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

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I'd come before His mercy-seat,
And cast me prostrate at His feet,
And plead for holiness complete,
And peace and joy within.

—Wm. Brickey.

Not Yet Too Late

T. E. Bowen

As the time for the Harvest Ingathering for missions was placed earlier than usual this year, it is not yet too late for those who for any reason have not yet been able to go out, to still do so. Splendid reports are given by those who have been among the first to reap the fruits of joy and blessing bound up in this opportunity. Perhaps one or two of several that might be given, may be of encouragement to all.

The missionary secretary from South Dakota writes:—

"In a small town of only a few hundred people, where a series of meetings had been held last year, with only one person accepting the message, the writer spent one hour visiting eight people with the Harvest Ingathering Mission Signs, and received \$9.75. Every one of those called upon gave something, the smallest donation being twenty-five cents, and the largest \$3.00.

"In another town, in about three hours' time, \$15.65 was obtained from a portion of the business district; one person, a physician, who had been interviewed a year ago for the same purpose, contributed \$5.00 immediately. It is believed that he, having read the missions paper of the previous year, had become informed of the great need of means for the foreign work, and needed no explanation this year when the journal was presented. Another business man

gives \$5.00 each year as he is interviewed with the missions number.

"In about six hours I secured \$32 from business sections in three small adjoining towns. As my stay in each of these places was necessarily short, the resident sisters promised to continue and finish the work of calling upon the rest of the people in the town with the mission Signs. By the Lord going before to open the hearts of the people and sending His angels with the solicitors to strengthen them and give them words to speak, there will surely be a rich harvest ingathering this year. I expect to go out again in a few days."

The Pacific Press office closed one day, giving all an opportunity to go out in near-by towns with the journals. Concerning it they say:—

"The success of the local campaign this year is better than any previous. Not nearly as many papers were used, but there was more careful distribution, and very few papers were given away without securing some offerings to missions. All feel that this is the better way to do. About \$200 has been reported so far, and there is assurance that much more will come in."

Since writing the above, Brother Knox brought in a letter just received from the bank here in Washington through which the greater portion of the funds pass on their way to the fields, containing a check for \$250 as their gift to missions. This is in response to a letter and a copy of the missions Signs.

So far there is every prospect of a very successful effort this year among the people in behalf of missions. Surely all will want a part in it, and still it is not too late to share in the good experiences to be enjoyed.



Alone With God

Alone with God one single hour
When sorrows press my soul,
That I may feel the Spirit's power
To cleanse and make me whole,
Is worth a lifetime spent in play
Among the giddy and the gay
Who throng the broad and slippery
way,
Where Satan has control.

Alone with God to meditate,
And feed upon His Word;
Upon His providence to wait,
To trust and prove the Lord,
That I may learn His sovereign will,
And hear His gracious, "Peace, be
still!"
And all His pleasure may fulfil,
According to His Word.

Alone with God I fain would be,
From all the world shut in,
Till I can gain the victory
O'er each besetting sin.

The Danish-Norwegian Seminary

Chas. Thompson

It is not the purpose of this article to give a history of the Danish-Norwegian Seminary. This has been done by others and at different times, until its history and purposes are well known. Besides, it has passed two years of successful work.

The school is now entering upon its third year. It opened with more than fifty students, and everything bids fair for a successful term. The farm has produced well this year. Its products, both for man and beast, are a valuable asset to the school. Some much-needed improvements are being made upon the buildings and campus. The faculty are of good courage, and the students courageous, studious, and well contented. In many ways, this seminary is a model school, and deserves the loyal support of all, especially the nationality it represents.

The purpose I have in contributing this article is to make an appeal to the people, especially to those who have unpaid pledges, to relieve the institution from the burden of its indebtedness. I know the report has gone out that the institution is free from debt, but this report was made counting the pledges as cash. But there are several thousand dollars in pledges not paid, and the institution is struggling with more than \$6,000 liabilities, most of which is drawing interest; and the management can not meet these liabilities with unpaid pledges. Therefore we are compelled to use the funds needed for running expenses or borrow from banks and individuals to meet these obligations.

Therefore I want to appeal to all who have pledged to the institution and not paid to endeavor to do so at the earliest possible date. There are doubtless many who have not pledged nor donated anything to this school who have it in mind to give something later. To such we plead for that gift now. Now is the time we need help. We have a great desire to present the seminary at the next General Conference free from debt, with no unpaid liability upon it. We appeal to those who have unpaid pledges, and all others to cooperate with us in this effort.

God has blessed us this year with a bountiful crop, and never in the recollection of the writer have commodities been marketed at so good a price as now. Surely we are situated so we can help. May God inspire us to do so, and DO IT NOW.

The Northern Union Conference

Association holds the title to this property, and the treasurer of the union will be pleased to receive your contributions, and promptly receipt for them, and place them to the credit of the institution. May God help all to do their duty is my prayer.



Union College Prayer Band

Mary H. Moore

The "Open Letter" addressed to the patrons of Union College, which appeared recently in the *OUTLOOK*, has appealed to me more than anything else has for a long time, and I hereby pledge myself as a member of the Patrons' Prayer Band, and name 9:15 a. m. as the hour which seems to me the best.

I have been a patron of Union College for five years, and all that time I have made the school a special object of prayer. Often as I have knelt at the hour of prayer, I have seemed to see, as in a vision, rising like a cloud of incense toward the mercy-seat, the prayers of fathers and mothers pleading for God's blessing on the school where their precious children were being trained for usefulness.

This prayer band makes a blessed reality of this vision, and I most earnestly hope that all patrons of Union College will unite and "press together," and at the prayer period at 9:15, when faculty and students are seeking the Lord, our united petitions will truly ascend as incense to the heavenly temple.

Last year, several patrons of the school met at this hour during the week of prayer, and for weeks previous at one of the district meetings united prayers had been made that every student in Union College might be converted.

Who can say that these were not potent factors in gaining the rich blessings that crowned that season? We may have even greater victories this year.

"The brilliancy of the Bible depends on the setting we give it in our lives."

"Our influence takes no holidays and keeps no Sabbaths."



South Missouri Conference

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Great Missionary Program

P. G. Stanley

The keynote of the advent movement is to carry the gospel to all the world in this generation. During 1910, Seventh-day Adventists gave in total contributions for evangelistic work in all lines, \$21.27 per member. This is probably the highest average per capita paid by any religious body of people for similar purposes in the world.

The greatest missionary enterprise, perhaps, ever arranged by this people was set in motion at the beginning of this year in an effort to raise for missions fifteen cents a week per capita for every Adventist believer in the world. Frequently programs are arranged in which only a select few take part; but this plan is unique in that the church, and every member of the church and of the Sabbath-school, is given a place in the program, which is to raise funds for carrying the third angel's message to all the world.

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 327. The gospel commission to carry the advent message to all the world in this generation assigns to each and every believer of the message a place in this movement. "As surely as Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in the heavenly mansions," just so surely are we each given a place in this program, that we may do our individual part in giving our quota to missions. By concerted action, and by every member performing his particular part, this undertaking will be a success, and the world will be warned and Jesus will come.

Each union and local conference, in taking its place in this evangelistic enterprise, has a definite membership with which to carry out its part. As officers of the conference, church, and Sabbath-school, our particular part is

to lead out in this missionary movement and encourage each member to be faithful in doing his duty.

To this people has been given the greatest missionary undertaking in the world. It is to be "cut short in righteousness," and finished in this generation, and the entire membership of this denomination is called "to the help of the Lord" in finishing work.

"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Jer. 48:10. "Cursed are those who fail to respond to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23.

If we fail, it is because of unfaithfulness, and to be unfaithful is to lose a full reward. 2 John 1:8. "The reward given to every man will be in accordance with the persevering energy and faithful earnestness with which he performs his part in the great contest." Vol. 4, p. 35.

Gleanings From My Office Mail

Mrs. F. A. Washburn

To-day's mail brought encouraging reports from the work in the different places in the conference.

Elder Mackintosh says that he baptized fifteen last Sabbath. Among the number was one lady eighty-one years old and another one seventy-five. They had never been baptized nor belonged to any church before. He also states that others are getting ready for baptism.

Elder Schroeder says he left a fine interest in Versailles,—one keeping the Sabbath and two families studying. He will now hold a few meetings at Woolam.

Elder Terry's letter tells us that there were fully 300 out to the meetings the previous night. He is now on the Sabbath question, which we all know is a vital point, and let us remember the work at this time at Fristoe. Some are deeply interested in the truth.

Brother Willis writes in regard to the colored work in St. Louis. He says that the Lord is blessing the work there, and they had baptismal service the 5th inst., at which time seven followed their Lord in baptism. Two others expect to be baptized later.

We are certainly glad for these good reports, and hope that our workers will report every week. Surely the Lord is with this people, and the honest in heart are being sought out.

Elder Stanley was called to Nevada Sunday to preach the funeral sermon of Brother Labier's son.

While there he held some very profitable meetings with the church.

Clinton

M. Mackintosh

The Lord is blessing our effort here in Clinton. Twenty-seven have been converted and baptized. Nine of these are German Seminary students, and eighteen of them, people from the city who have been attending the tent effort. We are now using the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and expect to have another company ready for baptism in a couple of weeks.

Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y
H. A. Fish, Field Agt.
CRAWFORD, NEBR.

Knight, Ft. Steele, Laramie, and Cheyenne

D. U. Hale

We left Crawford Tuesday morning, October 15, for Knight, Wyo., to visit Brother Hatten, whom we had been promising a visit for some time. Knight is simply a depot between the hills on the Union Pacific Railroad. The post office is in the depot, and there is no store there; neither is there any wagon road. We climbed the mountain on foot and down into the Bear River Valley. We were not long in finding Brother Edgar Hatten, who came with a buggy to meet us. He took us about fifteen miles further up into the Uinta Mountains. The elevation at Brother Hatten's ranch is about 8,000 feet above sea level, and thirty miles farther south the mountains rise to nearly 14,000 feet. There was snow on every side, and at Brother Hatten's woodpile there was quite a bank.

Brother Hatten and family are holding the standard of truth high, and by their lives and faithfulness are keeping the message before their neighbors. They are also using some tracts and papers. In my visits and in the meetings held it was manifest that these things had kept the interest up. Our scattered Sabbath-keepers who are strictly living the truth are surely God's light-bearers to their neighbors.

On our way home, we stopped at Ft. Steele. Brother Hess was away on business, but we had a pleasant visit in his home.

We spent Sabbath, October 23, at Laramie. The people who took an interest in our meetings in the summer are still friendly, and those who

were keeping the Sabbath are still faithful. We had a very interesting meeting at the home of Sister Hooker on Sabbath.

Sunday we spent most of the day at Cheyenne. We had a pleasant visit with Brother Fleming. Doctor Nelson is just as enthusiastic as ever. Several came together at Sister Frazier's, and we spent a very pleasant evening together with our Bibles. They are pleading for some one to help them out. They have organized a Sabbath-school, and are rejoicing for that, but they are anxious for a worker.

We are now at the Hemingford school. Professor Thomas is going on with the improvements as fast as the means come in with which to do it. We hope our brethren will help us to get the heating apparatus in before hard winter begins. There are eleven in the home now, and we must keep them comfortable.

Our plan now is to spend Sabbath, November 2, at Whitney, and then go to Sheridan for the general meeting there, November 5-10. Our next point from there will be Garland, in the Big Horn Basin, and Landor, before coming home.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Elder Hale left the office last week for Knight, Wyo. Word from him to-day reports that he is not able to hold many meetings, as about seventeen inches of snow have fallen there. Knight is located in the southwestern part of the state of Wyoming, where Elder Kirkle held meetings a year ago last spring.

One of our isolated sisters, who is past seventy years of age, sent us \$25.00 for the thirteenth Sabbath offering for missionary homes in China. Up to the present date there has been received on this offering more than \$125, and not all reports are in yet.

N. W. Nesmith completed his delivery of "Patriarchs" in the northern part of Dawes county last week.

H. A. Fish returned to the office last Thursday, and in the evening left for Whitney, Nebr., where he spent the Sabbath, returning Sunday and going on to Newcastle this morning, October 21.

Elmer Gilbert has been compelled to return from Union College to his home at Lander, Wyo., on account of his mother's health.

Marion Smith, who is holding down a claim in Oelrichs, S. Dak., called for a short time at the office while on his way to his home from Alliance, where he has been working in the potato field for a few weeks. Brother Smith comes from Chamberlain, S. Dak., where he has been employed for some time as engineer in the Chamberlain Sanitarium.

Mrs. L. B. Hall was in the office last week, and we learned that her son, Elder O. A. Hall, who went to China about three years ago, has just been located at Nanking, where he is to have charge of a school for the training of workers. We always feel especially interested in Brother Hall's work, as he grew up from childhood here at Crawford, Nebr.

Mrs. Verne E. Stewart, formerly Miss Nancy Bland, a Bible worker in this conference, returned last week from a five-weeks' visit with relatives in Kansas and Missouri.

A letter just received at this office from Miss Sylvia Barrett, who left her home at Newcastle, Wyo., about three weeks ago, states that she arrived safely at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City, Cal. Her train was delayed about eight hours at Needles, Cal., and delayed again for a number of hours at Barston in the Mojave Desert, so that she was eighteen hours late in reaching her destination.

Wyoming Intermediate School

P. V. Thomas

The first month of school is past, and it has shown a steady growth in attendance and good work. The present enrolment is twenty-six, and we are expecting a few more.

The students are aiding in the work of improving and repairing the buildings, and are doing their best to get them in good repair as soon as possible. They are greatly pleased to have their private rooms improved, and are willing to aid to the utmost of their ability, and are learning many lessons in practical repairing that will be of use to them in later life. Some of the boys are becoming fairly proficient painters and paper-hangers.

Our Friday evening prayer and social meetings have been well attended, and the Lord has been near and blessed us in our little gatherings. Hearts have been impressed, and we are praying that the Lord will bless our efforts to the saving of

souls. We are thankful for the Lord's special blessing, and are grateful for the privilege of being workers in His cause.

West Kansas Conference

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From The Field

M. G. Huffman

Some time has elapsed since I have reported anything to the OUTLOOK; not because I have had nothing to report, for I have been kept busy all summer and fall. After our camp-meeting at Salina, Elder Nott and I pitched the tent again in Salina, but failed to get a hearing, caused mostly, if not wholly, by the cold nights following the heavy rains we had the latter part of the camp-meeting; hence we took the tent down and stored it away.

In harmony with the recommendation of the conference committee, I am now laboring among some of the churches in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Thus far, I am thankful to say that I find a hearty response from the brethren and sisters to the plan of raising means by which the glorious message of the soon-coming King may be carried. I am sure that all who love the truth are anxious to see the work close up, that we may all go home. We now have another glorious opportunity by which to raise means to help carry and spread the last message of warning to a wicked world, that the honest in heart may hear and have the privilege of accepting the truth for this time, and thus be subjects of God's everlasting kingdom. The Harvest Ingathering campaign is an opportunity. Have you ordered a good supply of the papers? If not, why not order them at once and put them in the hands of the people and ask for large contributions? God help us, one and all, to take hold of this work in that way and manner that God's blessing may attend our efforts.

Elder N. T. Sutton and I have been holding a short series of meetings in the Palco church. The Lord blessed, and we have had some good meetings. We go next to Turkville for a few days.

Kansas has yielded a bountiful crop of nearly everything this year, hence if we will but put forth the proper efforts to get the Harvest Ingathering paper in the hands of the people, and ask for large contribu-

tions, we may expect great things from the West Kansas Conference this year. May the Lord bless all our efforts to the salvation of souls for whom Christ died.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

H. L. Shafer

I am glad that once each year all our people have a chance to do something in getting our work before their neighbors and friends. There are some of our people, during the greater part of the year, who are doing but little to get our message before their neighbors, excusing themselves by saying, "There is nothing I can do." But in this Harvest Ingathering campaign an opportunity is afforded all our people to work, and none can consistently say, "I can not do it," for even the little children can engage in this work.

Only a day or two ago, a boy nine or ten years of age came to my door with a number of copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, and told me about selling a copy to his teacher in the public school and to others, and after soliciting me for a donation, off he went with haste to visit other homes. I watched the earnestness he showed as he went from house to house. I am glad indeed that there are none too old or too young to engage in this grand and noble work.

Some seem to think that it is begging to ask for donations for foreign missions. Let us not feel that it is wrong to ask our friends to return to the Lord a part, at least, of His own in offerings to bless others.

I wish all would read the lesson taught us in Luke 11:5-8, and then I believe we would not feel backward in asking for something to give to those in need.

Surely our friends in heathen darkness are in need of the bread of life, and shall we refrain from asking our neighbors for a donation to send them a few "loaves"?

Then, too, when we ask them for a donation, do we not give them full value for that which we receive? Who can estimate the value of the matter contained in one of these magazines? I heard many encouraging words spoken last year by those not of our faith in regard to the articles contained in the Harvest Ingathering papers. Two years ago, I went to a man, not a Christian, asked him for a donation, and he gave me \$5.00, saying, "Will that make us square?" I thanked him and told him it would. Last year I went to the same man and asked him for a donation, giving

him another paper, and he asked me how much I wanted, and I told him whatever he felt willing to give, so he gave me \$2.00.

So we see that the people are more willing to give than we are to ask. Oh, let us lay aside our timidity and go forth in the strength of our God to do the work given us at this time.

Why not bring in a larger donation for missions this year than ever before and hasten the work to its triumphant close?

An Episode

M. G. Huffman

The brethren and sisters of the Paleo church becoming anxious to get their children out of the public school into the church school, made necessary arrangements for a school at Palco, hired their teacher, and were ready to begin the school September 20, but they were disappointed in getting the first teacher they had employed; hence the beginning of the school was delayed one week, in order to get another teacher. In the meantime, the county superintendent of the public schools learned that the Adventists were going to start a school of their own. He became greatly agitated over the matter, and came to our brethren and served notice that they could not start a school and that the children must be in the public school within five days, or they would be summoned to appear in court to answer for the violation of the school laws of the State of Kansas. But the brethren felt that they were acting in harmony with the state laws, and went right on with the school. October 24 the parents of the children were subpoenaed to appear before the probate judge to answer to the charges brought against them. The county attorney refused to attend the trial, as he regarded the efforts to stop the school as rotten to the core. The probate judge said that he preferred to have a private hearing in his office. After he read the charges preferred against the brethren, he asked if they were prepared to defend themselves. To his questions they replied that they had violated no statute laws, hence were not guilty. Mr. Osborne, the attorney employed by the brethren, told the judge plainly that he had no case, and that if he did not so decide, he (Osborne) would carry the matter to a higher judge than himself, and left the room.

It is said that the probate judge is a Catholic. Some straight questions

were put to him as to whether or not he meant to discriminate between the Catholic and Seventh-day Adventist schools, which are both denominational. The judge, who was inclined to favor the charges preferred against our brethren, after quibbling for nearly two hours, decided to leave the subject open, and told the brethren to go ahead with their school, with the request that they do what they could to maintain and keep the school going.

How long Seventh-day Adventists will be privileged to continue their schools in this country, God alone knows. May the Lord help us all to do what we can to aid our dear children in getting a Christian education, and thus prepare them to help finish the work for this time, and at last be subjects of the everlasting kingdom.

By request of the brethren, Elder N. T. Sutton and the writer were present at the trial, at which we gained a new experience which will doubtless be of benefit in our work in the future.

Sister Eva Wren is now teaching a school of seventeen pupils, and seems to be giving satisfaction in every way. Elder Sutton and I have visited the school twice, and I can truthfully say that I never saw a better disciplined school. May God bless the school at Paleo, and may the experience through which the brethren have just passed be an incentive to help all to stand by and maintain the school.

Office Notes

N. T. Sutton

Elder H. L. Shafer is building a house near the Hill Academy.

Albert Bullock is thinking of taking up the canvassing work in the near future.

Prof. H. G. Leffingwell has moved to Rifle, Colo. He is teaching school near that place.

Brother D. J. Dotson expects to enter the canvassing work in about three weeks.

Brother B. H. Shaw writes from Herndon: "I have held two public schoolhouse meetings already, and have begun studies in the homes. The field is ready here, and I want to let God use me to gather some sheaves for the heavenly garner."

Sister Maude I. Davis, writing

from Wichita, says: "I am back to my old field of labor." Sister Davis has been visiting her parents since camp-meeting.

The horse scourge which has been raging in west Kansas has almost abated. It has left about twenty thousand dead horses to mark its trail.

A brother has sowed thirty acres of wheat this fall, the proceeds of which is to be used for the advancement of the cause of God.

North Missouri Conference

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Harvest Ingathering Campaign at St. Joseph

C. J. Kunkel

Sunday night, October 27, the young people and children rendered a very acceptable program. The church and the little hallway were filled with attentive listeners. The program lasted about one and one-half hours, excellent attention was given, and we could not have wished for better order. At the close of the meeting, a donation of nearly \$10.00 was given for foreign missions. This we consider very good, when we remember what donations in popular churches for such purposes amount to; and as most of the visitors were from the outside, it confirmed in my mind their appreciation.

Sister Nellie Cogsgrow, the leader of the young people's society, worked for weeks with her co-helpers, training the children. Although it took much of their time, they all felt well repaid when all went off so nicely.

The decorations were of the usual kind, but they were evenly distributed, so as to have a pleasing effect. One feature we must mention, however. The words, "Harvest Ingathering," were placed on a wide board over the rostrum, made of split ears of corn, which drew the attention of all.

The exercises were opened with remarks in which mention was made of our organization and work in foreign fields.

We have reason to believe that good impressions were made, and as we give due recognition to the ones participating, we give all praise to our Saviour.

Blythedale

J. M. Beams

The public effort at Blythedale closed October 20, having consisted of two series of meetings, held by Elder E. A. Merrell and myself before the camp-meeting, and Elder E. E. Farnsworth and myself afterwards. Seventy-six evening meetings were held without a break on account of bad weather.

The Lord gave us a good hearing throughout, and I closed with a well filled tent. Three new ones expressed themselves willing to walk in the light of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus at this meeting. This made fifteen in all who are willing to obey the Lord here. Brethren, pray for these, that they may prove steadfast to the end.

The citizens of this place were very kind. The donations, with the amount given by Brother F. M. Davis, fully met our expenses.

May the Spirit of God direct His work here in the future.

Elder E. E. Farnsworth went to Kansas City, October 25, to spend a few days in the interest of the work there.

I am glad to hear of the prospering hand of the Lord over His work in the Central Union Conference through the OUTLOOK.

East Kansas Conference

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Cassoday

A. B. Campbell, Jno. S. Yates

After several weeks' labor at this place, Elder Kennedy came and baptized three. Four others are keeping the Sabbath, who will very likely come into full obedience later.

Some of the members of the Eldorado church live close to Cassoday, so a Sabbath-school of seventeen members was organized.

The meetings closed October 13, but one of us will follow up the work for a short time, and we are hopeful of one or two more.

The Lord's Spirit is impressing hearts that this is the truth, and to Him be all the praise.

"The work of the world is done by a few; God looks for a part to be done by you."

Success will surely crown all noble effort.

Nebraska Conference

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Notes from the Field

J. W. Christian

According to appointment, I spent last Sabbath and Sunday at Creighton and with the believers west of Plainview. Friday night was spent in the hospitable home of Brother H. H. Pritchard. Sabbath morning we met in the home of Sister Youel for Sabbath-school and meeting. Our brethren drove as many as seventeen miles to attend this day's service. The Sabbath-school was of great interest to me. While some did not have their lessons very well, there was, generally, a hearty interest taken in the study. The secretary's report showed the collection averaged about eight cents per member for the previous Sabbath. That was very good. I wish all our schools would set themselves to raise on an average of at least five cents per member each Sabbath. That is not as much as some are doing now. These should not lower the good record that has been made, but those who fall below this should bestir themselves to something definite. It is not a high standard, and I believe we can reach it. What does your faith say in response to this? Let us do it.

The meetings following the Sabbath-school were full of interest. At the close of the last service, all but two arose to renew their consecration to God. The Spirit was present to subdue hearts. God's Word was very precious to all, and we went away feeling that it had been a blessed Sabbath day indeed. In the evening, I went home with Brother Anderson, the elder of the Plainview church. In this neighborhood we had three meetings on Sunday,—one in a schoolhouse eight miles west of Brother Anderson's, and two in the Lutheran church. The services in the church were well attended. We enjoyed great liberty in presenting the simple story of the cross. Souls were deeply affected, and we have reason to believe that good was done. An interest in the progress of the work rests in the hearts of the believers in this place.

The investment fund plan is much appreciated. Sister Pederson set apart all the eggs gathered on the Sabbaths between April 8 and the

camp-meeting season. She turned in \$12.61. This is splendid. Let others take note of this. Maybe you can do that next year.

Last night I spoke to the little company at Norfolk. It was a pleasure to see so many gathered in the upper room to hear the word spoken. Elder O. E. Jones had been there over Sabbath and Sunday, and had been of much encouragement to the believers. It is time, I believe, that we should organize a church in Norfolk. The different nationalities should meet together in church fellowship, at least for quarterly services; and I do not see why they should not meet every Sabbath, though they might have the Sabbath-school lesson in the different languages. Likewise, we might organize a church of the believers about Creighton. I think this should be done. We have three whole families in the truth here who are not holding membership anywhere.

I am on my way to Nickerson, where I will stop off and visit our people. I do so enjoy going in and out among those who love this message and talk with them about its progress. May the Lord make us all faithful to the sacred trust committed to us of carrying this blessed truth to all the world. It will take our best men, our sons and daughters, our money, but we shall receive of the Lord many fold in the world to come.

Our Missionary Volunteer Work

B. L. House

What a glorious meeting we would have if all of us young people could meet together, fifteen hundred strong, young men and young women, some married and some single, boys and girls, and all! We had a little taste of what it would mean while at camp-meeting, where over two hundred of our young people were present. Our Volunteer tent was so full every evening at 5:00 p. m. that it would hold only about two-thirds of the young people. The rest had to sit on the grass at the side of the tent.

But we are so scattered over this state, and only a few in a place, except in our schools at Hastings and College View, that letter writing is about the best means we have of being linked together as one big family, and many times we do not make as good use of this as we ought to do.

But how thankful we all should be that we have the same Comforter in the Holy Spirit, the companionship alike of holy angels, the same dear

Bible to study, and a knowledge of the same precious message of salvation through Christ, and the hope of His return in a few more brief years, and that we are pledged in loyalty to the same holy law that Joseph, Daniel, and the Hebrew children were.

Thus though we are separated by many intervening miles, we form a great army for Christ. We can all approach the same throne of grace at the altar of prayer, and our object in life is one; namely, working for and winning souls wherever duty calls, in the home, in the neighborhood where we live, in the school, or in distant fields of labor.

This reminds me of that inspiring statement from the spirit of prophecy which reads as follows: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."—"Education," p. 271.

My heart is burdened for our young people, that unitedly we might live more consecrated lives, that we might sense more fully our responsibility in the third angel's message, and break the bands that bind us to the world. For is it not evident that if we dress like the world, imitate or join them in pleasure parties, act like them, jest and joke like them, neglect the prayer and missionary meetings, neglect secret prayer and Bible study, and flock to the places of entertainment, very soon the world will say we are different from them only in name.

This is a danger that threatens all our young people, in our institutional centers, in the cities, and in the rural districts. And in many cases it is as true of us as of the popular churches, we are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." To stem this awful tide of worldliness, and aid those who desire to overcome, there comes to us at this time a mighty call to prayer, from the spirit of prophecy, from the General Conference brethren, and from all the true watchmen on the walls of Zion.

Prayer has awakened, and can and will awaken the whole world. From the entire body of consecrated believers there goes up a united, prevailing prayer, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit."—"Early Writings," p. 55, new edition. This is but the preparation for the reception of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It is only by prayer that we can, as young or old, overcome sin and keep ourselves unspotted from the world in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation.

The Reading Courses

I would invite you to read carefully the leaflet on the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses. It is one of the best tracts on the influence and value of good reading that you can find, and if you will read it, I know it will speak for itself. There is no better investment that you can make in your home for the winter than to place a few fresh volumes in your library and become better acquainted with the great missionary fields of China and Korea by reading the two books, "The Uplift of China" and "Daybreak in Korea."

You will be richly repaid in your Bible knowledge and Christian experience by studying those splendid volumes, "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Pilgrim's Progress." If you wish to know about the early triumphs of the cross in our own country, be sure to read "Winning the Oregon Country." Then from an educational standpoint, there is offered a very interesting book on our government, something new and different, entitled "The American Government." Why not improve your time this winter in reading these good books? Please order all or as many as you can of these books without delay, and follow the outlines in the *Youth's Instructor*, beginning October 1. The senior course begins with the book, "The Uplift of China," and the junior course with the book, "The Winning of the Oregon Country."

The Standard of Attainment

Scores of our young people should be making a careful study of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and of our special message along with our denominational history. Any who are desirous of knowing more about the Standard of Attainment examination should send three cents in stamps to your state Volunteer secretary for a tract telling all about it.

The examinations are now ready, and any who desire to take them should apply for them immediately. If you do not take them this autumn, they will not be given again until next spring. Remember we have only one Volunteer in Nebraska who has secured a Standard of Attainment Certificate, and we ought to have a hundred. This is not because it is so difficult, but because so few have studied and tried for it.

Reporting

Just a few words on reporting to all our young people, to secretaries of Volunteer Societies, and to all the

church missionary secretaries. We are very anxious to get full reports of the work of all our young people throughout the conference, and we must appeal to you to furnish the desired information. We will furnish free for the asking, monthly Volunteer report blanks for you to use among all the young people who love Christ and who will work for Him. From these you can make up your quarterly report to send in at the close of each quarter.

Please send in every quarter a full report of all young people's work to your state Volunteer secretary, B. L. House, 905 North California Avenue, Hastings, Nebr.

The missionary secretary should also combine this with the report of the whole church, and send it to M. E. Ellis, College View, Nebr.

Korean Investment Fund

When sending in your Investment Fund money, please send it to the conference treasurer, Miss Anna M. Peterson, 905 North California Avenue, Hastings, Nebr., and tell her whether it is from the young people or from the older members of the church. The Missionary Volunteers are raising money for medical missionary work in Korea, and their fund is known as the Korean Fund. All the rest of the Investment Funds go into the general treasury for foreign missions, wherever it is most needed. Please specify if the money is from the young people and is intended for the Korean Fund.

North Platte

C. H. Miller

The Lord has been working with us here. Sabbath, October 12, one dear soul was converted to God, and, together with one who had accepted the truth during the tent meetings, was received into the church, and baptized to-day, the 20th. Last Sabbath, one who has known what duty is for some time, yielded her heart to God. She is one of the leaders,—vice-president,—of one of the prominent lodges here. She has made a full surrender to God. She will be baptized soon. To-night two more surrendered their all to God. Pray for us that God's richest blessing may be with these dear souls.

Last Tuesday, I was called by telegram to Lisco to officiate at a wedding, which I suppose will be more fully reported by the Wyoming brethren, as it was just in the extreme eastern part of the Wyoming Conference.

