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### The Proposed Sunday Law for the District of Columbia

THE following is the text of the Sunday bill  
for the District of Columbia, now before Con-  
gress:—

#### TEXT OF THE BILL

An act (H. R. 11,819) requiring certain places of business in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday.

Be it enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person in the District of Columbia to sell or to offer for sale, or to keep open any place of business for the sale or delivery of any groceries or meats or vegetables or other provisions on Sunday, except that from the 1st day of June until the 1st day of October meats sold prior to Sunday may be delivered at any time before 10 o'clock of the morning of that day.

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this act shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the first offense, and for each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the jail of the District of Columbia for a period of not less than one month nor more than three months, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. That all prosecutions for violations of this act shall be in the police court of the District of Columbia and in the name of the District of Columbia.

The bill was introduced into the present Congress by Representative James W. Wadsworth, of the state of New York, and passed the house April 6, 1904. A private, unannounced hearing on the bill, we understand, was granted the friends of the measure by the House committee

for the District of Columbia; but two requests for hearings by those opposed to it were refused. This quiet, sly, crafty, underhanded piece of business is the work of Mr. W. F. Crafts, of the International Reform Bureau, now located at Washington, D. C., the modern name for old National Reformism.

The bill is now in the hands of the Senate committee for the District of Columbia. If it is favorably recommended by this committee to the Senate, it will doubtless pass and become a law. The chairman of this committee, Senator J. H. Gallinger, upon being interviewed by Eld. J. H. Washburn, says he is certain no hearing will be granted on the bill by the Senate committee, alledging that "we have no right to protest against the voice of the majority in matters of religion,"—a new and strange doctrine indeed in this land of boasted freedom. In their protest against an iniquitous and oppressive measure, the noble men who laid the foundation of Protestantism at the Diet of Spires, in 1529, said: "Let us reject this decree. In matters of conscience the majority has no power."

If such measures as this proposed legislation for the District of Columbia prevail in this country, religious freedom is at an end; we have drifted onto the rocks, and the fires of religious persecution will again be kindled.

This bill should be most vigorously opposed by every lover of religious liberty. It is a most dangerous piece of legislation.

W. A. COLCORD.

### Opposition to the District of Columbia Sunday Closing Bill

THE following is from the *Washington Post*, of April 12:—

The first active step against further favorable action on the bill was taken by the Adventists yesterday. A petition to the Senate, protesting against its passage, was gotten up and circulated for signatures. Primarily it is sought to obtain the signatures of the Adventists, as

a religious class opposed to such legislation, but it is expected that the Retail Grocers' Association, the Retail Butchers' Association, the Milk Dealers' Protective Association, and kindred organizations will take similar action, circulating petitions among their customers, and that, in the aggregate, the voice of disapproval will be the loudest and the most insistent the Senate has heard from the people of the District in years. The petition will be supplemented by requests for hearings.

Besides the petition circulated by the Seventh-day Adventists, a letter has been addressed to each Senator by J. S. Washburn, of the Religious Liberty Bureau, which is connected with the Adventist church, emphatically protesting against the bill and all other measures of a similar character.

### Petitions Against Religious Legislation

THE following petition has been prepared and is being sent out for circulation throughout the different states embraced in the Central Union Conference, protesting against the passage by the Senate of the United States of any bill for the enforcement of Sunday observance in the District of Columbia:—

#### PETITION AGAINST RELIGIOUS LEGISLATION

To the Honorable the Senate of the United States:—

We the undersigned, adult residents of..... respectfully but earnestly protest against the passage by your Honorable Body of any bill looking toward the enforcement of the observance of the first day of the week by law in the District of Columbia, believing that such legislation is not only subversive of one of the fundamental principles of our government,—that of religious freedom,—but that it would be taken as a precedent for further legislation of the same character, and, in the end, lead to religious intolerance and persecution.

We hope that all our people who have an opportunity to do so will not only sign this petition, but help to circulate it as well, and this without delay, as we have no time to lose. The present session of Congress will soon close, and the bill is liable to come up any day to be acted upon. Get everybody to sign who will. Do not keep the petition more than three or four days. Forward them to J. S. Washburn, 222 N. Capital St., Washington, D. C.

W. A. COLCORD.

### Better Keep to Our Work

WHILE Satan was urging Saul to destroy David, he was at the same time inspiring the Philistines to seize the first opportunity to work Saul's ruin, and through him overthrow the people of God. Commenting upon this, "Patriarchs and Prophets" says: "How often is the same policy still employed by the arch-

enemy. He moves upon some unconsecrated heart to kindle envy and strife in the church, and then, taking advantage of the divided condition of God's people, he stirs up his agents to work their ruin."

So while the enemy has been seeking to introduce into our ranks spiritualistic and pantheistic theories respecting God, and by this means to divert our attention from the message of present truth and to divide our forces, he has also been inspiring the enemies of the truth to introduce into Congress measures which, when followed to their logical conclusion, would hedge up our way, and, if possible, compass our ruin. Let us stick to the message, and keep to our work. W. A. COLCORD.

### What is Pantheism?

SOME who hold and teach every essential of spiritualism would strongly deny that they are spiritualists, or that they hold or teach spiritualistic doctrines. So likewise individuals teaching pantheism may deny that they are pantheists, or that they believe or teach pantheism. But a mere denial proves nothing as to facts. What a thing is, and what is held and taught respecting it, must decide the question.

Recently the Lord has told us that a certain work containing spiritualistic theories and pantheistic ideas regarding the personality of God has been presented to our people for acceptance and circulation,—the work "Living Temple." The truthfulness of this is strongly denied. An appeal to the facts is therefore in place.

What is pantheism? Pantheism is "the doctrine that the universe, taken or conceived as a whole, is God;" in other words, that God, as a personal being, is in everything, and therefore that He must be as large as the universe itself.

What does the work in question teach respecting the personality of God? After stating that, according to certain calculations based upon statements found in the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, the height of God "must be at least 81,000 miles," the work says: "It is just as easy to conceive of a person filling all space as of a person having a height equal to ten times the diameter of the earth."—p. 33. But a person "filling all space" is the pantheistic idea of God.

The work teaches that when men recognize "this great truth, the universal unity of being," they will "no longer be able to call some things sacred, other things common. All things

become sacred. Every eating and drinking is a sacrament, a partaking of God's substance sacrificed for our sustenance."—p. 459.

The work "Desire of Ages," p. 660, teaches that "to the death of Christ we owe even this earthly life," that "the bread we eat is the purchase of His broken body;" and that "the light shining from that communion service in the upper chamber makes sacred the provisions for our daily life. The family board becomes the table of the Lord, and every meal a sacrament."

One conclusion, it will be noticed, is based upon the pantheistic idea of God, the "universal unity of being," the other upon the cross of Christ. And this is as near as the writings of the two works agree upon the subject of the personality of God. From the apparant resemblance in sound and phraseology, the careless reader might conclude that the two works taught the same thing, while in sentiment and in actual fact they are wide apart.

"Living Temple" teaches that God is everywhere in His *person*. The Bible and the writings of the spirit of prophecy teach that He is everywhere present by His *Spirit*.

"Living Temple" teaches that "the sunshine is Heaven's light and life and glory, the true Shekinah, the real presence."—p. 412. The Bible teaches that God made the sunshine.

About the beginning of the fourteenth century there sprang up in the religious schools of Europe a form of philosophy called Scholasticism, its expounders being known as schoolmen. Explaining this, Mr. Myers, in his "General History," p. 471, says:—

"This philosophy was a fusion of Christianity and Aristotelian logic. It might be defined as being, in its later stages, an effort to reconcile revelation and reason, faith and philosophy. Viewed in this light, it was not altogether unlike the theological philosophy of the present day whose aim is to harmonize the Bible with the facts of modern science."

In the work "Living Temple," p. 468, we read:—

"It is the studied effort of the author of this work to find a solid scientific basis for every proposition presented, and to seek constantly a basis for harmony between the teachings of nature and the teachings of inspiration."

But this attempt to find a scientific basis for everything is foolishness; it is science gone to seed. The latest volume of the Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 258, says:—

"The work of creation can never be explained by science. What science can explain the mys-

tery of life? The theory that God did not create matter when He brought the world into existence, is without foundation."

Mr. Talmage, writing of such vain attempts of scientists once well said: "Get out of the way with your theories. Scientific men cannot understand the origin of this world."

The scholastic philosophy of the fourteenth century led men back into paganism. Scientific speculations to-day will do the same. The world by wisdom does not and cannot know God.

If the power, wisdom, and presence of God are dependent upon and in proportion to the size of His person, then in order for Him to be all powerful, all-wise, and omnipresent, He must, in His person, be infinite in size. If, in order for God to be great, He must, be large, then for Him to be almighty, He must, in His person, "fill all space." There is no escape from this conclusion. But this is pantheism pure and straight, and unless those setting forth this idea of the largeness of God's person are willing to go the whole length and accept the inevitable conclusion that He does, in His person, fill all space, they would better not start out on the theory at all, but leave the question of God's size just where God Himself has left it in His word,—a secret which He has not revealed. Let us concern ourselves with the things which have been revealed, leaving pantheism where it belongs, to the heathen and to heathenism.

W. A. COLCORD.

### Too Much Good Health

THE April number of the *Good Health* complains that its name has been desecrated by a certain firm of tobacco manufacturers attaching it to a brand of cigars, with the claim that the nicotine has been extracted from these cigars, so that they are perfectly wholesome, possessing all the properties of tobacco except the nicotine. We may now expect to hear of good health tea and coffee, with the tannin and caffeine extracted, and good health beer, good health whiskey, good health rum and the like, with their deleterious properties removed.

But we query if the *Good Health* has not itself set the example in this matter. In its issue for February appeared an advertisement running as follows: "Health Cocoa. Another scientific discovery. The cocoa bean from which chocolate and cocoa are prepared contains a poison known as theo-bromin. Physicians condemn

ordinary cocoa and chocolate because their use tends to cause rheumatism, nervousness, and other disorders. Haven't you found it hard to do without it? Don't deny yourself any longer. Our chemists have recently discovered a way of removing the theo-bromin, so that you can now get cocoa that is perfectly healthful."

This "Health Cocoa" is furnished at the mod est price of rate of 70 cents a pound, and a quarter pound box, which, at the price at which ordinary cocoa sells, would be worth about ten cents, was offered free to everyone ordering five dollars worth of health foods before a certain date. But despite its cheapness and the tempt ing inducement to get a taste, the question arises if our *Good Health* friends have not in this set an example for those engaged in the manufacture of more harmful things than cocoa to follow. The world is not slow in taking up the "cue" to financial prosperity, especially when the church sets the example.

W. A. COLCORD.

#### Nebraska Conference A Forward Movement

A JOINT meeting of the Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska delegates was held at Omaha during the recent session of the Central Union Confer ence, for the purpose of considering proposals of fered by the Pacific Press to take over the book business in these three conferences. Quite a lengthy discussion followed, in which the dele gations freely took part, thus bringing out the salient features of such a transfer.

The Pacific Press, of California, is selling out its great plant at Oakland, and taking rapid steps to establish its business at Mountain View, a more rural district. The newly estab lished plant, which it is hoped will be in suc cessful operation during the coming summer, will be devoted almost exclusively to the publi cation of our own denominational literature. This means, on the part of the Pacific Press, the cut ting off of a very large amount of commercial business which they have been doing at the Oakland plant. To give an illustration on this point it may be stated that for one department, their check-book department, which they have just sold out, to be turned over to other parties on May 1, they realize the sum of \$50,000.

So much has been written through the Spirit of Prophecy along this line, in recent years, that it is hardly necessary to state that in mak-

ing this move the Pacific Press Publishing As sociation is simply following the light that has been given. The hearts of many thousands of our people will rejoice to see this move made, instead of the Pacific Press remaining at the old stand until those great buildings go up in smoke in further testimony of God's displeasure at the rejection of His instruction.

All can see at a glance that if the Pacific Press is henceforth to devote its energies to the production of literature to carry the closing message of the everlasting gospel to the world in the shortest possible time, there must of ne cessity be an increased outlet for its publica tions throughout the territory in which it oper ates. It is for the sole purpose of increasing the circulation of our literature that the Pacific Press is seeking a closer co-operation with the states in which it operates. Further, it needs no great argument to show that the advantages of such co operation do not lie wholly on the side of the Pacific Press. If, by bringing add ed forces into the field, they succeed in largely increasing the sale of the literature containing the blessed truth of the message for this time, they will be the means of enlightening thou sands of hearts and homes, and be working di rectly in line with the movement which we are all endeavoring to carry forward.

Following the joint meeting above referred to, the Nebraska delegates held a meeting and unanimously voted to authorize the Conference officers to enter into negotiations with the rep resentatives of the Pacific Press in making the transfer. Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press, and Brother James Cochran, of the Kan sas City branch, have recently spent several days with us in the office at Lincoln, and all the details of the transfer have been amicably agreed upon. Some of the arrange ments are entered into, subject to the approval of the Nebraska Conference at its next annual session. We have realized the presence and guidance of the Lord's Spirit all through these negotiations, and the writer feels confident that the way is being opened for plans of co operation on the part of all our people to help in speedily carrying the message to those who know it not. We will speak later of plans which are being developed, by which we are to keep in very close touch with all our people throughout the Nebraska Conference, and keep all fully informed of what is being done from week to week.

In the rearrangement of the work, the Pacific Press has established a branch office in Lincoln, using for the present a portion of our building, for which we are to receive a moderate rental. About the same force of workers as heretofore will be retained in the office. Brother C. H. Miller will act as manager for the Pacific Press, but will also continue to act as Missionary Secretary for the Nebraska Conference for the present, his salary and traveling expenses to be shared equally by both parties. It is planned for Brother Miller to spend a portion of his time out in the field in the interests of the book work. Brother W. D. Beard will keep the books of the Pacific Press, being in their employ. Brother Joseph Roy will continue to keep the books of the Nebraska Conference, carrying all the business and accounts as formerly carried by the Nebraska Tract Society, except the book, tract, and periodical work, which has been taken over by the Pacific Press.

This transfer in no way affects the work of the Sabbath-school department, which will be conducted by Miss Alice I. Teeple as formerly. We will speak further concerning this change and the working out of new plans from time to time.

A. T. ROBINSON,

*President of Nebraska Conference.*

*Lincoln, Neb., April 6, 1904.*

## From the Field

### Work in St Louis

THE problem of working this city in connection with the World's Fair is a large one. We could very easily spend a large amount of money in such an effort, but we have not thought it wise to do so. We have considered it safer to work on economical lines.

In order that the work might be properly planned and carried on, we requested the president of the Central Union Conference to call a meeting of the conference presidents within the Central Union Conference to consider plans for this work. The meeting was held at St. Louis, February 22 and 23. Besides the presidents already referred to, Elder Moon of the Northern Illinois Conference, and Elder Rees of the Southern Illinois Conference, and Doctors Kellogg and Paulson met with us. We looked over the World's Fair grounds and the great build-

ings covering many acres, and thought of the large number of people who would be gathered there in the near future.

Doctor Kellogg was very cordially granted space in two of the buildings to make exhibits, one in the manufacturer's department, to exhibit the products of the food department of the sanitarium, and another in the educational department, for a display of the literature of the sanitarium. In the latter was included an opportunity to display all of our denominational books. In this we can display any or all of these, and can also have an opportunity, which is not generally granted, to sell or give away any as we may choose. Those in charge moved out an exhibit to give us space, moving one of the important exhibits up stairs.

Besides this, Doctor Kellogg was granted the opportunity of occupying or controlling one hour a day in the lecture hall during the entire time of the World's Fair.

While the managers forbade others selling anything on the grounds or displaying anything within several blocks outside the gates, they said ours was a missionary enterprise, and that they would therefore remove this prohibition, and let us have the privilege outside the gates. So we were given every consideration that we could ask. We thought that Providence had certainly opened the way for a good representation of our work.

It was decided to ask the managers of the Pacific Press for the services of Bro. A. D. Gilbert to take charge of the circulation of our literature, he having had an extensive experience in this line of work. The request has been granted. Brother Gilbert is to work under the direction of the Central Union Conference.

Then it was voted that each conference should be invited to pay a laborer from their conference to engage in this work during the time of the World's Fair. This, I think, has also been quite generally responded to.

A number of *Life Boat* workers from Chicago are already in St. Louis, also some of the workers of the Central Union Conference.

It is our plan to secure a suitable place not far from the Fair ground, which will serve as a home for the workers. Our thought is to make this a training school. If our people could spare us some bedding or provisions, and send them by freight prepaid to St. Louis, to Bro.

A. D. Gilbert, this would lessen the expense of the mission.

The *Life Boat* management have sent several workers to the city, who have come at their own expense, and commenced work preparatory to looking after young people who, having come to the city to obtain work, and been thrown out of employment, are left without money or friends, or often others who have been enticed there through false advertisements by unscrupulous people for wrong purposes. These workers sell the *Life Boat* to pay their expenses, and thus make their work self-supporting.

R. C. PORTER.

### Cuba, Nebraska

ON the morning of March 16 I arrived in Oakdale, Neb., and spent March 16-22 visiting with the brethren of the church there. We held meetings at the home of Bro. S. C. Fairchilds, Sabbath and Sunday. Brethren Graf and Batterson, also brother and sister Cook were present. Brother Cook spoke to us on the Sabbath, giving a brief report of the work of the Special Course in Union College and of the Central Union Conference held at Omaha after which we enjoyed a social meeting. There seemed to be a longing on the part of each to let the Lord have His way, by working with those out of Christ for whom some of the members were burdened. The elder of the church asked Brother Graf to hold a meeting the next day for the benefit of two German families that were interested. At this meeting a deep interest was manifested by both the Germans and English. The Lord came very near by His Spirit. The brethren here seem to be full of life, and are willing to do what they can for the Master.

March 22 Brother Cook and I came to Bassett and made several visits, after which a few meetings were held at Carns. April 1, I commenced meetings at Cuba. Bro. John Hedges and Sr. Eva Johnson are helping in the work here. The meetings are being much appreciated by many. Pray for us that the Lord may direct in our work here.

J. W. BEAMS.

### It Is Not So Much

WHAT you think as what you say.  
 What you earn as what you save.  
 What you sing as how you sing it.  
 What you want as what you need.  
 What you believe as what you do.  
 What you give as how you give it.  
 What your work as how it is done.  
 What you possess as how you use it.  
 What you profess as what you perform.  
 What you learn as what you remember.  
 What you write as the value of your thoughts.

—Selected.

## Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

### Little Things:

A CRUMB will feed a little bird,  
 A thought prevent an angry word,  
 A seed bring forth full many a flower,  
 A drop of rain foretell a shower.

A little cloud the sun will hide,  
 A dwarf may prove a giant's guide,  
 A narrow plank a safe bridge form,  
 A smile some cheerless spirit warm.

—Selected.

### One Who is Studying the Truth

RETURNING from visiting in the northern part of the state, Eld. L. F. Starr, president of the Iowa Conference, relates the following experience: "On my return I was thrown in company with a passenger who was also coming south. He is a public school teacher in one of the enterprising towns of the state, and had been to another place to make application for the position of superintendent of schools. After learning that I was a Seventh-day Adventist, he appeared to be greatly interested and said that he had been appointed as one of a committee of three by the M. E. Sunday-school to study the question of Sabbath and Sunday and tell the school which day is the Sabbath. After studying histories, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and the Bible, he was convinced that the seventh day was the Sabbath. He said he hoped to arrange his personal affairs so he could keep the right day. I could see why I felt impressed to take the evening train out of Algona. The Spirit of God wanted me to meet one who was studying the truth."

### How We May Help Our Canvassers

ONE of the salesmen for the Part Edition of "Desire of Ages" in Kansas City secured an order for the series from a prominent church worker in the city. The lady had just received a letter from an Adventist in another State. Throughout the letter were gems of truth, but near the close of the letter the sister said, "I am praying for you."

On delivery of first parts, I learned that this lady was receiving letters and tracts frequently, and was more than pleased to get a series published by our people. During the conversation with her, I learned she had already accepted the doctrine of the soon-coming Savior, the

state of the dead, the resurrection, and that she is now studying the Sabbath question. She says: "If I see that the seventh day is the true Sabbath, I will keep it if the whole city is against me."

Experiences of this kind make us strong and very courageous in our work of scattering the printed page of truth, and they should be an encouragement to those who do missionary correspondence and tract distribution.

I suppose the sister referred to does not realize how she prepared the way for the evangelistic canvasser. The call is to service. Ket us work! work! work! and follow up the work.

J. L. MCGEE.

### Canvassing Work\*

#### IOWA

IN the winter of 1902 and 1903 there were three short institutes held in the state of Iowa, and from these went out twelve canvassers. The drills at these institutes were short,—only eight days each. It seemed impossible for them to get hold of their books, and while some of them left the field, others entered other lines of the work.

This year there was a successful six weeks' institute held at Boone, with ten in attendance, nine of whom are in the work at present. One of these canvassers remained in Boone, and is taking from \$10 to \$20 worth of orders per day.

#### COLORADO

There was a two weeks' institute held at Denver, in December 1902. A goodly number attended this school. Of those who attended, one of the most successful is now working in Nebraska under the employ of the Nebraska Conference. When a conference asks a canvasser to enter the regular Conference work, it is an indication that he has made a success in the canvassing field. Two who attended this institute are now in California doing medical missionary work. One boy only fifteen years of age went out from this institute and had good success until he was called home. Others did good work.

There was another institute held at Grand Junction in January, 1903. Eight were in attendance. The state agent on his way to this institute stopped off to see a school teacher. After a short visit with him the Spirit of God

moved upon him to take up the canvassing work, and, as he went into the field with "Home Hand Book" as his principle book, and "Ladies' Guide" as a help, he made a grand success of it.

At the close of the institute held at Hygiene last spring, ten young people went out and made quite a success of their work, considering their limited experience.

In January, 1904, an institute was held at Boulder with twelve in attendance. Some who went out from this school are doing good work.

#### KANSAS

Kansas held a four weeks' institute at Hutchinson, in March, 1903, at which about forty were present, and took class work. Thirty-three of this number entered the field at the close of the institute. A number of them have made a success of the work. Some of them have been employed by the Conference as Bible workers, others are still hastening their steps from door to door, carrying the books which contain the last warning message, while one is sleeping in the grave.

#### MISSOURI

Three short institutes were conducted in this state in 1902, and as a result they have been able to keep about twelve canvassers in the field during the year.

In March, 1903, there was a two weeks' institute held in Kansas City, attended by twelve canvassers. One of this number, as a result of his financial success, is now attending Union College. On an average twelve canvassers were kept in the field during the year 1903.

#### NEBRASKA

This state has held two institutes of two weeks each. They were held in connection with the last two weeks of the Special Course at Union College in 1902 and 1903. At the close of each of these institutes a goodly number entered the field, as the number of books sold will testify.

#### GENERAL INSTITUTES

During the past two years there have been general institutes held at the close of the College. These were of two weeks duration. A number of canvassers have gone out from these institutes to the different states in the Central Union Conference, meeting with good success. While we have not done a tithe of what should have been done, yet we can point to many who are rejoicing in the light of the Third Angel's

\*Report read by C. W. Hardesty, Central Union Conference Canvassing Agent, at the late Central Union Conference.

Message as a result of the work of the faithful canvasser.

The outlook for the canvassing work in each state in the Central Union Conference is good.

The question may arise in the minds of some, Where are all of these workers that have been sent out from the different institutes? I am sorry to say that some have become discouraged and gone home, and many have been called to other lines of work by the different conferences. Some have been laid away to await the coming of the Life Giver, while many others are at their posts of duty to day.

The Lord tells us plainly that this line of the work is to be revived. So let our prayers be that every one in this assembly may have a part in the revival of this branch of the work.

Value of subscription books sold since the last Union Conference, according to reports:—

Nebraska.....	\$16,997.78
Kansas.....	\$13,726.61
Missouri.....	\$15,426.00
Colorado.....	\$10,458.27
Iowa.....	\$ 5,453.34
Total.....	\$62,072.00

### Canvassing Report NEBRASKA

Four weeks ending April 8, 1904

	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
GREAT CONTROVERSY				
Edward Loomis, Alliance.....	172	22	\$62.00	\$8.65
Lizzie Lockwood, Genoa.....	41	12	31.25	1.50
DANIEL AND REVELATION				
Joe Wilson, Burwell.....	121	16	42.00	5.00
*Otto Eisele, Beaver City.....	64	19	46.25	10.70
*J. F. Peters, Arcadia.....	27	12	32.25	6.00
†G. J. Long, Taylor.....	29	5	10.65	4.15
†R. A. Pederson, Gothenburg.....	5	1	2.25	.95
HERALDS OF THE MORNING				
†Willie McCabe.....	32	28	32.75	5.50
†Nina Myers, Genoa.....	31	13	14.50	1.50
MARVEL OF NATIONS				
†L. H. Larsen, Danneborg.....	53	7	7.00	.....
†Nels Torgeson, Swedberg.....	3	3	3.75	.25
MISCELLANEOUS				
Mrs. F. F. Stowell.....	8	8	8.25	.....
Chas. W. Graves.....	174	5	.....	23.25
C. S. Wilbur.....	98	.....	2.25	17.23
No. agents 14.....	847	151	\$295.15	\$80.18
*Two weeks. †One week.				

### Working for Christ

WHEREVER we are we may do something for Christ. Some can speak for Him, some can sing for Him, and more still can smile for Him. Willing hands will not long remain idle if wedded to thoughtful hearts and observant eyes.

—Henry W. Little.

## Sabbath-School Dep't.

### Report of the Central Union Conference Sabbath School

SABBATH morning March 5, the members of the Central Union Conference, and the members of the Omaha Neb., Sabbath-school, held a joint Sabbath-school in Germania Hall.

After song and prayer, Eld. A. T. Robinson took charge of the senior department. He reviewed thoughts from the previous lessons, mentioning especially the thoughts concerning the Grecian kingdom, how it was divided, just as God said it should be, and following down through the life of the Roman empire as foretold in Daniel 11 and confirmed by history.

This led up to the lesson for the day in which this same line of prophecy was carried on, bringing our minds down to the time when France openly, and as a nation disowned and rejected the Creator of heaven and earth as their god. The result of this course was the uprising known in history as the French Revolution.

In the primary and intermediate divisions "the dedication of the temple" was the theme of the study.

After the study of the lesson the acting secretary read a short sketch of the life and growth of the Omaha Sabbath-school and the report of the previous Sabbath-school.

Number present.....166  
Donations.....\$13.92.

Dr. W. W. Hills,  
*Acting Superintendent,*

ALICE I. TEEPLE,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Sabbath, March 12, Eld. R. C. Porter of Missouri conducted the study of the lesson for the day. In this lesson our minds were directed to Turkey and some of its dealings with the nations and powers around it. The rise of the Ottoman empire was one of the other points of interest, as was also the work of the Mohammedans.

The intermediate and primary divisions studied about "The glory of Solomon."

Number present.....231  
Donations.....\$7.06.

PROF. FLOYD BRALLIAR,  
*Acting Superintendent,*

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*Acting Secretary.*

## Help for Gospel Workers

### Queen Victoria's Favorite Gift

THE Bible was Queen Victoria's favorite gift. An African Prince who was once sent from an Ethiopian court on an embassy to England, with costly presents for the Queen, asked her to tell him the secret of England's greatness and glory. Her Majesty did not, like Hezekiah, show the ambassador her diamonds, her precious jewels, and her rich ornaments, but handed him a beautifully bound copy of the Bible, and to the interpreter said, "Tell the prince that this is the secret of England's greatness."

On the morning before her marriage day, Victoria called on a dying girl at Kensington, and presented her with a Bible as her truest comfort. On a fly-leaf was found written the words, "The gift of Victoria."

### The Lord Is My Shepherd

SOME years ago in Scotland far away amongst the hills one Sunday I was going toward a Presbyterian church. There were shepherds gathered outside the church, shepherds with blankets tied about them. Up came the minister and said to me, "You preach to my people to-day." I said, "With all my heart." Taking up the Bible I asked, "What shall I preach about?" "Well," said he, "don't preach about sheep, because these fellows know all about them, and if you make a mistake they will catch you." I said, "Bless the Lord, I am not afraid of making mistakes! The man who never made a mistake never made anything. Don't you think that if the Lord Jesus Christ were here to talk He would talk about sheep?" I went in and told them just what the minister had said. I then took up the 23rd Psalm, and when I had finished one of these shepherds came to me and said, "I would like to tell you a story." I said, "I would love to hear it."

"Well," said he, "it is about a dear little shepherd lad. One day a minister climbed up among the hills, and meeting a little lad sat down by his side. He said to the boy, 'Do you know the 23rd Psalm?' 'Quite well,' the boy replied. 'Well,' the minister said, 'there are just five words in it, "The Lord is my shepherd," and there is one of those words which if you can say it, you can say all; that word is

'my.' I want you to put your finger on this one so, and both hands on your heart, and say, "The Lord is my shepherd." The little lad did so, and the minister prayed with him, and went his way.

"A few days afterward, the minister was climbing the hills, and knocked at the door of the little hut where the lad lived, and inquired for him; but the lad was dead. The dear lady drew back the sheet and there was his little figure clasped rigid in death, so that they could not be separated, and both hands were over his heart. He died trusting in Christ as his shepherd."—*Mark Guy Pearse.*

### The Power of Law

THERE are stronger things in the world than force, says the author of the "Biblical Museum." There are powers more difficult to overcome than strong or brazen gates. Suppose we found a prisoner condemned to die, and locked up in a cell, and we were to ask ourselves how he could be saved from execution. There would appear great difficulties in getting him out of prison. The iron door, with its great bolt; that high window, with its guard of strong bars; those thick, strong walls; those heavy walls outside; that watchful jailor; how impossible it seems to overcome them all. Yet these are not the only difficulties, nor the greatest. There is another thing, stronger than all these, holding the poor prisoner to death. There is the sentence of the law. For, unless he would himself become a criminal, no man dares to help the condemned one out. Get the sentence repealed, and the other difficulties are removed.

So in behalf of the sinner, help has been laid upon one who is mighty to save. Christ tasted death for every man. Through Him the death sentence has been removed from all who believe on Him, in order that they shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

### Epigrams from Mark Guy Pearse

Of the redeemed it is said, "Their mouths shall be filled with laughter."

The devil can't laugh—poor devil!

Everything is figurative in the Bible that you don't like.

The way to keep religion is to give it away to other people.



## Notices



### Nebraska Special Notice

HENCEFORTH all orders for books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals, and all business pertaining to the book and periodical work, should be addressed to Pacific Press, 1505 E St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

All remittances on accounts contracted before April 1, and all other business not pertaining to the book and periodical work, should be addressed to Nebraska Tract Society, as formerly.

In ordering supplies or in sending remittances, always put Pacific Press business on one sheet by itself, and Nebraska Tract Society business on a separate sheet, so that the order or remittance may be handed to the department to which it belongs.

Make all remittances by check, post-office order or otherwise, payable to either *Pacific Press*, or *Nebraska Tract Society*. In no case make them payable to any individual.

A. T. ROBINSON.

### To Subscribers in the Nebraska Conference

AS WILL be noticed by announcement in another part of this paper, the CENTRAL ADVANCE is to be discontinued from this issue. By vote of the Central Union Conference Committee, the amounts of unexpired subscriptions in the Nebraska Conference are to be turned over to the Nebraska Conference, to be dealt with from the office.

It has now been decided to revive the *Nebraska Reporter*, beginning its publication about the first or middle of May.

Will each one who reads this notice please write us on the following points: (a) Do you think the *Reporter* will meet with a favorable reception on the part of its former old friends? (b) Are you willing to have us credit the amount due on your unexpired subscription to the ADVANCE, on your subscription to the *Reporter*? (c) Would you prefer that we send you the cash for what is due you on your subscription to the ADVANCE?

The *Reporter* will be published once in two weeks, in its former size and nearly the same appearance. The subscription price will be 25 cents per year. Our constant aim will be to fill the little paper brim full of short, pithy items

of just such news and information concerning our work as all our people will want to know about. As will be noticed elsewhere in this paper, we are just entering upon some very important changes in our plans of operation, which it is believed will result in greatly enlarging and extending the influence of the work throughout our Conference. We want to make the *Reporter* a medium through which we can speak freely to all our people concerning all departments of the work. We wish we could see our way to make the paper a weekly, instead of issuing only once in two weeks, but this would involve some loss in its publication. We may wish to suggest its being made a weekly at our next annual camp-meeting. Please let us know whether you will be pleased to greet your old friend, the *Reporter*, or not.

A. T. ROBINSON.

### Young People's Convention for the Central Union Conference

"WITH such an army as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the world."—*Education*. p. 271.

What possibilities lie within our grasp. Shall this mighty force be allowed to go to waste while thousands are perishing for the lack of the blessings it might bring them if properly trained? We are coming to realize the sad truth that we have not been as active as we should "in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with us in missionary work," and that "very much has been lost to the cause of God by a lack of attention to the young."

As we considered the young people's work at the late session of the Central Union Conference, we felt strongly the need of more time in which to study the problems connected with this important subject. In order to meet this need, a young people's convention has been arranged to meet at College View, Nebraska, May 31 to June 5, where workers and young people from the conferences, and the students and teachers of the College will study together the great question and seek God for a preparation for His work. The Lord calls for young men and young women to consecrate themselves to His work and become a part of the well-trained and disciplined army with which He will finish His work.

Let many of our young people plan to attend this convention, and give their earnest attention to helping work out these intensely interesting problems. Further announcement will be made later in regard to the convention and the entertainment of delegates.

M. E. KERN.

**"The Union College Messenger"**

No. 1, Vol. 1 of this periodical will be issued May first. It will be a 32 page magazine, issued semi-monthly by Union College, and will be of great interest, not only to all students and teachers of Union College, but to all who are interested in the cause of education in general, and the work of our schools in particular. The editorial force is strong, and one especially salient feature of the paper will be reports from and news of the Alumni of the College.

The subscription price will be 35 cents per year, 24 numbers. Send all subscriptions and requests for sample copies to

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Another letter reads: "I think they are just grand, and cheap, and have the truth right in them, and may God bless your work."

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## News and Notes

Leave the service of Satan at once. He is the hardest taskmaster the universe has ever known.

It is planned to hold a camp-meeting at Oakley, Kansas, beginning June 9, for those in the northwest district.

Miss Mary Smith, who was to have charge of the girls' home in connection with our work in St. Louis during the World's Fair, is now a patient at the Nebraska Sanitarium.

Brethren E. G. Olsen and Geo. H. Skinner have been holding meetings at Whittemore, Iowa. These brethren are the first Seventh-day Adventist ministers who have visited this place.

The following persons have been elected as the board for the church school at College View for the ensuing year: James Rigby, G. Mathiesen, Mrs. M. I. Reeder, C. A. Thorp, and Mrs. J. S. Hart.

Bro. F. L. Perry, state agent of South Dakota, visited Union College last week in the interest of the canvassing work among the Dakota students, and others who desire to work in that field.

The International Publishing Association of College View, Neb., now has quite a complete line of books, pamphlets, and tracts in the German, Danish, and Swedish languages in stock, and is ready to fill orders.

Sister Mary Doan, who has been engaged in Bible work in Kansas City, Kan., has been compelled to drop her work on account of failing health. Sister Mary Edwards will go to Kansas City to assist in the Bible work.

Eld. J. H. Wheeler left College View April 7, enroute to Wyoming, his new field of labor. He made a short stop at Crawford, Neb., and spent Sabbath, April 16, at Lead, South Dakota. Bro. E. L. Cook, who will labor with him, went direct to Sheridan, Wyo.

Brethren N. B. Emerson and J. R. Ogden have been working at the new sanitarium at Wichita, Kan., setting out trees and fixing the grounds in front of the building place for sowing grass and planting flowers. Brother Ogden will farm a part of the sanitarium ground this year.

Eld. E. T. Russell met with the board of education at Atchison, Kan., last week, according to appointment, and secured the use of the College Preparatory building for the summer normal. It is a beautiful location, and we feel sure our teachers will be delighted with the surroundings.

Among the students who have recently gone from Union College to their homes at the opening up of the spring work may be mentioned: Mrs. Pearson and daughter Lulu, Marie Brimer, George Norwood, all of Pitkin, Colo., T. A. Weishaar, O. L. Carrick, Mr. and Mrs. Reimche, Clarence Allen, D. D. Kurtz, and John J. Weir.

### The Central Advance Discontinued

IT has been decided to discontinue the publication of the CENTRAL ADVANCE on account of the lack of support from the local conferences. This has been owing to the fact that the state papers are in the field, and the different conferences do not feel free to drop their local papers. The publication of the *Nebraska Reporter* will be resumed, and an educational paper is to be issued by Union College. In states outside of Nebraska, all unexpired subscriptions will be turned over to the state in which the the subscribers live, to be dealt with by the state tract society. E. T. RUSSELL.

### The One Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund

WE have received this week from a brother in Nebraska, a donation of \$1,000 toward the building fund of the Sanitarium, Training School and General Conference Offices in Washington. We believe that this will be the forerunner of many donations of the same and still larger amounts. A list of the donations to this fund will be published in the next *Review*. A constant stream of smaller donations to this fund is flowing in daily. We are deeply grateful to see the means coming in before the buildings are erected. We are sure this is God's way, and that His Spirit is at work pleading this cause with our brethren who have means in large or small amounts.

We will gladly send to each one who sends a donation to the work to the General Conference Treasurer, a thirty-two page illustrated leaflet describing the situation and the present need; also blank subscription lists, authorizing any one who desires to secure funds for these enterprises. J. S. WASHBURN.