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

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As distant worlds on darkest night.
 Like heaven's calm on storm-tossed
 spume,
 They bear away life's sighs and gloom.

A gentle word—what charm it brings,
 Like soothing strains on joyful strings!
 Each care and pang of mortal birth
 Finds buoyant sphere—a heaven on
 earth.

Then speak kind words—'tis not in
 vain;
 The harvest brings eternal gain.
 'Tis ours to sow the kindly seed
 Of every word and act and deed.
 —Amos E. Flint.

First Echoes from the General Conference

In a private letter addressed to the editor, Elder J. W. Christian writes: "I had a very pleasant trip all the way to Washington. Mr. Pickering of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Chicago treated me very cordially. I gave him your name, and he said he would pay special attention to you on your way through. You will find Mr. Pickering in the Baltimore & Ohio city ticket office.

"Your tent is on the ground, all pitched and floored. It is a monstrous thing, but perhaps none too large for the delegation from the Central Union Conference. It is pitched just east of Elder Daniells' old home, if you remember—over in the timber southeast of the large pavilion.

"Just across the street we have a number of tents, some of which will be for the Nebraska delegation. I have received several letters from our workers, wishing that we might all camp near together, and I have an idea it would be better for me to room with them.

"Thank you very much for the courtesy extended in inviting me to share part of your tent, but maybe I had better stay across with my flock. We are right across the street from your tent.

"We tried to get your tent up on the main part of the grounds, but the Central Union and Northern Union tents both being odd sizes, were both put off here on an odd piece of ground. It is a good location, however, and I think you will all be satisfied.

"The work is moving along splendidly. About 300 family tents are already up and floored, and more are being raised. There is a large force



The Gentle Word

A gentle word—a little thing,
 But great the joy that it can bring
 When spoken to the careworn heart,
 Oft pierced and torn by sorrow's dart.

A gentle word can leave no scar
 The sweetest song or smile to mar.
 'Tis love that rules its sowing here,
 And crowns with joy each passing year.

Speak gently to the erring one
 Who now the path of right may shun.
 Perchance harsh words, so careless
 sown
 In moistened soil, to seed have grown.

A gentle word, alas, may win
 The erring one from paths of sin.
 'Tis better far to rule by love,
 As does the One who dwells above.

Kind, gentle words shine full and
 bright

Round Trip Fare from St. Louis

Arrangements have been made for a through tourist sleeper, and possibly two, from St. Louis to Pittsburgh, en-route for Washington. The party will leave St. Louis via the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday, May 13, on train Number two. At Pittsburgh the party will change to day coaches on train Number six, which is due to arrive in Washington at 4:45 p. m., the same afternoon. It will stop at Takoma Park, however, to leave all passengers for that station.

Round-trip tickets from St. Louis to Takoma Park, D. C., and return, will be on sale May 12, 13, and 14, good to return up to midnight June 12, for \$31.00. No certificates are necessary, but ask for round trip tickets at Seventh-day Adventist Conference at Takoma Park. Double lower berth in tourist pullman car will be \$1.75 from St. Louis to Pittsburgh.

It would be well for all who wish to join this party to communicate at once with Elder P. G. Stanley, 520 W. Lynn St., Springfield, Mo.

No rate from Kansas City has been announced. S. N. Curtiss.

of men on the ground, and everybody is working with a will. There is a feeling of assurance that everything will be in readiness this year for the General Conference. I believe we shall have a great meeting. Everything is organized in a workable way, as we shall see more fully when the machinery is started on the whirl.

"We have arranged for the college tent to be up on the campus between the boys' dormitory and the college building. The dining tent will be just back from where the college tent will be pitched, which will guarantee a splendid patronage back and forth by the tent.

"The best we could do, however, was a 12x16 tent, unless the college has ordered one especially from the tent factory."

Nebraska Conference Workers' Meeting

The meeting of the workers in the Nebraska Conference was held in the Hastings Church, April 9-13. It was the writer's privilege to be present during Sabbath and Sunday, the last two days of the meeting. Each day's program was filled with appropriate exercises, in which all the workers seemed to unite heartily. We have never seen a better spirit manifested on the part of a body of workers. This is pledge of success in the summer's campaign.

On Sunday morning, a question-box exercise was conducted by Elder Christian. The questions submitted and the answers given by Elder Christian and others whom he requested to answer some of the questions, were of a very practical nature, and this meeting, which lasted over two hours, proved one of the most interesting of the whole series.

In addition to the Nebraska workers, Elder Russell, President Griggs, and the writer were present. We greatly enjoyed these days of association with the Nebraska workers. While the personnel of the working force in the conference has changed to quite an extent during the past few years, it was a pleasure to meet some of the old workers with whom we were associated years ago, as well as those who have connected with the work more recently.

The work in Hastings seems to be in quite a prosperous condition. The sanitarium has been full to overflowing during the winter and spring. The Hastings Intermediate School has had a very successful year.

As we looked into the faces of a large and attentive audience of our

people, on the Sabbath, nearly filling the seating capacity of the church, we could but recollect the experience of some seven years ago, when we were preparing to remove the conference office and headquarters to that city. We then held our meetings in a small room in the temporary home of Brother B. M. Garten, who was doing Bible work in the city. We had four or five of our workers and two Sabbath-keepers living in the city. Surely the Lord has blessed the work in Hastings.

A. T. R.



West Kansas Conference

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Bird City, Logan, and the Hill Academy

N. T. Sutton

Bird City: This was my first visit to the Bird City Church for six years. Many are the changes that have taken place in this brief time. However, I found a few brethren who are endeavoring to hold up the torch of truth in that part of the Lord's vineyard. Because of sickness we were able to hold only a few meetings. On Sabbath most of the members were present and we enjoyed our meeting together. As we studied the great responsibility resting upon us as a people, that is to warn the world of Christ's second coming in this generation, the Lord was present by his Spirit, and gave us the assurance that if we were faithful to Him, He would accomplish this great work through his remnant people.

Logan: On account of rain we only held one meeting with the Logan Church. Through the efforts which the brethren in this church are putting forth, souls are accepting the message. I am sure that this is as it should be in all our churches. "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fulness and His suf-

ficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to 'the principalities and powers in heavenly places,' the final and full display of the love of God."

Hill Academy: On my arrival at the academy, Brother Shidler was in the midst of a canvassers' institute. There was a good interest manifested in this line of the work. Five of the students attended the institute, and we are looking forward to the accomplishing of a good work through the efforts that they shall put forth the coming summer in carrying the blessed news of the soon-coming Saviour from door to door.

Sabbath afternoon, after an impressive program rendered by the young people's society on the subject of music, showing its place in divine worship, giving the history of some of the old gospel songs, and singing the same, we repaired to the banks of the Solomon River, where three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. While the academy has had its perplexities in many ways, yet our hearts have been made glad to see a number of the students give their hearts to God and many of them willing to enter some line of the Master's work.

Wyoming Conference

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

Rushville

D. U. Hale

After spending several days in the office, I left on Thursday, April 24, for Rushville. I had never been in that place before. I found it a beautiful country. Brother Baer was expecting me, so he was at the depot to meet me. We surely had an enjoyable visit with him and his good wife.

On Sabbath his daughter, Mrs. Ulrickson, came over for the Sabbath-school. After the Sabbath-school, we took up the messages, bringing out the fact that the promise of Christ is that as soon as the Adventists have finished these messages to the world, the end will come, and that it will not come until our work is finished. This brought out the fact that our only business in this world is to finish this work. It is not time to build fine homes and to prepare to live in comfort. Our duty is to faithfully pay

our tithe, and to sacrifice our offerings to finish this work. This is the only excuse for Adventists to be in the world. Those present seemed to enjoy the meeting very much.

On Sunday, I took the stage out to Brother Hopper's home. I was not acquainted with Brother Hopper, or had never visited at his home. I found him to be one of those genial men who carried us back to our boyhood days. We got out on the spring branch, under some trees, and sat there for hours, as I used to do when I was a boy, only the subject of conversation was different. We rehearsed the godly lives of many of the people of God, past and present. We also dwelt much upon the description of the new earth and the holy city. At evening we had a good study from "Early Writings."

We are now back in the office, getting our work all caught up, preparatory to going to the General Conference. Pray for us, brethren, that the Lord will guide in counsel, in all His work.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

A card just received from Elder Hale states that he is on his way to visit Brother C. L. Hopper, about thirteen miles north of Rushville, Nebr. He spent the Sabbath with Brother John Baer and family.

H. A. Fish was with the Sheldon Church, near Upton, Wyo., last Sabbath, and just arrived in the office this morning, after an absence of nearly a month. He leaves this evening for Whitney, Nebr., to spend a few days in the field with Elmer Gipson.

Thomas Worth of Buffalo, Wyo., visited a few days in Sheridan recently.

J. A. Nickell has not been canvassing the past week, as he overdid himself walking so much. He hopes to get a horse and get out again soon.

Miss Frances Ondreizek has been called to the College View Sanitarium to be with her mother, who has been there for some time taking treatments.

N. J. Congdon of the Sheridan Church has rented a ranch a few miles east of the city, and has moved out for the summer.

Grace Reed is now in Cambria, Wyo., working for a lady who has

begun the observance of the Sabbath through studies given by Brother Lamie.

R. M. Lamie writes that he expects to visit his wife the latter part of May. Mrs. Lamie is in Chicago taking a medical course.

A card from Elder Reeder states that he found work at Custer, S. Dak., for a week longer than he had anticipated. He says that Mrs. Reeder has had an attack of pneumonia since going to Kansas, but that she is much better now.

Miss Inez Sutton of Kaycee, Wyo., was married April 16 to Mr. Claude Anderson. She is the Sabbath-school secretary of the Kaycee Sabbath-school.

F. B. Hess writes a card from Chicago, Ill., ordering a supply of *Signs Monthly* and *Protestant Magazine* to be sent to his home address, Ft. Steele, Wyo. Brother Hess has been back to New York to attend the funeral of his father, and is returning home.

R. W. Stewart of Wayside, Nebr., called at the office a few days ago and left a check for a nice sum of tithe to be credited to the Cascade Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mrs. Stewart is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. E. Tillotson, at Cascade.

Valentine Chapman is spending the time at work on a farm near Hay Springs, Nebr., while waiting for his delivery, May 12.

The Wyoming Intermediate Academy closes its year's work Friday, May 9. This has been the best year in the history of the school. Professor and Mrs. Thomas have been engaged to teach the school for another year, and the students who have been in attendance this year are much pleased.

Five Union College students, M. E. Mullinnex, John Strahle, Walter Hahn, E. H. Meyers, and Miss Mae Markert, have written to our state agent concerning territory for the summer.

How about your church's share of the fifteen-cent-a-week fund? Just count your membership and multiply by \$10.20, and you will see just the amount you should have raised for the first four months of the year. Have you reached it?

Our Canvassing Work

H. A. Fish

It has been quite a while since we reported, so we will give an account of ourselves. Since our institute we have spent some time in the field with the canvassers, and then made a visit here, it being three months since we left home.

While at home we spent a little over two days with Brother Grubles with "Patriarchs and Prophets." In eleven and one-half hours we took \$37.75 worth of orders.

We then stopped at Upton, Wyo., where Brethren Russell and Davis live. These brethren are planning on getting into the field permanently in two or three weeks.

We are now going out with Brother Gipson who is canvassing for "Bible Readings." We are very anxious for the Lord's blessings. We have never sold "Bible Readings," so we will have a new experience.

We ask you to remember the canvassers in your prayers.

South Missouri Conference

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St. Louis

Mrs. R. Leo

It is now a little over a year since I came to St. Louis to work. It has been a year of blessings and privileges, as we have been able to meet with many families who were anxious to learn of the soon-coming Saviour, and of the message that would prepare them to have a part in His kingdom.

We have found some who, previous to our meeting them, had no personal acquaintance with the Lord, but impressed by a power they did not understand, had begun to read their Bibles with a desire to understand the truth it contains. Especially did we find this true with one little mother, who, with her five children, has been observing the Sabbath for some time. Another case is that of a lady whose sister, in a distant state, had begun to observe the Sabbath. She began writing to her sister, sent her literature, then wrote and asked for some one to visit her. We did so, and at our first visits, a friend of this lady, a member of the same Baptist Church, who had previously known something of the truth, opposed the work, and sought to make light of the precious themes of a soon-coming Saviour. This opposition kept me with my heart constantly lifted to the Lord, as we read

and studied. The Lord heard our prayer, for the opposition only made our sister more determined to know of the message. She has made her purpose known to her former pastor, and while they have visited and talked with her, trying to persuade her to give up the truth, she stands firm.

These are only a few of the many interesting experiences. In some instances, friends have been invited to the studies, who have taken hold of the truth, been baptized, and have united with the church, while those that invited them are still halting.

We realize that there is yet a great work to be done, and only a short time in which to do it, and with the many things that constantly hinder, greater diligence is needed on our part. Especially is this so in working for the young. So many are slipping away from us, and what are we doing to save them? May God give us wisdom to save the children.

North Missouri Conference

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

Among the Churches

E. E. Farnsworth

On April 9, I left home to spend a few days visiting the scattered ones in the northeastern part of the state. The first few days were spent in and around Queen City and Greentop. I found six believers at the former place. They very much appreciated the visit, and it was also a pleasure to me to become acquainted with them. At this place I received nearly thirty dollars for missionary purposes. A call is made here for special meetings. One at this place is awaiting baptism.

At and near Greentop there are a few believers. Five or six here desire baptism, but as some could not well be baptized the day I had planned for it, we decided to postpone it until I could hold a few meetings and give a general opportunity for baptism. This I hope to do immediately following General Conference. This seems like a good opening for meetings.

One day and two nights were spent at La Plata. Brother and Sister W. H. Turner are doing what they can to help the work here. I was glad to visit the few who are holding up the light of truth in this pretty little city. In each of these places, all who are members gave in their names to join the conference church, and four new names were secured.

Three days were spent with the Goldsberry Church. Meetings were held Sabbath, also Saturday and Sun-

day evenings. One estimable young lady was baptized. Her people are not Sabbath-keepers, but she has learned to love the present truth very much. My stay here was too short to visit all the families. I found Brother J. C. Bradley in quite poor health.

I enjoyed these two weeks very much, and shall be glad to visit in other places as soon as I can do so. I find the scattered ones, as a rule, loyal and of good courage.

Field Notes

E. E. Farnsworth

Elder J. W. Beams is now holding a meeting in a church in Bethel, Mo. He reports a good attendance at the start.

Brother Glenn Shelton is in attendance at the Clinton institute at this writing. He reports nearly all the students as taking the training, but suggests that the South Missouri agent seems to be holding the majority. Brother Shelton hopes, however, to secure a few for our conference.

Sister R. C. Porter of Hamilton left last week for Washington, D. C., to join Elder Porter, who has arrived from South Africa. Her mother, Sister Eggleston, has quite fully recovered from her broken arm.

Brother J. B. McBane has located his family at Cairo, Mo., and will canvass in that vicinity. Brother McBane has selected this as his regular work, and we hope he will abundantly succeed.

The last heard from Elder J. F. Trubey, he was at Columbia, and expecting his family in a short time. He was planning for a vigorous campaign, preparatory to a tent effort there this summer.

Brethren H. E. Darby and John Kantz of Marceline are both building houses this summer, and are pitching tents in which to live during the summer, until the houses are ready to enter.

Inquiries are being received frequently regarding the location of the camp-meeting for this year. The location has not been selected as yet, but the Marceline believers are very anxious that it be held there. How would you like to have it there?

The conference Sabbath-school secretary desires to thank the local secretaries for their promptness in sending their reports the past quarter. Nearly every report came in promptly on time, while in the past this has not been true in every instance.

Nebraska Conference

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The Relation of the Field Worker to the Treasury Office

Anna M. Peterson

There are two ways in which I see that the field worker can be of great help to the office. One is in helping to increase the amount of the funds that flow into the office, and the other is in helping to lighten the work of the office. Thus the bulk of the business will be increased, and the unnecessary work diminished.

In order to give aid in these respects, there must be a close cooperation between the field worker and the office. He should be supplied with information from the office which will give him an insight into the financial standing of the conference. Reports through the office will be given promptly when requested. He should not stop short with a knowledge of the financial condition of his own conference, but should seek to gain this same knowledge of the Union and General Conference conditions. While having one hand on the work in the field, he should have the other one on the work in the office, so to speak, that a strong circuit may be formed which will mean very much to the success of the work. To do this he must have a deep realization of what self-sacrifice means in the giving of this message. The following quotation from the "Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 49, expresses the true idea of self-sacrifice:—

"Self-sacrifice is the key-note of the teachings of Christ. Often it is presented and enjoined in language that seems authoritative, because God sees that there is no other way to save man than to cut away from his life the selfishness which, if retained, would degrade the whole being."

If the people could be made to see the double blessing that comes from sacrificing—the reacting blessing to themselves, as well as the direct blessing to others—I am sure a greater spirit of self-sacrifice would be manifested among us. I believe that if our workers would study the above

paragraph and see its full significance, see the essential part it plays in the soul salvation of the people, they would, like Christ, make this the keynote of their teaching; the sacrifice before the glory. If Christ gave this such a prominent place, both by precept and example, do you think there is any danger of our overdoing in this, if we have pure motives and true purposes prompting it? I do not think that the worker could become too active or too aggressive in this particular line of the work, if he should put forth every effort in his power to increase the amount of the funds.

Now to come to the other part, that of dealing with the lessening of unnecessary work in the office. Oftentimes much extra work is thrown upon the office from a lack of knowledge, or carelessness, on the part of the church treasurer or the individual remitter, in not knowing how to deal properly with the funds and in not exercising care in making clear, accurate records and statements. If the workers would interest themselves in helping to right these difficulties by teaching those who have the handling of the money, the correct way, and cautioning them to be accurate and careful in all their work pertaining to this, it would mean a saving of much valuable time to the office, as well as a profitable way of educating the people to better methods. This education must constantly go on, both from the office and through the workers, but with tactful personal effort better results can be thus secured than by means of writing. The workers can give further help in this way by being careful of their own reports. I would especially refer to the monthly labor report. The space on the report blank allotted to each day of the month should show some indication of what had been done. If no item can be filled in this space for the day, and it is left blank, then it should be counted out at the end of the month. Where a worker is sick and has not worked for several days, indication of this should be made in the daily report space. Totaling the days for the month should never be forgotten. Adding the amount of the expense items should be done accurately, proving the work by going over it the second time. With the united efforts of the field workers and the office help, I am sure that the amount of the funds could be built up, and the things which hinder in the office work be greatly eliminated.

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, can not keep it from themselves."

Nebraska Sanitarium Notes

Ollie G. Manfull

Elder Lars Nielsen left for his home in Bridgewater, S. Dak. He expects to return some time this week.

Mr. C. Hildreth of Omaha visited his mother at this place last Wednesday. He was well pleased to see her looking so well. Grandma Hildreth has been with us all winter, and will likely remain for several weeks.

Ernest Wiswell, who has been out nursing at Gothenberg, Nebr., returned last Thursday morning. We are always glad to have members of our family come home.

A nurse was wanted in Clarks, Nebr., the first of last week. Edith Johnson went to fill the place. She writes that she is getting along nicely.

Lily Murray, a junior, who has been nursing at the Hastings Sanitarium for two weeks, returned last Tuesday.

Mrs. Vanlandingham of Eagle, Nebr., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Lyrel, who is one of our surgical patients.

Patients who have come in the past week are: J. F. Carlton, Omaha; S. Fleischaeker, Ludell; J. S. McLemon, Indianola; C. L. Narber, Ashland; Willis Johnson, Whitney; J. N. Randolph, H. Uhrich, Mrs. M. G. Lovett, Mrs. K. M. Wilson, Lincoln; and Mrs. Frank Meakins and Baby Layton, College View.

Office Notes

Pearl E. Jones

Elder J. W. Christian has gone to Washington, D. C., to assist in the preparations for the General Conference.

Brother E. L. Cook has been quite ill at his home in Hastings since the worker's meeting. He is better now, and we hope he may soon be able to take up his work again.

We have just received from Brother Vermaas of the Cortland Church an order for 140 Temperance *Instructors*. We trust many of our people will continue their work with this magazine through the summer months.

The teachers and pupils of the Hastings Intermediate School are busy this week with examinations. Eleven young people will finish the tenth grade, and seven the eighth

grade. The Hastings Church feels it will sustain a loss as these young people leave the school for other places. Some of them have been here for several years.

Miss Beulah Moser, the conference stenographer, has just returned from a visit at her home in Omaha.

The Grand Island Seventh-day Adventist Church building was badly damaged by fire on the night of April 20. Some boys had been seen smoking on the steps of the church, and it is supposed that the fire started from sparks falling among leaves and dry grass near the building. The church school room was burned so it could not be used, and Elder House was called to counsel with the brethren as to the advisability of continuing the school. A room was rented across the street from the church, and they will continue their work until the close of the term. The church was insured, and we trust the building may soon be repaired.

Brother L. B. Schick has gone to Kearney, and will canvass for "Bible Footlights" and "New Testament Primer" before the opening of the tent meetings at Kearney this summer.

We are glad to report that Sister Eldridge, who was badly injured in the recent storm in Omaha, has recovered. Sister Eldridge has not lost her zeal for the magazine work, as shown by the large order received from her last week. Are there not many others who will join Sister Eldridge in placing before the people literature which tells the meaning of these disasters? The May numbers of the *Watchman* and *Signs* are "Cyclone, Flood, and Fire" specials.

Miss Anna M. Peterson, Miss Alice I. Teeple, and Elder B. L. House, of the office workers, will attend the General Conference. Brother and Sister Geo. A. Williams and Brother and Sister I. F. Blue will also go from Hastings.

For the encouragement of our sanitarium workers, we quote the following from a letter received from a sister at Maywood, Nebr.: "I have lived in or near Maywood for about twenty-five years, but have been a Sabbath-keeper for about three years. My eyes were opened while at the sanitarium at College View." Our sanitariums are the means, in God's hands,

of leading some into the truth who would not receive it in any other way.

Sister Teeple, our Sabbath-school secretary, has been busy for a couple of days preparing a map of Nebraska for the Sabbath-school department exhibit at the General Conference. The map is drawn on white muslin, thirty-four by forty-four inches, and little blue stars indicate where the Sabbath-schools of the state home department are. The map is nicely gotten up, and the state is well dotted with stars and circles. We sincerely trust that the members of our Sabbath-schools may shine brightly for this truth, that the rays of light may penetrate to every part of Nebraska, and extend beyond our borders.

It is interesting to note that five out of seven of the first graduates from the Hastings Intermediate School graduate this week in the different courses of Union College, as follows: Ella Johnson, commercial; Lois Kenaston, Inez Huffman, and Hulda Honstein, academic; and Gladys Robinson, elementary normal. The other two are actively engaged in the work, Maud Miller teaching school in Oregon, and Ella Garner, teacher of the Grand Island church school. This is a good record for the class of 1911 of the Hastings Intermediate School.

The General Conference Bulletin

Only two more weeks before the conference begins. All who can not attend this great gathering should have the *Bulletin*. Order now of Nebraska Bible Supply House, 905 N. California Ave., Hastings, Nebr. Price, 50 cents.



The Offerings—No. 4.

Mrs. L. V. Robinson

What was connected with the earthly sanctuary?

"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary." Heb. 9:1.

Where were these services performed? Also, a daily service was performed in the court of the tabernacle, at the altar of burnt offering.

"Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into

the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people." Heb. 9:6, 7.

In what did the daily service consist?

"Morning and evening burnt offerings, the offering of sweet incense on the golden altar, and the special offerings for individual cases." Ex. 29:38, 39, 42; Ex. 30:1, 7, 8.

What did all the offerings represent?

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; John 1:29, 36.

What position did Christ occupy before He made the offering?

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature; for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence." Col. 1:14-22; Heb. 1:2, 3, 4, 8, 10-12.

When He came to this world, what had to be prepared for Him?

"Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldst not, but a body hast Thou prepared for Me." Heb. 10:5.

What kind of body was made for Him?

"For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people, for in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." Heb. 2:16-18.

"Being found in fashion as a man," what did He then do?

"Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the

form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:6-8.

What enabled Christ to make this perfect offering? Who then are working together for the salvation of man?

Ans.—The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Heb. 9:13, 14.

(To be continued)

Obituaries

Means.—William Harrison Means was born in Washington County, Ky., April 11, 1836, and died in College View, Nebr., April 18, 1913, at the age of 77 years and 7 days.

When he was quite young, his parents moved to Indiana, where he grew to young manhood, at which time he emigrated to the state of Iowa, where he spent the greater part of his life.

April 14, 1861, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Edgerton, to which union eight children were born, five of whom are living, and all of whom were present on this occasion.

Brother Means was converted and united with the Baptist Church in the spring of 1876. The following August he embraced the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists, to which church he has ever been a loyal member, doing all in his power to advance the cause he loved so much. He has been engaged in the sale of literature containing present truth at different times during the past twenty-five years, and nothing gave him more pleasure than to meet the people and talk with them of the truths of the Bible.

His last illness dates from September 5, since which time he had been confined to his bed the greater part of the time. During his sickness he took great pleasure in repeating the promises of God and singing the songs of Zion. Rom. 5:1 and 8:16, 17, were passages of Scripture very dear to him, and after his memory began to fail, he would frequently ask his wife or daughter to read them to him. He requested that these two texts be used in connection with his funeral service. "Higher Ground" was one of his favorite songs. This song was sung to him at his request a few days before his death.

Another one of the aged pilgrims, whose places we are so glad to see filled in the house of God, sleeps in

Jesus. His labors are ended. To him it will be but a sleeping and waking until his silent slumber will be broken by the voice of the Life-giver, when together with those who are alive and remain, he will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

The funeral service was conducted in the College View Church, there being a large attendance of relatives and friends. Words befitting the occasion were spoken by the writer.

A. T. Robinson.

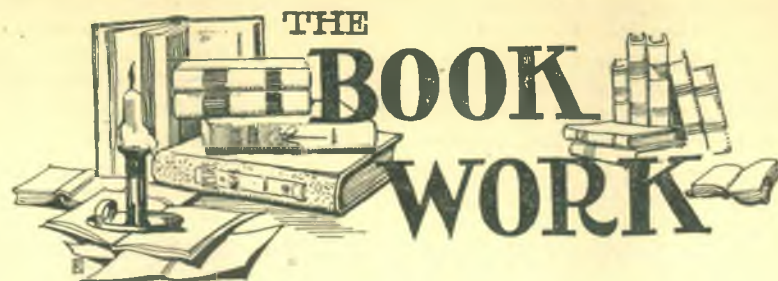
Dotson.—Mrs. Sharlottie Elizabeth Dotson was born in the state of Louisiana in 1853, and died April 11, 1913, aged 57 years, 9 months, and 7 days. In the year 1867, she was married to Jordan Dotson of Mississippi. To this union were born fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters. Of this number, twelve are still living, ten sons and two daughters. Brother and Sister Dotson were both slaves before the emancipation proclamation issued by President Lincoln.

In 1876, they moved from Mississippi to Kansas, and settled on a homestead near Edmond, where they have lived for the last thirty-five years. During the early days of Kansas, they endured many hardships in trying to raise their large family.

Some thirty-nine years ago, Sister Dotson united with the Missionary Baptist Church, in which church she lived a consistent member, until some two years ago under the efforts of her son, D. J. Dotson, she accepted the views as held and taught by Seventh-day Adventists. Many efforts were made to overthrow her faith, but without avail. She died with a bright hope of the soon-coming Saviour to take His people home, that where He is there they may be also.

The funeral services were held in the Christian Church at Edmond, conducted by the writer, before a large concourse of relatives, friends, and neighbors. Words of comfort were based on 2 Sam. 14:14 and Heb. 9:27.

M. G. Huffman.



Gain of Two Hundred Ninety-two Per Cent in April

S. N. Curtiss

The actual shipments of books into Central Union territory for the month of April, 1913, amounted to \$1720.10. For April, 1912, the total sales in this union were \$438.15; so we are able to record a gain of 292 per cent.

The total sales in this union for the four months of 1913 show a gain over the same period for 1912 of \$3459.90, or about 138 per cent.

Only subscription book sales are taken into account in these figures.

The Kansas City branch shows a gain of fifty per cent in subscription book sales for the first four months of this year.

We are devoutly thankful for this fine showing, and now as our student canvassers are about to enter the field, we earnestly hope that their work may show the same percentage of gain over 1912; for this means that more people have been favorably impressed with the truths contained in the books our canvassers are offering them.

The prospects are bright for the sale of our portion of the "half million for 1913."

The Public Work of the Field Agent

(Continued)

C. G. Bellah

How to Begin

Begin on time. Leave off preliminaries absolutely. They won't secure canvassers for you. Don't make excuses. The arousement isn't sounded that way. If you haven't anything to say, the people will find it out soon enough, without your telling them. I quote from volume 2, page 616: "Many of you waste time and strength in long preliminaries and excuses as you commence to speak. Instead of apoligizing because you are about to address the people, you should commence your labor as though God had something for you to say to them."

Don't waste time. Strike the subject immediately, and with spirit. Get off the train on a dead run. Challenge the attention of all in the very first

sentence. What would you think of an army that would fire a lot of blank cartridges at the enemy to prepare them for the real battle, or a hunter who would have his dog bark at the game awhile, in order to prepare for what was coming later? Many men ought not to start talking till about fifteen minutes after they begin.

Experiences

There is nothing after the Scriptures, that reaches the hearts of sinful men and women like the actual experiences of the speaker. But they must be fresh ones. Why should any field agent be loath to spend much time in the field, when this will give him power and influence with the people that he can get in no other way? It isn't theory, but Holy Writ and individual experiences that will stir the congregation. The great apostle to the gentiles said, "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me." Rom. 15:18. People want to know what the speaker has actually done. No field agent should accept work in a conference unless he has had, or will get at once, fresh experiences in that immediate territory.

Not all of the time of the service, however, should be devoted to experiences, unless by special arrangement it has been so planned. Often one of the very best things a field agent can do is to have a symposium meeting, in which all canvassers present take part, and relate their experiences. This should be very carefully planned beforehand.

Present the bright side. Tell of the grapes, and not the sons of Anak. Take them up on Nebo's summit, and let them look clear beyond the misery and woe of this old sin-cursed world, you will be able to "mightily convince to the city which hath foundations, and Israel." Tell the people what God has done for you, how the angels draw near, the Spirit touches hearts, and a holy stillness creeps into the home, when that precious Name is spoken in love and tenderness. Tell them how it has been done in your behalf, and they will never rest satisfied till they know for themselves.

"Oh, do not pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

Testimonies

The Testimonies should be used very judiciously. Not many years ago, about all the field agent did when before a congregation, was to read from the Testimonies. Very few can read well enough to make it interesting to the people. Select a few stirring quotations that apply directly to the subject, read them with the Spirit, and make the application. When talking about personal responsibility in the work of God, read such as this, found in volume 5, page 381: "But to every man God has appointed his work; not work in his fields of corn and wheat, but earnest, persevering work for the salvation of souls." Don't try to interpret or explain it. To do so is to take away much of its force. Read it again, and let it rest right down on the hearts of men. Then they will either shift the burden, or get into the work.

Another good way to use the Testimonies is to make the point verbally, but not read the text. Every field agent should read all the Testimonies through very carefully, preserving in convenient form such quotations as he can use in his work.

Statistics

We hear a great deal said nowadays about cold figures. Figures are not always cold; but if the right sort are used, and presented properly, they will verily burn their way home. Sales charts have their rightful place, and often succeed in getting facts before the hearers in a most clear and impressive manner. They will also greatly aid the field agent who may be otherwise a little weak on public work.

However, I believe that statistics should be more of the nature of results in additions to the truth, rather than mere sales. Results in silver are good, but in souls far better. It is the glitter not of the coin, but of the crown, that cheers the hearts of the remnant people. All victories for our

literature, and especially those in his immediate territory, should be at the instant command of the field agent. Tell them over and over again; for it is the same old, sweet story, of which our people never tire.

To be Continued.



Elder A. T. Robinson and Elder L. V. Finster and wife leave to-morrow, Wednesday afternoon, for the General Conference. Elder Robinson was appointed on the committee for the seating of delegates, and goes to Washington a week in advance of the company.

A company of forty or more delegates and visitors will leave Lincoln over the Burlington at 4:30, Monday afternoon, May 12, enroute to the General Conference. At Chicago, their tourist car will be switched to the Baltimore & Ohio depot, where it will be connected with a special train of five coaches, made up of delegates and visitors, which will go straight through to Washington.

Elder Russell, who has been spending a few days at his home in Minnatare, returned to the office last Friday. He will be leaving in a few days to attend the General Conference.

Elder I. H. Evans arrived in College View last Wednesday evening, and remained over Sabbath and Sunday. He occupied the pulpit in the College View Church Sabbath morning. The key-note of his sermon was "Bearing the Marks of the Lord Jesus." In the evening, he gave a stereopticon lecture on the work in China.

These are busy days at Union College, both for the faculty and the student body, preparing for graduation exercises, when the largest class in the history of Union College will be graduated.

Miss Pearl E. Jones of the Nebraska Conference office at Hastings, is spending a few days visiting friends in College View.

Prof. M. B. VanKirk, before leaving for the General Conference, is to deliver the commencement addresses in connection with the closing exercises of the schools at Hastings, Nebr., and Oswego, Kans. He also expects to visit at Graysville, Tenn., where he was formerly connected with the Graysville Training School.

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