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

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A Song of Thanksgiving

(Recited by twelve children, at a thanksgiving program in the chapel of Union College, each child bearing one of the letters in the word "thanksgiving.")

Often the story is told of the Pilgrims who came from Old England, Seeking to worship God after the dictates of conscience. These set for us an example which still we are trying to follow, To pause for a while in our duties and think of things for which to be thankful.

T

Truth in its beauty and strength has come to us as a people, Causing us ever to marvel at the greatness of God's plan eternal, Which is working out daily before us and pointing the pathway to heaven.

For truth in its strength and its beauty, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee.

H

For health which to us has been

given so freely and so abundant; For homes where we always find shelter from the trials and tempests about us;

For hope of the heaven above, which awaits us when this life is over, If our work has been earnestly done; we thank Thee, our Father, we thank Thee.

A

For answers to our petitions which at night and at morn we are sending Up to the great loving Father in behalf of ourselves and our neighbors;

For answers which sooner or later come in response to our pleadings, Given in love and in wisdom; Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

N

For nature which gives us in season hordes of all that is needful and luscious;

Fruits and grains, nuts and vegetable products, to nourish and strengthen our bodies;

For nature which turns springtime to summer, then to autumn, and then gives us winter,

Always bringing new pleasures and duties; our God, the Creator, we thank Thee.

K

For knowledge of things that are temporal, which day by day we're acquiring

To better fit us for action upon life's great field of battle;

For the knowledge we have of salvation, which for every one has been purchased

And given without price, without money; heavenly Father, we thank Thee.

S

For the Saviour who came down from heaven, and lived with us here as a brother,

Giving His life for a ransom that we may have life everlasting;

For the service He taught us to render to those with whom daily we mingle;

For the Saviour and for the service; our Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

G

For the grace which from the beginning Thou, Father, hast shown toward Thy children,

The which if we will accept will make us the favored of heaven;

For grace more free and more boundless than the mighty expanse of the ocean,

Beyond comprehension of mortal; O Father Eternal, we thank Thee.

I

For our institutions of learning, where students may ever acquire

The knowledge which will fit them to battle with life's problems, and come off victorious;

For our publishing houses, which day by day scatter the truth broadcast through our country;

For our sanitariums, which are endeavoring to bring health to the soul and the body;

For all these dispensers of blessing, Thou Giver of mercies, we thank Thee.

V

For victories we ever are gaining through wisdom and power, God given,

Victories which always inspire us to press forward, and not to be conquered;

Victories which all through the conflict make us forget to look backward;

For victories in great things and trifles; Winner of Battles, we thank Thee.

I

For the kind invitation that's given
for all who are weary and labor
To come freely, and lay down their
burdens, and find rest at the feet
of the Master;

For the invitation to enter the city
and partake of the joys there eter-
nal,

And dwell evermore with the ran-
somed; Thou Great Source of all
rest, we thank Thee.

N

Never forgetting our duty to the one
who has bought our redemption;
Never forgetting our privilege as co-
workers in the great harvest;
Never ceasing to ask God's approval,
although great or small be the serv-
ice,

We will sing the song of the reapers,
then, Lord of the Harvest, we'll
thank Thee.

G

Our glorious reward will await us in
heaven, when this life is over,
Golden harp, golden crown, and a
mansion, and a robe all of right-
eousness woven;

But more precious than all is the
knowledge that we'll be in the pres-
ence of Jesus,

And throughout the cycles eternal, O
Great King of heaven, can thank
Thee.

A song of Thanksgiving we've brought
you, in which we have numbered
our blessings,

Following the example of the Pil-
grims who came from Old England,
And year after year we will keep it,
the day set apart for Thanksgiving,
Until we've reached the home ever-
lasting, where praises will roll on
forever.

Mrs. E. M. Oberg.

Who Is to Blame?

The *Review* has an average circula-
tion of about 15,000 copies. It
ought to have a circulation of 20,000
copies. Who is to blame for this
lack?

Is the *Review* itself not meeting the
needs of its readers? Can it be that
our department of circulation is not
sending out enough appeals or let-
ters? Are our tract societies indiffer-
ent to the value of the *Review* in the
homes of its constituency? Do our
ministers fail to present the *Review*
and the members' need of it when they
visit the churches? Or are our peo-
ple becoming indifferent to the thrill-
ing matter usually found in the *Re-
view*? Is it because they do not re-

spond in joy and gladness to the re-
ports appearing in the *Review* of the
rapid advancement of the message in
all parts of the world? Do their
hearts fail to burn within them as
they read of the new fields opening
before our workers in all places? Is
their lack of interest in the *Review*
an indication of their falling under
the influence of Satan's stupefying
power, typified by the drowsy feel-
ings of the disciples on the night of
the betrayal? This power is being
felt by thousands of our people all
over the field. If this is the difficulty
with any of our people, the *Review*
will help them to defend themselves
against it.

Doubtless Satan will plan to keep
the *Review* away from as many of
our people as possible. He knows the
keeping power of the *Review*. He
makes it appear to some that the *Re-
view* can be dispensed with for a time
at least.

Let all those who have the *Review*,
and who sense its value, present its
claims to other members in their com-
panies or churches. In this they will
be administering to the needs of their
flock.

Doors Opening and Doors Closing

Emphasizing the Call to Prayer.

The following from a reliable
source reached the office of the OUT-
LOOK, just as this issue was going
to press.

"We feel that the Lord will work
it out for the best, and that whatever
the outcome, as soon as this is quieted
down, there will be presented an un-
paralleled opportunity for the preach-
ing of this message; for should the
Imperialists win out in the end—and
many of the foreign newspapers are
predicting that this will be the case
—yet they have received such a stir-
ring up and such a scare that there is
no question but what they will begin
to set their house right in a way that
we have never seen in the past. There
is bound to be a more liberal govern-
ment, and even with the Manchus at
at helm, there will probably be full
religious toleration. Should the reb-
els win out, and succeed in establish-
ing a republic or a constitutional
monarchy, of course it means a liberal
government, religious toleration, and
progress along every line. It stirs my
soul to think of the opportunity that
will be presented to us in the course
of a few months from now. The
minds of the people will be prepared
to hear the very truth which we have

to give concerning the closing up of
this old world's history, and I can only
hope and pray that means will be
forthcoming so that we can make
rapid strides in establishing our pub-
lishing work and school, and that the
man will be here at once to help us
out in the training of our colporteurs.
I am taking it for granted that you
have a treasurer for us already, and
I trust a superintendent as well. As
far as our people in the interior are
concerned, while they cannot be said
to be out of danger, yet it is an en-
tirely different situation from that
which prevailed during 1900."

Here is a letter from Caracas, Ve-
nezuela, which is a call to prayer, for
we have but just set foot in that re-
public:—

"Dear Brother: We see clouds
arising. It has been talked about some
that the President was going to expel
all evangelical organizations from
the country. I just now received the
following notice from the American
consul:—

"Rev. Frederick G. Lane, Caracas.

"Sir: I have to inform you that
I have have been notified by the Ve-
nezuelan Foreign Office of a decree
of the President of Venezuela initiat-
ing a supreme inspection of all reli-
gious bodies established or which
may be established in Venezuela.

"I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
American Charge d'Affaires."

"We will wait to see what this
means. Yours in Christ."

The Week of Prayer

By the time this paper reaches
most of our subscribers, we will be
in the midst of the week of prayer.
It may not be too late to say a brief
word in reference to the closing part
of this season. By way of antici-
pation, we sincerely hope that this
may be the best season of the kind
ever enjoyed by this dear people.
There is no reason why it should not
be such an occasion. Surely the Lord
wants to be gracious to His remnant
people. There are hundreds of hearts
in this great Union Conference that
are yearning after a greater nearness
to God.

We have certainly reached a time
in this message when we ought to
expect great and mighty things from
God. It is impossible that we should
go along very much farther in this
message without a new experience
coming into our lives. Dear reader,
shall we not, during the closing days
of this week of prayer, make a new

start for the kingdom? Shall we not first give ourselves unreservedly to the Lord, and then make an offering to God's cause of the means He has blessed us with? The needy mission fields are appealing to our liberality. Our fellow-laborers across the seas are stretching out their hands to us for help. Shall they be disappointed?

A. T. R.

Faithful Stewardship

"If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

God proves us by trusting us with earthly possessions. He is displeased with the slack, loose manner in which many of His professed people conduct their worldly business.

God takes notice of you, unfaithful stewards. He will call you to account. The stewards of God can by faithful, judicious management keep their business in this world square, exact, and straight. It is especially the privilege and duty of the aged, the feeble, and those who have no children dependent upon them to place their means where it can be used in the cause of God if they should be suddenly taken away.

Some wills are made in so loose a manner that they will not stand the test of the law, and thus thousands of dollars have been lost to the cause.

Mrs. E. G. White.

AN ILLUSTRATION

We give the following experience as an illustration of the above instruction having been followed. A few years ago, an aged brother, who for some time had been in feeble health, fell asleep in Jesus, on the last day of April. This brother had no children nor others dependent upon him, and it was his expressed wish that his property should go to the cause. In March of the same year, and less than six weeks before his death, he made his will, bequeathing most of his property to the conference in which he lived. He left his business affairs in such perfect order that there was no chance for legal entanglement of any kind, and within one year of the time of his death, the administrators of his estate turned over to the president of the conference \$39,043.66 in cash, most of which was passed on by the conference to supply the demands of the great world-wide needy mission fields.

If that brother had been slack and

loose in his worldly business, or even if he had delayed making his will a few days longer, not one cent of his means would have gone to the cause which he loved.

With the thought in mind that there may be others in somewhat similar positions with reference to their earthly possessions, I take this opportunity to say that the officers of the Central Union Conference Association, a legal corporation, duly qualified by the laws of the State of Nebraska to hold legal title to property of whatsoever description, will always esteem it a pleasure and a privilege to counsel and advise with any persons who may wish to make provision to have their property, in case of death, used exactly in harmony with their wishes while they live. The Spirit of Prophecy has clearly pointed out that this is a duty that has not been fully lived up to in the past.

A. T. R.

Origin of Christmas

The writer has often been asked by our people as well as by those not of our faith, "Where do we get our authority for observing Christmas as the birthday of Christ?" Surely not from the Bible, for it is as silent as the tomb on that subject.

As we are again drawing near Christmas tide, many will question concerning the origin of this great religious feast day. For the benefit of such, we give herewith some history that is to the point:—

"It is unknown just when it originated, but surely December 25 was not generally observed as the day prior to Chrysostom's time (fourth century) in the Eastern church, although much earlier in the Western; for there was no uniformity in the period of observing the Nativity among the early churches: some held the festival in the month of May or April, others in January. It is, nevertheless, almost certain that December 25 can not be the nativity of the Saviour, for it is then the height of the rainy season in Judea, and shepherds could hardly have been watching their flocks by night on the plains.

"Christmas not only became the parent of many later festivals, such as those of the Virgin, but especially from the fifth to the eighth century gathered around it, as it were, several other festivals, partly old, and partly new, so that what may be termed a Christmas cycle sprung up, which surpassed all other groups of Christian holidays. Among the causes that

cooperated in fixing this period (December 25) as the proper one, perhaps the most powerful was that almost all the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as a most important point of the year, as the beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of nature, and of the gods, who were originally merely the symbolical personifications of these. At the winter solstice, the Germans held their great Yule feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun-wheel, and believed that during the twelve nights from December 25 to January 6 they could trace the personal movements and interferences on earth of their great deities, Odin, Berchita, etc. Many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans, and also of the Romans, relating to this matter passed over from heathenism to Christianity."—The New International Encyclopedia, vol. 4, art. Christmas.

The ancient pagans celebrated the "birthday" of their sun-god on December 25. It was quite natural that the papacy should adopt that date (along with many other pagan customs, as the birthday of the Son of God.

Would it not be more acceptable in the sight of God, dear reader, to spend our means for the advancement of the third angel's message, rather than to be found supporting an institution handed down to our times by the ancient pagan sun-worshippers?

Orno Follett.



The Nimrod System of Apostasy No. 3

A COUNTERFEIT PLAN OF SALVATION

Through the bold, Satan-inspired, heaven-defying, deep-laid scheme of Nimrod, who was "the first to be a despot on the earth," the whole plan of salvation through Jesus Christ was counterfeited, and sun-worship became the center of that whole Nimrod system of apostasy.

A peculiar interest centers in the building of the city of Nineveh, the record of which, following Spurrell's translation, is as follows: "Also Cush begat Nimrod, who was the first to be a despot on the earth. He was an overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight:

wherefore the saying, 'Even as Nimrod, the overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight.' And the commencement of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of this land he went forth to Assyria and built Nineveh,the same is that great city." Gen. 10:8-12. "The same is that great city." The meaning of "Nineveh," as given in the mythology of the times of which we are studying, is "the habitation of Ninus." Who was Ninus? All standard authorities agree that Ninus was simply a mythical personage, to whom, in Greek mythology, is ascribed the building of Nineveh. The manner in which the Greek legends describe the building of the city of Nineveh by Ninus corresponds very closely with the Bible account of the building of that city by Nimrod.

Nimrod's life was spent in an effort to turn the minds of men away from the true God and away from the divine plan of human redemption, thus preparing the world for the reception of a great counterfeit of that plan. After his death, he was deified and worshiped under the name of Ninus, who is always represented in the Greek mythology as both the husband and the son of Semarimis, the beautiful but dissolute Babylonian queen. It was under the reputed reign of Semarimis and Ninus that the whole system of the pagan mysteries had their origin. It should be borne in mind that the date ascribed to the reign of Semarimis and Ninus was during the time that Shem, the son of Noah, lived, a time when the promise of the coming "seed of the woman" was cherished by the faithful who lived at that time. The Bible record clearly states that it was Nimrod who built the city of Nineveh. That city was long the capital of Assyria, which, in Micah 5:6, is called "even the land of Nimrod."

As a counterfeit of the miraculous conception, birth, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, the promised seed, there was ascribed to Nimrod, after his death, under the name of Ninus, a miraculous conception by the Holy Ghost. He was reputed to have been born of Semarimis; to have lived an eventful, though pure life, uncontaminated by the world; to have died a tragic and cruel death as a malefactor; to have risen again from the dead; and to have ascended to heaven. This deified Nimrod, under a score of different names, was worshiped in different countries.

It is evident that this whole wicked counterfeit, devised by Satan himself and foisted upon the world by his chosen agent, Nimrod, and in a later age handed over bodily by Constantine, the so-called first Christian emperor, to the paganized Christian world, was borrowed from God's beautiful plan of salvation through the gift of His dear Son, as taught by the godly men who lived contemporaneously with Nimrod.

The origin and development of the pagan mysteries—"the mystery of iniquity"—as the counterfeit of "the mystery of godliness," will be our next study. A. T. R.

(To be continued)

The Return of the Jews

Note.—Every theological error in the world is the perversion of some Bible truth. In seeking to escape the error, we need to exercise prayerful discrimination, lest we also discard the truth of which the error in question is a perversion.

(1) What erroneous and unscriptural doctrine is suggested by the above heading?

Ans.—That God is under bonds to fulfil certain specified promises made to the nation of the Jews by reinstating them in the land of Canaan.

(2) Under what two heads may all the promises of God to Israel be classed?

Ans.—(a) His promises made to the literal descendants of Abraham—national Israel; and (b) His promises to the Israel of God by faith in Jesus Christ—the spiritual Israel.

(3) What was one of the promises made to Israel after the flesh—national Israel?

"For thus saith the Lord, that after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good toward you, in causing you to return to this place. . . .and I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive." Jer. 29:10-14.

(4) What was the reason for that seventy years' captivity in Babylon?

"Therefore thus saith the Lord of host, Because ye have not heard my words. . . .this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years." Jer. 25:8, 11.

(5) Might Israel have escaped that threatened judgment, even after the Lord had spoken it?

"At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them." Jer. 18:7, 8.

(6) How did the Lord seek to save them from going into Babylonian captivity?

"And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because He had compassion on His people, and on His dwellingplace." 2 Chron. 36:15.

(7) How many other remedies were applied before the limit of divine forbearance with that people was reached?

"But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no [other] remedy." 2 Chron. 36:16.

(8) Whose words were fulfilled by the seventy years' captivity in Babylon?

"To fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths:to fulfil three score and ten years." 2 Chron. 36:21.

(9) When the seventy years were expired, whose word was to be fulfilled?

"Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished." 2 Chron. 36:22.

(10) In order that Jeremiah's prophecy might be fulfilled, whose spirit had to be stirred up?

"The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia." Ib.

A. T. R.

(To be continued.)



Sanitarium Relief Campaign

The committee on the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, at the recent session of the General Conference Committee held at Takoma Park, presented a report which was discussed and adopted as follows:—

1. We would recommend that this campaign be prosecuted by our peo-

ple with renewed vigor and earnestness until complete success shall crown our efforts.

2. That success may be attained, we would strongly urge that the officers of the General, union, and local conferences take an active part in the campaign, giving it their attention and effort as other General Conference plans.

3. We would recommend that the Medical Department of the General Conference take an active part in the campaign, urging our sanitariums to join in this earnest endeavor to achieve success and to impress our people generally with its importance.

4. We would further urge that the General Conference Publishing Department, through our offices of publication, union and state missionary agents, cooperate heartily with the campaign, and assist our union and local conferences in making it a success.

5. We would recommend that the week following the week of prayer, December 18-25, be set apart by all our people for placing "Ministry of Healing" before the people, and we would recommend that during this time other matters, as far as possible, be laid aside, and our efforts given to this work.

6. We also recommend that the General Conference appoint a season of time next year as a special rally effort in behalf of the campaign, at which time this work shall be made the special object of effort by workers and people, and that in the meantime our publishers be asked to provide a suitable and ample supply of books to meet the special needs of such an effort.

7. That to provide the salary and expenses of the field secretary of the Relief Bureau, five cents a copy be added by the publishers to the present wholesale price of the book "Ministry of Healing," from November 15, 1911, this to be turned to the General Conference for this purpose.

8. We would further urge that our leading denominational papers, and our union and state papers, be freely used to assist in making this campaign a success.

9. We would urge that our people earnestly pray that God may add His blessing to this united effort to place "Ministry of Healing" in thousands of homes that greatly need the light this book contains.

The best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.

Special Campaign

For some time we have been engaged in a campaign with "Ministry of Healing." With many other things to occupy our attention, we have not prosecuted this campaign as vigorously as we ought. The results are that not nearly all have taken their quota of books, and many who did take the books have laid them by until a more "convenient time," while our workers have not given any special effort in behalf of "Ministry of Healing." We are not complaining, but simply stating some facts.

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Council, recently held in Washington, to set apart the week following the week of prayer as a time for a special campaign with "Ministry of Healing," we are asking all our workers to spend the week of December 18-25 among the people in behalf of this valuable work. The idea is not for the workers to get our people to take a certain number of books, but to actually get out among the people not of our faith and interest them in the messages "Ministry of Healing" brings to all who read it.

In this special effort in behalf of our best health book, we would urge our people generally to participate. You may have the books laid away some where; why not join the rest of the workers in disposing of them? Or you may not have ordered your quota at all. If this is the case, send for your books at once. They can be had from the office in the English, Danish, Swedish, or German languages.

Let us pray that we may be prospered during this week as we unite with our brethren and sisters in other parts of the field in disseminating the light given to us by the Lord.

J. W. Christian.

More than Half the Time Gone

Three years were given in which to complete the work of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. More than half of that time is now gone, but half the allotted work is not done. All the books and journals that should have been sold in that time have not been sold. The share of financial help expected for our institutions has not been received. There is still some unfinished work for us, as individuals and conferences, at least in some instances.

It has taken some time to get the campaign started and there have been

many other interests to demand attention. But this work is now fairly well under way and its importance is being recognized. Further delay will hardly be consistent or wise. This movement was launched only after the most careful planning on the part of our responsible brethren, to meet a most urgent need of an important branch of our cause. It is the one plan upon which we are depending for relief for our sanitariums. We must not come up to the close of the time without having realized our full expectations, as this will mean the continued crippling of our medical work. The sanitarium interests of the Central Union very much need this help and we cannot afford to let this opportunity of securing it go by.

Time will pass just as fast the next year and a half as it has the last, and unless we take advantage of the time while we have it, precious privileges and opportunities will go with it. What has been done so far gives us ample evidence that definite results are obtainable. The reports that come from those who are at work are most encouraging. Returns are in proportion to efforts put forth. As individuals and as a people, we may determine how much shall be accomplished by this movement.

Shall we not guard against delaying too long, those of us who are delaying? Should we not all take hold more vigorously and push this work actively until we see its accomplishment? The work can be done, but of course it will be only by putting forth efforts to do it; not by merely letting the time go by. Let all join in this denominational movement, to make it a grand success. But it will take you to make it so.

L. A. Hansen.

The Menace of Soothing Sirups

The dire effects of the many so-called "soothing sirups" upon thousands of innocent babes can scarcely be imagined. The awful crime of Herod, who slew the little ones of Bethlehem, does not compare with the evil wrought by these drugs upon the infants in civilized countries. The essential ingredient of these sirups is invariably some form of opium. To its influence the tender infants are especially susceptible. Soothing sirups soothe the restless, suffering babe, not by removing the cause of the pain nor by healing the disease, but by simply deadening the nerves and benumbing the delicate nerve cells of the brain. The sleep produced is unnatural. It

is a stupor from which the child may or may not awake. Serious injury is always sustained by the little one, although the full results may not be seen until later in life.—*Dr. D. H. Kress, in December Life and Health, Washington, D. C.*

Drinking with Meals

Drinking water with the meal is to be discouraged for the following reasons: It limits the flow of saliva, and also dilutes what does flow, so that starch digestion is interfered with; it dilutes the gastric juice, and renders it less efficient. If the fluid is very cold, it drives the blood away from the stomach, and delays the secretion of the digestive ferments, thus retarding digestion.

In order to avoid the necessity of drinking with the meal, a drink may be taken an hour before meal-time, and another two hours after the meal. This should be done regularly, as most people drink far too little water. If, however, one is very thirsty at meal-time, small sips of water will be found to satisfy, and are not so harmful as a larger quantity. It is better, however, to form the habit of taking no more water with the meal than that which is contained in the food.—*R. S. Ingersoll, M. D., M. R. C. S. (Eng.), in December Life and Health, Washington, D. C.*



Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y
CRAWFORD, NEBR.

Notes

W. J. Huffman, the Union Conference auditor, is now busy examining our conference books.

Elder Hale was called to Upton to conduct a funeral last week. This interrupted his trip among the churches.

A meeting of the Wyoming Intermediate School board was called recently to accept the resignation of Mrs. L. E. Curtis as matron and to select someone to take the place made vacant.

Miss Laura Lemon of Crawford, Nebr., a lady not of our faith, is paying for the yearly support of a student in the Chinese school at Chow-kia-kow, China, where Elder O. A. Hall is in charge.

P. R. Canaday, of the Whitney church, made the office a pleasant call last week and took dinner with "yе scribe".

The church at Pleasant Valley enjoyed the presence of Elder Hale last Sabbath and Sunday.

Asa Smith.

St. Louis

Since the campmeeting, at which time the different tent meetings closed, our workers have engaged in their personal work, and holding cottage meetings. Some interested ones have taken their stand, and eight were baptized, as has been previously reported. Since then some others have identified themselves with our people, which has been quite a victory for them.

We are starting the work with the "Family Bible Teacher" now, and hope in this way to do more definite work, at least it will be systematic, and not so scattering. It is rather experimental with us, but we expect results.

We are glad to report that the church is taking quite an interest with the "Harvest Ingathering Signs," and quite a bit of missionary work is done by them. Several feel their need of being better fitted to do Bible work, so it has been decided to start a class to give special instruction how to give the message to others. Some desire to fit themselves for work, that they may be ready when a call comes. The young people also have taken forward steps. They now have their weekly Bible studies, when they study the main points of our faith, and Sunday night they have their regular meeting, and here they report missionary work done during the week.

The work in St. Louis is onward, but it is city work, and with our present force of workers we cannot accomplish what we would like to.

At present a large forward movement is being organized to do special work in the city. Several hundred workers will take part in this effort to cause a religious awakening. All denominations join in this work.

It is very apparent that the work in the cities is becoming harder as time goes on. It seems to me the latest and biggest curse which has come to the

cities, is the five and ten cent moving picture shows. Why, the people are drunk with pleasure seeking, and are streaming seven nights in the week to these places of amusement. What can stem the tide? It seems they are in the stream to certain destruction.

Hard times is the cry in St. Louis, and hundreds of men with families are laid off, and winter at the door, crime of all description is rampant, and with these conditions, what will the winter bring forth?

We as workers are of good courage and desire to be so related to God and his work, that we may be the means of rescuing many souls that are drifting to destruction. Pray for the work in this large place.

C. J. Kunkel.

West Kansas Conference

N. T. Sutton, Pres. Edward Harris, Sec'y
L. R. Ackerman, Field Miss. Agt.
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Wichita

I will endeavor to write a few lines regarding the work I have been doing since our last annual conference and camp-meeting.

It was voted by the committee that I continue my work in this city, but as Brother E. A. Mathwig was leaving the conference, I was asked to take his place in assisting Elder Bringle in a tent effort at Stafford. After spending about six weeks at that place, where we had a successful meeting, I returned to Wichita, and after about one week, Elder N. T. Sutton and I went to Newton to hold a few meetings with the church there. We held ten meetings during the six days we were there, and the Lord greatly blessed by His Spirit. It was a blessed occasion for all, and they seemed to be greatly encouraged to go forward. The best part of the meetings was the earnestness with which the members worked to get outsiders to attend, and the Lord blessed their efforts. We had a better attendance from the outside than they had had for a number of years. Personally, we enjoyed the meetings very much. Elder Kennedy, from the East Kansas Conference, was with us, and spoke one night. We appreciated his visit very much.

The church here in Wichita seems to be in a good spiritual condition, and we are planning on a series of meetings, beginning with the week of prayer, and we are expecting to see

much good accomplished and souls converted to God. We ask to be remembered in prayer by all our people, during the week of prayer especially.

Elder Sutton expects to assist in these meetings a part of the time.

H. L. Shafer.

The great regret of many some day will be that they have spent too much time with men and not enough with God. Let not this regret be yours. Learn to visit alone with God. You can not be a Christian without praying, for prayer is the breath of spiritual life. The little *Morning Watch Calendar* has helped others to form the habit of personal devotion. Will you not try it? Get one of these booklets from your tract society. Price, five cents.



Brother M. E. Ellis spent a day or two in College View last week in the interest of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

Elder Harvey Morrison officiated at the funeral service of Brother Noah Hodges last Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance.

Prof. G. A. Grauer, president and business manager of the Clinton German Seminary, was in College View last Friday on business pertaining to the academy. He made the office of the *OUTLOOK* a pleasant call, and reports a good attendance and interest in the work of the Seminary.

Elder M. G. Huffman, in a private communication to this office, says: "I am now holding a series of meetings at Turksville, Kans., with a splendid attendance and interest. Some are already accepting the truth, and others seem to be on the point of obeying."

Elder J. W. Christian, at the request of the Union Conference committee, will spend the latter half of the week of prayer, with the Clinton German Seminary.

Prof. Frederick Griggs spent last Sabbath with the church in Kansas City.

Brother W. J. Huffman, Union Conference auditor, returned to College View last Friday from Crawford, Nebraska, where he has been checking up the books of the Wyoming Conference and Tract Society. In response to a call from Elder L. W. Terry, he left for Springfield, Mo. on Sunday last.

Just four weeks more till the joint session of the Northern and Central Union Conferences which is to be held in College View, Jan. 16-31. The twelve days Ministerial Institute to be conducted by Elders Daniells, Prescott and Thompson will serve to make this the most important gathering ever held in College View.

In a private communication from Elder W. C. White to this office, under date of December 1, he says: "Mother was eight-four years old last Sunday. The day before, she spoke to a large congregation in the Carr Street church, in Los Angeles. She returned home Monday and found all well. Now she is turning her attention to writing on the Old Testament history, from the days of Solomon to Christ."

Elder Meade MacGuire is spending the week of prayer with the College View Church and Union College. At the close of his talk on Sabbath afternoon the entire congregation responded by coming forward to seek the Lord for a new consecration to his service. The meeting was a quiet one, in which the deep moving of the Spirit of God was present in a marked manner.

Something for You

The *Morning Watch Calendar* is ready for you; and there are several reasons why you should not fail to get it:—

It will give you a good morning thought. It will invite you to meet your Master face to face before you meet the world. It will remind you to place your hand in the Saviour's as you start out for the day. It will give you one thought on your sabbath-school lesson each day. It will help you to form the habit of regular secret prayer and personal Bible study. It will help you to give a reason for your hope of salvation. It will make an acceptable Christmas or New-Year's gift for some friend or Sabbath-school pupil.

"Satan cannot hold the dead in his grasp when the Son of God bids them live. He cannot hold in spiritual death one soul who in faith receives Christ's word of power. God is saying to all who are dead in sin 'Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead. That word is eternal life. As the word of God which bade the first man live, still gives us life; as Christ's word, 'Young man, I say unto thee Arise,' gave life to the youth of Nain, so the word, 'Arise from the dead,' is life to the soul that receives it." Des. of Ages, Ch. 32, par. 17.

Obituary

Homesley.—Died at Lowell, Kans., November 18, Floyd Homesley, aged eight months and three days. The little one died from an abscess in the head, following a spell of pneumonia. The parents of baby believe in the present truth, and at one time the mother was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In this time of bereavement, they feel as never before the need of coming into the fold of safety, under the care of the Good Shepherd. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Jer. 31: 15, 16, to a good congregation assembled at the funeral service, which was held in the Friends' Church at Lowell.

H. E. Lysinger.

Died at his home in Sheridan, Wyo. on Nov. 24, 1911, W. L. Beezley. He was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 4, 1890. He married and came to Wyoming and took up a claim. The year being so dry they made nothing so he obtained a permit to leave his claim for a time and went to Sheridan and began work on the rail road. Sister Welsh found his wife and made arrangements to hold Bible readings with them. They accepted every point of the faith and had set the time when he was to give up his work and keep the Sabbath.

Before the time arrived he took acute Bronchitis and was sick only about twelve hours. He was taken in the prime of life. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn their loss. They were anxious that an Adventist minister preach the funeral, which was held at Upton, Wyo., his own parents and his wife's parents being present. We spoke words of comfort on the blessed promise of the Saviour's coming and raising the dead.

D. U. Hale.

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Give Us Reports

I want to appeal to every worker in the Central Union Conference to give us brief reports of experiences during the week of prayer. In this way we can greatly multiply and increase the blessings of this season. I wish also to extend this invitation to church elders and all persons who act as leaders in the week-of-prayer services. Let the OUTLOOK during the next few weeks ring with messages of what the Lord has done for His people during this season set apart for specially seeking the Lord.

Many have written to me, saying they would like to send in matter for the paper, but that they are not used to writing for publication. To all such let me say, send in the copy. The editor is eager to get it, and is here for the purpose of putting it in shape for the printers. Please let us have hundreds of reports of this week of prayer. Do not reason that others will send in reports, and that therefore you need not do so, but sit right down and send in your report. You can thus help to gladden hundreds of hearts of those who read the paper.

A. T. R.

Central Union Conference

The fifth biennial session of the Central Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in College View, Nebraska, January 16-31 for the election of officers and boards of management of the various institutions and corporations connected with the Central Union Conference, and the transaction of all business properly coming before said conference.

E. T. Russell,
President;
Mettie Cornell,
Secretary.

Wherever a soul reaches out after God, there the Spirit's working is manifest, and God will reveal Himself to that soul. For such worshippers He is seeking.

**Canvassers' Report for Week Ending Dec. 1, 1911**

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Eastern Colorado							
John T. North	Heralds	21	4	\$ 7 00		\$ 7 00	
W. B. Davy	C. K.	33	9	14 00	50	14 50	\$ 3 00
Mrs. W. B. Davy	B. F. L.	4	1	1 50	5 40	6 90	
C. F. Mahr							46 00
Agents, 4		58	14	22 50	5 90	28 40	49 00
West Kansas							
A. W. Cole	P. C.	14	1	3 50	75	4 25	
Eddie Taylor	G. C.	10			2 25	2 25	
S. B. Hansley	G. C.		3	9 00	1 45	10 45	
Mrs. Hensley	40 per cent		5		2 15	2 15	
Mrs. Lawry	40 per cent		39		17 95	17 95	
J. I. Daily	B. R., H. M.	29	4	15 00	6 75	21 75	
Agents, 6		53	52	27 50	31 30	58 80	
East Kansas							
Kate Meyer		13	16	8 35		8 35	
Adie Brigham				1 50		1 50	
Mrs. Gus Anderson		15	4	2 00	90	2 90	
Agents, 3		28	20	11 85	90	12 75	
South Missouri							
R. S. McLain	G. C.	36	10	18 00	2 30	20 30	5 30
W. F. Surber	B. R.	27	21	76 00	3 85	79 85	
W. W. Boston	Miscl	34	9	15 15		15 15	2 00
Agents, 3		97	40	109 15	6 15	115 30	7 30
Grand Totals: Agents, 16		236	126	171 00	44 25	215 25	56 30
				*Two weeks.		†Week ending Nov 24.	

Central Union Conference Association

The next regular biennial session of the Central Union Conference Association (Incorporated) will be held in College View, Nebraska, in connection with the biennial session of the Central Union Conference, January 16-31. The first meeting of the legal association will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 5:15 p. m.

E. T. Russell,
President;
F. F. Byington,
Secretary.

Nebraska Conference

The next annual session of the Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held just prior to the Central Union Conference, at College View, Nebr., January 11-15, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held Thurs-

day evening, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock, in the College View Seventh-day Adventist church.

J. W. Christian,
President;
Pearl E. Jones,
Secretary.

Nebraska Conference Association

The regular annual session of the constituency of the Nebraska Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held at College View, Nebr., January 11-15, in connection with the Adventist annual conference, for the election of trustees, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held Friday, January 12, at 10:30 a. m., in the Seventh-day Adventist church at College View.

J. W. Christian,
President;
Anna M. Peterson,
Secretary.