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

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The Best to the Master

C. R. Kite

"Give of your best to the Master,
 Give Him first place in your heart;
 Give Him first place in your service,
 Consecrate now every part.

"Give and to you shall be given;
 God His beloved Son gave;
 Gratefully seeking to serve Him,
 Give Him the best that you have.

"Give of your best to the Master,
 Naught else is worthy His love;
 He gave Himself for your ransom,
 Gave up His glory above;

"Laid down His life without murmur,
 You from sin's ruin to save;
 Give Him your heart's adoration,
 Give Him the best that you have."

It is not in the human heart to act in harmony with the above lines. There must be a regeneration, a new birth before the heart is willing to give the *best*. God gave the *best* to us. Shall we not respond with the best to Him? We may bring it to Him now. Some time it will be too late. Evidences are thickening all about us with convincing certainty that probation's hours for the human race will

soon end. From Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 14, I quote these solemn words:—

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars and rumors of wars. Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains. But while already nation is rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom, there is not now a general engagement. As yet the four winds are held until the servants of God shall be sealed in their foreheads, and then the armies will marshal their forces for the last great battle."

Look over the world, my brother, my sister. The nations are arming to the teeth. The war dogs are growling at each other. Now is our time to work,—in this brief period of peace. Now is our time to give the best to the Master.

From an article which appeared in the *Review* some time ago from the pen of Sister E. G. White I quote a few statements:—

"Something great and decisive is soon to take place, or else no flesh will be saved." "Desolation will soon reach all parts of the known world." "An insanity is upon men and women and is hurrying them on to eternal ruin." "All are now deciding their eternal destiny." "Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time and the nearness of the day when human probation shall close."

You may search the vocabulary of human language and where will you find words more stirring or presenting such great, vital, important truths that appeal to us for most serious and sober consideration. Surely there is a call for each one of us, first, to

place ourselves unreservedly on the altar of God for service; and, second, we shall realize that we are but stewards of this world's goods and that we hold them in readiness to His call. I have been deeply impressed recently that certain scriptures which we have been very ready to read and apply to other religious denominations and to the rich of this world, are more especially applicable to us as a people at this time. I was especially impressed with James 5:1-3. "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered: and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."

Sister E. G. White, in writing of this scripture, says: "I saw that these fearful words apply particularly to the wealthy who profess to believe present truth. The Lord calls upon them to use their means to advance the cause. Opportunities are presented to them, but they shut their eyes to the wants of the cause and cling fast to their earthly treasure. They give a little now and then to ease their conscience, but do not overcome their love for this world. They do not sacrifice for God. The work is closing; and soon the means of those who have kept their riches, their large farms, their cattle, etc., will not be wanted. I saw the Lord turn to such in anger, in wrath, and repeat these words: 'Go to now, ye rich men.' He has called, but you would not hear. Love of this world has drowned His voice. Oh, I saw it was an awful thing to be thus forsaken by the Lord,—a fearful thing to hold on to a perishable substance here, when He had said that if we will sell and give

alms we can lay up treasure in heaven. I was shown that as the work is closing, and the truth is going forth in mighty power, these rich men will bring their means and lay it at the feet of the servants of God, begging them to accept it. The answer from the servants of God will be, 'Go to now, ye rich men.' Your means is not needed."

Dear brethren and sisters, this is certainly a solemn warning. May the Lord help us to be faithful stewards and "give Him the best that you have."

Consecration to the Work

E. T. Russell

The year 1912, a year that has been history-making in the work of the message that we hold so dear, is in the past. At times it has seemed that some of the closing events of prophecy were to be fulfilled,—events which will just precede the coming of Christ. The hand of providence has been especially manifest in connection with the work for the months which are just passed, for which we praise God and take courage. Not only has His blessing been manifest in connection with His work, but it has also been manifest in His dealings with His people as individuals. He has visited many of His children and in an especial manner granted them His Spirit. He has also blessed them with health and with temporal things. Religion should concern itself not only with spiritual experiences, but with physical welfare. His people should express to Him their gratitude for every blessing. Preservation of health, prosperity, and an abundant harvest should call forth thanksgiving to God.

Our gifts to the cause of God show our faith in the message. We are stewards, and the time will come when we will have to give an account of the means with which we have been entrusted. A neglect of God as the source of all good is one of the steps in the languishing faith. When we cease to consider God as the Giver of every gift, we begin to wane. Prosperity should not lead to boasting, but praise to God. Shall we not show our heartfelt appreciation for every mercy by liberal offerings to His cause during the year 1913? Now is the day of opportunity. Let us improve it.

"The energy wasted in postponing until to-morrow a duty of to-day, will often do the work."



North Missouri Conference

E. E. Farnsworth, Pres. Allie Guthrie, Sec'y
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Marceline

E. E. Farnsworth

It was my privilege to spend December 19-24 with Elder French assisting in his work near Marceline. It is hard to give you a correct impression of the interests there. I am certain that I have never seen a field more open than is the territory for ten or fifteen miles south of Marceline.

During the summer, Brother French held a tent meeting in Marceline, and also a three weeks' meeting after campmeeting. Following that he held a series of meetings at Peden Chapel, four and a half miles in the country. Two months ago there was not a Sabbath-keeper at this place, and last Sabbath we had forty in attendance at the Sabbath-school. Of course many of these were children, but there are from fifteen to twenty heads of families keeping the Sabbath there.

Just recently a four weeks' series of meetings were closed at Westville, four miles beyond Peden Chapel, in a Union church. At the closing meeting every seat was taken, and the rostrum covered as well. Satan tried to spoil the work here by closing the church against any further meetings by our people, but this started an agitation in our favor, and excitement was running high when we came away. Without question the doors will again be opened to the truth.

Two or three other churches are open to us and the truth is the most talked of matter in the community. Every week some are accepting the message, and we have great hopes of a bountiful harvest. Pray especially for the work here.

St. Joseph

C. J. Kunkel

The week of prayer is past, and what use have we made of the opportunities? That is a record now. In some ways, this week of prayer was the best one I have ever spent. We cannot report of much outward demonstration, but certainly the Holy Spirit has made definite impressions

upon hearts, and we feel assured that we will not have many more feasts like this before our Saviour will come to make an end of all sin and sorrow. Let us all work to this end.

The first half of the week was spent with the Hamilton church. Sickness and other conditions prevented some from attending, but in the language of Doctor Porter I repeat, "we were always enough to claim the promised blessing," and we had it. We felt loath to leave when the appointed time came, for it is evident that the Lord had a grater blessing for us. Some more work needs to be done for that church, and we hope it may be so soon. I hear that about \$50.00 was given for missions, this is better than we dared hope from the few attending.

Elder Henning led out during the first part of the week in St. Joseph. His wide experience enabled him to add helpful remarks to the readings, which were much appreciated. Wednesday was my first day with the home church, and although the attendance was not what it might have been, we had some blessed hours together. How anxious the Spirit of God is to burn all dross out of our lives, and how slow we are to respond. On the other hand, as we open our very souls to Him, what blessed assurance we have that God is pleased with our desire to receive. These are some of the experiences recorded.

The collection from the St. Joseph church will be a little more than \$150. They say this is more than has ever been given for missions. We feel thankful for these omens of meeting the mind of God, and are looking forward for greater blessings which are soon to come.

Last Sabbath a brother and his wife were taken into church fellowship by vote. They came to our notice right after our arrival here, and we trust they will be a blessing to the work. We hope others will soon take a decided stand for the truth.

Palmyra

Mrs. Fogle

The Palmyra church enjoyed the privilege of having Elder Trubey with them during the week of prayer. A meeting was held each afternoon and the readings given in the *Review* were read and meditated upon, and at night preaching services were held.

The meetings were much enjoyed by all and we were sorry to have him go from us so soon, but we bid him God-speed in the work he has taken up at Hannibal, and hope that some time in the near future he will be with us again.

Field Notes

E. E. Farnsworth

Elder A. F. French spent the holiday week with his family at Hamilton.

We are sorry to learn that Brother J. C. Leer of Palmyra, has been laid up for nearly three months with a broken limb. He is still unable to work.

Elder J. W. Beams and family are spending a short time visiting their parents in Kentucky. It has been several years since they visited in Kentucky.

The best offering received during the week of prayer was one of \$200.00 from a brother and his wife. One hundred dollars' tithe also came with it. God will bless this faithfulness.

Brother William Whorton delivered \$240.00 worth of books just before Christmas. He made almost a 100 per cent delivery. He is planning to continue in canvassing work.

Brother and Sister Goss, formerly from this conference, who have been engaged in colporter work in Oklahoma and North Texas, are spending the winter near the Enyart church. We hope they will decide to take up the same work here in this conference, as we are much in need of workers.

The conference secretary and treasurer, Miss Allie Guthrie, spent several weeks at her home at Hamilton helping to care for her father who has been very seriously ill. Elder Wm. Guthrie, president of the East Michigan Conference, has also been at home with his father. The sad word has just been received that he passed away Dec. 29, 1912.

By invitation of the conference committee, Elder L. F. Trubey of St. Louis, is taking up work in this conference. It is planned for him to locate in Hannibal, and thus develop the work in the eastern part of the state. While waiting for favorable opportunity to make the change he assisted in interests in other places. He spent a few days with the Midway church.

Nearly all the churches were visited during the week of prayer by some worker. We hope to receive good reports from these meetings. We were favored with most pleasant weather. This gave opportunity for all to attend the meetings. In most places

the readings were held during the day, and public services held in the evenings. Nearly every worker would have been glad to have remained to follow up the interest created.

South Missouri Conference

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Be Courageous

P. G. Stanley

It is an old saying that courage is half of the battle; and certain it is that when one enters into the canvassing work without courage, he is quite sure to be unsuccessful. Before engaging in battle, the general usually talks to his men, and encourages them with the idea of victory. Defeat is not mentioned; but every word is calculated to inspire the men with courage, and give them confidence in their general and work in which they are engaged.

If courage is necessary for those engaged in an earthly battle, should not those engaged in the Christian warfare have courage also? "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Our commander is calling for a large army to go out in the world's great, white harvest with our truth-filled books to battle against the false doctrines, errors and deceptions of our time. And "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds"; and as we go out to battle, our commander gives us un-failing words of courage. "Be strong and of good courage." Josh. 1:6. "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed." 2 Chron. 32:7. "For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." Deut. 20:4. Is there a possibility of defeat when we go out believing the courageous words of our commander? "Now thanks be to God who always causeth us to triumph in Christ." 2 Cor. 2:14.

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load,
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's dawn,

That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that He no load too great

Will make thee bear.

West Colorado Conference

E. A. Curtis Pres. J. L. Humbert, Sec
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Canvassing Work in West Colorado

W. F. Surber

Brother Allen has finished his delivering for December, and reports a very successful delivery.

Brother Rowell, one of our faithful canvassers, is suffering from an attack of rheumatism, but his letters are full of hope and courage.

Brother Orr writes: "Well, I am still getting the orders, and am of good courage." He closes by saying, "Yours for better work."

Brother and Sister Baker are quite faithful, and their letters have that real missionary and self-sacrificing spirit which is full of courage and hope.

Sister Carpenter is canvassing for our small books, and is having quite good success. She writes of her good courage and love for the canvassing work.

Sister Mae Johnson has done excellent work with our small books, averaging \$2.50 per hour, but she has been unable to put in full time.

Brother Waters writes of his good courage and a determination, by the Lord's help, to continue in the good work. He is getting his first experience in the canvassing work.

We are of good courage in West Colorado, and have much to be thankful for to the Father above.

Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y
H. A. Fish, Field Agt.
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Shoshoni and Lander

D. U. Hale

After leaving Thermopolis, we went by stage over the mountains to Shoshoni. When we left there, the snow was falling. We had not gone far until we were in a blinding snow storm. This soon cleared away and we had a beautiful, but hard climb, to the top of the mountains. After dinner, at Bird's-eye, the half-way house, we descended abruptly to the plain below.

Brother Butterfield was there waiting for us, and we were soon on the way to his home. The four miles were soon passed and we had a comfortable night's rest after our wearisome ride. Brother Butterfield is

settled right on the bank of the Big Horn River, about sixteen miles before it enters the Owl Mountains. He has 1,600 acres, seventy of which are under irrigation. As his children are grown and are gone, he is alone, and would like to dispose of his place and get into the work. I spoke to him about the colporter's work, and he would be quite favorably inclined, if he could either lease or sell his place.

We went down to visit Sister Porter who has a claim, also a new family who, from work done by Brother Butterfield and Sister Porter, have just begun to keep the Sabbath. We appointed a meeting at a neighbor's house, and several were present. All paid good attention to the truth spoken. Thanksgiving day we spent the time giving the truth to outsiders. Our souls were fed, and we enjoyed more than a Thanksgiving dinner. Do not get the idea that I missed my dinner, for Sister Porter had just given Brother Butterfield and me the best there was to be had, prepared in a most appetizing way. The Saviour expressed my feelings in John 4:34. When the disciples were begging him to eat, He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

We arrived in Lander Thursday evening, about 9:30. Brother Pearson was there to meet us, also Brother Gilbert's son. We spent Friday writing and visiting. On Sabbath and Sunday we held excellent meetings. In our business meeting on Sunday there was a putting away of differences and a coming together, until before the meeting closed, the things that had been hindering were all out of the way, and after the close there was a more brotherly feeling than had existed for a long time. The Spirit of God can surely work wonders for souls when they are willing to yield themselves to Him.

I reached the office on Monday, where we spent the day catching up with our correspondence. The next day was spent at Hemingford, after which we began our work for the week of prayer.

West Kansas Conference

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Gypsum, Kans.

A. S. Bringle

While enroute to answer a call six miles southwest of Gypsum, Saline County, Kansas, I visited the Canton church on Sabbath, November 30, and held three meetings in the school-

house where it had been my privilege to hold a series of meetings some three years ago. Brother Jacob Miller assisted me by interpreting some few things, so that certain points would be understood. Some of the young people who gave their hearts to the Lord three years ago are still faithful; while some have married out of the truth. In the meetings for the English, who are outside people, a greater interest to hear than I ever saw in this place before was manifested, and I was urged to return and hold meetings. While there, I made eight visits, held four meetings, and three Bible studies. On Monday, December 2, the brethren arranged for me to go to Brother B. W. Maxwell's, near Gypsum, and begin meetings in a schoolhouse. I found that Elder W. L. Nott had begun meetings in that place on the evening of December 1, so we worked together, advertising and visiting until the sixth, when Elder Nott returned to Salina. The meetings here have been attended by an average of about forty-five. The last Sunday night, December 15, the two-roomed building was full. There were 147 people present. The subject was, "The Second Coming of Christ." All seemed very much interested. With some there is a spirit of inquiry, and I am trying to yield myself into the hands of the Lord, that the truth may have its way. December 19, I began to hold meetings on the Sabbath studies. Pray for the people who are in "the valley of decision." Pray for the laborers in the field, that God may give His message through his servants, that souls may be redeemed.

From the Field

M. G. Huffman

Since my last report to the OUTLOOK, I have labored at Vesper, Turkville, Palco, Hill City, and Bird City. The Lord blessed, and we had good meetings. At Vesper, the severe rain storms hindered us from holding public services, but we held some Bible studies, and met with good results. One man, not of our faith, after studying the Bible with him and his family, said that he felt impressed to give something to help the cause along, hence handed me ten dollars for tithes.

At Turkville and Palco, it was my privilege to be associated with Elder N. T. Sutton in labor, and I appreciated the opportunity to thus be connected with Elder Sutton for a time, for I feel better acquainted with our president. We had good meetings while together.

While at Hill City, I preached in the Christian Church and attended one union temperance meeting in the Presbyterian Church.

November 12, I came to Bird City and held a few meetings in the church there, after which, by an earnest request of the people, I went nine miles north of Bird City and began a series of meetings in the United Brethren Church, with a fair attendance and a good interest. I had held meetings in the church but one week when I received a telephone message from Bird City, by a member of the Brethren church, saying that I was doing harm in the neighborhood by bringing in a division among the people. The people advised me to go ahead with the meetings, which we did for another week. At the end of the week, we received a notice that a meeting had been held, consisting of the presiding elder and a legal majority of the trustees, and that it was unanimously decided that the Brethren Church could be used by other orthodox denominations when not in use by the United Brethren, by obtaining consent of a majority of the legal board. But the so-called orthodox denomination known as the Seventh-day Adventists are excluded from the use of the Brethren Church, for the reason that they destroy the legalized national Sabbath. Then the secretary of the conference added the following: "When Christ came into the world He was crucified and rose from the grave on the third day, hence a new Christian era was institute and the old Jewish Sabbath, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, was done away with and our Sabbath (the legalized national Sabbath) was instituted from the morn of the resurrection. Of course, we are to believe the whole Bible, but from that time on we have had what is called the new dispensation. Hence this is the belief of most of the orthodox churches. I hope this will set you all right in your minds again."

And while we left the church and went to the schoolhouse a few rods distant from the church, we are glad to say that many were led to see the fallacy of both the actions of the brethren and the arguments made in behalf of the spurious Sabbath.

Several in the neighborhood had been studying the Sabbath question and kindred truths before I went there, and after hearing the third angel's message for the first time by the living minister, six took their stand to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, three men and their wives; and a number

of others seem to be on the point of obeying.

During the week of prayer, I spent the time with the brethren and sisters in Bird City. We met for the reading at 7:00 p. m., and at 8:00 o'clock we had preaching services.

Sunday night, December 15, the Methodist minister and his congregation came to our church; hence we had a full house. A number in turn have become interested, and we believe, with some more labor with them, they will take their stand with us to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

I am now holding some meetings in a schoolhouse seven miles southeast of Bird City.

Brethren and sisters, remember the work here in your prayers.

Notes

N. T. Sutton

The auditing board met in Hutchinson, Dec. 31.

Elder S. S. Shrock reports four persons baptized at Collyer.

Elder W. L. Nott is holding meetings in a school near Salina.

Elder A. S. Bringle is holding a series of meetings near Gypsum.

Three of Brother Shaffer's Bible readers have commenced to obey the truth.

Elder M. G. Huffman reports six persons obeying the truth at Bird City.

Brother B. H. Shaw reports some at Herndon ready to unite with the church, and others who are not fully decided.

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Creighton—Wakefield

L. B. Porter

November 24 I went to Creighton, and after visiting one day with those of our faith who live in the city, I spent the balance of the week with those who live in the country. I found them very busy husking corn, a pastime which they did not refuse me the

privilege of enjoying with them. This liberty I accepted and worked a whole half day.

I then went with Brother George Pritchard and family to Brother Passer's home where we enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. After dinner a couple of hours were spent in singing and talking of the rapidity with which the message is closing. Then the guests dispersed and went home.

The next day we drove fourteen miles to Creighton to attend a Sabbath-school which is being held at Sister Youel's home.

After Sabbath-school and meeting we repaired to the bank of Brazill Creek, where Sister Youel was baptized. She is one of the four who embraced the truth when Brother Cook and I held meetings there a year ago.

Sunday evening, December 1, I went to Wakefield and stopped over night with Brother Dudley Lockwood. I found them rejoicing in the truth. Here I obtained a horse and buggy and visited some others who are rejoicing in the third angel's message.

Three of these date their religious experience to the meetings held at Allen this past summer by Brother Bates and myself.

Wednesday, December 4, I spoke on the subject of baptism at the home of Mr. Fred. Care where a goodly number had gathered to witness the baptism of Brother and Sister Lockwood.

After dismissing the meeting at the water, we were cordially invited to the hospitable home of Mrs. Care. After dinner Mr. Care kindly took me in his automobile to Wakefield, where I caught a train for home.

The New Year

O. E. Jones

Since our good camp-meeting at College View, I have visited about twenty-five churches and companies. I have been very much encouraged with the earnestness and zeal manifested on the part of our brethren and sisters. During the week of prayer the interest was especially good.

As we enter upon the new year, my courage is good. With all heaven interested in the remnant church and its work, why should we not feel encouraged? May we all ever look unto Jesus who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Let us keep the standard high, for it is written "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Beaver City

W. B. Green

The week of prayer is past but its influence will never be lost. The little company here in the city, met at the home of Sister Mathews, each afternoon at three o'clock.

The Lord came very near, especially on the last Sabbath, when all, after consecrating their lives anew each day to the Lord, gave as did the Macedonian brethren. They gave what they had and then gave themselves. The offering amounted to \$13.13. This represented but part of the church. Those living in the country met at the church and we have not heard from them yet. December 14, a number of the little company here attended a revival meeting at the Brethren Church of this place, and were surprised to hear a forceful sermon on the second coming of Christ, coming as it did from one who knows not the truth. It cheered our hearts, for it is another evidence that the Lord will make a short work in the earth, and that the message is running ahead of His people. May the Lord help us to keep pace with it. We watch for the OUTLOOK as a letter from dear ones at home.

Nebraska City

Elsie Forsberg

The company at Nebraska City had the pleasure of having Elder Finister with them on Sabbaths during November. The last Sabbath he was with us, November 23, he baptized two persons. Others who wish to study the truth more fully will be baptized later. We hope that tent meetings can be held here next summer as there are quite a few interested. We are all of good courage.

Among the Churches

B. L. House

Since my last report, it has been my privilege to visit the church and church school at Decatur also the believers at Tekamah. I held seven meetings at these two places and found the believers clinging to the grand, old message; but in need of some encouragement. There was a very fine company of young people in this church, but only a few of them have made a full surrender of their hearts to Christ. There was a good outside attendance at the night meetings held in the Decatur church. This is the oldest church in the state and at one time had over a hundred members, but it has been a long time since a series of meetings have been held there and the brethren

are very anxious to have such a meeting held.

I spent one day visiting the church school and enjoyed very much getting acquainted with the boys and girls and seeing them at work. Miss Roxy Rollins, of Indianola, is doing thorough work in the school room as instructor. Oh, that all our boys and girls could study from such text books, and have such Bible lessons as our church school children do.

I have also spent a few days at each of the following places,—McCook, Holbrook, Hastings, Kearney, Sartoria, and Oconto. The believers were of good courage, with but very few exceptions, at all of these places. Every place I visited, the brethren and sisters were hungry for more work to be done to build up the precious cause of truth. This is a good omen, for surely it is high time for all of our people to awake to an earnest missionary campaign in behalf of the unsaved about them. The ministers are doing all they can, but all the church members must work too, and scatter the tracts and papers wherever they can find a soul who will read. Why not have camp-meeting in our soul all the time, and make every week, a week of prayer?

At Oconto they have a prosperous little church school with Miss Era L. Prusia as teacher. Although the school is small the children are making rapid progress, and are enjoying their work.

I have just returned from Freedom, a place twelve miles from the railroad, north of Bartley. Brethren Paulson and Premer have held a series of meetings there and fourteen are keeping the commandments and have given their hearts to God. Others are in the valley of decision. It was my privilege to baptize nine of these dear souls on Sabbath, December 21. There were four men, three women and two young ladies.

Another man and his wife expect to be baptized soon, and the other three have been baptized. I spent nine days among these people, preaching and visiting among them. I never was treated better any place I have ever been and we truly have seen the droppings of the latter rain. Heaven has been made to rejoice, the hearts of the workers are glad, and precious souls have been born into the kingdom of grace. May heaven's richest blessing rest upon all our dear laborers is my prayer.

"The reason most men do not achieve more is because they do not attempt more."

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1912-1913

B. M. Emerson

The year 1912 has drawn to its close. One more year has passed into history. A splendid time, this, for retrospection. Have each of us made the most of our God-given opportunities? Have we embraced every opportunity of giving this message to the world? As the new year is ushered in, we must greet it with a determination to improve and to profit by our past mistakes and lost opportunities.

We are living in a fast age. People must have a rapid way of transportation. Motor cycles, automobiles, express trains, and even flying machines are none too fast, and, just as fast, we are rushing into eternity. God in His goodness has permitted you and me to live at this time. He has allowed the light of this great message to enlighten our pathway. He has entrusted to us the greatest trust ever given to mortals,—that of giving the third angel's message to a dying world. Could the Lord have trusted us with anything greater? Are we faithful to our trust? Are we doing all we can to promulgate this great message? Each one has a work to do where he is, but what about the foreign lands? All can not go there, but some must. Those of us who are in the homeland are to put forth a strenuous effort to support our loyal self-sacrificing missionaries.

The General Conference committee, after looking over the fields and counseling over the matter, made an estimate that it would take fifteen cents a week per member from each Seventh-day Adventist to keep our foreign missionaries in the field. Accordingly, we are asked to donate such an amount. Of course, no one is limited to this, as there are those who can and will give several times this amount. No one should feel that they are being assessed by the actions taken by the General Conference, but rather that it is a God-given opportunity to help spread this message. As a denomination, as union conferences, as local conferences, as churches, as individuals, we fell several thousand dollars short of this mark. Let us all begin early to make our record of giving to missions during 1913—one that one year from now we shall look back upon with pleasure.

Among the Churches.

J. S. Hart

Sabbath, November 23, I was with the church at Blair. We held one public meeting, and a few came a long distance to meet with this little company of believers. This was my first visit at this place, and they all appeared to enjoy it very much. I found a pleasant home at Sister L. Fulton's, and before leaving I visited all the Sabbath-keepers in the village.

I visited Fort Calhoun and found a few faithful Sabbath-keepers in the place. In the evening, we all met at the home of Sister Sada Golds, and had a Bible reading on the power of God as manifested in the threefold message to prepare a people for the coming of Christ.

From this place I went to Iowa, my old field of labor, and visited several churches in the state. After the Sabbath service at Osceola, Brother C. W. Neal, with whom I had been acquainted for many years, invited several to take dinner with him. As we gathered around the long table, so well furnished with plain and healthful food, it seemed like old times to us who had been so long in the message, and as we talked of the coming of Christ, our hearts were made to rejoice, and we could say, Come, Lord Jesus, and come quickly.

Coming in on the Home Stretch

The following words of courage and good cheer come to us, accompanying the closing remittances of funds for the year 1912, from various conferences in the union. Up to the time of this paper going to press, the remittances from Colorado and Nebraska had not come to hand. Next week we will give the complete report of all funds received from the conferences in the Central Union month by month for the year.

Asa Smith, Treasurer, Wyoming Conference

"I am enclosing you a check for \$1520.11, to be applied as shown by the accompanying voucher. We feel very grateful indeed that the Lord has moved upon the hearts of His people to return to Him that which is His in tithes and offerings. This is the largest annual offering we have ever had and our Sabbath-school offering for the past quarter beats all previous records."

Elder E. A. Curtis, President, West Colorado Conference

"I write you a line this morning to say that we expect to make a remit-

tance to you to-day of the full amount of our fifteen-cent-a-week, tithe to Central Union Conference, per cent to missions, sustentation fund, and monthly payment on Union College teacher's salary. We are very glad to be able to do this. It seems almost a miracle to me, in view of conditions in this part of the country."

Brother J. A. Neilsen, Treasurer,
Western Colorado Conference

"This remittance will give us a credit of \$39.64 above fifteen-cents-a-week per member. If you could see our president you would see him wearing a smile. And the battle for 1913 has already begun."

E. Harris, Treasurer, West Kansas
Conference

"I am sending you our remittance for the close of the year. Am happy to send you such a large amount at this time, and we believe you will feel just as good about it as we do. We are sending you the full amount of our tithe for the year, both to the Central Union and the General Conference. You will also see by this statement that we have gone way beyond our apportionment of the fifteen-cent-a-week per member. West Kansas has made a record this year."

A New-comer

The *Boulder Sanitarium Messenger*, Volume One, Number One, is the title of a 16-page, with cover, magazine that came to our desk a few days ago. In the first article "New Year's Greeting" by Dr. H. A. Green, one can read the broad smile on the face of the genial doctor. Dr. Kate Lindsay's article entitled, "Why the Man was Foundered and the Horses Were Not," is full of suggestions concerning the care of the body, clothed in the doctor's unique and forcible way of putting health proverbs. It is worth much more than the passing reading. Mr. Frank E. Eckel, secretary-treasurer of the Boulder Commercial Association, in an article headed "Boulder, Colorado," sets forth the beauties of Colorado in general, and of Boulder in particular, as a place to be desired by the health-seeker. "Practical Pellets" by Dr. Mary J. Webber, "Notes and Letters from Absent Nurses," by Grace E. Mitchell, and "Notes from the Business Office," by E. J. Baker, help to make this first issue of the *Boulder Sanitarium Messenger* a live up-to-date magazine, a copy of which will be mailed to any address on receipt of a one-cent stamp to pay postage. Address Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium, Boulder, Colo.



Canvassing Bands

C. G. Bellah

The canvassing work in our schools is getting to be a permanent thing, and thus proving a very valuable asset towards the book work. Our schools were ordained of God to train canvassers, as well as ministers, teachers, Bible workers, etc., and they are nobly doing their heaven-appointed work.

A few days ago, Brother Painter, the Northern Union agent, H. A. Hebard, field agent of Nebraska, and the writer, spent a few days in Union College in the interest of the canvassing work. There was a hearty response from the students. The faculty assisted in every way they could. After three chapel exercises, a call was made for the names of all who wished to join the canvassers' band. A goodly number were handed in. We are sure that others will join later.

President Griggs met with us in the afternoon, when the band was organized and the leaders appointed. Meetings will be held each week throughout the remainder of the school year, and not only our leading books will be studied, but various phases of the literature work will be considered from time to time. By the close of school, we expect to see not only a very large class, but one of the best trained that has ever gone out from Old Union.

From there, in company with Brother Curtiss, manager of the Pacific Press in Kansas City, we went to the German Seminary. On arriving, a student asked what our business was. We replied that we were there to help in arousing an interest in the book work. He informed us that this could not be done, as already the interest was at about the highest pitch possible. We found this to be literally true. The very spirit of the school had prepared the heart of every student. I never saw a class of students more enthusiastic about the book work. We were there four days, and had not only the chapel time, but held several other meetings. When the call was made, ninety-four joined the canvassers' band. This is indeed very remarkable, with an attendance of one hundred and twenty.

Their work will be concentrated on

three books, "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," and "Daniel and Revelation," with members of the faculty as teachers. Every member of the faculty is very enthusiastic over the canvassing work. We are always sure of a full attendance when a canvassers' meeting is called.

The classes will meet each Wednesday at the chapel period. The German boys and girls are in school for business, and anything that will advance the third angel's message is sure of a hearty reception in the seminary. Every lamp in school is filled, hence is worth trimming.

Brother Manny, field agent of East Kansas, and the writer, spent a few days at the Strode Academy, Oswego, Kans. We held three meetings on Sabbath, then had a few chapel services. Professor White will do all he can to make the canvassing work a success in the school. A band of twenty was organized, with able leaders. This is an excellent showing, when we take into consideration that most of the students are of the younger class.

The work at Champion Academy, in East Colorado, and the Hill Academy, in West Kansas, will be organized later in the season. Thus we will have at least two hundred earnest young men and women in the schools of the Central Union Conference, who are taking definite studies, preparing for a vigorous campaign with our literature next vacation. Our hearts are greatly cheered indeed at the hearty interest and cooperation we are receiving from all the schools.

These students are receiving the higher education, as shown by the following quotation from "Manual for Canvassers," p. 68: "Let those who have been in school go out into the field, and put to a practical use the knowledge they have gained. The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education."

May God's richest blessings rest not only upon the faculty and teachers in each school, but upon the body of earnest, self-sacrificing young men and women who are doing their utmost to become "workmen that need not be ashamed."

An Appeal

C. G. Bellah

In a recent letter received from Brother Clarence Allen, a former student of Union College, who is now canvassing in West Colorado, we quote the following timely and stirring words:—

"I know I never appreciated before as I do now the absolute necessity of heeding the warning and admonition given in Testimonies, Vol. 9, especially the first one hundred and thirty-seven pages. I greatly marvel that our people can read them and remain inactive.

"Sometimes I almost feel that I am losing precious time, even in canvassing. It seems like I ought to spend much of it in urging others to join with us in finishing this great work. And I am trying, by letters and example, to get others to press in while the day lasts.

"Yes, indeed, the Lord's battles always go well. His banner is surely the best to march under. My only regret is that I do not know better how to place myself in the hands of the Lord to be used by Him. But since I have done my best, I know He will bless my work."

Dear reader, do you not want a

part in the closing work of God in the earth? Do you not want to have the power and spirit manifested by those out in active service? If so, write to your field agent immediately for further particulars.

Success

C. G. Bellah

Success does not depend so much upon the obstacles we run against as it does upon what runs against the obstacles. Do not be discouraged; work it off. When soured by doubt, instead of giving up, do as the yeast does—go to work. The devil can make a loafer do anything.

Brother William Whorton recently took \$65.00 worth of orders near one of our large churches. Some had told him that it would be impossible to do any successful work near there; but he went ahead anyway, and the Lord blessed.

Brother, sister, do you not want a part in the circulation of this truth-laden literature? This is the very best time of all the year for the book work. The evenings are long, and the rush of the summer's work is over. Write to your field agent for a prospectus and territory.

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*F. M. Green	P. P.	50	10	\$ 34 00	\$ 4 45	\$ 38 45	
Leo Green	P. P.	38	3	11 00	19 00	30 00	
E. A. Green	Miscel	10			6 10	6 10	
Mrs. E. M. Peebles	Miscel'	8			8 00	8 00	
†Mrs. M. A. Eldridge	Miscel'			28 35		28 35	
Agents 5		106	13	73 35	37 55	110 90	
South Missouri							
*J. H. Allred	B. R.	96	98	273 25	48 65	321 90	
*H. J. Heady	D.&R.	82	22	38 60	18 60	57 20	129 25
E. L. Wells	D.&R.	21	3	9 00	2 75	11 75	
†R. S. McLain	G. C. & D.&R.	54	11	13 50	9 80	23 30	170 90
†W. A. Clute	C. K.	75	29	43 50	14 70	58 20	42 90
*J. E. Bond	Small	86	80	44 50	4 15	48 65	
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West Kansas							
†Jesse Miller	D & R	85	14	52 50	16 60	69 10	2 25
*A. H. Bullock	D & R	22	4	11 00	1 95	12 95	
F. C. Clark	D & R						183 25
†Ada Reed	G. C.	45	2	14 20	25 60	39 80	16 55
Frank Trogdon	G. C.	7	3	9 00		9 00	
*H. E. Morton	B. R.	109	32	108 00	11 00	119 10	7 00
*H. B. Corwin	B. R.	42	3	17 00	3 00	20 00	14 00
†Henry Gross	B. R.	28	4	12 00	2 25	14 25	26 25
Hobart Jameson	B. R.	22	3	10 00	2 40	12 40	
Dell Dotson	B. R.	41	29	89 00	2 10	91 10	
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J. T. North	C. K. & H.	16	4	6 50		6 50	41 50
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