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

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The New Year

J. W. Christian

A new year is before us. With its beginning, doubtless many have entered into a covenant with the Lord and with their own souls to rise to a high plane of personal experience and integrity in the service of the Lord. Surely nothing could be more commendable in the new year's vows. In our individual lives we need it, the cause of God demands it, the millions of human souls lying in heathen darkness appeal to us in loudest tones for such a consecration, that they may hear the gospel sound ere life's sun shall set, that they may be saved from a Christless grave.

There needs to come into our individual lives, our homes, our churches, our institutions, a new spirit of light and power in our ministry for the souls about us. For this we should pray most earnestly, watching unto prayer. There is great danger that the standard which has made us a "pe-

culiar people" shall be lowered and the world come in and leaven the lump of our Christianity, leading us to compromise with the world in its inexcusable methods and modes of dress, pleasures, and conversation. Our schools and sanitariums,—institutions of training for our youth for missionary endeavor,—should be after the order of the schools of the prophets. A power should be with us in these training centers that even the "Sauls" who may come to us shall be made to "prophesy." All our prayers and outward demonstrations will not avail to bring this about if we do not bring all our natural desires for wordliness in all its forms into subjection and our lives into harmony with the revealed will of Him who prayed, not that we should be taken out of the world, but be kept "from the evil that is in the world." Worldliness, though labeled Christianity and adopted into our churches or institutions, is wordliness still, and God frowns upon it, and His displeasure rests upon those who permit it. When worldlings shall see consistency in the lives of God's professed people, they will be drawn to the truth, through the beauty and harmony of the life and the profession.

Could our vision be cleared of the mists formed by the effort to blend the things of the world and true Christianity, could we have a true glimpse of the conditions of our fellow-men, not only in foreign lands, but in the home land, we should be startled into a life of earnest devotion and complete consecration in behalf of precious souls for whom Jesus died. Could we see the thousands sinking into the grave without Christ or hope of eternal life, would not our hard hearts melt in tenderness

and sympathy and our otherwise dry eyes moisten with the tear of holy emotion and our hands quickly be reached out in loving service through self-denial and earnest efforts for their salvation?

We may not be able to go to the scene of battle, but we can all have a part. In time of war, they who till the soil or turn the wheels in our factories, that others may be fed, clothed, and sheltered, are just as truly enlisted in the cause as are those carrying the gun in the battles. Each depends upon the other for success. Some of us will never personally carry the sword of the Spirit,—the Word of God,—to the millions of China, India, or Africa, but we can all help till the soil or work the wheels that will make it possible for others to go.

"The Lord desires His people to be thoughtful and careful. He desires them to practice economy in everything. If the workers in the mission fields could have the means that is used in expensive furnishings and in personal adornment, the triumphs of the cross of Christ would be greatly extended.

"Not all can make large offerings, not all can do great works, magnificent deeds; but all can practice self-denial, all can reveal the unselfishness of the Saviour.

"We plead for the money that is spent on needless things. My brethren and sisters, waste not your money in purchasing unnecessary things."

Shall we not, then, through self-denial and earnest devotion make the year 1912 count in our own personal experience and in behalf of God's great movement,—the third angel's message,—that His blessing and approbation may be ours?



The Nimrod System of Apostasy No. 6

We wish to invite attention of the thoughtful reader to a more comprehensive view of the symbols of Daniel and Revelation than is usually entertained by expositors of these prophecies. When it is stated that the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the non-descript beast in its two phases, of Daniel seven, and the two-horned beast of Revelation 13, represent respectively

desired to look." The "mystery of godliness is the mystery of divine humiliation, and originated with that being "who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2: 6-8. The "mystery of iniquity" is the mystery of self-exaltation, and originated with Lucifer, the light-bearer, who, occupying a position next to the Son of God Himself, declared, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High."

tle against truth and righteousness, and he will continue to direct that battle until, with all his allied forces, he is cast into "the lake of fire and brimstone."

In a former article in this series, it was made clear that Nimrod was the chosen agent of Satan in leading the world in an organized system of apostasy from God, and that what he gave to the ancient pagan world, Constantine I, the so-called Christian emperor, glossed over with an appearance of Christianity and gave to the Christian world. In our study of last week, we found that the effort by the Babel builders, under the direct leadership of Nimrod, to unite the world in one empire, which effort was frustrated by the confusion of tongues, finally resulted in the establishment

"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." Dan. 7:5.

"The unrelenting ferocity of the bears of the East was well known to the ancients. The rapacity of the Medes and Persians could be represented by no other symbol so well as by the bear."



"This represented the kingdom of the Medes and Persians. Its emblem was 'a bear,' less noble and courageous, but more voracious and savage, than a lion." Scott, on Dan. 7: 5.

"The second animal here named was a bear, and represents, as did the silver part of Nebuchadnezzar's image, the combined kingdom of the Medes and Persians." Cottage Bible, notes on Dan. 7:1-5.

the empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, pagan and papal Rome, and the United States of America, it is but stating a partial truth.

The divine purpose is not to hold up for our admiration those great empires which in turn have ruled as world powers, but rather to aid us in tracing the history of the great controversy between light and darkness, between truth and error, between apostasy from and loyalty to the God of heaven.

The Bible presents two great mysteries, the "mystery of godliness" and the "mystery of iniquity." These are the two great open secrets of the universe, into which even "angels have

As the result of the controversy which began between Christ and Lucifer in heaven, we read that "there was war in heaven; Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, . . . he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

The field of that controversy was transferred to this earth, but the same master-mind, who is declared by inspiration to have been "wiser than Daniel," and with all the cunning of six thousand years in the practice of deception, has been directing the bat-

of the first world-empire, upon the throne of which sat the proud Nebuchadnezzar.

We will present in these studies what we will designate as a series of seven inspired prophetic photographs of that Satan-inspired Nimrod system of apostasy, instigated by the arch-rebel against the government of heaven, organized into a system by "Nimrod, the overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight," and "who was the first to be a despot on the earth," and later foisted upon the Christian world by Constantine the Great.

Sixty-eight years after Nebuchadnezzar took his seat upon the throne of universal empire, that proud king-

dom was humbled in the dust by the Medes and Persians, under the union of which two powers the Medo-Persian empire became the second church-and-state world power, represented by the symbol of a bear, which we will designate as photograph number two, representing the Nimrod system of apostasy during the two centuries following the overthrow of the Babylonian kingdom.



Union College News

A. N. ANDERSON.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stratton, of Minneapolis are here to attend the canvassers' institute. Mr. Stratton is field agent of Minnesota.

The students are especially glad to welcome Elder Meade MacGuire. Friday afternoon he spoke at a joint meeting of Prayer Bands, which met a half hour before sundown.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week were given to examinations. The time was so arranged as to give two hours for each examination. The first semester closed January 16, and the next day we began the second half of our school year.

Some of the ladies of the village have been meeting every Tuesday afternoon in Mrs. Jewell's apartments in East Hall to sew for the young men. This work, which is done gratis, is greatly appreciated by the motherless students.

At the chapel exercise last Monday, M. L. Ames gave an oration on the subject of "The Making of an Individual." It was made up largely from a speech by W. J. Bryan.

Tuesday, January 9, the annual meeting of the Educational Messenger Association was called by the president, Gordan Andrews. This association, which publishes the student paper, *THE MESSENGER*, comprises the entire faculty and student body. The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. H. C. Orr, showed that the paper has been supporting itself this year, largely as a result of the enterprising work of the business manager, Mr. E. D. Dick, who has been very successful in securing advertisements from Lincoln and College View business houses. A nominating committee of seven was

appointed, as follows: Mrs. W. P. Rowell, Professors H. A. Morrison and C. L. Benson, Misses L. B. Hiatt, Olive Boutelle and Messrs Orrel Graham and Homer Teesdale. This committee will nominate a board of managers and editors, which will be elected next week for the coming year. President Griggs expressed his appreciation of the work of the paper.

God's Music

Since ever the world was fashioned,
Water and air and sod,
A music of divers meanings
Has flowed from the hand of God.

In valley and gorge and upland,
On stormy mountain height,
He makes Him a harp of the forest,
He sweeps the chords with might.

He puts forth His hand to the ocean,
He speaks and the waters flow—
Now in a chorus of thunder,
Now in a cadence low.

He touches the waving flower-bells,
He plays on the woodland streams—
A tender song, like a mother
Sings to her child in dreams.

But the music divinest and dearest,
Since ever the world began,
Is the manifold passionate music
He draws from the heart of man.
—Temple Bar.



Our Sanitariums

The prevailing ignorance among ninety per cent of our population in regard to the proper care of our bodies, as relates to matters of diet, exercise, dress and general habits, is certainly appalling, and results in the handsome support of a vast army of thousands of physicians at the expense of a suffering and unhappy public.

It is a fact that the strain and stress of this twentieth century life too often crowds from our minds the study and consideration of matters that are of vital importance to our welfare and happiness. The present day farmer devotes vastly more energy to the study of the care of his stock than he does to the rearing of his own children.

As a rule, we give too much atten-

tion to methods directed only toward relief from a tinge of pain and fail to recognize the sufferings as Nature's voice calling to our attention the violation of some one or more of her unchangeable laws. If more time were spent in the correction of wrong habits and the encouragement in our lives of correct habits of eating, dressing, sleeping, exercising, etc., much greater and more permanent results would be appreciated. Our sanitariums are in reality schools of health where the principle that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is given practical demonstration.

During these dull winter months it would be well for you to plan a visit to one of these institutions and learn how to increase your possibilities of usefulness, as well as happiness; and also learn how to best discharge the sacred duties the Lord has placed upon you as fathers and mothers.

Should you be in need of medical or surgical attention or advice, get in touch with one of our sanitariums at once.

Chas. E. Rice,
Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.



Nebraska Conference

J. W. Christian, Pres. Pearl E. Jones, Sec'y
E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Agt.
College View, Nebr.

The Nebraska Conference opened its thirty-fourth annual session on Thursday evening in the Seventh-day Adventist church at College View. After the opening exercises, consisting of song, reading of the ninety-seventh Psalm, and prayer, fifty-two delegates, representing sixteen churches, responded to the first roll call.

On motion it was voted that the Executive Committee of the conference place in nomination lists of names for the usual standing committees. This action having been anticipated, the chairman submitted nominations, which with slight changes were adopted, resulting as follows: Committee on Plans, Elder B. L. House, G. A. Williams, P. A. Field, E. M. Oberg, Meade MacGuire; On Licence and Credentials, H. R. Johnson, E. T. Russell, L. B. Porter; On Nominations, C. H.

Miller, Soren Nelson, L. B. Johnson, F. M. Burg, S. A. Twing.

Two meetings of the conference were held on Friday, when several reports of departmental secretaries were rendered. The Committee on Plans submitted a report, several items of which elicited quite a full and free discussion.

On Sabbath morning Elder J. W. Christian preached a stirring sermon from the words, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." It was pointed out in a clear, forcible and convincing way that the prohibition in this command covers more than what is ordinarily termed blasphemy or taking God's name in vain in ordinary swearing. Every act in the life of one who has taken upon him the name of God which in any manner misrepresents His character, is bearing His name in vain.

On Sabbath afternoon a symposium service was held in the tabernacle, when each worker in the conference spoke briefly. This was a service of unusual interest, which, although continuing about two hours, was not wearisome to the large congregation present.

The German Work in Nebraska

Since October 1, I have spent most of my time working in and around Norfolk. Besides holding meetings with our people in Norfolk, I succeeded in securing the use of a schoolhouse in a German Lutheran settlement, about five and one-half miles west of Norfolk. Here I held eighteen meetings, speaking on three evenings each week. In this time I presented all the vital points of the message. There is also a Lutheran church at this place, and its pastor at first threatened to make trouble, but his church members seemed to have no fear of him, even daring to buy sixteen copies of "Ministry of Healing," four copies of "Controversy," three copies of "Bible Readings," and quite a number of our small books and a large number of tracts. The seed is now sown, with a bright outlook for the harvest.

Besides working here, I visited some of our scattered brethren in Royal, Banner, and Hooper. On my way from Lincoln to Norfolk, I called on a young man at Bennington who has been studying the truth since last spring. He became interested through reading some of our literature which fell into his hands. He now rejoices in all the light that has been given him.

Since I returned from Norfolk last

week, I have enjoyed holding a number of meetings with our brethren in College View and also in Lincoln. Through the efforts of a brother who recently accepted the truth and joined the German church here, a nice little company in the west part of Lincoln has become interested in the third angel's message. They are accepting the light as fast as we present it to them. Though they are fully convinced, yet they have not as yet seen their way clear to observe the Sabbath, but we expect they will soon.

The work among the Germans is going steadily forward, though the work among these people is much more slowly accomplished than among some other nationalities, as they take time to weigh every point very carefully before they will change their former views. During the time which the German work in this conference has been under my care (beginning in the fall of 1910), fourteen Germans have fully accepted the truth and joined with us.

May you join with us in thanking the Lord for His goodness and granting us the privilege of helping to spread this precious message.

R. Schopbach.

Sharing Our Papers

Alice I. Teeple

As I have been visiting among the different Sabbath-school companies and isolated believers in our conference during the past year, I have found a number of our people who are without a supply of our denominational papers. In some cases there was not a paper coming to them to help to keep their love for the truth and the brethren burning brightly.

In some cases, these people were those who had met with reverses of finances through crop failures or other causes, some were widows with uncertain means of support, and others were sisters whose families were not with them in the truth. These people would many times appreciate the papers even more than those who have them.

I have thought it would be a nice plan if some of our people who do not desire to keep their papers on file would mail certain ones of their periodicals to these less fortunate ones each week or two weeks. I know of several places where *Reviews* would be appreciated, also the *Instructor*, *Little Friend*, *Life and Health*, *Signs* (weekly and monthly), *OUTLOOK*, and some of the German or Scandinavian papers.

If those who would like to engage in this kind of work will send me their names and addresses, with the names of the publications they will send, I will send you the names of the people who want them, so you can mail the papers to them each week.

L. B. Schick

On Sunday night, December 24, we closed a four-weeks' series of meetings six and one-half miles north and one mile west of Bartley. In September, Brother Chancey Premer started meetings here in the Free Methodist Church. At the end of two weeks, they did not care to let him use the church any longer, and as Brother Premer wanted to get back to school, the meetings closed. Three had taken their stand with us as a result of these meetings. It was my privilege to be present and preach the last two evenings.

The brethren felt that more work should be done in this place, so on November 26 I returned and started meetings in a schoolhouse one-half mile north of the church that Brother Premer used. Excepting a few evenings, the weather was good, and the attendance was very good.

Elder House was present about two weeks altogether, and his sermons were very helpful and greatly appreciated.

The meetings were closed Sunday night, December 24, the subject being the "Two Covenants."

The meetings were a help to those who took their stand in September, and two others have declared their intention to walk in all the light.

The Lord's work is onward, and the honest ones are being gathered out to meet the coming King.

Pray for the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Denmark and Danneborg

C. A. Thorp

It was my privilege during the week of prayer to visit the above two Danish churches in our conference. The members of the Denmark church all live in the country quite a distance from any town. They have a neat church building, centrally located, where they meet for worship on the Sabbath. We had meetings every day, and most of the members came regularly, although some were not quite through with their corn husking. As we dwelt on the instruction in the readings for the occasion, all felt the need of seeking the Lord and reconsecrating their life to His service.

At Dannebrog the church is small. One family has lately moved away. They have no church building there. We held the services at the home of Sister Elizabeth Neilsen. Some lived so far away that they could not be present once. At the last Sabbath, the offerings were received, and all expressed a desire to be faithful and stand by the Lord's cause. On Sunday, I held a meeting in English for the benefit of a lonely sister who very seldom has occasion to hear a sermon.

East Kansas Conference

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W. H. Clark

It having been some time since I have given a report through the *OUTLOOK*, I will contribute a short article to say that the work is onward where my lot has been cast. Having spent seven months with the church and tent work in Kansas City, it was thought best that I spend some time with some of the other churches in answer to the many calls for help. It was with regret that I left the work at Kansas City, but with missionary spirit and leadership, they are able not only to care for themselves a short time, but do much for those outside the fold.

Sister Bergquist, the Swedish Bible worker, has a goodly number of promising readers among both Swedes and Americans.

During my stay there, with the support of the church and workers, some were added to our number and followed their Lord in baptism. Yet we must say how little has been done in such a needy field, for darkness with its many sins is destroying many souls daily.

It was decided that on leaving Kansas City, I should answer a call for a series of meetings in the church at Ottawa. Accordingly the effort was started Sunday evening, December 3, with a good attendance, and a number have become interested, but how they will receive the testing truths is what we are anxious about now. Elder Kennedy has assisted several evenings, and we regret that he must go to other places.

We hope and pray and ask that all join in our request that we may be able to finish the effort and see souls saved by the time the Union Conference and institute begins, that we may meet with the other laborers at that time.

From the Lowe Church

We of the Lowe church of Chautauqua County, Kansas, are few in number, and live at quite a distance from each other. One brother lives in Oklahoma, one brother and two sisters in Cowley County, Kansas, and four families of us live within a radius of eight miles here in Chautauqua County. Three of these families are organized into a Sabbath-School, and hold regular meetings at the residence of Brother Jesse Phillips.

At the present time we have a membership of fourteen adults and eight children. During the week of prayer each family had a copy of the Week of Prayer Readings, and read them each evening in their families, and had their seasons of prayer. The Lord came near and blessed us as we bowed before Him round our family alters.

The first Sabbath it rained all day, so we did not meet together. But the last Sabbath was a lovely day, and we were all out, and had a good meeting. The Lord's presence was felt in our midst, and impressed us deeply with a realization that His coming is very near.

The children of our Sabbath-School were each given five cents last spring with the understanding that they were to give the income from their nickles as a missionary offering this fall. They entered heartily into the plan, some planting potatoes, others peanuts, mellons and tomatoes; each tending their own garden. The fathers and mothers counselled and helped them to dispose of their crop.

The season was very hot and dry, so that no potatoes or peanuts were raised, but the mellons and tomatoes withstood the drought, and when a little five-year old boy passed the basket for the offerings, the little girl who planted the tomatoes put in \$1.50 and the little boy who raised the mellons \$2.00 into it. We trust all will feel encouraged to try again. May God bless the children.

Mrs. E. A. Phillips, Clerk,
Lowe church, East Kans. Conf.

A meeting of the ladies of the Oswego S. D. A. church was called at the school house at three o'clock, December 17, for the purpose of organizing for service. The aim of the society is to be a prayer band, to do missionary work, and educational work on lines of healthful dress, healthful cooking, physical culture, etc. The meeting was opened by Sister Olive McGee-Leech. After a little talk

from Sister Leech we had a prayer service in which several of the sisters took part. The society was named "Christian Help Circle," and officers were elected as follows:

For President, Mrs. M. A. Nickel; Vice President, Mrs. Nanna Mattox; Secretary, Mrs. Grace E. Smith; Assistant Secretary, Bessie McComb; Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie White. Mrs. Jessie Wells and Mrs. Mary Cannard, with the officers, were chosen to be a committee on plans and program. It was decided that there would be no refreshments served at our meetings which will be held at our respective homes on Thursday afternoons of each week. I have been visiting the colored people here with "Family Bible Teacher." I have at present fifty-five homes on my list, the majority are deeply interested. Am praying for a colored minister for this place.

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Canvassing Notes

E. T. Wilson

A card from Jesse E. Miller states that he has sold 750 *Watchman* for November and December, and used 100 Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, and is now looking for 375 January *Watchman*. Brother Miller says, "This is a good work, and I wish there were more at it." We all say, "Amen, Brother Miller."

Two good letters have just been received from the home workers of Kansas City, which were full of courage. One of them says that three are keeping the Sabbath as a result of Bible studies given in connection with her canvassing. I might add in this connection that this sister keeps house, having a little boy in school, and has meals to prepare for her husband, so if there are others having a few hours each week, I am sure they could not be spent more profitably in any other way than by placing literature in the homes of neighbors and giving Bible studies.

Brother James Leach writes concerning his delivery just before the holidays, that he delivered all his books, and that he sold an extra book he had on hand, also six Bibles. He says further that the people were anxious to get the books. Let us pray that they may be read, thus being a savor of life unto life, or death unto death, to those who have purchased.

As we now enter upon the new year, may the Lord lead each of our workers, both home and field, in such a way that more may be accomplished than in the year that is past.

"The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has intrusted to us. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side.

"Among the members of our churches there should be more household labor, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature."—Vol. 9, pp. 126, 127.

West Kansas Conference

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Good-bye, Old 1911

M. G. HUFFMAN

We are indeed sorry to have you leave us, but notwithstanding this, we thank you for the many blessed privileges and golden opportunities you afforded us in which to better prepare for eternity by way of improving the talents lent us by the Lord.

As we survey the past year, we doubtless can call to mind many neglects, shortcomings, and misgivings, for all of which we feel exceedingly sorry. But to spend the time of the new year, 1912, brooding over past mistakes would be a sad blunder on the part of us all. The only reasonable and legitimate thing we can do is to ask the Lord to pardon and forgive us wherein we came short in 1911, and renew our covenant and consecration with Him, and welcome the new year, 1912, with gladness, and praise God that we still live and have the privilege to labor in His vineyard.

The year 1912 comes to us with clean, blank pages. We can write upon them what we will. While we can not claim perfection, we can, like Paul, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We have great reasons to be thankful to God for the avenues He has opened up through which this blessed truth is reaching all nations in this generation.

Never before in the history of this denomination have we seen so many of our young people, full of life and enthusiasm, entering into this work to assist in carrying the everlasting

gospel to earth's darkest corners, with clean minds and consecrated hearts and bodily vigor, as at the present. Both sexes are entering the gospel field as ministers, teachers, editors, Bible workers, canvassers, physicians, nurses, and to serve in other ways.

And never in the history of Seventh-day Adventists have we had so many and grave responsibilities confronting us as those for the year 1912. All this calls for sincere devotion and thanksgiving on the part of every true lover of the truth, and a surrender to the Lord that will be full and complete.

Praise God for His great plan of salvation. This gospel of the kingdom has now belted the globe in its onward march, as it is being sounded to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

God grant that we may do all in our power in the year 1912, both by our prayers and means, to bring the light of the third angel's message to those who are sitting in darkness, that the great controversy between good and evil may soon be concluded, and thus bring our blessed Lord to take His people home, that where He is, there they may be also.

Nineteen hundred twelve, we welcome you with all your possibilities and liabilities.

Elder S. S. Shrock

The Lord gave us a very blessed annual meeting with the Shaffer church December 16. Four more dear souls were baptized. The old church officers were re-elected. Perfect unity and harmony prevailed. The closing days of the week of prayer here were very similar to the opening days at Nekoma. These two churches will enter upon the new year in excellent courage. But we all need to watch and pray. The interest in our meetings in Brother Jacob Wagner's schoolhouse is excellent. Brother Wagner and his dear family are doing all in their power to make this meetings a success. The Lord will not leave such kindness and cooperation unrewarded.

Week of Prayer at Wichita

H. L. Shafer

This was a blessed season for the church here, as most every one expressed himself as having received great spiritual blessings. Some who had backslidden were reclaimed, and others were strengthened. It had

been previously arranged by the conference committee that a series of meetings be held in the church, and it was thought best to begin the meetings at the commencement of the week of prayer, therefore on Sunday evening, December 10, the meetings were begun. I continued the meetings alone until Wednesday, December 13, when Elder Sutton came to assist, and continued with me until Sunday, December 24.

We continued the meetings until last night, December 31. We believe much good was done by this effort.

The officers for the church were elected for the year 1912 without a dissenting vote, and the church starts on the new year in perfect harmony and in good order for work during the year.

We ask an interest in the prayers of the OUTLOOK family that much good may be done in this city this year by the church that God has ordained to give the light to this dark world.

South Missouri Conference

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Elder M. Mackintosh

Doubtless many are wondering when we are going to bind off the work here, so that we can visit some of the churches. Brethren, God is doing a great work for us here in Cole Camp. Could you have been in our prayer meeting last Tuesday night, you would have known that our heavenly Father is fulfilling His promise to visit His children in these last days. Beloved, the blessings of God are offered in "infinite plenitude." What wait we for?

The enemy has bitterly contested every inch of the ground. Had we closed our effort at the end of seven or eight weeks, as is the custom, we should have had nothing to show for our labor. Therefore we continued fifteen weeks. Until the last month, the other ministers have not ventured to come out openly and preach against the truth, but have done their utmost to keep the people from hearing it, telling all manner of falsehoods about us and our work. The success attending the preaching of the message has stirred some of the preachers to take the field openly. Of course, we realize that "they know not what they do," hence we pray, "Father, forgive them," and in our replies seek to manifest that gentle-

ness and meekness so characteristic of the "Son of man." Brethren, it is the love of God that wins. Already the deacons of the Congregational Church have notified their pastor that he must cease his abuse of us, or lose his position. Since the editor of the local paper and his wife have taken their stand with us, we are able to reply to some of the charges made against us through the newspaper, and so reach people that we could not get the truth before from the platform or privately. We have baptized twenty-five, and hope for that many more. Our Sabbath-school attendance is between forty and fifty. All are anxious for a part in the finishing of the work.

St. Louis

ELDER C. J. KUNKEL

The week of prayer, with its impressions and blessing, is in the past, and the future must reveal its results. The straight testimony and the character of the readings in general were timely, and made definite impressions upon all. Earnest seeking after God was engaged in, and our hearts were made tender as the Holy Spirit witnessed to the truth. As the call was made in the German meeting for re-consecration, all excepting one arose to their feet, and we have reason to believe that they meant it. The gifts are not as large as we are used to in the north, but considering the circumstances, we feel encouraged. The English church gave thirty-eight dollars, and expect to increase that amount. The German church gave thirty dollars.

The Bible class which Elder Trubey has organized to train church people for work started at the first meeting with eighteen members.

Wyoming Conference

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

Notes

Asa Smith

Elder Hale spent last Sabbath with the church at Minatare.

Elder Fritz gave an illustrated Bible lecture recently in Mitchell to an interested audience.

Paul Curtis is still holding forth at Carpenter, even though the enemy is aroused to oppose. Some are interested, and we hope some good will result from the effort.

We still have a number of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* on hand, which will be sent free to any one who can use them to good advantage for missions. How many can you use? Address Wyoming Tract Society, Crawford, Nebr.

We have been unusually busy since the first of the month. We still need the annual report from a number of churches before we can make the statistical report. Please send yours in at once and not only oblige us at this office, but also greatly assist in the work above us which must be delayed for our report.

The following statement shows the tithe received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1911:—

Churches in Nebraska

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Bridgeport | \$293.16 |
| Broadwater | 47.10 |
| Conference Church | 37.77 |
| Crawford | 690.30 |
| Gordon | 418.99 |
| Hemingford | 305.51 |
| Lisco | 360.28 |
| Midway | 83.49 |
| Minatare | 302.02 |
| Mitchell | 263.46 |
| Pleasant Valley | 220.47 |
| Whitney | 56.20 |
| Total | \$3078.75 |

Churches in Wyoming

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Beckton | \$ 550.86 |
| Cheyenne | 112.17 |
| Conference Church | 123.00 |
| Garland | 126.17 |
| Lander | 142.91 |
| Sheridan | 1583.35 |
| Sheldon | 281.38 |
| Encampment | 205.00 |
| Total | \$3124.84 |

Churches in South Dakota

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Bellefourche | \$502.30 |
| Conference Church | 218.99 |
| Custer | 143.61 |
| Hill City | 29.20 |
| Marcus | 211.28 |
| Deadwood | 468.68 |
| Oelrichs | 140.05 |

Total \$1714.11

Miscellaneous\$588.73

Total receipts, \$8506.43

\$300,000 Fund

D. U. Hale

For three years the \$300,000 Fund has been before our people. This fund, as most all understand, is for

the purpose of building homes for our missionaries in those sickly climes where proper homes for health can not otherwise be obtained. In a recent *Review*, you, no doubt, noticed that some of these long-needed homes are being built. Some are already built and occupied. Also some of the publishing houses are running, and some of the sanitariums are in operation.

Wyoming has done well on this fund. Some have given as much as \$100 and some \$50. This has reduced the amount until there is not much left to be made up to finish our part of the fund. There is something less than \$400 yet to raise. We have been wondering if our brethren in the conference were not ready to finish this and let our faithful missionaries have this money, that they may have some of the comforts of home. They are depending upon us to supply them with the necessaries of life. How glad we are that we at home may have a part with them in this work. Let us count some of the comforts and pleasures that we enjoy that they do not have, and let us divide with them.

Some of us have given largely, but can we not add a little more and finish this gift? Some have given nothing as yet. Do you not want a part with the Saviour in this special offering? The Saviour said that He gave to every man his work according to his ability. He gives the missionaries the work of personally presenting the message to the people. He gives us at home the work of supporting them and supplying their needs. A few with their \$25 and \$50, and then a large number with their smaller donations, would finish this last \$400 quickly. Why can we not finish it by the end of February? If you can not give a large amount, then give what you can. God says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Has God blessed you and given you freely of His grace, then freely give to His cause both of service and means.

To give freely does not always mean a large amount. The poor widow only gave a fourth of a cent, but it was more than the sums given by the wealthy in their large donations. She deprived herself of the necessaries of life in order to give. The sacrifice made it large in the Saviour's eyes. Will you, my brother, my sister, give as freely? May God help you to make up your mind at once, and let us finish this offering before the end of February.

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West Colorado Conference

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Missionary Volunteer Institutes

W. M. Address

During the last week of December, two profitable Missionary Volunteer institutes were conducted in the Western Colorado Conference. The first was at Delta and the other at Palisade. A goodly number of young people were gathered at each of these places, and the Lord was there by His

Elder MacGuire was present at both institutes, and his timely instruction was much appreciated.

While the attendance at Delta was not large, yet those present seemed to

be anxious to learn better how to carry on the work of the Lord.

At Palisade, where the Western Slope Academy is located, the young people of the school and from nearby towns had gathered, and the three days spent together were most profitable ones to all who were in attendance. Many helpful suggestions were gleaned from the topics considered, and it is to be hoped that these will be placed in practical use by each society.

As the old year drew to a close and the new year was being ushered in, the Spirit of the Lord came very near, and many of the youth were led to seek the Lord earnestly for a new experience in the things of God. About twenty-five of those present who had been on the background during the past year renewed their consecration, and are determined to go through to the kingdom. More than sixty, including both old and young, pledged themselves to read the Bible through during the present year.

At the close of the institutes, all re-

turned to their homes with a greater determination to be true to the Lord and to work more earnestly for Him.

Visitors to College View

By the time this paper reaches its readers, College View will be entertaining a large number of visitors. Several days ago, the advance guards of our general men began to arrive. Our bookmen, who usually take time by the forelock, are on hand making preliminary preparation for a "Bookmen's Convention," which is to occupy one hour each day during the workers' institute. The following general bookmen, with a number of state agents of the Northern and Central Union Conferences, have been in conference several days: H. H. Hall and James Cochran, of the Pacific Press, Mountain View and Kansas City respectively; N. Z. Town, assistant secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department; A. Cone, Pacific Union agent; W. R. Beatty, North Pacific Union agent; F. E. Painter, Northern Union agent; W. L. Manful, West Canadian Union agent; and C. G. Bellah, Central Union agent.

Two car loads of delegates and visitors from the Northern Union Conference arrived just as this paper was to go to press, and visitors from various parts of the field are arriving for the conference and institute.

The Colorado Sanitarium Food Co., of Boulder, Colo., now offer their doubly refined and de-odorized white cooking oil at the following prices: 1 gallon, 90 cents; 5-gallon can \$4.00; 25 gallons, 77 cents per gallon; in barrels of about 55 gallons, 62 cents per gallon.

Cooking Oil for Sale.—For \$4.00, freight prepaid, I will deliver, in 5-gallon cans, anywhere in the Central Union Conference east of Denver and Pueblo, Colorado. For five cans or more, \$3.90 per can. For eight years I have supplied our people, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with the best grade of cooking-oil. Am glad to say that it has given general satisfaction. Address R. H. Brock, Box 629, Kissimmee, Fla.

It is a grand thing to find joy in one's work. If you have found that, you have found the heart of life. Glad service is better than great service, unless that be glad, too.—James Buckham.

Elder S. S. Shrock

A happy new year in God and the "blessed hope" to the OUTLOOK family.

The last two months in the service of the Master have been among the most blessed months of my life, and I enter upon the duties of 1912 in good health and excellent courage in the speedy triumph of the message.

Courage, fellow-workers in the Central Union.

The Washington-Lincoln Number of the Signs

The front cover depicts a touching scene in the home life of Washington.

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Washington and Religious Liberty, by M. C. Wilcox, is an article of historical and practical interest. It gives George Washington's attitude toward those who in his day observed the seventh-day Sabbath. His letter to the Ephrata community of seventh-day Christians is given, and it well supports the practically universal belief in the greatness of Washington. It may be said to be George Washington's "declaration of religious liberty."

Lincoln and Liberty, by A. O. Tait. Another great man and the principles that go for genuine greatness.

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There are others, with the usual good line of current topics.

Well illustrated.

This number is sure to take well with the people, and is an unusually good one to work with.

Many letters received at the office tell of many blessings received during the week of prayer. We trust all have received blessings that will enable us to render better service in the coming year than in any of the past.