

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

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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 life time 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, he still!"

And all his pleasure may fulfiil, 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.

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.

To Work Among the Jews With Our Literature

F. C. Gilbert

After the Jew has read the first tract, he will want to know something of the people who are distributing such literature. Having been so bitterly abused by professed Christians during many centuries, he will want to know if this kind of teaching is similar to others he has heard of, which has resulted in the persecution and death of thousands of his kindred and many of his relatives.

The thing then to do is to give the Jews the tract entitled, "The Two Great Truths." This tract deals with the Sabbath question, and with the pork question. To a large number of pious, devout, orthodox Jews, porkeating and first-day observance are closely related. To them these two ideas are almost foundation stones of Christianity. When the Jews read that there are Christian people who observe the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Lord, and, at the same time, do not eat swine flesh, it will make, we are sure, a great impression upon their minds. It will break down prejudice. It will lead them to feel that perhaps they may not have been correctly informed as to what real Christianity is.

Having read this tract, the Jews will want to know more; perhaps some of them will feel that there might be some things about the true Christians different from those Christians they have known in Russia. Hence many will be glad to read further. The thing to do now is to place in their hands, consecutively, the Bible readings, 1 to 3, published in Yiddish and English, which make clear to them many things they know, but written from the standpoint of the fulfilment of the types, showing their fulfilment in Christ. We believe that with the blessing of the Lord, this line of educational work will mean much in instructing the Jews as to the real meaning of the Christian religion.

We must not blame the Jew for feeling unkind toward the followers of Christ; for the Jews have been so cruelly abused for centuries. Still the Word of God tells us that they must know this message; it is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The day will come when many of these children of Abraham will rise up and thank God for those Seventh-day Adventists who have unlearned them what they had supposed was truth for hundreds of years, and who have planted in their hearts the true message of God, which contains hope.

After the Jews read this literature, they will want to know other things of present truth. They will have many questions to ask, and we are sure the Lord will, by His Spirit, move upon their hearts to want to know the true way to God.

The Jewish Department will be glad to give any information it can along the lines of help, in working for the Jews, and all mail directed to the Jewish Department, South Lancaster, Mass., will receive prompt attention.

We hope that the readers will take hold of this matter, and interest themselves in this work. Here is a message which has come to the people of God recently:—

"In the closing proclamation of

the gospel, when special work is to be done for classes of people hitherto neglected, God expects His messengers to take particular interest in the Jewish people, whom they find in all parts of the earth."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 381.

Here we have the word that the messengers of God are to take special interest in the Jews. There certainly must be a reason for this; and we believe that God will give large results. May God bless His people as they take hold of this work.

Please do not send to the Jewish Department for these tracts. Send directly to your state tract society, or to the South Lancaster Printing Company, South Lancaster, Mass. This printing company has been authorized by the Publishing Department of the General Conference to issue literature for the Jews.



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

The Black Hills

D. U. Hale

Not long ago, one of our brethren who had been reading my reports, remarked, "I followed you to Lander, so now we will take a trip through the Black Hills." This was a profitable, as well as a pleasant visit.

Our first stop was at the switch sanitarium, where we found Brother Houseman waiting with his team of ponies to take us to his home. He is nicely located among the hills, which are topped off with piles of rock and pine trees. Brother and Sister Houseman are living out the truth in these hills, holding up the banner of the last service; yet their lives will surely tell on the side of Christ.

We left Brother Houseman's home, with the sun shining brightly, but before we reached Sister Hendrickson's, three miles away, we were in the midst of a driving snow storm. These spells of snow do not usually last long, but the snow surely falls rapidly while the storm lasts. We had a pleasant evening with Sister Hendrickson and family. They are much interested in their daughter who is attending school at Hemingford. We were glad to tell them that she is doing nicely.

We left Custer the next morning, with the sun shining nicely, but before we arrived in Deadwood, we were again in the midst of another snow storm. All seemed to be hungry for meetings, and the storm did not prevent our having meeting that evening. We were glad to see several of the neighbors present at this meeting. On Sabbath, several were down from Lead, and we had the quarterly meeting. After the preaching services that evening, we went with Sister Mozeter to Lead. On Sunday evening, several from Deadwood were present, and we had another good meeting. The members have moved away from Lead, until at present there is only Sister Mozeter and Brother Nelson. Sister Harper has come in from the ranch to spend the winter. They are calling loudly for a worker.

On Tuesday, we returned to Deadwood for two more meetings. On the last evening, the meeting was held in Sister Thoen's parlors. A number of her neighbors and friends attended. Among them were one of the popular church pastors and his wife, and the editor of the daily paper and his wife. They seemed much pleased with the meetings. The way seems open for good work to be done here. We hope to be able to place a worker in the Black Hills soon. At Belle Fouche the company is almost broken up by removals. They need some help, as there is an interest among the outside people.

We spent a pleasant day with Brother Fockler. We were truly glad to get acquainted with him, and found him to be as strong in the truth as ever. The way is surely open for some good work to be done the coming year in the Black Hills.

Office Notes

Mrs. Asa Smith

J. R. Low, one of the members of the Garland Church, passed through Crawford January 30, and spent a short time in the conference office. He expected to leave for Elk Point, S. Dak., to join his brother.

We acknowledge with pleasure a good remittance of tithe and a generous donation for the most needy cause from Brother A. Jones, of Garland, Wyo., who has in past years been quite liberal in financial matters towards the cause. H. A. Fish and Asa Smith returned from their trip to California and report a very pleasant and profitable time at the bookmen's convention in Mountain View.

Brother J. T. Robinson has recently located at Oelrichs, S. Dak., having come from the South Dakota Conference to our territory. We are pleased to add his name to our list of isolated ones.

Brother A. Brandt, formerly of Pine Ridge, Wyo., is located near Moorcroft. We are pleased to receive a nice Sabbath-school offerering.

Brother O. R. Gilbert, of Lander, Wyo., has ordered 150 *Liberty* and 150 *Life and Health*, which he expects to sell on his way to the canvassers' institute which convenes at Hemingford, Nebr., February 13.

Elder G. W. Berry of Angora, Nebr., writes that he has had the privilege of performing a marriage ceremony at his home. Miss Anna Bergladn of Lewellen, Nebr., was married to Mr. Calahan Fether, of Broadwater. They expect to locate on their homestead northeast of Broadwater.

Most of the annual reports from our church clerks have been received at this office, but the conference secretary would very much appreciate the early receipt of those still remaining out. This information is especially requested from Washington in order that the statistical report may be completed before the General Conference.

Nebraska Conference

Pres. J. W. Christian, College View, Nebr. Sec'y Pearl E. Jones, Hastings, Nebr. Field Agt. H. A. Hebard, College View Office Address 905 Calif. Ave., Hastings, Nebr.

Some Comparisons

J. W. Christian

I have just received our report of tithe receipts by churches for 1912. A comparison with last year's report brings to light some interesting facts full of cheer, while others are rather startling, in that they show so marked a decrease. Some of our churches have made a remarkable record which has helped to swell our tithe receipts to \$36,918.09, which is \$3,246.11 more than the year 1911. In some of our churches there has been a material decrease. Doubtless, in some instances there is a good and valid reason for this change. We fear it may not be so in each instance.

We would earnestly ask the church elder to place this matter before the church for study. We will give two lists of churches: One, the churches that remitted more for 1912 than the previous year, and the other from which less was received.

First List

Arlington, Bartley, Broken Bow. College View (Scand.), College View (English), Cortland, Culbertson, Comstock, Denmark, Dunbar, Falls City, Fremont, Grand Island, Hartington, Hastings, Holbrook, Lincoln, Loup City, Mason City, McCook (German), North Loup, North Platte, Oakdale, Omaha (English), Petersburg, Plainview, Ragan, Seward, Shickley, Sterling, Tekamah, Valentine.

Second List

Alma, Beatrice, Beaver City, Blair, College View (German), Decatur, Dannebrog, Ericson, Gothenburg, Holdrege, Isolated, Mullen, McCook, Nebraska City, Oconto, Omaha (Scand.), Red Cloud, Ringgold, Saratoria, Sett, Shelton.

These lists do not contain the tithe paid by the sanitarium. The College View Sanitarium paid in through the College View Church, while Hastings Sanitarium remitted direct to the office. This is the proper way for the institutions to remit, as the tithe from the institutions does not contain any tithe from individuals,—the individual tithe is paid into the church, of which the individual is a member—but a tithe of the net earnings of the institutions.

Space does not permit us to give the full tabulated statement of comparisons, but enough has been given to invite the most careful study of our individual church condition. You can get the details from the church treasurer's books. Let us see to the cause of any irregularity in our church record. The Lord will surely bless those who are true to Him, with a special blessing. A conscience void of offense gives us great boldness in coming to our loving Father in prayer, asking for the things we need.

Cortland Church

Martin Vermaas

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name." Mal. 3:16.

We truly enjoy reading the testimonies from the different churches, and are glad that we can keep in touch with the brethren in this way, through the OUTLOOK. We are also thankful that the Lord nearkens and hears.

I can say in behalf of the Cortland Church, that our courage in the Lord is good, and that we have received many blessings during the past year. Yet there are some things that have made our hearts sad; but we know that all things work together for good to those who love God. We enjoyed a rich feast during the week of prayer, and we pray that the blessings received may bear fruit to the glory of God and to the good of His cause. Surely the Lord is leading His people and drawing them closer to Him in love. He came near to all. Confessions were made and all reconsecrated themselves anew to Him

On December 28, we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. Elder J. S. Hart of College View being present, by request, spoke words of comfort and cheer to all, pointing out the nearness of the end of all things, and how soon we will go home to glory.

Brethren, pray for the Cortland Church. We need your prayers, that we may be faithful until He comes, and be found in peace by Him.

Field Notes

J. W. Christian

Brother E. L. Cook has begun a series of meetings at Talmage. He reports a growing interest, with some earnestly seeking after truth.

Brother C. J. Paulson reports a good interest in his meetings four miles north of Bartley. This is a station between the church in town and the place farther out in the country where meetings had been held.

We have just received a sample copy of the temperance number of the *Instructor*. It is the best ever published by our people, and merits a very large circulation. It is hoped that all our brethren will avail themselves of this means to tell the world where Adventists stand on the temperance question. Order of the tract society, and order early.

A few weeks ago, a letter was sent to all our church elders by the Religious Liberty Bureau of Washington, D. C, with a protest enclosed against the Johnston Sunday bill now pending in Congress. Nearly all our elders presented this to their churches, and after action by the church it was sent in to the papers, both daily and weekly, and it is certainly inspiring to see the eagerness with which the papers receive this protest. Let all cooperate with our general men in their work for liberty.

Brother Chancy Premer, who has sojourned in California for the past two weeks, has returned to Nebraska. While the land of flowers and sunshine has it attractions, we are glad our brother has it in his heart to return to Nebraska. He will join Brother Paulson at Bartley.

Brother Hebard and Miss Jones have returned from the convention at Mountain View. They report a most excellent meeting, and have entered upon their work in the conference with new determination to make it a success. Let us help them in every way we can.

Brother A. F. Kirk has begun a series of meetings in the country east of Oconto. Brother Green has been canvassing in the neighborhood, and an interest was developed to hear the Word preached.

Elder B. L. House is in College View in the interest of the young people's work. At the same time he is conducting some special meetings at the sanitarium.

This week will be a season of board meetings at College View. The college, the International Publishing Association, and the Central Union Conference committee will all be in session.

Miss Hannah Larson, who has served the College View Sanitarium as matron for so many years, has resigned from her work. It was first planned for her to go to Nevada, as matron of the Iowa Sanitarium, but later she decided to take rest first, as she feels greatly in need of this.

The book store at College View has just submitted its financial statement for the time it has operated,—ten months. The store has paid its own salary, rent, and other expenses, and shows a gain of \$235, and has the money in the bank. That is a splendid showing for this new venture. **CENTRAL UNION OUTLOOK**

Brethren H. A. Hebard and J. W. Christian are visiting Seward, Grand Island, Hastings, and other points in the interest of the canvassers' institute to be held March 7-16. We are looking for quite an army to take up the work this spring.

Important Notice

The Nebraska Canvasser's Institute will be held at Seward, March 7 to 16. The members of the church have kindly offered to entertain those attending. Will all who expect to come let us know at once so we may know how many to plan for. Address H. A. Hebard, College View, Nebr.

South Missouri Conference P.G.Stanley, Pres. Mrs.F.A.Washburn, S'y F. L. Limerick, Field Agt. 520 West Lynn St., Springfield, Mo.

High Persimmons

F. L. Limerick

Three weeks ago, I went to Bonne Terre to help Brother Allred. We worked all the time we possibly could between showers, and even worked in the rain. One day while it was raining real hard, Brother Allred sold \$40.00 worth of books. During these three weeks I have met with many new experiences. I had never worked much in towns, and had to learn how to sell a book, whether I was asked to enter the house or not. It was easy after I got accustomed to it.

Bonne Terre is the largest town in the lead belt in eastern Missouri. From this place you can reach some of the little towns by rail, but some can only be reached by foot. Some days we worked three or four of these towns, by getting up early in the morning and getting started by the time the people were up. I was very much surprised to find that these people, hid away in the mountains, were better posted on the Bible than the best class of people in North Missouri. Nearly all of them are looking for the Lord to come soon, and all know the truth on the state of the dead. We were welcomed wherever we went.

We could seldom see the next town, though sometimes it was only a mile or two from us. But the people would tell us about the next one, and say they had a son or a daughter there, or a father or mother, and that they did not want us to miss them with our message. So we swooped down upon them, like eagles, scattering the printed pages like leaves of autumn. I often thought, as we were looking for these little places, of the fishers and hunters who were to hunt them out. There is no farming in this part of Missouri. It is all mining, and it does not look any more promising than the territory that Philip was given—a desert—but I know the Lord sent us to this lead belt, as well as I know that He sent Philip to the desert.

I was sent to a leading woman's house by the superintendent of one of those big lead mills. When I got there, a servant came to the door and told me that the lady of the house was sick and was not able to see any one. I then said, loud enough for her to hear it, "It is a book on the Bible, and Mr. Blank said for me to be sure to show the book to her." The servant started to tell me that it would be impossible, but the lady said, "Bring him in, I am never too sick to look at a book concerning the Bible." She became so interested that she rose up and looked it through, and took one in the leather binding.

I shall never forget the pleasant time I spent in the lead belt. My sales the last three days ran as follows: \$51.25, \$50.20, \$52.50, and I quit at one o'clock the last day. Our combined sales for this time were about \$100 per day. How is that for winter canvassing?

We had the privilege of spending each Sabbath with Brother Raue and family, who accepted the truth by reading, having never heard a sermon preached until they heard us. His son, a fine young man, will take up the canvassing work this spring.

We have room in South Missouri for a few more good, consecrated men and women to take up the book work, and have nothing to do but to show you how it is done. Write to me at Columbia, Mo.

North Missouri Conference E.E.Farnsworth, Pres. Allie Guthrie, Sec'y Utica, Mo.

Visit to Kentucky

J. W. Beams

On the evening after the Sabbath. Dec. 21, 1912, my family and I boarded the train for Munfordville, Ky. We arrived at 7:30 a. m., December 23. The same day we traveled fifteen miles by wagon through the snow to my father-in-law's home at Eve, Ky, where we met a hearty welcome, which was badly needed, as we were wet and cold. We remained here one week, in order that my wife might meet her relatives and friends in Green and Hart Counties.

From this place, we passed on to Larue and Taylor Counties, to visit my relatives and childhood friends. I found that time had wrought marked changes in personalities and the country since I left there in 1882. The old men are gone, and we see their faces no more. Those on whom the burden of responsibility rested are old, and my childhood schoolmates are on the stage of action. Some fields under cultivation then are now forests, with trees twelve inches through.

The most interesting part of our visit, however, was the privilege we had of calling the attention of those we came in touch with to present truth, as outlined in prophecy. I had my prophetic chart with me. This I used in showing how history responds to the voice of prophecy, and that we are in the closing scenes of probationary times. This they appreciated, and some of them wished that they might hear a series of meetings, to become better acquainted with the prophetic word. It seems to me that this is a favorable opening for the workers in the Kentucky Conference.

I hope the tracts, papers, visits, and Bible. studies given while there may not be in vain. The last night we were there, we continued our study until about midnight.

The last two weeks of our stay, it was very wet and muddy. We returned December 14, via Louisville, Ky., North Vernon, Ind., and St. Louis, Mo., owing to high water along the Ohio River.

Since my return, I have visited Blythedale. I found some sickness, however not serious-mostly colds.

Rev. J. Mitchell and the elders of the Christian Church threw their church open to me last week. Rev. Mitchell joined me in the evening studies, presenting the Word as we each understood it, leaving the people to decide for themselves. Mr. Mitchell seemed to be a very fairminded man, believing in religious liberty, and, more than that, he was hospitable, opening his home for my personal comfort, and that without I was pleased to remuneration. send him the Signs weekly for one year, as a means of grace.

Everything passed off smoothly, and we hope it may result in great good.

CENTRAL UNION OUTLOOK

Kansas City, Mo. Notes

Virbrook Nutter

Brother Rash, who has been canvassing in Nebraska, stopped here over the Sabbath, en route for South Missouri, to take up the canvassing work in that field.

Sister Spring, wife of Elder Spring, of Little Rock, Ark., spent the Sabbath in Kansas City.

Elder E. E. Farnsworth spent one night with us on his way to Clinton, Mo., to attend the board meeting.

Professor Griggs made a short stop in the city on his return to College View, after an absence of several days. We were sorry he could not be with us longer.

A short time ago the young people of the church took charge of the morning service, and rendered a very interesting program. The importance of the reading course was emphasized, and at the close, one of the new members decided to take the reading course.

Brethren Bellah and Curtiss returned from the bookmen's convention, recently held in California, enthusiastic in their work. Brother Bellah spoke on the Sabbath concerning the work of the convention. All were intensely interested.

Kansas City, Mo.

Virbrook Nutter

We give below a brief outline of the work in this city during the past year:

Twenty-five new members were added to the church during 1912, fifteen by baptism and ten upon profession of faith.

The money paid into the treasury for the last two years was as follows:

	1912	1911
Tithe \$1	,643.94	\$1,319.57
Missions	410.24	209.33
Sabschool Offerings	303.55	115.54
Church Expenses	343.45	226.29
Totals \$2	,701.18	\$1,870.73

The above comparison shows an increase in 1912 of nearly one thousand dollars over the previous year. We attribute this increase to the general condition of the church, and to the missionary efforts which have been made.

During the last quarter of 1912 a club of 200 weekly *Signs* have been used. Nearly \$200.00 was solicited in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, while about \$30.00 was solicited in 1911. During this same quarter, over one-third of all the money paid in during the year, was received. But still the Kansas City Church has fallen far short of the amount in tithe and offerings that should have been returned to the Lord.

We bespeak greater blessings for the year 1913. New faces are seen at the Sabbath services each week. Some new ones have recently begun to observe the Sabbath. Others, who have been keepeing the Sabbath for a longer time, will soon be sufficiently instructed by the Bible studies which are being held, to go forward into baptism.

We solicit your prayers and cooperation.

A Request

We earnestly solicit the cooperation of all in behalf of the work in Kansas City.

You can help in the work here by sending me the names, with the address, of any intereseted individual whom you know in this city. We shall be glad to write you in return to inform you of our success in getting the truth before such individuals. Some have already sent us names which have been a help to us in our efforts.

In behalf of honest souls,

Virbrook Nutter, Pastor, 1427 Brooklyn Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Marceline, Mo.

J. W. Beams

Since writing to the OUTLOOK circle, it has been my privilege to visit Marceline and the country adjacent, in the interest of the work there. This work was begun by Elder A. F. French, and is being fostered by him and Brother H. E. Darby. I remained there three weeks. While I was there, the work seemed to be in a prosperous condition, new ones coming out from Sabbath to Sabbath. Some of them are rejoicing in present truth, and others are favorably impressed. Pray for them and the work there.

From this place, I was called to visit Blythedale and Utica during the week of prayer. At the former place it was necessary to conduct the readings in private houses. I remained over the first Sabbath and Sunday, and did what I could to assist the new ones, and to encourage interested persons to step out in the light of present truth.

On my way to the Utica Church, I

visited Bethany and Darlington. At the latter place, I was pleased to find Sister E. J. Popplewell of good courage, and teaching some of the little folks of the town, doing what she can to commend the Saviour to all.

I spent from Thursday until after the last Sabbath of the week of prayer with the church at Utica. The brethren there appreciated my coming, and I fully trust it was not in vain.

East Kansas Conference W.F.Kennedy, Pres. B. M. Emerson, Sec'y M. P. Manny, Field Miss. Agt. 821 W. 5th St., TOPEKA, KANS.

Revival Meeting at Oswego W. F. Kennedy

Thursday evening, January 23, we began a ten days' revival meeting at this place. The attendance and interest was good from the beginning. There has been a spiritual awakening in both the church and school. The first Sabbath of the meeting was a good day for the church. About eighty went forward in the forward movement. From fifteen to twenty of this number gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time.

The last Sabbath of the meeting, many hearts rejoiced to see several more of their friends whom they had been praying for, surrender to God during the forenoon revival meeting. In the afternoon the Lord came very near, in the presence of the Holy Spirit, when nineteen good souls were burried in baptism. There are several others who are deeply interested. We hope to see these dear souls unite with the church soon.

The school at this place is doing good work. Almost all the students in the home are Christians, and are doing faithful work.

Remember us at the throne of grace.

Church Officers' and Workers' Institute

W. F. Kennedy

Do not forget the date, February 20 to 25. The Oswego - Church is planning to furnish free entertainment to all who will be in attendance.

I trust our conference workers and the church officers in the conference will begin to make arrangements, at once, to come up to this feast.

Aside from the local conference workers, Elders E. T. Russell, A. T. Robinson, and Professor M. B. Van Kirk plan to be present to assist in giving the instructions.

We plan to make this, one of the most profitable as well as instructive gatherings of its kind ever held in Kansas.

Write early to J. L. Ballard, and tell him you are coming, and he will make arrangements for your entertainment. The first meeting will he held in the S. D. A. Church Thursday morning, February 20, at 9, a. m. Someone will meet you at the depot, and transport your baggage to its destination, free of charge.

We will look for you. Do not disappoint us.



"Missionary Volunteers Wanted to Enlist in the War Against Sin."

M. B. VanKirk

When one of the earthly governments is entangled in warfare and makes a call for soldiers, the patriotism dwelling in the hearts of the loyal subjects influences men to volunteer their services, even though it means to place life and limb in jeopardy. Men and women everywhere laud and praise the spirit that thus impels men to give themselves for their native land.

There is another warfare that just now is calling for volunteers. This call is always sounding, and the warfare will continue until every subject is enlisted as a volunteer in its service. It is a conflict, not with "flesh and blood" but "principalities and powers, with the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

This conflict calls for volunteers who for love of their homeland and its divine Ruler are willing and glad to offer their consecrated service, but the best of all is that those who will accept the opportunity thus opened for missionary service may confidently expect victory and at last a crown of life as a reward for the service rendered. Many, yes all, of the young men and women who know the need and hear the call, are needed. The missionary volunteer army is always ready to receive loyal recruits. Its recruiting stations are always open, its leaders always ready and anxious to receive the enlistment of those who desire to enter the service.

The requirements for the enlistment in the service are simple, and easily met. Among them the following are prominent, love of the truth, consecration to the Master's service, acceptance of His gift of salvation, willingness to labor, and an unreserved gift of all the powers of the being to the Lord Jesus Christ.

To succeed as a missionary volunteer, one will need to practice the Christian graces, faith, hope, and charity. There will come days of arduous toil, and nights of prayer. There will be strong temptations and glorious victories to those who abide under the "shadow of the Almighty." No one can be a real missionary volunteer without giving ample time to preparation. The principal lines of preparation are a prayerful study of God's Word, and a personal association with God in prayer. Each soldier in this army will need to be a faithful sentinel, that the enemy may not steal a surprise and gain an advantage, and all may go forth with the positive assurance that "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those that fear Him and delivereth them."

The great slogan of this army is, "The love of Christ constraineth us. Therefore watch, be sober, be vigilant, pray always." Will you not accept the invitation of the Spirit and come, that you may say "come" to other tried, tempted souls who are longing for help?



Our German Seminary

The editor of the OUTLOOK has just returned from Clinton, Mo., where he had the pleasure of attending the annual board meeting of the Clinton German Seminary. We found the enrollment of students to be one hundred and forty-five, nearly that whole number being in attendance. A finer and more sturdy lot of German young men and women than compose the student, body of the Seminary, would be hard to be gotten together any where in the world. An atmosphere of consecration, of earnestness, of good-cheer, and of Christian refinement, pervades the entire institution.

The faculty have worked together as one harmonious body, and the Lord has evidently greatly blessed their united efforts to build up a strong Christian school. Their music department, under the leadership of Prof. Ernst Hartman and his able assistants, is especially strong. We had the pleasure of attending a musical program one evening, which was one of the best we have ever heard in connection with any of our schools.

Anyone who has been cherishing a lingering doubt as to the wisdom of the establishment of the Clinton German Seminary will certainly have every such doubt removed by mingling for a few days with this school family.

Professor Simon, who is carrying the principalship of the school, has had additional responsibility placed upon him next year, as the business management of the school is to be organized by the faculty, with Professor Simon as chairman.

The prospects are that the school this year will very nearly, if not entirely, meet its running expenses. While, as the result of donations gathered in by Elders Haffner, Schilling and Grauer, the note indebtedness has been reduced \$11,000.00 and will be reduced a few thousand dollars more within the next few days.

It it very apparent that what appeared a year or two ago to be larger quarters than would ever be needed. will soon have to be enlarged. At present they are crowded, and it is anticipated that in the very near future their enrollment will reach two hundred. It was thought that the dining hall would have to be enlarged for the coming year, but the policy of the management is to make no improvements that can possibly be avoided until the indebtedness is paid off. It was recommended that next year a room adjoining the dining hall be used as an overflow, until such time as permanent enlargement of the dining hall can be made by an extension to the building. Quite a number of additional students' rooms will eventually be provided, at comparatively small cost, by extending one wing of the building up two additional stories, making it uniform with the other portions.

It was decided to continue the work of soliciting donations for the Seminary both from the German and the English Churches, until the financial obligations of the institution are fully met and a sufficient surplus to make the needed enlargement for the accommodation of two hundred students.



Bookmen's Convention

C. G. Bellah

Not only the largest, but the best bookmen's convention ever held in the Pacific Press territory convened in the beautiful assembly hall, Mountain View, Cal., January 12, 1913.

Nearly one hundred delegates were present, and came from all parts of this field. Brother Town was with us all the way through, and rendered valuable assistance. Several of the General Conference committee were present, part of the time.

Only big topics were discussed, and every session was brim full of interest. Plans were laid deep and broad, and we expect to build upon them a structure that will stand until the work is done.

There was a spirit of harmony that always characterizes a gathering where God rules. Sometimes after a pretty lively discussion, an equally divided vote would be cast. Then after considering the matter, further, a unanimous vote would be obtained.

Only the power of God could do this for such a body of men. Many religious assemblies have been broken up, and divisions have occurred, because men wanted to see I through I. instead of eye to eye. This company was made up of men whose life business is to meet and pursuade hard headed business men, and bring them to God's way of thinking. Men who are in the habit of spiritually fighting their way to every order. Men who do not wait for things to turn up, but get out and turn them up. Then, when such a body of independent thinkers ond workers get together, and can all unanimously agree, it is indeed remarkable. Thank God for a message that makes all men one.

During the convention, Brother Stratton, field agent of the Minnesota Conference, volunteered for China, and has been accepted. This is the policy of the Pacific Press, and is simply another link in the mighty chain that is being welded between the home land and the foreign fields. Bookmen are hearing the call of the great undone, and thank God, many are responding!

The association meeting was an event long to be remembered. Many of the General Conference brethren had arrived by that time, and a blessed occasion it was. As the report of the treasurer was read, showing, not only the excellent gain that had been made the past year, but the gifts for foreign fields, in the way of new machinery and office supplies, the hearts of God's remnant people were greatly cheered.

On the day of the association meeting, the good sisters of the Mountain View Church prepared a bountiful dinner in the factory of the Publishing house for all the delegates. About three hundred partook of this meal. During the repast, the orchestra rendered beautiful music. As the sweet strains caught our ears, the eye dimmed a little as we thought of the songs of the Infinite that we some day hope to sing. A new resolution filled every heart, and a longing desire to quickly finish the work of God in the earth, that we might all go home, came to every soul.

While absolute order and decorum was maintained all the way through, formality was thrown aside, and the Spirit given an opportunity to work. Adam was a very good lump of clay when God first made him, but he did not amount to very much until the Spirit was breathed into him. We are told that ghosts are spirits without bodies. They do not amount to very much. Neither would a convention with a lot of bodies and no spirit. Conventionality was forgotten. It was a great convention with the "ality" left off.

The stereopticon lectures, by Jones, Crisler and Hall, will long be remembered by everyone. The last one, given by Brother Hall, showed in a most remarkable way that, "Hitherto hath God helped us." Step by step the work has been built up. Not by any spasmodic method, but by very carefully laid plans.

At the close of this lecture, the motto "Half million dollars for 1913." was thrown on the screen. I wish I might in some way convey to you the effect it had on the congregation. Not that there will be a special striving for the dollar; far from it, but this is one tangible way in which we will have the magnitude of the work before us for this year.

We shall never forget the very kind way in which the people of the Mountain View Church received us. None were too poor, or had houses too small to entertain the bookmen. They are right in believing, that above all things which the weary hearted pilgrim craves, is a welcome; and when a man's heart is large enough, his home however humble, is never too small to entertain God's workmen. None of the welcome was assumed for the occasion either, but came from the depths of the heart of these dear brethren and sisters. We were urged to take part in every meeting. The regular Sabbath service, young people's meetings, night school and all. were thrown open to us. May God bless the good people of Mountain View.

It is beyond our comprehension when we say that four hundred and sixty thousand dollars worth of literature was circulated in the Pacific Press territory last year. Nearly onethird of the entire output of the denomination. And this is only one of more than a score of publishing houses.

But after all, it is not the silver, but souls, for which we toil. Not the glitter of the coin, but the crown that gladdens the hearts of the remnant people. Already we see the beginning of the end of this bitter struggle with sin, that will soon culminate in the coming of Jesus. May God help us to set our faces towards home, and pull onward and upward until God says it is enough. Remember the motto, "Half million for 1913."

Army Book Fund

Through this fund the book "Daniel and Revelation" was sent to an artillery company in California, to be placed in their library. To indicate that the books are read, the following letter is submitted. It was written to Brother B. N. Brown, himself a soldier for ten years, having learned of and accepted the truth while stationed in the Philippine Islands, and since which time he has sent out, by the help of voluntary donations, over 600 "Daniel and Revelation" to Army Posts all over the United States, Philippines, and Alaska.

"Dear Mr. Brown:—I have found the book you so kindly sent to our company library, and must say it is the best book I have ever come across outside of the Bible. I would like

very much to own a copy. I do not, The March "Signs" Magazine however, know where I may obtain one. Please send me a copy by return mail. I am willing to pay what ever it may cost. If you want money in advance, let me know and I will gladly send it to you."

This plan of reaching the United States army has proven practical, and has the hearty endorsement of the General Conference. Funds are protected by being sent to the Southern: Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn., where Brother Brown is connected with the Watchman magazine. He does not ask for large donations, just a book of stamps from many will be of great service. Send him clean copies of "Daniel and Revela ion," or "Controversy," or a book of stamps, or fifty cents or so. He has received over \$400.00 through this method.

Who will be the next to respond to this untouched field? Send all funds to Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

Literature Sales In the Central Union

C. G. Bellah

Below we give the literature sales in each conference for the years 1911 and 1912. This does not show orders, but actual deliveries; literature that is now in the hands of the people.

	1911
East Colorado	\$ 4,388.50
West Colorado	368.01
East Kansas	4,541.04
West Kansas	5,913.23
North Missouri	5,654.26
South Missouri	10,988.24
Nebraska	9,576.70
Wyoming	1,094.15
Total	\$42,524.13

The prospects for 1913 are very much brighter than they have been for many years. The motto in the Pacific Press territory is "Half mil-lion dollars for 1913." I am sure the Central Union will come up with her full share of this enormous amount.

"Our workers should now be encouraged to give their first attention to books that deal with the evidences of our faith,-Books that teach the doctrines of the Bible."

Interest on Deposits

Deposit your money with Union College. We pay five per cent interest on money left with us six months or one year. The Central Union Conference Association gives its note.

A beatiful and attractive cover. A flower scene in the land of flowers. And here is only a partial list of the contents. All short, timely articles; just the kind for busy people. An ideal number.

Back to Asia with the Turk. Perilious Timés of Unrestraint. Awakened Public Conscience.

Heaped Together Treasure for the Last Days.

Turkey a Tribune Sign of the Times. Unrest and Socialism. Something Sinister Controls.

Mayor Gaynor on the Sabbath. "Tacked On" legislation.

Turkey will come to an End.

College Intemperance.

Ominous Signs of the Times.

A Social Portent-No Good-No Master.

The New Japan and the War Spirit. German and the Jesuits.

The Gospel and Modern Sanitation. Becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah. The Message and the Messengers.

There are others along regular lines. The Signs is certainly presenting an unusually strong number for March.

5 to 40 copies four cents each. 50 or more copies, five cents each. Order of the Tract Society.

1912	Gain	Loss
\$ 4,892.46	\$ 503.96	
2,131.40	1,763.39	
7,862.70	3,321.66	
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Notice

By vote of the General Conference, five annual offerings are taken in all the churches of this country for various phases of our work. One of these offerings is taken in February for the benefit of the Religious Liberty With the approval of the work. General Conference committee, this offering will be taken this year on the fourth Sabbath of February, the twenty-second. A special reading, prepared for use on that day in all the churches, will be sent to church elders, with the suggestions concerning the program for the day.

The renewed activities of various organizations to secure a Sunday law

for the District of Columbia, as well as local movements in various states, such as, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and California; and the opportunities offered by the holding of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference in Portland, Ore., during the coming summer, give much emphasis to the call for a liberal donation for this line of work. It should be remembered that one-third of this offering is retained in the local conference for local work, one-third is used by the union conference, and one-third comes to the General Conference treasury to aid in the support of the general department work.

Elders of our churches should give notice of this collection not later than Sabbath, February 15, so that the people may come prepared for the collection on the day set apart for it.

Sanitarium Crackers

Just to remind you, fearing that you might overlook the fact that we have an excellent line of crackers to offer you, we insert this add. The Salted Sprays and Soup Crackers that we make are very palatable to eat and reasonable in price. Sweetened Graham, Oatmeal and Whole Wheat Crackers and Sticks are undoubtedly the best made for the purpose designed. And then we allow Adventists a discount of 15 per cent on orders amounting to \$5.00 or more. Do not forget to order Cooking Oil.

Only \$4.00 per five gallon can f. o. b. Boulder. Would be glad to quote price on barrel lots and answer inquiries relative to our foods.

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