Increase,	\$18,153	36
H. W. KELLOGG, Treas.		

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the S. D. A. P. Association, and find them correctly kept, according to my best knowledge and belief.

A. R. HENRY, Auditor.

At an informal meeting held at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1882, the following persons were nominated for officers of the Association for the coming year: For President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler; Vice-president, H. W. Kellogg; Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Treasurer, A. R. Henry; Auditor, W. C. Sisley; Publishing Committee, Geo. I. Butler, U. Smith, and G. W. Amadon.

Ballots being now circulated, this nomination was ratified, and these persons were then, by vote, declared elected to the offices named.

U. Smith was then elected editor of the REVIEW the coming year, and J. N. Andrews and J. H. Waggoner corresponding editors. The employment of editors for all the other periodicals issued by the Association was left to the Board of Trustees.

The remainder of this report, except the two closing paragraphs, pertains to the meeting at Rome, N. Y. At the first meeting, Dec. 14, W. H. Littlejohn, J. H. Waggoner, and H. W. Decker were appointed a Committee on Nominations, and J. Fargo, W. C. White, and I. D. Van Horn, a

Committee on Resolutions. A committee to suggest a plan for the better circulation of the periodicals issued at Battle Creek was appointed, as follows: S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, and J. H. Kellogg. To this committee A. B. Oyen and G. I. Butler were subsequently added.

At the second meeting, held Dec. 18, the Committee on Nominations reported, recommending the persons named above to act as officers of the Association for the coming year.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following, which, after due consideration and discussion, were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That we regard it to be the duty of the Trustees and managers of the Publishing Association to exercise a more watchful care over the young in their employ, guarding carefully the moral influence by which they are surrounded, and that thorough and energetic efforts be made to secure the highest Christian and moral influence in all departments of the institution.

2. *Whereas*, We believe that the Publishing Association will enjoy the greatest prosperity when its efforts are confined most closely to the work for which it was established; therefore—

*Resolved*, That the enterprises aside from the publishing work be disconnected from it.

This was amended by the addition of the words, “as soon as practicable,” and adopted.

3. *Whereas*, The rapidly increasing magnitude of our publishing work has brought undue burdens on the few who were managing the institution, and there are some branches which cannot, without more help, receive due attention; therefore—

*Resolved*, That we request Bro. A. R. Henry to come to Battle Creek, that he may especially labor in connection with the financial interests of the institution.

At the third meeting, Dec. 19, the Committee on the Circulation of the Periodicals issued at Battle Creek, reported, making the following recommendations: 1. That the *Youth's Instructor* be offered with Sunshine Series as a premium, for 85 cts.; 2. The *Advent Tidende*, with the Danish Home Hand-Book as premium, for \$1.50; 3. The *Harolden*, with the Swedish Hand-Book for Home as premium, for \$1.30; 4. That the matter of a premium offer for the REVIEW AND HERALD be referred to the Trustees of the Publishing Association.

These recommendations were spoken to by different ones, and unanimously adopted.

At the meeting at Battle Creek, Dec. 20, the following resolution was presented and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the S. D. A. P. Association amend its articles of Association by increasing the amount of real property that may be held to the sum of \$200,000, and by increasing the amount of personal property that may be held to the sum of \$100,000; and that stockholders owning a majority of all the stock be authorized to duly execute such amended articles.

It was then moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to revise the Constitution, and suggest at our next annual meeting such amendments as they may think desirable.

U. Smith, A. R. Henry, and H. W. Kellogg were thereupon appointed as said committee.

The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

G. I. BUTLER, Chairman.

U. SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

## GENERAL S. S. ASSOCIATION.

## FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ACCORDING to appointment, the Association convened at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1882, at 10 A. M., the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Waggoner. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, A. B. Oyen was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

On motion, all delegates to the General Conference were received as delegates to this Association, after which the Secretary's report of the last annual session was read and approved.

By vote, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were afterward announced as follows: On Nomination, B. L. Whitney, J. H. Waggoner, J. Fargo; on Resolutions, M. H. Brown, H. A. St. John, J. O. Corliss.

Reports from delegates being called for, the following-mentioned persons responded, giving interesting statements in regard to the condition and progress of the Sabbath-school work in their respective States: M. H. Brown, for New York; O. A. Olsen, for Dakota; John Fulton, for Minnesota; J. M. Rees, for Indiana; A. S. Hutchins and H. W. Pierce, for Vermont; R. A. Underwood, for Ohio; H. W. Decker, for Wisconsin; D. B. Oviatt, for Pennsylvania; Geo. B. Starr, for Nebraska; R. F. Andrews, for Illinois; A. C. Bourdeau, for Province of Quebec; J. H. Cook, for Kansas; J.

B. Goodrich, for Maine; C. A. Washburn, for Iowa; E. W. Farnsworth, for Missouri; A. B. Oyen, for Michigan; D. A. Robinson, for New England; and S. N. Haskell, for Europe.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, 2:30 P. M.—Prayer was offered by Eld. H. W. Decker, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:—

1. *Resolved*, That after the conclusion of the Sabbath-school lessons based on the four Gospels, we recommend the union, if practicable, of the youths' and adults' divisions, with one series of lessons, to be published in the *Instructor*, based on the Acts of the Apostles and such other portions of the New Testament as may be selected by the one who prepares the lessons.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Sabbath-school lessons be published in the *Advent Tidende* for the use of Sabbath-schools among the Scandinavians.

3. *Resolved*, That we express it as the sense of this Association that all Sabbath-school reports be published quarterly in the *Youth's Instructor*.

4. *Resolved*, That we cordially invite and earnestly exhort our ministerial brethren to co-operate with the officers and teachers in the Sabbath-school work, and labor to build up this important branch of the work of God.

These resolutions were freely discussed by the members of the Association, showing a hearty sympathy in their favor, after which they were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations being called for, the following was presented: For President, G. H. Bell; Vice-president, A. B. Oyen; Recording Secretary, D. A. Robinson; Corresponding Secretary, Eva Bell Giles; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Nellie B. Richmond; Executive Committee, G. H. Bell, A. B. Oyen, J. O. Corliss, M. H. Brown, O. A. Olsen; Publishing Committee, G. H. Bell, A. B. Oyen, U. Smith.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the officers thus elected as a whole.

Adjourned *sine die*. W. C. WHITE, Pres.  
A. B. OYEN, Sec. pro tem.

## Our Contributors.

## HOLIDAY GIFTS.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE holiday season is fast approaching with its interchange of gifts, and old and young are intently studying what they can bestow upon their friends as a token of affectionate remembrance. It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind us to them a little closer.

Brethren and sisters, while you are devising gifts for one another, I would remind you of our heavenly Friend, lest you should be unmindful of his claims. Will he not be pleased if we show that we have not forgotten him? Jesus, the Prince of Life, gave all to bring salvation within our reach. Oh, matchless love! he left his royal home, his high command, and stooped to share our poverty and shame, that we might be exalted to share his riches and his throne. His glorious perfection called forth the admiration of the angelic host; yet he, their adored Commander, came down to a world sunken in sin, that he might give us a perfect example in his life. Step by step, he descended to the deepest humiliation, that he might reach fallen, guilty men, and lift them up to become sons of God. For us he submitted to insult and shameful abuse. For us he denied himself at every point. He suffered even unto death, that he might give us eternal life.

It is through Christ that we receive every blessing. We may come to him in our poverty and need, and he will listen to our petitions, and supply our every want. We are dependent upon him every moment for grace and strength, to maintain our integrity and to continue in love. How often we need to have the bread of life broken to our souls! How often we need to be refreshed at the fountain of living water. Every temporal as well as every spiritual blessing, is a continual witness of his beneficent

recurring seasons, with the rich and varied blessings which they bring, the refreshing rain and the glad sunshine, every good thing we receive, attests the continuance of our Creator's love to man.

Shall not all these precious tokens of his love elicit forth a response from us in free-will offerings for his cause? Shall not our heavenly Benefactor share in the tokens of our gratitude and love? Come, brethren and sisters, come with your children, even the babes in your arms, and bring your offerings to God according to your ability. Make melody to him in your hearts, and let his praise be upon your lips. Let us remember that our Saviour liveth to make intercession for us in the presence of Jehovah. As a people we have backslidden from God; let us return unto him, and he will return unto us, and heal all our backslidings. Let us, upon the coming Christmas and New Year's festivals, not only make an offering to God of our means, but devote ourselves unreservedly to him, a living sacrifice.

From this time till the opening of the new year, let the theme of our thoughts be, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of his people." You have taxed your inventive powers to prepare something that will surprise and gratify your friends. Let us in these last days of 1882, be as anxious, as earnest, as persevering, to render to God that which is due him.

While our heavenly Father has crowned our gifts with abundance to supply our temporal wants, his mercies have been abused because they were so full and free. Many forget that their obligations to God increase with the continuous manifestations of his love and care, and that all these call for acknowledgment from us in gifts and offerings to sustain the various branches of his work. Such have now a precious opportunity to redeem the past, and to show that God has the first place in their affections. Let not our best thoughts, our most earnest efforts, our most precious offerings, be given to earthly friends, while our Creator is neglected and forgotten. I speak to those who profess to love their dear children: What will you bring to God as a token of your love and gratitude? Never small the offering, he will accept it, if it be the best you have to bring, and is given in sincerity of heart.

Do not feel sad as I think how many are so engrossed in thoughts of their friends and the gifts they are preparing for them, that they will lose sight of their obligations to God. They will not seek to purify the soul temple from defilement that may present to the Lord an offering in unrepentant consciousness. During the past year, Satan has been making most earnest effort to sow discord and dissension among brethren. Now, as the year is passing away and the new year commencing, is a good time for those who have cherished alienation and bitterness to make confession to one another. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." This is the Lord's direction; we obey him, or choose to remain in pride, and justify our course of wrong? Oh! that we may seek to have the sins of the past year washed out, and pardon written against their names in the heavenly record.

We must forgive those who trespass against us, if we would obtain pardon and grace when we approach the mercy-seat. Mercy and love should be cherished by all who would be followers of Jesus. When Peter asked, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" Jesus replied, "I say unto thee, Until seven times; but until seventy times seven." He then enforced the duty of forgiveness, by the parable of the two debtors. One was forgiven a debt of ten thousand talents, and then refused to show mercy to his low-servant who owed him a hundred pence. Pardon granted to that hard-hearted servant was revoked, and he was delivered to the torturers. Our Lord makes the application of

the parable in these impressive words: "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

Here is work for every family and every church. Make haste, brethren and sisters, to improve the few remaining days of 1882 in setting your own hearts in order, and making every wrong right. Remember that we shall be forgiven only as we forgive. Let all enmity, dissension, and bitterness die with the old year. Let kindness and brotherly and sisterly affection revive in our hearts. We may open the new year with a clean record. How happy the thought! Let us draw near to God "with a true heart in full assurance of faith," that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I entreat the followers of Jesus not to let the precious opportunities of these coming days pass unimproved. Let not time and means be spent in preparing gifts which will benefit neither giver nor receiver. Remember that both your time and means are intrusted you of God, and that he will call you to account for the manner in which you employ his gifts. As Christians we cannot honor a custom which is not approved of Heaven. Let us, rather, seek to bring our hearts into a right condition, to free ourselves from pride, vanity, selfishness, and every other evil, and let mercy, truth, goodness, and love dwell therein. Let us remember the Lord our Creator, and bring to him the offering of gratitude, and he will accept not only the gift but the giver. We may have such a spirit of love and joy in our hearts and homes as will make angels glad.

If all the means that will at this holiday season be expended to gratify unsanctified desire, or that will be needlessly invested, were brought as an offering of gratitude to God, to be used in advancing his cause, what an amount would flow into the treasury! Who are willing this year to deviate from their usual custom? How many will turn their thoughts and plans into a more elevated, heavenly channel? In this time of peril and backsliding from God because of selfish indulgence, will we not look from the human to the divine? Will we not show our remembrance of God and our gratitude for his continual mercies, and, above all, for the gift of his dear Son? Shall we not seek to conform to the Divine Model? to imitate Him who went about doing good?

I address my brethren upon whom God has bestowed of this world's goods: What will you do at the beginning of this new year to show your gratitude to the Giver of all your mercies? Will you return to him in willing offerings a portion of the gifts he has freely bestowed upon you? Will you, by your Christmas and New Year's gifts, acknowledge that all things belong to God, and that all the blessings which we receive are the result of divine beneficence?

When Jesus ascended to Heaven, he committed his work on earth to his disciples, and bade them carry it forward in his name. As followers of Christ we are to be his representatives among men. The salvation of perishing souls calls for our personal effort and for our means. This should be the great object continually before us. It is to accomplish this that God has intrusted us with means. Let us then render to him that which is his own. Let the men of means make a free-will offering to God by liberal gifts for our publishing houses and other institutions. These important instrumentalities in the cause of God are heavily burdened and seriously crippled in their work for want of means. There are still debts upon some of our houses of worship. If we would this year deny ourselves, and by our offerings clear these from debt, would it not be pleasing to our heavenly Father?

And it is not the wealthy alone that can aid in advancing the work of God. If our young men would but deny self for the truth's sake, if they were willing to work hard and economize, they might have a capital with which to pay their expenses at college, and thus qualify themselves for greater usefulness, and they might also have

a reserve fund to answer the calls for means for the different branches of our work. If our young sisters felt the claims which God has upon them, they would dispense with ornaments and needless trimming, and would earnestly seek for the inward adorning; and instead of expending all their earnings for clothing or in selfish indulgence, they would have something to spare for the cause of Christ.

In every church, however small, special efforts should be made to show our gratitude to God by bringing our offerings for his cause. Let those who desire a Christmas tree make its boughs fruitful with gifts for the needy, and offerings for the treasury of God. And let the children learn the blessedness of giving by bringing their little gifts to add to the offerings of their parents.

The claims of God should take the precedence of any and every other, and should be met at any cost or sacrifice to ourselves. However small our income, we should faithfully reserve for him that which he claims as his. Saith the Lord, "Them that honor me I will honor." To withhold our tithes and offerings from the treasury of the Lord, is accounted of him as robbery. Yet are there not many, even among us, who meet all other claims before the claims of God? Some bring no offerings for his cause, and even withhold the tithe, which he has distinctly reserved for himself. Some of these persons are yet in apparent prosperity. In his great mercy God is still sparing them that they may see and put away their sin. Others are already feeling his curse upon them. They are brought into straitened circumstances, and feel less and less ability to give, when if they had made God's claims first, and had with a willing heart brought their offerings to him, they would have been blessed with more means to bestow.

"God loveth a cheerful giver;" and if we with a grateful heart bring our gifts and offerings to him, "not grudgingly or of necessity," his blessing will attend us as he has promised, "I will open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing." And though it may have cost self-denial and sacrifice on our part, the approval of our conscience and the blessing of Heaven will make this holiday season one of the happiest we have ever experienced.

While urging upon all the duty of first bringing their offerings to God, I would not wholly condemn the practice of making Christmas and New Year's gifts to our friends. It is right to bestow upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forget God, our best friend. We should make our gifts such as will prove a real benefit to the receiver. I would recommend such books as will be an aid in understanding the word of God, or that will increase our love for its precepts. Provide something to be read during these long winter evenings. For those who can procure it, D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation will be both interesting and profitable. From this work we may gain some knowledge of what has been accomplished in the past in the great work of reform. We can see how God poured light into the minds of those who searched his word, how much the men ordained and sent forth by him were willing to suffer for the truth's sake, and how hard it is for the great mass of mankind to renounce their errors and to receive and obey the teachings of the Scriptures. During the winter evenings, when our children were young, we read from this history with the deepest interest. We made it a practice to read instructive and interesting books, with the Bible, in the family circle, and our children were always happy as we thus entertained them. Thus we prevented a restless desire to be out in the street with young companions, and at the same time cultivated in them a taste for solid reading.

Those in charge of our publishing houses at Battle Creek, Mich., and Oakland, Cal., have been led by a sense of duty to make a careful selection of the best books, which they offer for sale at reasonable rates. Those who wish books will do well to purchase these in preference to the great mass of current literature that will strengthen neither mind nor morals. Many of

our people already have the "Life of Christ." The "Life of Paul," now offered for sale at this Office, is another useful and deeply interesting work which should be widely circulated. The volumes of "Spirit of Prophecy," should be in every family, and should be read aloud in the family circle. More than one-half of our people know little or nothing of the contents of these books, and they are losing much by their neglect.

The Testimonies contain instruction which meets the case of all, both parents and children. Should these be read aloud to the entire family, the children as well as the parents would be benefited by their counsels, warnings, and reproofs. While these are placed out of sight and neglected for the reading of fictitious, sensational literature, both yourselves and your children will be retrograding mentally and spiritually.

Many Sabbath-keepers neglect to take the REVIEW, and some have neither the REVIEW nor the Signs. They plead as an excuse that they cannot afford to take these papers which it is so important for them to have. But in many cases several secular papers will be found upon their tables for their children to peruse. The influence of most of the periodicals of the day is such as to render the word of God distasteful, and to destroy a relish for all useful and instructive reading. The mind assimilates to that which it feeds upon. The secular papers are filled with accounts of murders, robberies and other revolting crimes, and the mind of the reader dwells on the scenes of vice therein depicted. By indulgence, the reading of sensational or demoralizing literature becomes a habit, like the use of opium or other baleful drugs, and as a result, the minds of thousands are enfeebled, debased, and even crazed. Satan is doing more through the productions of the press to weaken the minds and corrupt the morals of the youth than by any other means.

Let all reading of this character be banished from your houses, let books that are useful, instructive, and elevating, be placed in your libraries and upon your tables, with the REVIEW AND HERALD, our church paper, and the Signs of the Times, our missionary paper, and the effect upon both parents and children will be good. During those long winter evenings, let parents see that all their children are at home, and then let the time be devoted to the reading of the Scriptures and other interesting books that will impart knowledge and inculcate right principles. Let the best reader be selected to read aloud, while other members of the family are engaged in useful occupations. Thus these evenings at home may be made both pleasant and profitable. Pure, healthful reading will be to the mind what healthful food is to the body. You will thus become stronger to resist temptation, to form right habits, and to act upon right principles.

There is in many families professing to believe the truth, a shameful neglect of searching the Scriptures. They are ignorant, when it is their privilege to be wise. All should take time for the daily study of the word of God, with earnest prayer that they may learn the way of life and salvation. That holy word is a sure guide, and will enable all who search its pages to distinguish between its sacred truths and the false doctrines so widely taught in these times of peril. I urge upon you, my brethren and sisters, the necessity of searching the Scriptures. Your eternal destiny depends upon your understanding and obeying them for yourselves. There the plan of salvation is clearly set forth, God's claims are plainly stated, and if we are his obedient children we shall search carefully and prayerfully to learn his will that we may do it.

We need to think more of God and less of ourselves. If we would but think of him as often as we have evidence of his care for us, we would keep him ever in our thoughts, and would delight to talk of him and praise him. We talk of temporal things because we have an interest in them. We talk of our friends because we love them; our joys and our sorrows are bound up with them. Yet we have infinitely greater reason to love God than to love our earthly

friends; we receive more from him than from any other friend, and it should be the most natural thing in the world to make God first in all our thoughts, to talk of his goodness and tell of his power, and to respond to his love by our free-will gifts and offerings for his cause. All things belong to God; and the rich gifts he has bestowed upon us, the glories of the heavens, the beauties of nature, the bounties of his providence, are not for us to worship; they were not given to absorb our thoughts and love so that we should have naught to give to God; they are to constantly remind us of him, and to bind us in bonds of love and gratitude to our gracious Benefactor. Oh! I entreat you who profess to love God to be less self-caring. Center your affections upon Jesus, your Redeemer. Give up all for him, be willing to make any and every sacrifice to save souls for whom he died. Give him your loving homage, your willing service, and he will bestow upon you the priceless gift of everlasting life.

#### A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

It was the calm and solemn night;  
Seven hundred years and fifty-three  
Had Rome been growing up to might,  
And now was queen of land and sea!  
No sound was heard of clashing wars;  
Peace brooded o'er the hushed domain;  
Apollo, Pallas, Jove, and Mars  
Held undisturbed their ancient reign,  
In the solemn midnight  
Centuries ago!

'Twas in the calm and solemn night!—  
The senator of haughty Rome  
Impatient urged his chariot's flight,  
From lordly revel rolling home!  
Triumphal arches gleaming swell  
His breast with thoughts of boundless sway;  
What recked the ROMAN what befell  
A paltry province far away,  
In the solemn midnight  
Centuries ago!

Within that province far away  
Went plodding home a weary boor;  
A streak of light before him lay,  
Fall'n through a half-shut stable door  
Across his path. He passed—for naught  
Told what was going on within;  
How keen the stars! his only thought;  
The air how calm and cold and thin,  
In the solemn midnight  
Centuries ago.

Oh, strange indifference!—low and high  
Drownd over common joys and cares;  
The earth was still—but knew not why;  
The world was listening unawares!  
How calm a moment may precede  
One that shall thrill the world forever!  
To that still moment none would heed,  
Man's doom was linked no more to sever  
In the solemn midnight  
Centuries ago!

It is the calm and solemn night!  
A thousand bells ring out, and throw  
Their joyous peals abroad, and smite  
The darkness, charmed and holy now!  
The night that erst no name had worn,  
To it a happy name is given;  
For in that stable lay new-born  
The peaceful Prince of earth and Heaven,  
In the solemn midnight  
Centuries ago!

—Alfred Donett.

—"Come thou into the ark!" It is one of the devices of the destroyer to delude you into fancying that no very decided step is necessary. He is very fond of the word "gradually." You are to become more earnest—gradually. You are to find salvation—gradually. You are to turn your mind to God—gradually. Did you ever think that God never once uses this word or anything like it? Neither the word nor the sense of it occurs in any way in the whole Bible with reference to salvation.—F. R. Havergal.

—When once the soul is rightly opened toward God and draws its life from his Spirit, it does not need to go hunting the world for happiness—seeking it in nature, in science, in art, in money, in pleasure, in fashion, in changes, in crying, "Who will show me any good?" but it has its blessedness within, and is so full of the spirit of good that it sees good in everything, gets good from everything, and does good to all. This is the fountain within, that never fails.

## The Family Circle.

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace."—Ps. 144: 12.

#### WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROVIDED FOR.

"Good wife, what are you singing for? You know we've lost the hay,  
And what we'll do with horse and kine is more than I can say;  
While like as not, with storm and rain, we'll lose both corn and wheat."

She looked up with a pleasant face, and answered low and sweet,

"There is a Heart, there is a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;  
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

He turned around with sullen gloom. She said: "Love, be at rest;

You cut the grass, worked soon and late, you did your very best.

That was your work; you've naught at all to do with wind and rain,

And do not doubt but you will reap rich fields of golden grain;  
For there's a Heart, and there's a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;

We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

"That's like a woman's reasoning; we must, because we must."

She softly said: "I reason not; I only work and trust.  
The harvest may redeem the day. Keep heart, whate'er be-tide;

When one door shuts, I've always seen another open wide.  
There is a Heart, there is a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;  
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

He kissed the calm and trustful face; gone was his restless pain.

She heard him with a cheerful step go whistling down the lane,  
And went about her household tasks full of a glad content,

Singing to time her busy hands as to and fro she went:  
"There is a Heart, there is a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;  
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

Days come and go; 'twas Christmas tide, and the great fire burned clear.

The farmer said: "Dear wife, it's been a good and happy year;

The fruit was gain, the surplus corn has brought the hay, you know."

She lifted then a smiling face, and said: "I told you so!  
For there's a Heart, and there's a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;

We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."

—Selected.

#### MRS. DEAN'S FIFTY-DOLLAR BILL.

MRS. DEAN sat alone in her little kitchen. She never used her parlor. There was the extravagance of the extra fires to be considered; the fact that the best rag-carpet, woven by her own skillful hands, must not be worn out too recklessly; the dread possibility of sunshine fading out the chair covers. Mrs. Dean was an economist; she believed in making everything last as long as it possibly could. And so she made the kitchen her headquarters, and sat there knitting, with her feet comfortably balanced on the stone hearth, the sauce-pan of apples bubbling softly away at the back, and the sound of her husband's ax ringing from the back shed. To save money was her chief aim in life. The very mittens she was knitting were to be sold at the village store in exchange for tea, sugar, spices, and all such necessary groceries. "A penny saved is as good as a penny earned," was the golden rule by which she shaped her life.

"I am glad I took that money out of the savings bank yesterday," said Mrs. Dean to herself, as the bright needles clicked merrily away. "People say it is not quite safe, and one can't be too careful. But then, again, there's the danger of burglars—though, to be sure, no burglar," she added with a complacent inward chuckle, "would ever think of looking in the folds of the old Clinkerville Clarion newspaper, in the wall-pocket on the wall. It's the bureau drawers and trunks and the locked up chests they aim for. A fifty-dollar bill, a clean, crisp, new fifty-dollar bill! and all saved, too, out of the house money."

Just then there sounded a knock at the door, and in came old Dr. Bridgman, rubicund with a touch of the March wind.

"Good day, Mrs. Dean, good day!" said he. "No, thank you; I can't sit down. I'm a deal too busy for that. But I heard yesterday that

you took fifty dollars out of the savings bank?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Dean, her face hardening, "I did!"

"We are taking up a subscription to get little lame Dick Bodley a cart and donkey, so that he can go around peddling tinware," said the doctor. "It's pretty hard for one afflicted as he is to get along, and if you can help us a little—"

"But I can't," interposed Mrs. Dean, breathlessly. "The money was an investment."

"It's a deed of charity, Mrs. Dean," said the good old man, "to help old Dick Bodley."

"I dare say," said Mrs. Dean, a little irritably. "But I never pretended to be a charitable character."

The old doctor went away, and the next visitor was Helen Hurst, a rosy girl of eighteen.

"Excuse me for interrupting you, Mrs. Dean," said she, "but Larry Johnson was at the bank yesterday, and he tells me you drew out your money?"

"Was all creation there?" thought Mrs. Dean.

But she said nothing, only knit away until her needles seemed to glance and glitter like points of fire.

"I am trying to get a boarding-place at Mrs. Swipes," added Helen, coloring, "so as to be near the district school, where I am to teach this spring. But Mrs. Swipes requires payment in advance by the month, and unfortunately we have used up all our slender means in providing my outfit. A teacher, you know, must be dressed decently. But if you will kindly lend me ten dollars—"

"I never lend," said Mrs. Dean curtly.

"I will be sure to pay it when I receive my first quarter's salary," pleaded Helen.

"It's altogether against my principles," said Mrs. Dean, with her face as hard as if it had been carved out of hickory.

Helen Hurst crept out, feeling humiliated and disappointed beyond all expression.

Mrs. Dean chuckled at her own shrewdness; but she hardly had time to stir up the apples in the sauce-pan before Mrs. Graham entered with a little leather-covered memorandum book and a pencil.

"I am looking for charitable people, Mrs. Dean," said the squire's wife with a laugh.

"Then you've come to the wrong place," said Mrs. Dean, frigidly.

"Poor Patrick O'Hara was killed yesterday in the machinery of the rolling mill," said Mrs. Graham, ignoring her neighbor's response. "He has left a wife and eight children totally destitute."

"And whose fault is that?" said Mrs. Dean.

"Will you not contribute something toward relieving their destitute condition?" urged Mrs. Graham.

"Certainly not," said Mrs. Dean, "I have no money to spare."

"But I was told—"

"Oh, yes—about the money that was drawn out of the savings bank!" said Mrs. Dean. "But I intend to keep that money for myself, Mrs. Graham."

Mrs. Graham took her departure, acknowledging within herself that her errand had been a failure, and Mrs. Dean, left to herself at last, indulged in a nap, with the knitting-work in her lap—a nap wherein she dreamed that the fifty-dollar bill was running away from a crowd of pursuers, herself among the number.

When she awoke, roused by the noise of coal poured into the stove, a candle was burning, and Mr. Dean was laughing at her.

"Why, Betsy," said he, "I thought you were never going to wake again. Here you sat, with the fire dead out, and I had to kindle it up again."

"Why!" said Mrs. Dean, "I must have been sleeping quite a while." But as she started up she saw that the old wall-pocket was empty—"where is that old number of the *Clinkerville Clarion*?"

"It was last week's paper," said Mr. Dean, "We had both read it, so I just took it to kindle the fire."

"You burned it up?"

"Yes," said Mr. Dean. "Why should I not?"

For half an hour Mrs. Dean sat silent, and never spoke a word. And her first utterance was,

"It's the Lord's judgment upon me!"

Mrs. Dean was a resolute woman, full of character. She went to the table-drawer, took out a sheet of paper, and wrote to Dr. Bridgman, enclosing one dollar toward Dick Bodley's horse and cart. She sent another dollar to Mrs. Graham for the poor little O'Haras, and promised to donate a barrel of russets, a bushel of potatoes, and some of her husband's cast-off clothes to cut over for the children. And she sent for Helen Hurst to come and see her.

"I can't lend you ten dollars, my dear," said she, "because I have n't got it. But I will tell you what I will do. I'll let you make your home here as long as you please. There is a nice spare room, and it is an eighth of a mile nearer than Mrs. Swipes' to the district school."

"Oh, how good you are!" said Helen, her eyes swimming with grateful tears.

"Good!" cried Mrs. Dean. "I'm just beginning to learn what a selfish, greedy creature I've been all my life."

She opened her parlor, shook out the curtains, and built a fire in the air-tight wood-stove.

"Dean likes the parlor," said she, "because it has such nice south windows, and I don't see why we should n't enjoy it."

She baked a fresh batch of ginger-bread, and sent a loaf to old Mrs. Mudge; she renewed her subscription to the church charities.

"I can't be very liberal," she said, "but I am determined to do what I can."

"That's right, my dear; that's right!" said her husband. "We shall be prosperous, never fear. I'm sorry about burning up your fifty-dollar bill; but if it's going to open up your heart like this, it's the best thing that could have happened to us."

Mrs. Dean was sweeping out the kitchen. She looked around with a smile as she moved the white-leaved table which always stood under the wall-pocket, and took down the pocket itself, a rude structure of splints lined with red cambric, to dust it out.

"Yes," she said, "I'm afraid I was getting to be a little too miserly, and—why, what's this?"

Mr. Dean stooped and picked up a slip of crumpled, dark green paper, which had fallen out from the wall-pocket as his wife turned it upside down.

"It's the fifty-dollar bill!" said he, with mouth and eyes opening in unison. "It must have slipped down from the folds of the newspaper."

"The Lord has sent it back to us," said Mrs. Dean reverently, "and he has sent a lesson, wise and merciful, with it."

"Well," said Mr. Dean, after a moment or two of silence, "there's a lesson in almost everything he does if we did but know it."

And all the theologians in the world could not have improved upon the faith of this simple, unlettered old farmer.

NEVER FORSAKE A FRIEND.—When enemies gather around, when sickness falls on the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless, is the time to try true friendship. They who turn from the scene of distress betray their hypocrisy, and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend who loves you, who has studied your interest and happiness, be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his former kindness is appreciated, and that his love was not thrown away. Real fidelity may be rare, but it exists in some hearts. They only deny its worth and power who have never loved a friend, or labored to make one happy. The good and the kind, the affectionate and the virtuous, see and feel the grand principle.

—Christianity is self-consistent; every form of un-Christian theism breaks in pieces from its own incongruities.—*Christian Union*.

## Special Mention.

"Can ye not discern the signs of the times?"—Matt. 16:3.

### THE NEW SUNDAY-LAW IN NEW YORK.

ON Dec. 3, the first Sunday after the new penal code of New York went into effect, the Sunday law was enforced with a vigor and a rigor that surprised the good people of the Empire State; but on the two succeeding Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17, the papers report "a lapsed law," and indicate that there is a disposition on the part of many, particularly in the metropolitan city which is the heart of that great State, to disregard the provisions of the law, and even to contest its constitutionality; while another class are quite as determined to secure its strict enforcement. The *Christian Union*, published in New York City, in its issue of Dec. 14, thus states the case:—

The second step in the Sunday-law agitation has been taken, and will bring the constitutional rights involved in this subject before the courts for decision. On the one side it is reported that Dr. McArthur, of this city, has organized a personal canvass among some of his young men to see where shops or stores are open in violation of the Sunday law, and to report to the nearest police station. A vigorous canvass of the State is further promised to secure such a public sentiment embodied in petitions as will prevent a repeal of the Sabbath code. On the other hand, thirteen temporary injunctions have been granted against the police force; most of them on the application of Jews, to prevent the police from interfering with Sabbath business on the ground that their religion requires them to observe the seventh day of the week, and that a law compelling them also to observe the first day of the week is a violation of their liberties; that, in a word, all that the State has a right to require is that they shall not disturb other people who wish to observe the day as one of rest and worship. A similar suit has been brought by a baker, who insists that it is as necessary to supply bread as milk, fish, and meats. What the outcome of the whole matter may be it is impossible to foretell, but we trust it may result in such a new Sabbath code as will be adapted to the exigencies of the life of to-day, and will, therefore, secure for its support the best public sentiment of the community.

### WISDOM TWO CENTURIES OLD.

LET us not flatter ourselves; we can never be the better for our religion, if our neighbor be the worse for it. Our fault is, we are apt to be mighty hot upon speculative errors, and break all in our resentment; but we let practical ones pass without remark, if not without repentance; as a mistake about an obscure proposition of faith were a greater evil than the breach of an undoubted precept. Such a religion the devils themselves are not without; they have both faith and knowledge; but their faith doth not work by love, nor their knowledge by obedience. And if this be their judgment, can it be our blessing? Let us not then think religion a litigious thing, nor that Christ came only to make us good disputants, but that he also came to make us good lovers; sincerity goes further than capacity. It is charity that deservedly excels in the Christian religion; and happy would it be if, where unity ends, charity did begin, instead of envy and railing, that almost ever follow. It appears to me to be the way that God has found out and appointed to moderate our differences, and make them at least harmless to society; and, therefore, I confess I dare not aggravate them to wrath and blood. Our disagreement lies in our apprehension or belief of things; and if the common enemy of mankind had not the governing of our affections and passions, that disagreement would not prove such a canker as it is, to love and peace in civil societies.—*Wm. Penn.*

# The Review and Herald.

"Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., DECEMBER 26, 1882.

URIAH SMITH, - - Editor.

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CORRESPONDING EDITORS.

## FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW.

As we close up this volume of the REVIEW, we feel like one who is moving out of a tenement where he has enjoyed a pleasant season. We have labored to furnish its various apartments with valuable furniture. It has, perhaps, not been furnished so well as it might have been, not so well certainly as we could have wished it to be; yet its rooms will not be found empty, nor without much that we trust will be considered worth the storage and worthy of careful preservation.

We shall enter upon the new volume as one entering an unoccupied dwelling. We open its doors. Its rooms and halls and basements and chambers are waiting to be filled. What shall be put into them? What shall the furniture of the new dwelling be? With what shall the different apartments be furnished as the weeks roll by? We have some things in mind to furnish, which we think of interest and importance. We trust our contributors have many more. The times are daily growing more important, and our work more interesting. It is intended that all departments of truth and all the great points of our faith shall each receive its proper share of attention during the coming volume. It may be safely promised, if the REVIEW keeps abreast of the times, as it is designed it shall, that the forthcoming volume will be the most interesting and instructive of any that has yet been published.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

IN the last number of the REVIEW, we spoke of the opening of the Conference at Rome, N. Y. In this number others speak quite fully of this good meeting; and the reports of the business proceedings will give the reader a full view of the matters which came before the meeting, and the ground covered by the discussion of the various enterprises especially engaging the attention of our people at the present time. Hence we shall offer but a few remarks in addition to what is elsewhere said.

There were thirty-six ministers in attendance. Nearly every evening during the meeting was devoted to preaching, and sermons were also given in the forenoon and afternoon of each of the two Sabbaths over which the meeting extended. The preaching was listened to with attention, and seemed to be well received. We have not space to particularize, but cannot forbear to mention, as particularly able and instructive, two sermons by Bro. Waggoner on "Justification by Faith" and "Sin," and one by Bro. Littlejohn on the present "Religious Amendment Movement" in this country.

An interesting Sabbath-school was held each Sabbath at 9 A.M., Bro. G. H. Bell being in attendance the first Sabbath. A social meeting was also held each morning just preceding the opening of each day's business. Thus the spiritual interests of the meeting were well cared for.

In all the business proceedings a good spirit prevailed. While there was considerable freedom of speech, there was no lack of cordiality of feeling, showing that the exercise of a sufficient degree of courage to entertain an opinion based on the rights of individual judgment and conscience, and also to express that opinion, are not fatal to the

existence of brotherly love and harmony of action. And unity secured under these circumstances will prove tenacious and lasting.

Generally speaking, great unanimity of sentiment prevailed. On one point, however, which seemed to be regarded by all as a very important one, there was a marked difference of opinion. We mentioned in our last the resolution which was offered to so change the constitution of the Conference as to make the Conference Committee consist of five members instead of three. The vote on this proposition was taken by ballot. Forty-two votes were cast, twenty-four in favor and eighteen against. But although this was a strong majority in favor of the change, it was not the three-fourths vote necessary to amend the Constitution, and hence the resolution was lost. But the action indicates a growing conviction that such a change is desirable; and it will undoubtedly be accomplished at no distant day.

As elsewhere noticed, the Conference extended by vote an invitation to Eld. B. L. Whitney to go to the assistance of Eld. Andrews in the Central European field, which invitation he decided to accept. We trust this move will afford the much-needed relief to the laborers in that field, and result in much general good to the cause in Europe.

The brethren parted seemingly well pleased with the Conference and strong in hope and courage. There is every reason to believe that the deliberations and decisions of this Conference will tend to the future prosperity of the cause, as much as the action of any Conference since the message began.

## A BOOK LONG DESIRED.

BEFORE me lies a neat volume of 270 pages, entitled, "Early Writings of Mrs. White." The book contains three small works by sister White, published respectively in 1851, 1853, and 1858, entitled, "Experience and Views," "Supplement to Experience and Views," and "Spiritual Gifts, Volume One." The first two, published some thirty years ago, have long been out of print, and only a very few of the older Sabbath-keepers have ever seen them. The latter has been read by more, as a larger edition was published. It contains some very interesting matter, some of which is nowhere else obtainable, concerning the closing up of the "great controversy" between Christ and Satan during the six thousand years of human history. Living at this most important point, the light which the Spirit of God has thrown upon it becomes to us of most thrilling interest.

But we wish to speak more especially of the two first mentioned portions of the volume. There has long been a strong desire for the publication of a new edition of these. These were the very first of the published writings of sister White. Since they went out of print, many thousands have become interested in her writings. Many of these have greatly desired to have in their possession all she has written for publication. Efforts in all directions have been made to hunt up the little volume in question, and worn copies here and there have been obtained and held with great care. So strong was the interest to have these early writings reproduced that several years ago the General Conference recommended by a vote that they be republished. The volume under consideration is the result of this interest. It meets a want long felt.

There is another interesting feature connected with this matter. The enemies of this cause, who have spared no pains to break down the faith of our people in the testimonies of God's Spirit, and the interest felt in the writings of sister White, have made all the capital possible from the fact that these early writings were not obtainable. They have said many things about our "suppress-

ing" these writings as if we were ashamed of them. They have tried to make it appear that there was something objectionable about them, that we feared would come to the light of day, and that we carefully kept them in the background. These lying insinuations have answered their purpose in deceiving some unwary souls. They now appear in their real character, by the publication of several thousand copies of this "suppressed" book, which our enemies pretended we were very anxious to conceal. They have claimed to be very anxious to obtain these writings to show up their supposed errors. They now have the opportunity.

We trust there will be a large sale of this book. All the writings of sister White are of deep interest to our people. These, her early writings, were brought out when she had just fairly commenced her labors in this cause. Since that time her labors have been very extensive, and she has written much. For over thirty years these writings have been eagerly read. There is harmony throughout, from first to last. There are no antagonisms, and there is nothing to be ashamed of. They have been of vast benefit to our people. We love and honor them because they are pure and good, and lead to God and Christ. We greatly desire that our people should read them all.

They can now have the opportunity of obtaining those writings not accessible heretofore. Let the orders come in rapidly for this volume, the "Early Writings of Mrs. White." It is a neat volume bound in muslin. The retail price is 75 cents, with the usual discount to the trade. The REVIEW AND HERALD Office will gladly send it post-paid for the retail price. It can also be obtained of the tract societies or the Signs Office.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

## THE LATE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

OUR General Conference closed Dec. 19, having continued, in connection with other anniversary meetings and the intervening Sabbaths, thirteen days. We had delegates from nearly all our Conferences, even the far-distant States of Texas, Minnesota, and California being represented. We were happily surprised to see such a general attendance, considering that the Conference was held so far to one side. I have never attended a General Conference where better feeling prevailed, and more union of spirit was manifested. On one or two questions there was warm debate and great interest manifested, and some difference of opinion; but nothing which seemed to leave any bitterness of feeling or anything but kindness and good-will.

The religious meetings were interesting and profitable. Though some of us who were burdened with care and labor found it impossible to attend all the religious services because of much committee work and other calls upon our time, yet many did improve these privileges, and were benefited. We cannot take time before the paper goes to press to speak of all the points of interest connected with our good Conference, or of the matters considered there. Suffice it to say, the subject of our missions received much attention, as well as our educational interests.

The readers of the REVIEW will see in the published proceedings the conclusions reached, and the steps taken. The sending of Eld. B. L. Whitney and his wife to the assistance of our beloved Bro. Andrews, in the important mission of Central Europe, was an important step, and one which costs the cause in this country quite a price. It was a solemn and interesting point in the Conference when this matter was under consideration. Many of the brethren and sisters present were affected to tears at the thought of their leaving. Yet their love for Bro. Andrews, who formerly

belonged to the New York Conference, and their interest in the prosperity of that important mission, was such that they could hardly tell whether they desired Eld. Whitney to go or stay. We greatly hope this step will be a blessing to the cause in Europe. It shows one thing very plainly, that our people are determined to labor, even at a great sacrifice, to spread the light of this glorious truth to the nations of the world. The Conferences of New York and Pennsylvania feel that they shall suffer a great loss when Eld. W. leaves them.

The financial reports of the Sanitarium and the Publishing Association were an encouragement to the Conference. Those most conversant with their condition feel encouraged to hope that the lowest point has been reached, and that these important Institutions are entering upon a course of greater prosperity and success than they have ever enjoyed before. There are many things which might be said concerning our good Conference which would interest the readers of the REVIEW, but we cannot speak of them for lack of time. But we can say, as others who were present have said, that no annual meeting of this kind has been held for years which has left so much encouragement upon the hearts of those who attended it as the meeting just held at Rome, N. Y.

As far as we could judge, all the delegates went home with the best of courage to labor in this good work. We never felt more confident of the final and glorious success of this work. God has wrought for us the past year. The last Testimony to the Church has accomplished great good. Its influence has been most deeply felt. The representative men from all parts of the field never prized this gift of God's Spirit more than now. The cloud seems to be lifting, and we expect to see a great work accomplished by this message in the future. Our leading brethren are hopeful of good results. Let us thank God and take courage.

A word, in closing, in reference to our experiment of holding our General Conference in a new place at a distance from Battle Creek. This was truly a success. We did not hear one delegate express any regret that this change had been made. The good brethren of the New York and Pennsylvania Conferences and the church at Rome, made it exceedingly pleasant for those who came among them, by their most generous hospitality. There were none present to make trouble or circulate evil reports. All felt happy and at home. The brethren and sisters of the vicinity, and some living at quite a distance, attended all the business meetings and manifested an interest in what was done. It seemed to us all that we were among friends of our own father's family. And that is always a pleasant place to be. At the close of the meeting the President of the Illinois Conference gave a hearty invitation to the Conference Committee to appoint the next General Conference in Illinois. The Iowa delegates made a similar request in behalf of Iowa. It seems the experiment this year was so much a success that others would like to have it tried in their States. In conclusion, we thank God for all his love and mercy to us the past year in guiding his work and encouraging our hearts in his service.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

#### LEADING BRETHREN FROM ABROAD.

THE General Conference were made glad by the presence of Eld. J. H. Waggoner and Bro. W. C. White, who came direct from the Pacific Coast to attend this meeting. Bro. Waggoner was specially free in speaking to us from the pulpit and in the Conference. It does us all good to meet with the old pioneers in this cause, who have borne the burden and heat of the day in the early progress

of this work, and whose faces are unalterably fixed to go forward to the end of the race. Their words of good cheer and hope encourage us who are younger. Bro. White rendered great assistance in the business meetings and in the perplexing committee work, where careful thought is required. We are glad to hear good news from these dear brethren concerning the progress of the cause on the Pacific Coast.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

#### BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

IN No. 39 of the present volume of the REVIEW, under the heading, "Work for our Tract Societies," is a proposition to place in the different libraries in this country ten volumes of our standard works. The time has come for action. The truth should be placed before the people. Every effort should be made to discharge the duty devolving upon us to get the light before our fellow-men. God holds us responsible to do all in our power to place the present truth within the reach of all.

In the article referred to, the presidents and secretaries of the various tract societies were requested to obtain the number and names of all the public libraries in their various Conferences, and also to state whether they have received any or all of the books which it is proposed to place in these libraries; and if they have received a portion of them, what ones. Then at our annual tract-society meeting, steps would be taken to carry out the plan. Some of our tract societies had taken steps in this direction, and were all prepared to enter upon the completion of the work. Others were ready to co-operate. At the meeting at Rome, N. Y., the move was heartily indorsed, and it was recommended to complete the work as soon as possible. Many of the managers of public libraries showed not only a willingness, but a desire to receive them, in some cases even proposing to pay a certain amount toward the cost of the books providing they could be sure of them. This shows that the public mind is already prepared to read our publications. Fifteen thousand volumes were ordered from the Office for this purpose by the delegates going West. The ten volumes which it was first proposed to place in the libraries are, the History of the Sabbath, the four volumes of Spirit of Prophecy, Life Sketches, Life of Eld. Joseph Bates, Life of William Miller, Thoughts on Daniel, and Thoughts on the Revelation. After some deliberation, it was thought advisable, in view of the agitation of the Sunday question throughout the country, to add the Constitutional Amendment. This makes a list of ten books that are already published, and can at once be placed in libraries by our tract societies.

Within a few days, each State secretary will receive a notice to be placed in each book, to indicate from what society it has been received. Where it is at all consistent, these libraries should be visited by some person who will see that they are placed in a proper position in the library, and duly advertised, so that persons who draw books from these various libraries may learn of this accession to their stock of books.

This move will require that some pains be taken and some expense incurred on the part of the members of our tract societies; but we are certain that it is a step in the right direction, and that God will bless the effort. These books are furnished by the General Tract and Missionary Society, with the aid of the fund which was raised to circulate the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. It may be well, in some instances, to loan the books instead of giving them to the library, so that in case the library fails, the books may be preserved for other purposes.

S. N. HASKELL.

#### CHANGE OF NAME.

At the annual meeting of the General Tract and Missionary Society just held at Rome, N. Y., the name of the society was changed from "The General Tract and Missionary Society," to "The International Tract and Missionary Society." One of the reasons offered for making this change was the appropriateness of the word "International," as the work of the society is among all nations. There are many in high positions, agents of corporations, steamboat lines, etc., who have it in their power to aid us much in getting the truth before thousands, or they can close the avenues of communication so that it will be exceedingly difficult for us to gain access to these people. It is not infrequently the case that these individuals are of other nationalities, and are strongly prejudiced against any new sect. They are willing to co-operate in the missionary work by granting free transportation for reading matter, and other courtesies in a general way; but they would object to anything that they would consider building up one sect or party above another. The word "International," implying that other nations have an interest in the work in which we are engaged, and that our object is to reach other nationalities besides our own, makes our work appear to them in a more favorable light. Our new name will also frequently aid us when we have occasion to address those not acquainted with our faith, and in some instances in placing our works in public libraries. We should meet the people where they are, remembering their prejudices.

The work of this society has already become extensive. The society has agents in Germany, England, and the West Indies, besides different individuals who are continually receiving supplies of reading matter. Many hundreds of dollars have been thus expended, and the present prospect is that many thousand dollars will be used the coming year. The object of the society is to distribute our publications in those fields where the living preacher has never gone; hence it becomes a matter of necessity to avail ourselves of every lawful means to reach the masses of the people. We trust, therefore, that it will meet the approbation of all the friends of the missionary work. The society has been to one-half the expense of placing the History of the Sabbath in many public libraries in England; and it has already arranged to place ten of our standard bound books in each of the public libraries in America. This will cost, at the lowest estimate, not less than \$2,500.

S. N. HASKELL.

#### MEETINGS IN TEXAS.

It was voted at our camp-meeting last summer that we should have a two-weeks' meeting at some point, but we conclude to have two, that more of our brethren may be accommodated. One of these will be at Dallas, Jan. 6-14, the other at Peoria, Jan. 20-28. We shall confidently expect that all within reach of these meetings will avail themselves of the privileges afforded them, and come seeking the Lord with the whole heart. We need, and must have, more of the spirit of consecration and devotion to the cause of God.

Besides the religious services, the meetings will be interspersed with instruction in the various branches of the work, canvassing, reading the Bible and Testimonies, and music. Bro. Whitney will be present to assist, and will be prepared to instruct a class in the rudiments of music.

There will be a supply of the "Early Writings of Mrs. White." This is a reprint of her early experience and first visions. All should obtain a copy. Those who cannot be present, can get them by mail from the State Secretary, Miss Kittie McKisick, Peoria, Hill Co., Texas. We shall be able to supply all who desire to canvass for the *Signs*, with the new premium book. We shall also have other new books.

Those who come should be prepared with bedding, etc., to care for themselves as far as possible. The brethren will provide shelter, and will entertain those who cannot care for themselves.

R. M. KILGORE.

## AT THE DOOR OF THE YEAR.

THE corridors of Time  
Are full of doors, the portals of closed years;  
We enter them no more, though bitter tears  
Beat hard against them, and we hear the chime  
Of lost dreams, dirge-like, in behind them ring  
At Memory's opening.

But one door stands ajar—  
The New Year's; while a golden chain of days  
Holds it half shut. The eager foot delays  
That presses to its threshold's mighty bar;  
And fears that shrink, and hopes that shout aloud,  
Around it wait and crowd.

It shuts back the unknown;  
And dare we truly welcome one more year,  
Who down the past a mocking laughter hear  
From idle aims like wandering breezes blown,—  
We whose large aspirations dimmed and shrank  
Till the year's scroll was blank?

We pause beside the door.  
Thy year, O God, how shall we enter in?  
How shall we thence thy hidden treasures win?  
Shall we return in beggary, as before,  
When thou art near at hand, with infinite wealth,  
Wisdom, and heavenly health?

The footsteps of a Child  
Sound close beside us. Listen! he will speak;  
His birthday bells have hardly rung a week,  
Yet has he trod the world's press undefiled.  
"Come with me!" hear him through his smiling say;  
"Behold, I am the way!"

Against the door his face  
Shines as the sun. His touch is a command;  
The years unfold before his baby hand!  
The beauty of his presence fills all space;  
"Enter through me," he saith, "nor wander more;  
For lo! I am the door."

And all doors openeth he,  
The new-born Christ, the Lord of the New Year,  
The threshold of our locked hearts standeth near;  
And while he gives us back love's rusted key,  
Our future on us with his eyes has smiled,  
Even as a little child.

—Selected.

## Progress of the Cause.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Pa. 126:6.

## ILLINOIS.

Wem, Kankakee Co.—I came here Nov. 27. The people were anxious to hear on present truth, their minds having been prepared through missionary work done by Bro. J. D. Nottingham. I have labored here two weeks, and although the weather has been very cold most of the time, the audiences have been good every night. Ten honest souls have taken a stand on the side of God and his holy commandments. W. H. OWEN.

## WISCONSIN.

Almond and Deerfield.—Since I left Grand Rapids, I have visited the brethren at these places. Dec. 1, held meetings at Almond. Dec. 2, 3, this company and the brethren from Spring Lake met with the church at the brick school-house, making thirty-one persons who observed the fast by total abstinence. The Lord was with us from the first, and all seemed much strengthened. There was some outside interest. At our last meeting, \$15 was raised for a benevolent purpose. At Almond, two have just commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and several are deeply interested.

I now go to Clintonville. J. J. SMITH.

## MISSOURI.

Pineville, Dec. 4.—We have just closed a meeting commenced here Nov. 18. A year ago we held a meeting and discussion in this vicinity, but circumstances were such that we could not then follow up the interest. Eight persons decided to obey the truth during these meetings. May God help them to stand firm. We can only plant; we know not which will prosper, "this or that."  
W. JONES.  
E. G. BLACKMAN.

Greentop.—We held a ten-days' meeting, closing with the fast, with the class near Greentop. The meeting was appointed for Bro. Chaffee, but he did not come. The entire occasion was devoted to showing the necessity of genuine and radical

repentance and conversion to God. The Testimonies were largely used, especially during the fast. All seemed to feel the need of a deeper work of grace, and determined to do better. Several took decidedly advanced ground, resolving to pay tithes, and to walk fully in the light. The fast was generally observed, several abstaining from food during the three days. We hope we shall never more retreat, but struggle through to victory.

The missionary work was taken up, and plans were laid to go to work. One young lady promised to canvass for "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation." I have sold about thirty-five copies of this work, in not more than twelve days of actual labor. The book will sell.

I have just visited some lone families in Scotland county, with encouraging results. One family that I had always feared were hopelessly addicted to tobacco, coffee, etc., were enabled to give up these injurious articles, and parents and children signed the teetotal pledge. Some families, once in the truth, also expressed good desires to return. May the Lord help them to do so. I shall soon visit scattered families in Macon county. There are openings for labor all around me, and I hope to do something this winter.

H. WREN.

## THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

At the close of our good camp-meeting, the outlook for the future of the cause here was very favorable. The brethren were much encouraged, and had given themselves more fully to the Lord. Two brethren of good report were prepared to enter new fields. The brethren generally had come up to the correct figures on s. b. If none withheld from the Lord, but all pay their vows to the Most High, his blessing will attend our labors, and we shall see others yielding obedience to the truth.

One remarkable feature of the meeting was that persons not of our faith, living five and ten miles away, came with their families to camp with us two or three days, some driving two yoke of oxen. One of our brethren came fifty miles with an ox team, and said it paid. Nearly all of our people supplied themselves with copies of "Spirit of Prophecy." One brother remarked that he would not take three dollars for the first volume.  
Silas, Ala., Dec. 1. C. O. TAYLOR.

## MICHIGAN.

Among the Churches.—Of late I have been very much encouraged in my labors among the churches, and in looking up isolated Sabbath-keepers. At Mount Pleasant, the Spirit of the Lord came into our meetings. Confessions were made by many of the older church-members, and more than a dozen of the dear youth came forward to seek the Lord anew. It was an affecting scene.

I spent the fast days with the church at Eden-ville. God wrought for us in an especial manner. All manifested a feeling of deep contrition. The record of this church since its organization, Jan. 1, 1882, shows the members to be in earnest. Besides their regular Sabbath meetings, they have held prayer-meetings twice a week. They have built a good house of worship, which is paid for, and was dedicated in July. They were received into the Conference at its last session; and now, although they are nearly all in limited circumstances, they have fully \$100 in the s. b. treasury. The power of example is great. I wish our people all over the field could realize the force of this thought.

I was at Harrison, Clare Co., six days. A good work is begun there. Four adults commenced to keep the commandments, and no doubt others will soon follow. They are supplied with reading matter, and I shall visit them again as soon as practicable.

I canvassed one day, and sold thirteen copies of "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation." These orders were all from persons not of our faith. I speak of this to induce others to canvass for this work. We shall have no trouble, if we seek the Lord.

Brethren, remember me in your prayers.

WM. OSTRANDER.

## DAKOTA.

Milltown and Brotherfield.—Since my last report, I have visited Milltown, where the brethren showed their love for the present truth by giving liberally

to the cause. They also renewed their subscription on the *Stimme*, and raised their club to twenty copies. Two joined the T. and M. society.

In Brotherfield we organized a tract society of seventeen members, and they now take eleven copies of the *Stimme*. They also send several to Russia direct from the Office.

I spent the three days of prayer and fasting with the church at Brotherfield. Friday and Sunday the American brethren from Parker met with us, and we held services in both English and German. The blessing of the Lord was with us during these days; many good testimonies were borne, and nearly all expressed themselves as greatly benefited by thus trying to seek the Lord by fasting and prayer, and manifested a desire to further humble themselves before the Lord.

Sunday was an especially important day for the work here. After an hour spent in earnest prayer for wisdom and guidance from above, followed by preaching, an elder and deacon were elected and ordained. This was followed by preaching and social meeting in English. After a short intermission, a service in German closed the day. One brother feels a burden to become a laborer in the Master's vineyard.

I have also done some visiting and preaching in new places, received eleven new subscribers for the *Stimme*, and sold \$20 worth of books.

For a while, my address will be Parker, D. T., where all business or me should be addressed.

I am of good courage, although the enemy in so many ways tries to hinder the work. My desire is to humble myself daily before the Lord, that not I may work, but *Christ* in me.

R. CONRADI.

## MAINE.

Aroostook Co.—We came to this county Nov. 7, and have visited those that came out last tent-season under the labors of Bro. Goodrich. Found them rejoicing in the truth. At Linneus the brethren were all of good courage. Met with the church in Oakfield Dec. 1-3. Although the weather was stormy, the brethren and sisters came out to the meetings, and all seemed to feel the need of drawing nearer to God.  
S. H. WHITNEY.

Eddington, Dec. 4.—There are three families of Sabbath-keepers residing here. For a few weeks past they have been greatly cheered by the labors of Eld. J. B. Goodrich. From the first, there was at the meetings a good attendance of those not of our faith, who manifested respect and interest. As the solemn truths of God's word were presented, many wept. After the closing discourse, Nov. 26, the people, by vote, expressed a desire that Eld. Goodrich should visit this place again whenever he can make arrangements to do so. Five have taken their stand to keep all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Others appear to be thoroughly convinced of the truth, but are waiting because obstacles seem to stand in the way of their obeying the Lord.

The brethren and sisters feel that in a short time much good has been accomplished here. As they see their children taking hold of the work and striving to be overcomers, they are thankful and encouraged. This is no time for hesitation. We should delay not to enter the narrow way, and though the Red Sea of opposition and temptation lie before us, like the ancient Israelites we should bravely go forward, trusting in our great Deliverer. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isa. 40:29. Let us be faithful in life's duties, and earnestly press onward, until at last we stand with the redeemed upon the shores of the heavenly Canaan.  
ANNIE F. FIELD.

## IOWA.

Winterset.—Held a protracted meeting at this place from Nov. 24 to Dec. 10, giving twenty-four discourses. This is an old church, but has passed through some severe trials. They have never had a house of worship, but have met in private houses for the past twelve years. They have just erected a very neat and substantial house, 26x36 feet, complete, and seated with chairs. It was dedicated to the service of God Dec. 3, when the sum of \$450, balance due, was promptly met by the audience present. Those brethren, about thirty in number, are in union and harmony, and seem much encouraged to make good use of the privileges now afforded them. A good inter-

est to hear the word spoken was manifested both by the church and those outside. We left an excellent interest, hoping to return soon. The result of these meetings depends largely upon the attitude and efforts of the membership. They need more of a missionary spirit, and this, with the blessing of God, would result in gathering many precious souls into the fold. This is a beautiful city of some five thousand inhabitants.

I feel very unworthy for such a sacred work as that of the ministry, but with the Lord as my helper, I shall labor on in hope. Pray for us.  
L. McCoy.

*Lucas.*—I have just held a public discussion at this place with Eld. Gillen, a Latter-day Saint. The discussion, which was on the Sabbath question, commenced on the 9th inst. Eld G. took the usual no-law positions, which were easily met. A large congregation listened to the discussion, and we think good will result. Our brethren were confirmed, and many who were unconcerned were set to thinking.

I am now at Woodburn, preaching every evening, and holding prayer-meetings every day. Good is resulting. The Spirit of the Lord is present, and all seem to take hold of the work in earnest.

Expect to go to Lisbon soon, and then to Olin and Clarence. Am of good courage.

J. D. PEGG.

*Story Co., Dec. 5.*—During the past six weeks, a part of my time has been taken up delivering "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation." Many copies of the Swedish and the Danish Hand-Book have also been sold. In all, I have sold about two hundred and forty copies of the Home Hand-Book. Of these, fifty-six were sold while I was delivering the others, and in the meantime I sold English books to the value of \$19.25; obtained four new subscribers for *Advent Harolden*, two for *Advent Tidende*, one for *Stimme der Wahrheit*, and one for *Good Health*. I also sold Swedish tracts to the value of \$1.40, received in donations \$2.40, and for the renewal of a subscription, \$1.00. By invitation, I spoke in school-houses and meeting-houses fifteen times. Many subscribers are interested in the works taken, and good openings are found for lecturing on present truth among both Swedes and Americans.

I move now to Kossuth county. My address will be Algona, Kossuth Co., Iowa.

JAMES SAWYER.

#### MINNESOTA.

*Good Thunder, Dec. 18.*—We have been holding meetings here three weeks. The attendance and interest have been quite good, considering the somewhat unfavorable state of the weather. Our congregations are composed principally of Americans and Germans. The interest is most marked among the Germans. The Lord has given a good degree of freedom in presenting his truth. Last evening the Spirit of God was present with power, and hearts were deeply impressed with the importance of receiving the seal of God and refusing the mark of the beast. Six or seven signified their intention to keep all of the commandments. There are others that we hope will soon decide to obey God.

Brethren and sisters, pray earnestly for the laborers in the great harvest field, that the power of God may be present to help them.

W. B. HILL.

E. A. CURTIS.

*Homestead.*—After our general meeting at Golden Gate, I visited the brethren at Homestead, and held meetings there. The Spirit of the Lord worked upon hearts, and it was good to be there. Articles from Testimony No. 31 were read, and gratefully received.

From Nov. 23 to Dec. 4, I labored at Rice land and Bath. We had expected Bro. Olson at these meetings, but did not have the privilege of enjoying his labors. However, the Lord blessed his word to us. On the fast days, especially, the children of God were strengthened and blessed. Humble confessions were made, and tears flowed freely. Some praised the Lord for the peace of soul they enjoyed; others thanked him for the words spoken to us by his Spirit in Testimony No. 31.

It was decided to take a number of copies of *Advent Tidende* for use in the missionary work. Over \$50 was pledged to furnish their meeting-

house with seats and other necessary articles. The health and temperance cause also received attention. Spoke once in English at Geneva.

I feel grateful to God for what I saw and heard while I labored here. When my brethren love the truth, and are strengthened in faith and hope, I also am strengthened and blessed. May we watch and pray, and live holy lives.

I am now at Meriden. I desire the prayers of God's children.

L. JOHNSON.

Dec. 7.

#### KANSAS.

*Brantford.*—Spent the fast days appointed by the General Conference Committee with this church. The notice of these meetings had been quite generally circulated, and many of the friends from Ballard's Falls were present. The Brantford church had long been in a backslidden condition. The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches had crept in, and had for some time been occupying a large place in the hearts of the members. They had long been robbing God, and were living in direct opposition to the testimonies of his Spirit.

When the meetings began on Sabbath evening, I felt depressed and cast down on account of the spiritual condition of our brethren; but the Lord helped to bear a plain testimony, and show them their true condition. Again, on Sabbath morning, the Lord gave freedom in pointing them to the sinner's advocate; and the conference meeting which followed the preaching was remarkable for its confessions. The penitential tear bore witness that the softening influence of the Holy Spirit was felt in all hearts. The dark cloud which had hung so heavily over us now parted, and glorious light shone in. Before the meeting closed, our brethren and sisters who had wandered from God, came back to their Father's house, and by humble confessions and earnest pleadings sought, and not in vain, the forgiveness of God.

Eight persons entered the service of the Master for the first time; each had a clear experience of sins forgiven, and they are now "looking for that blessed hope." Titus 2:13. We feel to praise the Lord for what he has done for these dear people. Books to the value of \$3.75 were subscribed for, and \$1.75 was paid into the poor fund.

Brethren, pray for us, that the good work which the Lord has begun here may continue, and that we may keep where he can use us.

WILL D. CURTIS.

*Palermo.*—We closed our meetings here on the 13th inst. We found this church badly in need of help. Some of the members are Germans, who had been used all their lives to drinking fermented wine. They put up several barrels a year for home use, and use it as a beverage. Though it was rather hard at first to convince them of the wrong of using it, yet when they sought God with all their hearts, the drinking of wine was entirely abandoned. One good old brother said, "This is shame for me; I drink no more wine."

Held two meetings a day, one in the morning and one in the evening, except on Mondays. We told the brethren that the short time spent with them must be devoted to specially seeking God; they therefore dropped their work as far as possible. The evening meetings were public, and the preaching was very close and practical. The meetings in the morning were especially for the benefit of the church, where they might seek God by deep searchings of heart. As these meetings progressed, the Spirit of God came very near. Sins were revealed, and hearty confessions made. Old grudges that had been clinging to some for years were laid aside, and the parties met each other and asked forgiveness. The Testimonies were freely used, and the good instructions found in them were cheerfully received and carried out. These dear brethren and sisters received a new conversion, and we left them happy and rejoicing in God. Among the lessons they learned was that of trusting God.

The subject of plainness in dress was strongly agitated, and the sisters willingly and cheerfully laid aside all needless ornamentation. How sad it is to see those who are looking for their Lord, bowing at the altar of fashion! May God have mercy upon them.

We remained there nearly four weeks, visiting and holding meetings. On the last day, though the weather was very cold, ten youths, newly converted, were baptized. Six of these were children of Sabbath-keepers; the others were

from the world. Besides these, four others will probably be obedient to the commandments. After the baptism, we had an excellent meeting. Words are inadequate to express the gratitude of each heart for what the Lord had done for them. The ordinances were celebrated. As the former elder had resigned his office, another was appointed to fill the place, and duly ordained.

Thus closed these good meetings. It is the Lord that has worked; to him be all the praise. Oh, to be endued with power from on high!

M. AND H. ENOCH.

#### A CARD.

As some may wonder why they see no report from me, I will say that for some time I have been unable to labor in the field, as I would be glad to do. My hope and courage are good.

RUSSELL HART.

#### NEW ENGLAND SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE fourth annual session of the New England Sabbath-school Association was held at South Lancaster, Mass., in connection with the general meeting of the New England Conference at that place, Nov. 20 to Dec. 4, 1882. The first meeting was held Nov. 21, at 2:30 p. m., the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Bro. E. T. Bedec. In response to the call for delegates, it was ascertained that nineteen schools were represented.

The report of the last session of the Association was read and approved. A statement of the present condition of the schools and the financial standing of the Association was given, followed by remarks from the President in regard to the Sabbath-school work. It was voted that all members of Sabbath-schools present be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Association.

The following article was proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, and was adopted by a unanimous vote:—

This Association shall be represented by all members of Sabbath-schools within its limits who may be present at any regular meeting.

Prof. Bell, Eld. Haskell, and others, made interesting remarks on the nature and object of the Sabbath-school work.

The Chair, having been authorized to do so, appointed the following committees: On Nominations, J. C. Tucker, Wm. B. Mason, J. R. Israel; on Resolutions, E. T. Bedec, Wm. J. Boynton, O. O. Farnsworth.

Meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Nov. 25, 10:30 A. M.—After singing, prayer was offered by Eld. Haskell. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:—

Whereas, There seems to be a lack of proper instruction for the children in our Sabbath-schools; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That such methods of instruction be adopted as will better interest and instruct the younger pupils; 2. That we, as members of Sabbath-schools, will try to learn the lessons so as to recite instead of reading them, believing this to be necessary for the best interest of the work.

After some discussion, the report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported the name of D. A. Robinson for President, and that of E. D. Robinson for Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year, and they were accordingly elected.

Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

D. A. ROBINSON, Pres.

MRS. E. D. ROBINSON, Sec.

—How beautiful our lives would soon grow, if we carried always with us and put into practice the lessons we learn by experience! We look back at the end of the year and see many things that cause bitter regret, but instead of leaving them behind we go on repeating the same follies and errors in the new year. A little heroic decision would enable us to rise every day on the mistakes of yesterday.—*S. S. Times*.

—What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure, but, scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

**DRAW THY BOW.**

DRAW thy bow, but ere the arrow  
 Feels the string's impulsive force,  
 Up to Him who guides the sparrow  
 On her viewless, airy course,  
 Lift in silence a petition  
 That the shaft at venture sent,  
 May not on its random mission  
 Be in fruitless effort spent.

Draw thy bow in comprehension  
 Of the issues that may hinge;  
 Draw it to its utmost tension,  
 Till the bow and barb impinge;  
 For thy arrow's fateful sending  
 May the tide of battle turn,  
 And a kingdom's fate be pending  
 On the glory it may earn.

— Oliver Crane.

**Our Tract Societies.**

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16: 15.

**TO T. AND M. WORKERS IN KANSAS.**

OWING to the press of other duties connected with the cause in this State, I have until recently had no opportunity of becoming sufficiently acquainted with the wants of the society to speak understandingly concerning it. I wish now to say some things for the benefit of the T. and M. workers and the brethren and sisters generally.

Unfortunately, the impression obtained quite generally at our last camp-meeting in May, when our present secretary was elected, that the society was out of debt, or would be during the first quarter following said election. But the books show an indebtedness at that time to the REVIEW and Signs offices of \$340.82. During the summer the debt has been reduced about \$100, I think.

Now, there is a real difficulty in running the T. and M. society on the present system without falling behind and becoming involved in debt. To illustrate: The librarian sends an order for books and periodicals with a promise to pay at the close of the quarter. But when the time arrives, the pay does not always come. Again, a minister runs up an account in the same way, and when the quarter closes, he fails. Thus each quarter a debt to the offices of publication of probably \$100 is created against the State society by districts and ministers. Or, if the society has a reserve fund, and has paid for its periodicals and publications in advance, then these individuals are drawing out this reserve fund, and appropriating to their own use that capital which conscientious individuals, at real sacrifice to themselves, have consecrated to the Lord's work. If there is no reserve fund, they are drawing directly on the publishing houses, with a promise of quarterly payment, and leaving them to bear the burden and pay the debt. Now, it appears to me that upon a little reflection, any Seventh-day Adventist will see that this is wrong in fact and ruinous in policy. I hope that all delinquents will consider the matter carefully, and reform.

The following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting: "Resolved, That we will henceforth stand on a sound financial basis." A "sound financial basis," meant at that time that quarterly payments must be made. As executive officers, the president and secretary do not desire to overstep the bounds of authority vested in them; hence our only alternative is to enforce the resolution. And we know no better way to do this than by instructing directors of districts, when librarians fail to make their quarterly payments on periodicals, to stop the periodicals and the credit of the individuals till they pay up. And the periodical account of ministers should be subject to the same rule. On books they may be required to report promptly all sales for the quarter, with the money accompanying the same. If this regulation is faithfully carried out, it will soon relieve the society from the present embarrassment, an event that every one would hail with joy.

The periodical account is the one that oftenest involves the society in debt; but there is no reason why this account should fall behind. Consider for a moment the cost of the REVIEW. At \$2.00 a year it is only fifty cents a quarter, about seventeen cents per month, or about four cents per week. If any of our people in Kansas are not able to lay up this amount, and they will report

their names, I think there are plenty of Sabbath-keepers in Kansas who would esteem it a privilege to send the paper to them, and place their names on the list of the worthy poor. But the trouble comes from a lack of promptness in business matters, which must be remedied. We can be prompt in paying a bank note. We would not think of letting such a debt run over time. Neither should we the periodical dues. Now, I know you have all felt badly on account of our indebtedness; yet I am satisfied that if promptness were practiced, our society would soon be relieved of difficulty. And when once we have formed the habit of being prompt, it will be an easy matter to keep up the odds and ends.

A few words in regard to the reserve fund. There is at the present time out-standing pledges for this fund to the amount of \$1,447, and for the tent and camp-meeting fund, about \$140. Now the secretary will make a vigorous effort to collect these pledges. I hope all that have pledged to these funds will try to raise the money as soon as consistent. The tent and camp-meeting fund borrowed out of the State treasury last spring, expecting these pledges would be paid soon; but only about enough of that fund has been paid to meet the camp-meeting expense. We should be glad if these pledges could be paid; also those to the reserve fund. The secretary will soon send notices to each individual, requesting the early payment of said pledges. We hope all will esteem it a privilege to lift in the cause of God by paying what they have pledged, as far as they are able.

If this article is received in time for the district quarterly meetings, I hope that the directors will see that it is read at the T. and M. meeting, and its provisions executed as quickly as the nature of the case will admit.

J. H. Cook, Pres. Kan. T. and M. S.

**IOWA TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

THE quarterly meeting of this Society was held at State Center, Oct. 23, 1882, at 9:30 A. M. The President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Eld. E. W. Farnsworth. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the quarter was then read, as follows:—

Districts.	No. Members.	No. of Reports Returned.	Members Added.	Families Visited.	No. of Letters Written.	No. of Signs taken in Clubs.	Subscribers obtained for Periodicals.	Pages of Pamphlets & Tracts distributed.	Periodicals Distributed.	Annals sold and given away.	Cash rec'd on Tract Fund & Periodicals.
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2	41	17	1	14	7	13	.....	2184	295	.....	22 39
3	93	25	.....	12	94	56	9	16477	931	.....	46 55
4	96	42	2	36	162	74	2	7473	1155	.....	52 60
5	81	21	.....	6	18	33	1	10532	469	.....	63 41
6	63	.....	.....	6	18	30	.....	5225	222	.....	16 34
7	34	17	.....	9	20	9	.....	12789	163	.....	12 80
8	82	29	.....	43	9	15	15	17496	687	.....	61 63
9	50	23	.....	6	5	5	.....	2544	122	.....	12 57
10	84	65	1	160	72	64	36	32695	3266	.....	131 87
11	42	15	1	21	33	27	1	11048	652	.....	57 67
12	18	4	3	1	12	30	1	523	271	.....	6 07
13	25	14	4	1	23	25	.....	3264	245	.....	40 69
+	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	618 45
*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 60
	767	269	25	763	482	406	73	136823	8892	.....	\$ 1227 23

\* Agents and ministers.  
 † General book sales.  
 Note.—Received on membership and donations, \$146.53; on sales, \$635.11; on periodicals, \$393.04; on reserve fund, \$2.50; collected on other funds, \$249.95, making a total of \$1,477.18. Subscribers obtained for Review, 18; Signs, 15; Good Health, 18; Instructor, 20; other periodicals, 2. No. of members dismissed, 10.

Eld. Nicola said there was some misunderstanding as to where ministers and colporters should report; and after remarks by several of the brethren, it was voted that where ministers and colporters procure their publications from the State Society, the missionary work done with them should be reported to the State Secretary; and where tracts are donated to ministers and colporters by the districts, the distribution made of them should be reported to the district secretaries.

The importance of our people joining the tract society, and reporting at the close of each quarter the efforts they put forth to reach others with the truth, were faithfully set before us by Elds. Nicola and Farnsworth. They also spoke of the solemnity of the times in which we are living, and the great necessity that we should so manifest the missionary spirit in our lives that we may become light-bearers to those who are in darkness.

On motion, adjourned *sine die*.  
 LIZZIE HORNBY, Sec. H. NICOLA, Pres.

**BASEL, SWITZERLAND, V. M. SOCIETY.**

**REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 1, 1882.**

Copies <i>Les Signes des Temps</i> distributed and mailed (in France and foreign countries, 20,703; in Switzerland, 14,884),	85,287
" <i>Stimme der Wahrheit</i> distributed and mailed,	7,498
" <i>Good Health</i> distributed,	65
" <i>Memorial</i> "	10
Pages of tracts distributed,	5,386
Printed letters mailed	8,975
Letters written,	128
Missionary visits made,	80
Letters received,	416
Subscribers received for <i>Les Signes</i> ,	102
" " " <i>Stimme</i> ,	8
Total,	110
Value of tracts sold by the society,	53.20 frs. (\$10.64)
Donations by strangers,	89.30 frs. (\$17.86)
Nov. 12, 1882.	ANNA M. OYER.

**KANSAS TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

**REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1882.**

Districts.	No. Members.	No. of Reports Returned.	Members Added.	Families Visited.	No. of Letters Written.	No. of Signs taken in Clubs.	Subscribers obtained for Periodicals.	Pages of Pamphlets & Tracts distributed.	Periodicals Distributed.	Annals sold and given away.	Cash rec'd on Tract Fund & Periodicals.
1	27	16	1	.....	2	.....	19	544	120	2	\$ 41 95
2	22	3	4	15	10	.....	.....	2500	80	.....	7 00
3	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1488	.....	.....	3 25
4	12	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	5670	270	.....	8 25
5	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	40	.....	28 10
6	17	3	6	24	.....	.....	.....	5722	25	.....	30 95
7	21	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7119	130	.....	.....
8	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4290	.....	.....	21 82
9	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7688	232	.....	15 22
10	28	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3590	14	9	26 75
	239	87	23	83	57	56	26	39109	1020	11	\$ 184 59

Note.—Received on membership and donations, \$46.67; on sales, \$25.42; on periodicals, \$112.50; total, \$184.59. Subscribers obtained for Review, 7; Signs, 14; Good Health, 3; Instructor, 2. No. of members dismissed from society, 15.

CLARA A. GIBBS, Sec.

**PENNSYLVANIA TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

**REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1882.**

Districts.	No. Members.	No. of Reports Returned.	Members Added.	Families Visited.	No. of Letters Written.	No. of Signs taken in Clubs.	Subscribers obtained for Periodicals.	Pages of Pamphlets & Tracts distributed.	Periodicals Distributed.	Annals sold and given away.	Cash rec'd on Tract Fund & Periodicals.
1	35	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	2199	481	.....	\$ 41 92
2	33	59	.....	34	.....	.....	7	6759	595	.....	74 80
3	53	21	1	189	13	32	.....	5893	307	.....	69 37
4	81	41	8	51	7	6	36	14805	816	140	94 31
5	43	19	.....	64	22	4	.....	25825	664	11	13 08
6	.....	.....	.....	57	4	.....	.....	8000	.....	.....	283 61
	305	145	9	424	80	57	43	63221	3191	161	\$ 582 69

\* Individuals.  
 Note.—Received on membership and donations, \$354.50; on sales, \$174.50; on periodicals, \$228.19. Subscribers obtained for Review, 7; Signs, 1; Good Health, 30; other periodicals, 5.

MRS. D. C. PHILLIPS, Sec.

**TO DIST. NO. 9, ILL.**

As I have an appointment for the second Sabbath and Sunday in January, and as I feel it my duty to be present at the district meeting, especially because we have some important matters of business with the librarians and district secretaries, we have decided to hold the church quarterly meetings on the last Sabbath and Sunday in December, and have our district meeting at St. Anne the first Sabbath and Sunday in January.

I very much desire to see every librarian in the district present. We have some matters of business to attend to that cannot be done without you. Let every one that can, try to be present. And will those who cannot come, send their prayers ahead to the throne of grace that Dist. No. 9 may arouse to the fact that the Lord is coming, and that the grave responsibility of warning a portion of the world of this glorious truth is resting upon us? Brethren, just think how we would feel if we should let this great battle be fought, the victory won, and we not have a hand in the contest. May the Lord save us in that great day from hearing the cry of souls who have perished through our negligence.

A. O. TAIT, Director.

OUR DEPOSITORY.

THE Kansas T. and M. Society has now on hand a good supply of our bound books, among which are the following: Biblical Institute, Life of Miller, Life Sketches, Spirit of Prophecy (three volumes), History of the Sabbath, Thoughts on Daniel, Thoughts on the Revelation, Spiritual Songs (in muslin and morocco), Sabbath Readings (four volumes), Better than Pearls, and Advent Keepsake. In addition to these we will only mention Testimony No. 31, and "Experience and Views and the Great Controversy." The last mentioned work has long been out of print, and has just been reprinted, combined in one volume. The books in this list ought to go into every family; but this is especially true of Testimony No. 31. No family of S. D. Adventists can afford to be without a copy in their own library. Then "Experience and Views and the Great Controversy" is of thrilling interest.

Direct all orders to Clara A. Gibbs, Ottawa, Kan. J. H. Cook.

News of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13.—The property owned by Arabi Pasha and his fellows has been confiscated, but they are granted allowances out of it. The property of their wives was not confiscated.

—An anti-terrorist association, designed to counteract the plots of the Nihilists, has been organized at St. Petersburg, branches of which will be established in all the European capitals.

—An armored carriage, bullet and bomb proof, has been constructed for the use of the Turkish Sultan. The palace is kept in a state of siege, the Sultan fearing death at the hands of the soldiers, who are virtually in rags, and greatly opposed to the appointment of Osman Pasha as Minister of War.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14.—The flooding of a mine in New Creswick, Australia, resulted in the death of 22 persons.

—By the explosion of a powder magazine at Guayaquil, Ecuador, recently, 60 persons lost their lives.

—Two arrests have been made at Dublin of persons who are believed to have been implicated in the murder of Lord Cavendish and Under-Secretary Burke at Dublin, some months ago.

—Recent dispatches from Panama state that in Chispas, Mexico, deaths from cholera have been so numerous that the bodies were burned, it being found impossible to bury them. In Tonalá there have been 60 deaths per day.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15.—In Washington Territory and Oregon continuous rains for three days have caused serious floods, and mills, houses, and bridges have been destroyed.

—Not more than one hundred bids have been received at Washington for 344,000 miles of star-routes in the West and South, the contracts for which will be made in January.

—Seditious proclamations have been posted in the streets of Constantinople, and many arrests have been made. The mind of the Sultan appears to be giving way, and his insanity is becoming daily more pronounced.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17.—The new Sunday code was practically ignored in New York, the usual Sunday avocations being plied with impunity.

—De Lesseps thinks the Panama Canal will be finished in 1888. He says the rate of mortality is no greater on the Isthmus than in France.

—News has been received at Paris that 10,000 Chinese marching against the French in Tonquin were set upon by mountaineers, who slaughtered the rear guard. The main body then retired.

—The Turkish Government has established a bureau where newspaper correspondents will be supplied with correct information. The dispatch of false news will leave the journalist liable to stated penalties.

MONDAY, DEC. 18.—Some medical students and their assistants recently caught while robbing graves near Richmond, Va., were sentenced to six months imprisonment each.

—Two persons were instantly killed and five others seriously injured by the collision of two express trains in a curve between Foster and New Lebanon, Ohio.

—News has just been received that 800 houses in Canton, China, were destroyed by a conflagration on Nov. 7, 8. Many firemen and others were burned to death.

—Nearly 3,000 persons in Carrick, Donegal County, Ireland, are in danger of starvation. Corn meal is the only article of food to be had.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19.—The severest storm known in Newfoundland for 50 years prevailed there to-day, wrecking many vessels, and causing loss of life.

—Three vessels have been wrecked on the Scottish coast, the crews perishing.

—Riots between French and Italian workmen at La Crau, France, resulted in killing one man, and seriously wounding four others.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20.—A hotel at Pembroke, Ont., burned this morning, three persons perishing in the flames.

—A band of 40 brigands invaded the town of Ahuacatlan, Mexico, yesterday, and bound and carried away the Mayor, Justice, and Aldermen, whom they will hold until ransomed.

—A disastrous fire occurred at Kingston, on the Island of Jamaica, about the 13th inst. The loss is estimated at \$15,000,000. Five persons perished in the flames. On the same day, a section of the famous Hampton Court, near London, containing many valuable works of art, was destroyed, involving a loss of about \$150,000. The Co-operative Store at Dublin was also burned, the family taking care of the structure being burned to death.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—The plaza in Monterey, Mexico, is lighted by electricity, and street cars will soon commence running.

—The French Government has donated 1,000,000 francs to the relief of the sufferers by the floods in the Seine district.

—During the past summer and fall, 20,000 persons died of cholera in Japan. The disease has now almost totally disappeared.

—A boiler explosion occurred in a saw-mill at Shawneetown, Ill., on the 11th inst., instantly killing eight men, and completely wrecking the mill.

—The iron and steel bridge over the Mexican Pacific Railroad extension near San Antonio, Tex., collapsed on the 12th inst., killing seven men.

—It will require the expenditure of at least \$5,000,000 by the Italian Government to make good the damage done to roads, bridges, and public buildings by the late inundation.

—The Postmaster-General has signed a contract with George Ehrlich, of St. Louis, for a combination letter sheet, envelope, and stamp, to be sold for three cents at all post-offices after January.

—The Alabama State Temperance Convention, at its recent session, opposed making the temperance question a political one, but demanded a better enforcement of the present license laws of the State.

—In a recent interview with a reporter of the Boston Herald, Joseph Cook said, "The spiritual dearth in American churches is appalling. It is enough to make the statues of the fathers leap from their pedestals."

—The Sultan has taken away from the Franciscan monks of Jerusalem a piece of land that had long been in their possession, and has made a present of it to the Czar of Russia, who wishes to erect there a memorial chapel to his mother.

—The Church of England, as a whole, is the largest land-owner in the kingdom, and Canon Wilberforce has called attention to the fact that it is also the largest owner of public houses. He pronounces this latter fact a "grievous scandal."

Obituary Notices.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."—Rev. 14:13

PIERCE.—Died of malignant diphtheria, near Petoskey, Mich., Dec. 2, 1882, Nina Belle, daughter of George C. and Lizzie Lay Pierce, aged one year, eight months, and six days. From the time of the attack by the dread disease, the patient little sufferer seemed marked for death; and after five days of terrible suspense, this beautiful, sweet-natured child was given rest. Previous to this, for days it was feared their little son Roy must die; but he, as well as the mother, is recovering from the same disease.

Low lies the home-harp, mournfully still,  
With its sweetest chord untimely broken;  
Its music awakes to no human skill,  
Nor vibrates to kindest works spoken.

Echo no more will its harmony there,  
To the voice of love's sweet laughing measure;  
The light that gleamed round it no more will share  
The brightness of home's unrestored treasure.

Fral words! to sad hearts how comfortless now!  
How empty, when souls are most deeply riven!  
Look up! in affliction no longer bow,  
"For of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

H. P. B.

SMITH.—Died in Jericho, Vt., Nov. 24, 1882, of typhoid fever, Bro. Fred G. Smith, in the thirty-first year of his age. Bro. and sister H. B. Smith, with their four children, of whom Freddie was one, embraced the Sabbath in the year 1871, when tent-meetings were held at West Bolton. He was a worthy member of the West Bolton and Jericho church from its organization.

We shall miss our dear brother upon our camp-ground, as he was one of the camp-meeting committee. His loss will be felt in the church and in his family. On reaching the house of affliction and death, we found the father and two sisters too low of fever to view the corpse; while the companion of the deceased was being cared for by friends in another locality, unable to comprehend her bereavement. A brother also a few miles away was so prostrated with fever that the sad tidings could not be broken to him. On first-day, the 26th, the Baptist friends of West

Bolton gave us the use of their house of worship for funeral services. Many hearts were moved with sympathy for this dear family. The following first-day, the father of Bro. Freddie was laid by his side to rest till the resurrection morning. It was a matter of regret that I could not attend the funeral of Bro. Smith, and be with the family in their repeated affliction, as was desired; but ill health and distance forbade. A. S. HUTCHINS.

Appointments.

"And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is at hand."—Matt. 10:7.

DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

To be held Jan. 13, 14, 1883.

Let all librarians and district secretaries bring their books and reports, and be prompt in attendance.

DIST. No. 6, Kan., with the Richland church. PHIL. KENT, Director.

DIST. No. 4, Iowa, at Mt. Pleasant. We earnestly desire a general attendance. W. W. CONKLIN, Director.

DIST. No. 1, Ind., at North Liberty. WM. R. CARPENTER, Director.

DIST. No. 2, Mich., including Livingston, Ingham, and Eaton counties, at Diamonddale. We hope for a general attendance. All the officers and ministers of this district are especially requested to be present, to plan for the winter's work. BENJ. HILL, Director.

DIST. No. 1, Kan., with the church at Bull City. M. and H. Enoch will probably be in attendance. J. B. CARPENTER, Director.

DIST. No. 10, Kan., with the Grenola church. We hope to see every librarian in the district at this meeting, also a fair representation of the brethren. All are invited. Come, praying for God's blessing upon the T. and M. work and our meetings. OSCAR HILL, Director.

DIST. No. 3, Iowa, at Brighton, Jan. 13. Hope for a full attendance. L. MCCOY, Director.

DIST. No. 6, Neb., at Madison, Madison Co., beginning on Sabbath evening, Jan. 12. A good representation from all the churches is earnestly desired. Let the local societies be prompt in holding their meetings, and be sure to send in your reports in good time. L. D. CHAMBERS, Director.

DIST. No. 2, Ohio, at Bellville. Brethren at Bellville will make the necessary arrangements. Librarians are all expected to be present with their books. Eld. A. M. Mann will be with us. D. K. MITCHELL, Director.

DIST. No. 2, Neb., with the Waco church. E. D. HURLBURT, Director.

The next quarterly T. and M. meeting for District No. 3, Me., will be held at Portland, January 14, 1883. M. B. PATTERSON, Director.

District No. 8, Ill., at West Salem. L. A. LOGAN, Director.

QUARTERLY meeting of the Fremont church will be held at Fremont, Wis., Jan. 6, 7. Will Eld. A. D. Olsen meet with us if possible? JAS. HILTON, Elder.

THE quarterly meeting of the church of Johnstown Center, Wis., will be held at Milton, Jan. 6, 7. We greatly desire to meet or hear from each member. G. C. TENNEY.

No providence preventing, I will meet with the church at Fremont, Neb., Thursday, Jan. 4, and remain till the following Sunday. At this time the new church which is now nearly completed in that place will be dedicated. A. J. CUDNEY.

BEING appointed to labor in Lake, Osceola, Grand Traverse, Otsego, and Emmett counties, and not knowing where the brethren reside, will they please address me at Cadillac, Wexford Co., Mich. ? R. C. HORTON.

WE purpose holding our quarterly meeting at Spencer, Ohio, Dec. 30, 31. We hold this meeting one week early, hoping that many of the brethren from neighboring churches will be able to favor us with their presence. We need the encouragement that would be afforded by such an effort on your part, dear brethren, and we especially desire the presence of Eld. Rupert. Meeting to commence Sabbath, the 30th, at 11:30 A. M. O. T. NOBLE.

WE will visit the churches in the Flint Division, Mich., also known as Dist. No. 10, as follows:—

Imlay City,	Jan. 5.
Dryden,	" 8.
Lapeer,	" 10.
Flint,	" 12.
Theftord,	" 15.
Fentonville,	" 17.
Bancroft,	" 19.
Hazleton,	" 22.

The meetings at each place to begin on the evening of the day appointed, at 7 o'clock. Will some of the brethren at Imlay meet us at the train from Flint on the morning of the 5th, and some brother from Dryden come to Imlay for us on the evening of the 7th? We wish to make arrangements for future labor in the district, and therefore desire every Sabbath-keeper to be present at these meetings. Come, brethren and sisters, the Lord is soon coming; let us renew our zeal, and take a deeper interest in the work of God. Let none stay away, but come praying that the Lord will bless these meetings. E. P. DANIELS, Minister. H. D. BANKS, Director.

We have arranged for church quarterly meetings in Indiana as follows:—

Eld. Covert will be at Fowler, Dec. 30, 31; Idaville, Jan. 5-8; Star City, Jan. 12-15; Frankton, 18-22.

Eld. Lane will be at Ligonier, Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3; Wolf Lake, Jan. 4-8; Warsaw, Jan. 9-11; Sevastopol, Jan. 12-18; Rochester, Jan. 19-22.

Eld. Rees will be at North Liberty, Dec. 30, 31; Walkerton, 2-8; Bourbon, Jan. 9-11; Deedsville, Jan. 12-14; Rochester, 19-22.

Eld. Henderson will be at Northfield Dec. 30, 31; Jonesboro, 5-8; Marion, Jan. 9-11; New London, 12-16; Alto, 17-22.

Eld. Thompson will be at Noblesville, Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 1-3; Mechanicburg, Jan. 5-10; Greensboro, Jan. 11-15; West Liberty, Jan. 18-22.

We hope to see a general turnout at all these meetings.  
IND. CONF. COM.

The quarterly meeting for the church at Howell will be held Jan 6, 7, 1883. Will Bro. and Sr. Owen meet with us?  
A. D. JONES.

The quarterly meeting of Dist. No. 2, N. Y., will be held at Roosevelt, Jan. 20, 21.  
L. R. CHAPEL, Director.

No preventing providence, I will meet with the church at Victory, Vernon Co., Wis., Jan. 13, 14, 1883.  
N. M. JORDON.

Will be at the district quarterly meeting held at Dunbar, Neb., the second Sabbath and Sunday in January.  
A. J. CUDNEY.

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 6-14, 1883. Peoria, Jan. 20-28, 1883. Meetings will commence with the Sabbath. For particulars, see another column of this paper.  
R. M. KILGORE.

The district quarterly meeting of Dist. No. 10, Kan., will be held Jan. 20, 21, with the Grenola church, instead of the 13th and 14th, as announced in last REVIEW. We expect Eld. Cook will be with us at that time.  
OSCAR HILL, Director.

The annual meeting of the Roosevelt H. and T. club will be held at Roosevelt, N. Y., on the evening of Jan. 20, in connection with the district quarterly meeting.  
F. WHEELER, Leader.

The Colfax church will convene at Sherman, Wexford Co., Mich., to hold their quarterly meeting, Jan. 6, 7. Preaching Friday evening at 7 o'clock; Sabbath, at 11 A. M. We hope all our isolated brethren within reasonable distance will attend this meeting.  
R. C. HORTON.

QUARTERLY meeting for the church at Buck's Bridge, N. Y., Jan. 6, 7. Hope to meet all the members at this meeting. From all those who do not attend, a report is expected. Business to come before the meeting makes it important that all the members be present.  
A. H. HALL.

IN view of the scattered condition of the St. Charles church, we take this means of calling the attention of all the members to the quarterly meeting to be held at St. Charles, Mich., Jan. 6, 7. Will every member try to attend?  
J. GULICK, }  
H. S. GUILFORD, } Elders.

I WILL spend a few weeks in company with Eld. J. G. Wood, in visiting the churches and isolated brethren in Southern Missouri. Definite appointments will be made by letter. The wants of the cause will be considered, and practical instruction given. Hope all the brethren and sisters who can possibly do so will attend these meetings.  
DANIEL T. JONES.

I WILL meet with the Granville and Warren church, Vt., at their usual place of meeting, Dec. 30, 31.

Gabot, Jan. 6, 7.  
East Barre, Jan. 13.  
I hope to see a general attendance at these meetings. The ordinances will be celebrated. Let all the T. and M. workers be ready to report.  
R. S. OWEN.

We will endeavor to meet with the church at Akron, Ohio, at their church quarterly meeting the first Sabbath and Sunday in January, 1883. The first meeting will be held Friday evening, where the brethren may appoint.

The second Sabbath and Sunday in January I will hold a quarterly meeting at Peninsula, Ohio. Hope that brethren from Bedford and the surrounding vicinity will attend. First meeting Friday evening. The T. and M. director will be present.  
R. A. UNDERWOOD.

As the time of our church quarterly meeting—the first Sabbath and first-day in January—is near at hand, I wish to remind the scattered brethren of the church at St. Louis, Mich., that we should be glad to have the members all present on that occasion, if convenient. Those that cannot come will please report by letter. Brethren from surrounding churches are invited. Come prepared to stay Sabbath and first-day. Come with hearts full of love for the Master.  
We expect Eld. A. O. Burrill will be present.  
L. W. HARRIS, Church Clerk.

No preventing providence, I will meet with the churches in Wisconsin as follows:—

Adams Center, Dec. 30, 31.  
Plainfield, Jan. 6, 7.  
Grand Rapids, "11, 12.  
Stevens Point, "13, 14.  
T. and M. meetings will be held at each place. I hope to meet as many of the brethren as possible, and that all will come praying that the Spirit of the Lord may attend our meetings.  
J. J. SMITH.

THE Lord willing, I will hold meetings in Ohio as follows:—  
SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 5-8, 1883. This will be the regular church quarterly meeting. First service, Friday evening.

NEW ANTIOCH, Jan. 12-15, 1883. At this time the new house of worship will be dedicated. First meeting Friday evening, Jan. 12.

If the new meeting-house at Leesburg will be ready for dedication the following Sabbath, we will give notice in the REVIEW.  
H. A. ST. JOHN.

JEFFERSON, Mich., Dec. 30, 1882. D. H. LAMSON.

PROVIDENCE permitting, I will be at Spring Arbor, Mich., Dec. 30, 1882.  
C. J. LAMSON.

THE quarterly meeting for our district will be held with the church at Clarion, Kan., Jan. 5-8. This will be the first district quarterly meeting held in 1883, and we hope all the brethren who are in reach of this place will attend. We expect the friends of truth from Eldorado, Pontiac, Sedgewick, Newton, and Redden, and would be glad to meet those from Alta and Milan. Come, brethren, and let us dedicate ourselves anew, and strive to begin the new year in harmony with the truth of God, praying his Holy Spirit to be with us.

T. and M. secretaries will please bring their books, librarians their records, and they will be compared with the books of the director. Come prepared to close the s. b. account for 1882, if possible. The H. and T. work will be considered, also the Sabbath-school interest. Ministerial help may be expected.  
G. H. ROGERS.

## The Review and Herald.

Battle Creek, Mich., December 26, 1882.

The report of the proceedings of the Health Reform Institute, and other important matters, are crowded out of the present number, for reasons which will be apparent to the reader as he glances over the columns of this paper. They will appear next week.

We call especial attention to the article in this number on Holiday Gifts. The omission of the REVIEW last week makes it rather late; hence there is all the more need that the article be read at once, that its good instruction and suggestions may be speedily acted upon. The Christmas of 1882 is past, but most of our readers will receive it in season to allow it to govern their action in their New Year's offerings.

We pass this week another mile-post on a journey which is rapidly drawing to its termination. We close the volume and the year together. Ere another number of the REVIEW reaches its readers, the new year will have mounted its chariot, and started upon its swift circuit. As is usual, many subscriptions expire with the volume, all of which we hope will be speedily renewed. We do not wish to part company with any of our readers. Your presence is certainly a help and encouragement to us; we believe we can make ours pleasant and profitable to you. Shall we have your hand for another volume?

"Of the things which we have spoken, this is the sum." A glance over the Index will show the rich variety of matter with which the columns of the REVIEW have been stored during the past year. We trust the reader has been blessed and edified in its perusal from week to week; yet one can hardly realize the amount of good matter furnished, until he is enabled, as by the Index, to take a bird's-eye view of the whole. Thanks to all who have with their pens contributed to the plain testimony which the REVIEW has tried to bear; to all who have sent us selections; to all who have spoken words of encouragement and good cheer; to all who have remembered the faithful workers at the Office in their prayers; to all who have labored to extend the circulation of the paper, or who have in any way manifested an interest in its prosperity. If a cup of cold water given to a servant of God in the name of a prophet, shall not lose its reward, neither do we believe these efforts will be found at last barren of blessings.

### NEBRASKA CANVASSERS.

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