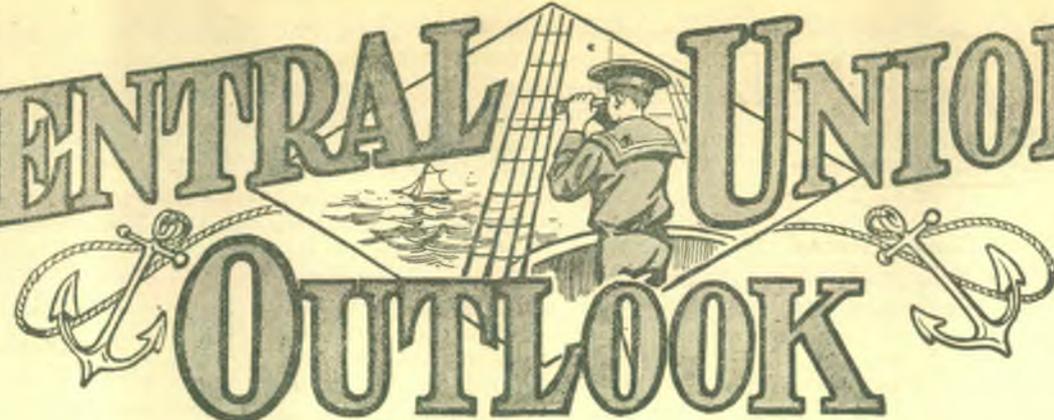


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"Every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. XLI. 6.

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Another Word About the Gen- eral Conference Trip

For the benefit of those who desire to join the party going to the General Conference, we give the following information. The train will leave Lincoln by way of the Burlington route at 4:30 p. m., Monday, May 12. This train is due to arrive in Chicago Tuesday morning at 8:00 o'clock. The train for Washington will leave Chicago over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at 5:45 p. m., Tuesday, May 13.

The fare from Lincoln to Chicago will be \$11.10. From Chicago to Washington (party rate), \$15.40. Price of lower berth in tourist car from Lincoln to Chicago, \$1.50; upper berth, \$1.20. From Chicago to Pittsburg, lower berth, \$1.25; upper berth, \$1.00. Tourist cars will not go east of Pittsburg; but as the trip from Pittsburg to Washington will be made during the day, we are not arranging for sleepers beyond that point. The tourist car leaving Lincoln will go through to Pittsburg without change. When the Burlington train arrives in Chicago Tuesday morning, this car will be switched to the Baltimore & Ohio depot, and all hand luggage may be left in the car during the day, and will be cared for.

I am filing applications for tourist berths in the order in which they are received. When all the lower berths are taken, it will be necessary to assign upper berths to remaining applicants. Please state definitely whether you prefer lower or upper berth; also whether you prefer to occupy a berth by yourself, or whether you will share the cost of it with some one else.

I expect to be in Washington about a week before the party arrives. I

am planning to meet the train, and if possible have arrangements made for hauling the baggage of the Central Union Conference delegates and visitors to the ground the evening the train arrives. The train will stop at Takoma Park.

At Chicago, the party from the Central Union will join the delegations from the Northern and Lake Union Conferences, making up a special train of our people from Chicago to Washington.

All should plan to reach Lincoln in time to take the 4:30 p. m. train, Monday afternoon, May 12.

A. T. Robinson.



Spring

Spring is here again, sweet spring-time,

Gladdest season of the year;
In my heart there is a rapture
Never felt till she is near.

Bursting bud and peeping blossom,—
How my heart with rapture thrills,
As I pause to give you welcome,
For the joy your sweetness fills.

Pretty wanderers from Eden,
Once your fair and happy home,
Do you share the fate of mortals
Over earthland doomed to roam?

Springtime bird, I hear your greeting,
And return your gay salute.
Just as glad as in the old time
Sounds your merry, sweet-toned flute.

Spring, sweet springtime, much I love you,

For you always speak to me
Of that day, so fast approaching,
When our loved ones we shall see.

Mrs. M. C. Sollars.

Brother Surber's Arrest

As noted in last week's OUTLOOK, Brother W. F. Surber was arrested in Colorado for selling the *Protestant Magazine*.

From Brother Surber's letter, we quote the following which will be of interest to the OUTLOOK circle of readers: "I was reminded to-day quite forcibly of the spirit of the beast when I was informed on by the Catholic priest and chief of police, who is also a Catholic, for selling a the *Protestant Magazine*, which contains the trial of the convent tragedy. I was arrested and brought before the city attorney and fined a cost amounting to \$17.50; but the mayor, who is an "A. P. A.," and, of course, not in sympathy with the Catholics, remitted \$5.00 of the fine, and the police judge, who is also a non-Catholic, knocked off \$2.50 more. I was told by a lady whom I canvassed that the priest was on the lookout for me, and before I realized the situation, a policeman laid his hand on me. The issue is surely right upon us. May the Lord give us grace to stand the trials that are coming.



Union College Notes

Alfred E. Judd

Friday morning, April 11, the chapel hour was taken by Mr. Curtiss, with an address on the book work. Mr. Curtiss is superintendent of the Kansas City branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

President Griggs spent Sabbath, April 12, at the intermediate school situated at Hastings. He reports a pleasant visit, and a school filled with earnest students, many of whom hope to be in Union next year.

For the purpose of enthusing us to greater deeds along the line of prohibition, Professors Benson, Thiel, Caviness, and Taylor gave short addresses at chapel last Tuesday morning. Following these addresses, President Griggs asked all to stand who would go to Lincoln one day this week with the Temperance *Instructor*. A goodly number showed their willingness to engage in this campaign for "dry" Lincoln.

The second year English debates were held in Professor Thiel's room last week. There was plenty of enthusiasm, and the debates showed some good, hard work.

The grade slips for the next to the last period were distributed Wednesday morning at chapel. President Griggs at that time read selections from Mrs. White's writings on "Hindrances to Reform." To close the exercises, Professor Engel rendered two violin solos—always two, and always appreciated.

The last two periods of school Tuesday morning were discontinued, that Mr. Arthur Smith might take the school pictures which are to be exhibited on "Union College Day" at the General Conference, this spring. Separate photos of each department were taken, and also of the different dormitories, graduating classes, musical societies, and interesting features of "Old Union."

Mr. Harry Pearson, student in oratory with Miss Danielson, rendered in a very pleasing way his senior recital, Saturday evening, April 12.

His reading was: "Polly of the Circus," a strong selection dealing with Christianity from a practical side. The manner in which Mr. Pearson rendered the piece showed some careful study. The platform was artistically decorated in class colors, and the Fine Arts '13 pennants enhanced the beauty of the surroundings materially.

Mr. H. V. Grimm and Miss Olive J. Pearson from Moline, Ill., and Mrs. J. R. Finley of Ottawa, Kans., were guests of Miss Pauline Pearson and Harry Pearson last week.



West Kansas Conference

N. T. Sutton, Pres. Edward Harris, Sec'y
M. W. Shidler, Field Miss. Agt.
508 E. 5th Ave., Hutchinson, Kans.

Will You Do It?

M. G. Huffman

Do What?—See to it that you raise your quota on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund for the year 1913. The West Kansas Conference was able to report her full quota on this fund for 1912, with a little surplus; but this was made possible only by a few churches having sent into the conference treasurer a little more than their quota. Had all the churches come short on this fund, as many in this conference did, the West Kansas Conference would have fallen far behind; hence failed to reach the mark. But as it was, the conference as a whole was able to sing the song of jubilee.

And now, brethren and sisters, is each church in this conference going to see to it that it will not come behind one whit in raising its quota for the present year? Three months and more of 1913 are already past and gone. The officers of each church should keep this matter before their flock, and urge each member of the church to do all in his power to help raise the church's quota by the time the year is up. Let all who can, set apart a few acres of wheat or corn, or both, for this fund. Give the children a chance; do not leave them out. If we will all take hold of this work in the fear of God, and for the love of those for whom Christ died, who

are now groping their way in darkness, perishing for the need of salvation, we will have no trouble in raising the required amount for the West Kansas Conference.

May the Lord help us to go about this work in earnest, and thus receive the blessings that come only through sacrifice. To this end let us all work and pray.

A Resolution

N. T. Sutton

"Whereas, the resolution passed last year to raise a fund of \$1,500 for the Hill Academy has only partially been carried into effect, we urge that an earnest effort be put forth this year to raise the full amount."

The above resolution passed at our last conference session at Salina, Kans. Up to the present time there has only been a small part of this amount sent in. I trust that our brethren will put forth an earnest effort in behalf of this resolution.

Prof. H. H. Howard and wife of Nevada, Ia., have accepted the invitation of the board, and will be connected with the school next year. Professor Howard's past experience with our schools causes us to look forward to a good year at the academy the coming school year.

Brethren, let us remember our vote at the camp-meeting, and let us make a strong effort to carry it out. The strength of this resolution is measured by the efforts which are put forth to carry it to completion.

Let us remember the education of our children in our prayers as well as by the giving of our means.

Wyoming Conference

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

Those Investments

D. U. Hale

In a number of places where I have visited lately, I find that the churches are taking a lively interest in the investment plan. Even the children are pledging toward it, one of the Hemingford children pledging a turkey, others part of a garden. I was glad to hear that my own boy was planning to plant a quart of onion sets. This is a missionary enterprise in which all the children can engage, as well as the old people. Some of the members at Angora in telling me what had been pledged, said, "Elder Berry has pledged an acre of wheat."

It does us good to see our brethren take hold of this so enthusiastically. It meant hundreds of dollars to the mission work the past year, and we hope it will mean more the present year in this conference.

This plan of twenty cents a week to meet every obligation of the denomination, debts and all, seems to me to be the best thing we have ever taken hold of to finish this message. Every debt of the denomination must be met before the Saviour comes, and this plan will not only wipe out the debts, but will keep the aggressive mission work going in all lands. It is in full harmony with the Testimonies also, for we read in Vol. 3, p. 393: "The Lord requires gifts to be made at stated times, being so arranged that giving will become habit, and benevolence be felt to be a Christian duty." This is further emphasized by a statement in Vol. 5, p. 151: "Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten, twenty, or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God."

Brethren of Wyoming, let us heed these words of God through His servant, and make giving one of the habits of our lives.

Wyoming Church School

It is now time to definitely plan for a church school. All churches should appoint their school board and arrange for a teacher. Attend to this matter at once, so as not to fail in having a church school the coming school year.

All church officers should correspond with the writer in regard to their school. Please write and state your needs and facilities, also what preferences you have for teacher, if you have any, and what salary you can pay.

All persons desiring to teach church school are requested to make application for schools through the educational secretary. Please state your qualifications and what salary you will accept.

P. V. Thomas, Ed. Sec.,
Hemingford, Nebr.

Angora and Bridgeport

D. U. Hale

From Broadwater we came to Bridgeport. Sister Cartwright had secured the use of the Baptist Church to hold meetings in on Monday night. It was rather stormy, so there were not many out, but those who were

present paid close attention. The next day one man met me on the street and expressed himself as well pleased with the sermon, and urged me to visit him.

We reached Angora Wednesday. It was storming, and the snow was flying quite fast. Brother Berry had not received my card, so was not expecting me. On this account we had a walk of over two miles, wading through the snow. We found Brother Berry at dinner, which suited us exactly, for we were hungry after our walk.

After the storm stopped, we were able to get out among the members of the church. All seemed to be of good courage. We had a pleasant stay with Sister Kruger. On Sabbath the meetings were held at her house. Sister Cartwright and daughter came up from Bridgeport on Sabbath to be with us in our quarterly meeting service. There were sixteen present, twelve taking part in the ordinances. It was a good day for all, and the Lord was near to us.

We are once more at home, at the school. We find the school moving along nicely. Work time has come, and has thinned the ranks some, but those who remain are putting in every minute getting ready for the examination. The teachers are as much interested as the pupils are, that every one pass in the examination.

We find an excellent interest among our people in regard to the education of their children. Some are very anxious. Many are looking forward to the time when their children will be in school at Hemingford. We are glad to see this interest in the education of the children, but we hope plans will be laid to have more church schools in the home churches. Hemingford is a successful school, and we will do our best for all who come, but we hope no one will weaken the home church school in order to get to the Hemingford school. We want enough pupils to fill this school the coming year, but we hope to get them mostly from pupils of the more advanced grades.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Elder Hale is now at Hemingford, and expects to be at the office in a few days.

W. J. Huffman, the Union Conference auditor, gave us a very pleasant surprise by coming in suddenly and unannounced Sunday morning. But we had just cashed up the evening be-

fore Sabbath, and so did not tremble.

Brother T. M. Nelson, elder of the church at Becton, Wyo., had the misfortune to dislocate his right shoulder recently, but is recovering at present.

Elder H. E. Reeder has gone to the Black Hills, and will visit the isolated ones at Elk Mountain first, and then go to Custer, S. Dak.

A private letter received from Doctor Nelson at Cheyenne, Wyo., informs us that our esteemed brother, W. J. Coekell, passed away Friday, April 4. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church in that city. The papers contained a short notice stating that he was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, which we know was not true. Our departed brother would resent such misrepresentation were he living.

Brother W. E. Thomas of Torrington, Wyo., tells of a phenomenon he saw in the sky on the eve of April 1. It was in the western sky, just south of Venus. At first it appeared like a flash of lightning, but it remained in a vertical position, with the large end up. The sky was clear, and this phenomenon shown as bright as the star. It was at first in the form of a serpent, but the two ends slowly extended toward the south, forming a horizontal rectangle. Then it slowly changed to a perfect circle before it faded from view. There were three others who saw this at the same time. It lasted for about twenty minutes. The other persons kept saying, "What is it?" "What does it mean?" Brother Thomas told them that he regarded it as a last-day token. He had been talking to them and giving them reading on the coming of the Lord, so it was easy to tell what was on their minds when they saw this wonder.

"With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."—"Education," p. 271.

If, instead of a gem, or even a flower, we would cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels must give.—George McDonald.

"The Bible has a heavenly language for the listening heart, and a glorious vision for the eye of faith."

Nebraska Conference

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Nebraska Volunteers

B. L. House

If we can judge anything by the reports that came in during 1912 from our Missionary Volunteers, we would judge that they have been doing some active missionary work. And when we consider that not more than one of every ten give in any reports at all, I have been wondering what kind of a report we would have if all would do something for the Master, and then not be so timid and negligent about giving in the report of their labor. Some conscientious people imagine it is wrong to tell what missionary work they have done, but this is a serious mistake.

Large portions of the Bible are nothing more nor less than reports of missionary work. Take the four gospels and the book of Acts for examples. These books are full of accounts of what the Holy Spirit wrought out in humanity.

And if we recognize the great truth of the indwelling Christ, and that what we do is not I, but Christ in us, then we will delight to tell of what He has done in and through us, and to Him will be all the glory.

It may be of interest to the readers of the OUTLOOK and to our Volunteers especially, to see what God has wrought through us when we count up what our united efforts have accomplished. The following are a few items of interest taken from my annual report for 1912:—

Missionary letters written	216
Missionary letters received	110
Missionary visits	709
Bible readings held	284
Subscriptions taken	60
Papers sold	1568
Papers given away	2364
Books sold	545
Books loaned	117
Tracts given away	8123
Hours of Christian help work...	356
Articles of clothing given away..	125
Meals provided	26
Signers to temperance pledge	50
To the Korean mission field..	\$786.11

When I think of the army of young people in Nebraska, and consider what a great power for good they would be if all of them were fully consecrated to the Lord and to His work, I long to be able to say or

do something that might help to cement all their hearts together for better service in this year 1913.

Young people of Nebraska, let us be truly Missionary Volunteers. Study what this means, and make a thorough study of this whole movement, so you can intelligently cooperate in every branch of the work.

Nebraska Sanitarium Notes

Ollie G. Manfull

Elders Nielsen and Seltzer have returned from the workers' meeting which was held at Hastings. We are glad to have them back to take up their usual duties again.

Miss Pease greatly appreciates the new adding machine which came last week.

All patients who are able to be in rockers or wheel-chairs are spending all the hours possible on the lawn.

Anna Peterson and Etta Peterson, two of our senior nurses, are nursing patients for Doctor Miller in the city.

M. A. Fulk of Atlanta, Nebr., is visiting his daughter, Ollie G. Manfull.

The Misses Ellen and Mable Gilliland left recently for their home in Kansas, where they will spend two weeks visiting.

Our freshman class begins to look like real nurses, as they appear in their uniforms this week.

John Booth has taken his place again in the bakery, as they have a growing business and need more help.

Patients have come the past week from College View, Lincoln, Ashland, Havelock, Fremont, Bliss, and Weeping Water.

Miss McFall and Miss Dail of Wichita, Kans., arrived last Thursday. They will remain here for some time, as they expect to take treatments.

“Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right. Give, and God's reward to you will be the spirit of giving more. Love, and God will pay you with the capacity of more love, for love is heaven and the Spirit of God within you.”

A Letter

J. W. Christian

The following letter, received from one of our sisters, writing for the church she represents, tells how our people are interested in the investment fund campaign. I will quote it here for the encouragement of others: “Some time ago we read an article in the OUTLOOK saying that some time during March the ministers were to visit all of our churches, in the interest of the investment fund. Now we have not seen or heard of any minister out here, nor have we had opportunity to do anything on the investment fund. We are not going to fuss about the minister not coming, but we would say something if we thought we were to be left out and were not to have a part in the investment fund. Of course, there are some who will become enthused if the minister comes, but we are not afraid but what we can get most of our people to take part if we just have the chance. What are the plans this year? Is there a special field to which the donations go that are given this year? Perhaps you will think I am getting out of my place, but I thought it was about time we were doing something in starting the plan, as it is time for us to plant and sow. Pray for us here in ———, for I feel that there are yet many precious souls here who should know the truth, and we who are the representatives of it have a most solemn responsibility resting upon us. May the work in the Nebraska Conference advance in 1913 as never before is my prayer.”

By the time this letter is read by the OUTLOOK family we shall have visited this church. An opportunity will have been given to invest, and we know there will be a hearty response from a people who ask to have a chance to take part. This letter breathes the true spirit of this message. If others have been passed by, or we seem tardy in coming, be free to write. Such letters are always welcome. We have not intended to slight any one or any place, but we are endeavoring to visit every family, and this takes time. We have not been able to get over the territory as rapidly as we had hoped, but we are coming.

Let us join earnestly in the prayer of this sister, that the year 1913 may be a good year in Nebraska for the gathering in of many souls to the truth.

Hastings Sanitarium Notes

Geo. A. Williams

Too busy to write much. Everybody worked to the limit.

We have not had a spare room in the sanitarium for weeks. Many of the rooms have two patients in them.

Miss Rebecca Holmes of Arcadia is at the sanitarium, helping with the domestic work.

Besides our regular force of nurses, we have four graduates from the outside helping us, also two nurses from College View.

We miss the genial face of our stenographer and bookkeeper, Brother Edgar Moser, who has gone to Omaha to spend ten days with his parents.

Miss Hazel Gettemy of the class of 1912 has a call to connect with the Long Beach Sanitarium, and leaves for that place next week. The best wishes of a host of friends follow Miss Gettemy to her new field of labor.

Surgical work has been exceptionally heavy of late. Scarcely a day passes without one operation, and one day last week saw four, all major operations. The quality of work and the success that attends will compare favorably with that of the noted surgeons of the land.

Late Arrivals: Mrs. John Egbert of Glenville, C. M. McCall of Inavale, Mrs. Blanche Narragon of Oconto, James K. McDowell of Bartley, Mrs. Earle Shaffer of Falls City, and Jack Yenckle, Emile Priebe, Jesse M. Herbert, and Nick Karas of Hastings.

Field Notes

J. W. Christian

Brother W. A. Erickson has accepted a call to the Minnesota Conference, and has already left for his new field of labor. We have lost a promising young Swedish man, but he has gone to a field of greater need. Our best wishes go with him for success.

Brother W. H. Sherrig has started on a trip among the Danish-Norwegian brethren in the conference. He went to Wolbach, Dannebrog, and Denmark, and will return to Blair, where he will work for a while, assisting Sister Smith in her work.

It is planned to have a camp-

meeting in the southwestern part of the conference about the middle of June. Elder House, with Brethren Paulson and Premer, will visit this section of the field, and will settle on the final location.

Elder and Mrs. G. R. Hawkins of Omaha stopped off for a few hours in College View on their return from the workers' meeting at Hastings. Their many friends here are always glad to have them stop, even for a short while.

A strong campaign is on in Lincoln on the temperance question. The College View Church has taken an active part in the movement, and under the leadership of Sister Stevens will make their influence known. The church plans to use 5,000 copies of the Temperance *Instructor*.

All will be glad to know that during the first three months of 1913 the tithe received was more than \$1,200 above that received for the same period of 1912. We are looking for a continued revival on the part of our people in the payment of an honest tithe. With it comes the blessing promised by the Lord. Some back tithe has come in. Possibly more should come to the storehouse of the Lord.

North Missouri Conference

E. E. Farnsworth, Pres. Allie Guthrie, Sec'y
Glenn Shelton, Field Agent, Hamilton, Mo.

Field Notes

E. E. Farnsworth

Brother A. J. Scott, one of our pioneer missionary workers, who has been living at Bachelor, Mo., recently, arrived at Hamilton this past week to spend the summer at the home of the writer. He is past eighty years of age, but has fairly good health.

Elder J. W. Beams came to spend three or four days with his family, but will return the last of the week to his interest near Green Top.

We are all sorry that last week was so rainy that our canvassers could do but little. We are looking for the "boom," which we are certain is soon coming along this line.

A Brother McBane and family arrived in Hamilton last week, and are locating here. He will enter the canvassing work as soon as they are settled. They came from Nebraska. We have more room yet.

Brother Glenn Shelton is moving to-day, April 15,—only two blocks' distance, however. He ought to be getting experience enough in the moving line, so he can help the canvassers to get a move on them soon.

I am leaving to-morrow to spend some time visiting the isolated in the northeastern part of the state. I hope to meet all the believers in the vicinity of Queen City, Green Top, Kirksville, Macon, Greensburg, and other places, if I have time.

We are receiving a few names for the conference church, but not as many as we hoped to receive. There are fifty or more who are too far away from their home churches to meet with them very often, and we believe they would be better off to join our conference church. Write us about it.

Obituary

Daugherty.—William Daugherty was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, May 7, 1840, and died April 4, 1913, aged 72 years, 10 months, and 8 days.

At the age of sixteen, he with his parents came to Iowa. He was married Dec. 20, 1874, to Rachel L. Crawford. Five children were born to them, three sons and two daughters. The older daughter preceded her father in death. Two sons were in attendance at the funeral, also the daughter, Mrs. Alta Matheson.

Brother Daugherty had been a member of the Christian Church, but on account of ill health he had never identified himself with the third angel's message. His wife and daughter have been faithful members of the Adventist Church of Livonia, Mo., for several years. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

E. W. Swap.

Scriptural Evidence

"Scriptural Evidences," by Pastor W. M. Crothers, is a little work which every believer should carry in his pocket or keep always within his reach.

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tive order on each subject, to which are appended notes and comments designed to make easy a critical study of individual texts. The subject is then subdivided into all of its various phases and features by a series of number propositions, as, for instance, "The Sabbath Was Instituted at Creation," "It Was Made by Christ," "For What Purpose?" "It Was Known and Observed before Sinai," etc., etc., and following each proposition references are given to every text of Scripture which sustains it. On all controverted subjects, objections are answered. Selected testimony and admissions from the best scholars are given on various subjects.

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Elder E. T. Russell left College View last Thursday evening to spend a few days at his home in Minatare before attending the General Conference.

Elder J. W. Christian of the Central Union Conference and Elder Chas. Thompson of the Northern Union have been appointed on the committee for pitching tents for the General Conference, and will be leaving for Washington within a day or two. Elder A. T. Robinson is a member of the committee on seating delegates, and will go to Washington about a week before the opening of the conference.

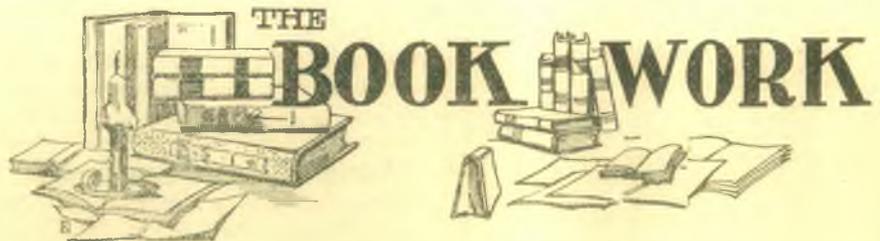
Fifty persons have already filed applications to join the party to the General Conference. The party

will leave Lincoln over the Burlington route at 4:30 p. m., Monday, May 12. At Chicago they will join delegations from the Northern and Lake Union Conferences. From Chicago to Washington the delegates and visitors will travel by special train.

Prof. M. B. VanKirk left the office a few days ago for South Missouri, where he was planning to spend about a week in the interest of the educational and young people's work.

From a private communication from Elder A. G. Daniells, just received, we quote the following words concerning the coming General Conference: "We shall soon meet, if all goes well, and I hope we shall have a great and pleasant meeting. It must prove an inspiration and an uplift to all our delegates and to our people throughout the world. I hope the key note will be such that a responsive chord will be touched in the hearts of all our people. Let us pray for this.

W. J. Huffman, Central Union



The Public Work of the Field Agent

[A paper read by C. G. Bellah at the Bookmen's Convention held at Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 12 - 13, 1913. Ed.]

In the earnest and almost constant effort to induce bookmen to spend sufficient time in the field, there has been a tendency to underestimate the true value of public work. Both are essential. The one ought to have been done, and also the other not left undone. No man can succeed in the fullest sense when he confines his efforts to either method. He must secure men for service, as well as train men in service.

Paul's burning words to the Ephesian elders were: "Ye know. . . . how I have kept back nothing that was profitable. . . . but have. . . . taught you *publicly*, and from house to house." Acts 20:18, 20. Hence, as special mention has been given, in the past, to house-to-house work, it is very timely indeed that *public effort* receive due consideration at this convention.

Conference auditor, is spending some time in Denver auditing the books of the conference and tract society.

Temperance Campaign In Lincoln

The parties representing the "wet" and the "dry" in the city of Lincoln are lined up for a great fight, which will be decided by ballot on Tuesday, May 6, as to whether the saloons shall remain or be put out of commission. The temperance campaign committee, a few days ago, purchased 1,000 Temperance *Instructors* for distribution in the city. They also furnished the temperance secretary of the College View Church with 1,000 names of doubtful voters to whom a copy of the paper is to be sent by mail. Lincoln was voted dry about four years ago; but at the next election, while the temperance people were resting on their oars, the liquor interests got busy and the saloons were reinstated. It is to be devoutly hoped that they will be given a long vacation at the coming election.

The Object

The true object of the public work of every field agent could not be set forth in more definite and powerful language than that used by Luke, referring to the eloquent Apollos of Alexandria. He says, "*He mightily convinced the Jews, publicly.*" Acts 18:28. Surely the modern Apollos will need much power to convince modern Jews mightily—convince them of the fact that Jesus is soon coming, and that *He has given to every man his work.*

Public work, whether at camp-meeting, in school, or in the church, should be of such a nature as not only to arouse and stimulate a deeper interest in the circulation of our truth-laden literature, but actually to roll the burden of perishing humanity upon every one so mightily that he will be compelled to exclaim, "Woe is me if I go not!"

By such public work, the people not only get better acquainted with the field agent, but they do it more

quickly, which is not to be overlooked. The sooner the better, if he bears close inspection. If not, then the committee have an immediate duty to perform. Heaven wants clean men, men who live four-square to God and the world, and who bear the closest scrutiny from every angle.

Remember that the one object is to enlist canvassers; and if there is a failure in this, there must of necessity be a weakness somewhere in his work. Don't lay the blame on the president, some other laborer, lack of interest on the part of the congregation, or the unfitness of the hour. Get results! There is little use in fishing for men unless you catch them. Don't speak unless you have authority.

I can't imagine how any bookman could manifest but little concern as to whether actual results in canvassers follow public effort. Yet there is great danger along this line. While canvassing for books, he knows he just *must* get orders; and so it should be when canvassing for canvassers. He should mightily convince—yes, convict—the Jews, *publicly*.

How to Plan for Public Meetings

A young and conceited minister having heard Henry Ward Beecher deliver a powerful discourse asked, "How long were you in the preparation of that sermon?" and got the terse reply, "Twenty years, sir!" The field agent should have begun to plan for public work on the very first day he went out with prospectus as a canvasser. And that preparation should never cease. Study much! Get down with the Book, and you'll get up with God. Load up. What is the use of being a "big gun" unless loaded? Grind the scythe on rainy days, and you'll be ready to make hay when the sun does shine.

When old Dr. Bellamy was asked by a young clergyman for advice about the composition of his sermons, he replied: "Fill up the cask! Fill up the cask! Fill up the cask! And then if you tap it anywhere, you will get a good stream. But if you put in but little, it will dribble, dribble, dribble, and you must tap, tap, tap, and then you get but a small stream, after all." So much for general preparation.

If ever there is a time when the field agent should have a *definite* plan in mind, it is in his public work. Then he has the time of the entire congregation, and every minute is freighted with eternal consequences. He ought to know not only what should be accomplished, but just how he is going to do it. Have a definite aim. The

man who says, "I don't know just what I am going to present, but will do the best I can to fill up the time in some way," has but little sense of the sacredness of such meetings. Any one can "fill up time;" but it takes generalship, much prayer, and earnest effort to feed the flock properly. A God-appointed leader who has no higher motive than to "fill up time," and nothing more definite to say than what "happens to come to mind," certainly needs to have this subject very thoroughly discussed in his presence.

Secure the very best help present to assist in opening the meeting. Have everything planned beforehand. Don't waste a lot of energy blustering around at the very last moment, making arrangements, but save every ounce for the supreme effort. Let each one who assists, know exactly what part he is to have in the meeting. Where it is possible, have special music, if it is good and appropriate.

Pray much, get a purpose, and God will give you the power. Never fail to talk to God for the people before you attempt to talk to the people for God. At night, on the mountainside, was where Jesus got His power for the multitude next day. And there is no other way for us. "Lord of harvest (not field agent), send forth reapers," is the way it is done.

What to Present

The real difference between failure and success is measured by whether a man wants merely to preach, or to feed the people and get results. What to present will depend somewhat upon how many opportunities one has for public work. If several are to be given, it is always best to confine oneself strictly to the book work in the first meeting. Lead up to it, but remember there must be something else besides leading. Make the application. Get somewhere definitely. Let every talk be as an anchor line cast into the hearts of men and women, on which you can pull with tremendous power at the proper time.

Make somebody squirm, and he'll love you all the more. The field agent who doesn't, is certainly using a lot of blank ammunition. On one of the camp-grounds last summer, after a talk on the giving of means as well as time, one good brother came to us sort of indignant, and asked if we thought he had money to throw at the birds. We told him we did not, but if he didn't put it into the cause, he would throw it at the bats some sad day.

Stick very closely to missionary lines. It wouldn't be appropriate at all for the field agent to use these precious opportunities in endeavoring to present the unpardonable sin, the state of the dead, or other kindred subjects. Give some soul-stirring talk on service. This will lay a good foundation upon which you can build later.

Above all, feed the people on the pure provender of the gospel. They are hungry, and have a right to expect something besides chaff. Notice this from the spirit of prophecy: "Every discourse should be given under a sense of the awful judgments soon to fall on the world."—Volume 8, p. 37. Say something startling. In Volume 9, page 109, we are told, "The testing message for this time is to be borne so plainly and decidedly as to startle the hearers." Again, "Be careful not to say to the sinner in Zion, It shall be well with thee, when God has pronounced a curse upon him." Volume 1, p. 469. With God for authority, the Spirit for power, and the Word for a sword, hew straight to the line.

Don't be afraid the people won't come out because a bookman is to talk. That is the very reason they don't want to miss it. Feed them, and they'll come again and again. If they don't, the trouble is with the field agent, and not with the congregation. A minister once paid a boy ten cents a day to bring his cow home. A good brother remarked that if he would put the ten cents in the trough the cow would come home without being driven. A word to the wise is sufficient. If one can't interest and arouse the people, he should get out, and let some one in who can. Work at something else. Better pound an anvil and make a good horseshoe, than to pound a pulpit and make a poor sermon.

Be intensely enthusiastic. Soar, if you know how and when to come down. No man will ever be eminently successful who does only his "level best." Too many already are "dead in earnest." The cemetery is full of such people. Say something. You are not there to entertain. Flowers are pretty, but they won't feed the people. Get the congregation to see the great undone world before them. Help them to hear the bitter wail of the lost world, and noble recruits to the canvassing work will follow.

(To be Continued)

A New Scheme

The *Signs Magazine* has developed a new, and what promises to be the most interesting, little scheme that has been launched for some time. Their

new circular, that little illustrated one, that is meeting with such a hearty welcome by all our people, is hardly at work before their circulation department plans something good to accompany it. This is especially for those who go to the General Conference, but is also for any who are traveling.

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The Magazine Work

We call special attention to the report of the magazine sales in Nebraska for the month of March. The College View Church has helped much to make this good report possible by ordering 5,220 Temperance *Instructors*. Can not other societies who have not ordered any of the *Instructors* have a part in this temperance campaign? Think of the possibilities of this work. The placing of this paper in the hands of some boy may change his whole course of life. Will not church officers who have not done so bring this matter before the church societies and encourage every member to engage in this work? Let each one do what he can to turn the tide of the liquor evil for some boy or young man.

The May numbers of the *Watchman* and *Signs of the Times* will be "Cyclone, Flood, and Fire" specials. These magazines should certainly have a large sale in Nebraska, because of the disastrous storm which has swept through our state. While the people's minds are agitated over these things, let us tell them the meaning of the judgments of God upon the earth through the circulation of these papers.

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