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

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Watcheth not alone;
There are three in the darkness to-
gether,
And the third is the Lord.

—Van Dyke.

Central Union Conference

The sixth biennial session of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened for its opening meeting, Thursday, January 15, at 9 a. m., the president, Elder E. T. Russell in charge. After scripture reading by Elder O. A. Olsen, prayer by Elder I. H. Evans, and the roll call of delegates, the president delivered the following annual address.

Two eventful years have passed since we last met at this place in conference assembled. During this period, nations have been in the throes of war, and that at a time when a palace as a capitol of international peace has been dedicated at The Hague by representatives from different nations of the world. Well has a certain writer said: "When its construction was decided upon, the Anglo-Boer war broke out, and plans were laid for the Russo-Japanese war. When the first stone was laid, the kaiser made his first voyage to Tangier, which event was the beginning of the Morocco-European complications. When the first floor was finished, Austria seized Bosnia and Herzegovina. When the second floor was completed, the Franco-German controversy arose. When the roof was put on, the Turkish-Italian war began. 'Only think,' the painters, glaziers, decorators, have not yet begun their tasks! We have also heard rumors of statues symbolizing peace. Beware! Each time one is unveiled it will rain shrapnel somewhere. When

the temple is completed, look out for a grand scrimmage.'"

Although universal peace is a dream never to be realized, it is nevertheless an agency used of God in restraining the winds of strife until the elect are sealed for the kingdom of God. Great changes have also taken place in the social world. Syndicalism has appeared as a world threatening specter. Sad it is, but its awful shadow has been cast over our fair land in the work of the Industrial Workers of the World movement. Their fruitage has been seen in strikes and dynamitings, resulting in destruction of both life and property. Their advocacy of world-embracing organizations, general strikes, and drastic measures for the abolition of capitalism appears as a dark pall foreshadowing evil to the world, and especially to the favored sons of mammon. Confederacies are being formed by religious bodies in the interest they claim of missionary effort and of world evangelization. Theological differences are being laid aside, and union is being effected on what they term essentials in matters, —social, political, and religious. The bride of Christ is now reaching forth her arms to enfold the world in her embrace. She is lavishing her smiles on politicians. She is entreating legislators to listen to her and to do her bidding. In some instances, she is even resorting to the use of threats in order that she may win in her worldly endeavors for temporal power in the interest of world religio federation. In order to win, she has even manifested her willingness to lower standards and surrender principles for which she has contended for centuries.

While the world does not discern the meaning of these things, they are



Psalm of the Helpers

He that turneth from the road to
rescue another,
Turneth toward his goal.
He shall arrive in due time by the
footpath of mercy;
God will be his guide.

He that taketh up the burden of the
fainting
Lighteneth his own load;
The Almighty will put His arms un-
derneath him;
He shall lean upon the Lord.

He that speaketh comfortable words
to mourners,
Healeth his own heart;
In his time of grief they will return
to remembrance;
God will use them for balm.

He that careth for the sick and
wounded,

plain to the faithful students of prophecy. To them they are harbingers of the coming of their long absent and loved Redeemer.

The past two years have been quite fruitful in the line of world missionary endeavor. Never was the tide of world evangelism running higher, and yet many of the dark spots of earth have scarcely been touched by the noble standard-bearers of the cross. Among this number many have gone forth fired with the gospel of the coming King. As a result, new fields have been entered and dark corners have been lighted by the torch of present truth.

Year by year this world-wide movement in which we are engaged is gaining accelerated speed. Backed as it is by divine energy, it can not be stayed in its onward progress. Truly the field is rapidly ripening for the harvest.

As local conferences we must recognize the fact that God should govern in all the details of our work. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Even a tiny bird can not fall to the ground without His notice. Therefore in all our plans let God be first. Let us not plan and labor for self, but on the contrary let us pray and plan for the promotion of His cause everywhere. Not alone in our own little corner, not alone in our conference or in this union, but world-wide. Let us bear in mind that the churches as integral parts form conferences. Local conferences form union conferences, union conferences form division conferences, and division conferences and division missions form the General Conference. Thus we believe the whole body is fitly framed together, and if it is, it should successfully work together. If one member suffers, all suffer. If one member prospers, all will measurably prosper. One member will not say of another, "I have no need of thee;" but all will say, though a member be feeble, "It is necessary." "We are the body of Christ and members in particular." May we ever recognize that we "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:20-22. If we, by the Spirit, should be thus led, we would consider other interests besides those with which we

may be directly connected. This would be unselfishness, and would tend to perfect union in union conferences and also in the interest of the world-wide work committed to our hands. "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage."

May God in His own good time hasten the day when these words may be true in our experience. May we ever bear in mind that "a friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Prov. 17:17.

Reported conversions for biennial period 1542
Total Tithe Raised in the Union

Conference, 1912 . . .	\$131,657.50
Total Tithe Raised in the Union	
..Conference, 1913 . . .	122,756.10
Total Tithe for Biennial period	254,413.60

In 1912 our total remittance from the local conferences was \$103,021.30; in 1913, \$103,485.67, making a total for the two years of . . . \$206,506.97.

The total offerings from the local conferences for 1912 was \$89,955.16; for 1913, \$89,912.75, making a total for the two years of . . . \$179,867.91. Fifteen Cent-a-week, 1912 \$ 60,084.99
Fifteen and Twenty Cent-a-week Fund, 1913 65,781.55
Total for two years \$125,866.54
Twenty-cent-a-week Fd.

(Amt. to be raised during 6 mos.)	\$43,638.40
Amount Raised	40,469.49
Amount Short	3,168.91

I might say in this connection that there were two \$1,000 items through technicality that had to be counted out just as we were closing our books, but of course this amount will be counted in next year.

We are sorry to report that we have failed during the past six months to raise twenty-cents-a-week per member. We wish the record in this report was different. Yet when we take into account conditions, we feel that the conferences have generally done well. In western Colorado, one-third of our brethren are practically bankrupt. In Kansas and portions of Missouri and Nebraska, those owing farms did not make enough to pay their taxes, and renters could not pay their rent.

Book Work in the Central Union

The total sales in the Central Union for 1912 were \$43,000.00 in round numbers. For 1913, \$50,000.00. Total, \$93,000.00. This means books actually delivered in the field, and not

orders. The gain of 1913 over 1912 was over \$6,000.00.

Every conference in the union made gain over last year, except three, and the combined loss in these was less than \$500.00.

One very excellent feature of the work in the Central Union is, that there are a great many more permanent workers now than at any other time for several years past.

International Publishing Association

During the past two years, the International Publishing Association has been steadily building up its work in the circulation of foreign literature. While the institution is chiefly devoted to the publication of periodicals, tracts, and pamphlets in the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish languages, it imports and sells literature in more than thirty languages in which present truth is published. Ten periodicals are issued, five being in German, three in Danish-Norwegian, and two in Swedish. The average retail value of this literature amounts to about \$38,000 yearly, and this large quantity of matter sent through the College View postoffice has made it the third in the state as to the volume of printed matter handled. During this biennial period, the retail value of the books, tracts, and pamphlets sold, has been, in the German \$9,248, in Danish-Norwegian \$8,153, in Swedish \$5,839, in English \$4,628, and in other languages \$1,754, a total of \$29,622. The ten-cent foreign magazines distributed are valued at \$15,439, and other periodicals at \$30,116. Thus, while the office has not made a large financial gain, the precious light of present truth has gone forth to thousands of homes of foreign speaking people, bringing Christian joy and comfort to their hearts. A good spirit of harmony prevails in the institution, and the Lord's blessing is attending the work in a marked degree.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer Work

In our Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments some progress has been made, both in the matter of becoming more fully organized and in the results of the efforts put forth. At the beginning of the biennial period, there were two persons elected to lead out in these two departments; for the Missionary Volunteer department, Elder Meade McGuire; and for the Educational, Professor M. B. Van-Kirk, who was then the principal of the Southern Training School. In

June, the call of the General Conference took Elder McGuire from the Union work, and since that time, Professor VanKirk has taken charge of both departments. Our Young People have lifted well in the matter of raising funds, and interest in all lines of these departments is increasing.

Average number of societies 56
 Average membership 1184
 Conversions reported for biennial period 229

Funds raised, 1912, for Korea \$1,000

Probably this amount was exceeded, but accurate reports are not obtainable.

For 1913, the young people have been working on \$2,500 for India. Reports are not fully in, but we think the sum will be nearly, if not fully reached.

Average number of church schools conducted in the Union during the period is 52, with an average enrolment of 739 students. There are two academies doing 12th grade work, and three doing tenth grade work. The average enrolment for the same period is 313.

Union College

The work of Union College has been on the upward grade, since my last report. There has been an increase in attendance and a large decrease in the financial losses of the school. Last year the school graduated the largest class in its history, numbering over fifty, of whom twenty were from the Literary, or College, course. Nearly all of those who completed the long course are engaged in the work, and of those completing the shorter course nearly every one is again in school, taking further study or in the work. A great responsibility is laid upon the Central Union Conference in having this, the largest school in the denomination, in our midst, and we are responsible before God and to the people, not only of the Central Union Conference, but of the whole denomination, to strengthen in every way the work of the College so that it may not only continue, but greatly increase in the noble work which it has done. Something like sixteen hundred of its students have gone into the direct work of this message since it was established, and it is incumbent upon us to greatly increase the yearly number who thus enter directly into the work of the message.

Clinton German Seminary

This institution, with about 100 acres of land, was purchased in the summer of 1910.

The first cost was between twenty-seven and twenty-eight thousand dollars. But as the plant was in a badly run down condition, many thousands had to be invested in attentions and repairs so that a little more than one year ago the indebtedness of the institution was over \$46,000.00. It is now reduced to \$25,000, which amount is much more than covered by pledges.

During the biennial period, a number of students have left this institution for foreign fields. Others have entered the ministry in this country, and many have gone forth as canvassers.

Sanitariums

Nearly all of our sanitariums have been blessed with prosperity. The Colorado Sanitarium which has for years struggled against such tremendous financial odds that it has scarcely been able to hold its own, the past year paid out over \$3,000 for improvements and repairs, and reduced its note indebtedness more than \$7,000. This good showing, we believe, is largely due to a reduction of helpers and efficient service rendered to the patients, by both physicians and nurses.

Their largest patronage is during the summer months, while during the winter months the institution has usually been run at a loss of a few thousand dollars.

Last winter the institution ran behind but one hundred eighty-five dollars. Thus far this winter it has met its operating expenses. Therefore we have every reason to hope it will make a splendid financial showing this year.

The Nebraska Sanitarium at College View has also enjoyed prosperity under the medical superintendency of the Doctors Shively, and business management of Brother Neilsen. Many needed improvements have been made, and we bespeak for it a bright future.

The Hastings Sanitarium has been prospered with patronage, so it is now free from the burden of debt, for which we rejoice.

The Kansas Sanitarium at Wichita has enjoyed a fair patronage. But owing, no doubt, to the severe drought in Kansas and Oklahoma, and a too frequent change of medical superintendents, it has not been prospered like its sister institutions. Their yearly balance sheet showed a slight loss. Dr. L. A. Sutter has just been employed as medical superintendent, and we have reason to believe he will render the institution valuable service.

The day draws on apace when He who once came as the Son of Man will come as the Son of God. Instead of

coming in sorrow, clothed in the garments of poverty, He will come in heavenly pomp in transcendent grandeur, clothed in glorious raiment. He will be accompanied by an escort of angel ministers, those who have sympathized with Him in His sorrows, and rejoiced with Him in His victories. All other pageants, either heavenly or earthly, will pale into insignificance before this grandest of all grand triumphal processions. An event in honor of a world redeemed.

He is now closing His work of preparation. It will be a day of all days, both in heaven and on earth, when "the Lord, Himself, shall descend from heaven with a shout of the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." Then with the risen and glorified ones He will return, and the everlasting gates of the city of God will be opened for both the unfallen and redeemed ones to enter. Then the family of the earth will be united with the family of heaven, and the days of their affliction will be ended. Then the harps and voices of heaven will break forth in praise and adoration. Then the day of the pilgrimage of God's weary home- and sin-sick children will be forever ended. They will then be gathered to enjoy the bliss of heaven forever to rest in the Father's love.

As we have reached the close of this biennial period, it is with pleasure that we place the interests of this conference in your hands. May the Lord direct you in judgment in outlining its policy for the future, and also in the selection of its officers. We thank you for the hearty cooperation and support you have given us, and we feel assured you will support those who shall be chosen to serve you in the future, as you have faithfully supported us.

How We Came Out on the Twenty Cent a Week Fund

Feeling sure that our people who have responded so nobly to the appeals that have been made in behalf of missions during the past two months will be interested to know how near we came to raising the twenty cents a week for the Central Union Conference, we publish this statement for the last six months, before having the statement for the full year worked out.

During the first six months of this year, we were working on the fifteen-cent-a-week basis, while during the last half of the year our aim was changed to twenty cents a week.

Twenty cents per week per member for the entire union conference for the six months would amount to \$43,638.40. We received and forwarded to the General Conference, \$40,469.49, being \$3,168.91 short of the goal toward which we were aiming.

It seems only fair to say a word or two in reference to Colorado and South Missouri, the two conferences that are the farthest behind. In Colorado, just at the time when the strongest pull was being made in all the conferences, four feet of snow fell, almost completely paralyzing everything throughout eastern Colorado. For three days not a street car or vehicle of any kind moved in the city of Denver. The tract society office was without street car service for nine days. It cost the street car company \$150,000 to clear their tracks, while it cost the city more than \$200,000 besides to clear the streets for traffic. Elder Kite and Brother Emery estimate that they lost from \$1000 to \$1500 in offerings, which would have been gathered in during December if it had not been for the storm. In South Missouri they had to count out \$1000 after it had been reported to us, which could not be realized upon in season to be counted in for last year. This was also true of a \$1000 gift in the Nebraska Conference. If these \$1000 gifts had come in as promised, the union conference would have been within a little over \$1000 short.

The conferences ahead for the six months are as follows: Nebraska, \$1,115.99; West Colorado, \$522.83; and Wyoming, topping the list with \$1,200.24. The conferences falling behind were Colorado, \$3,015.31; East Kansas coming next, with \$1,794.25; South Missouri, \$1,036.79; West Kansas, \$85.86; and North Missouri, \$75.76.

Considering the terrible drought suffered in much of the territory, especially in western Kansas and southwestern Nebraska, the results have certainly been gratifying. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the Central Union Conference and also on behalf of our foreign missions, for the splendid spirit of sacrifice and loyalty on the part of our people throughout the union conference.

"There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside the kingdom of heaven."

A Memorable Sabbath in College View

The deep movings of the Holy Spirit which have characterized the meetings of the ministerial institute, since the opening meeting on Tuesday evening, have proved but as a few drops before the more plentiful showers of grace and blessing which were poured out upon the assembled congregation during the Sabbath services.

Friday evening, Elder G. B. Thompson gave a soul-stirring discourse on the "Sealing Work." God helped His servant to tell what it will mean to the individual to know that the seal of the living God has been placed upon him, and also what a terrible feeling of disappointment it will be to know that the "angel with the writer's ink-horn by his side" has done his work and passed one by without placing the mark upon him. The Holy Spirit bore witness to the statement that we are now in the sealing time and that the work is actually going forward.

Sabbath morning, the ministers and workers assembled in the South Hall parlor, where Elder I. H. Evans gave a very impressive talk, setting forth the weakness of our ministry, and pointing to the source of strength and almighty power which awaits our demand and reception. A great many testimonies of heartbroken confessions were made, followed by the shout of victory for deliverance from the power of the enemy. This meeting continued for more than two hours, and closed only in season for the regular forenoon preaching service in the church, on which occasion Elder A. G. Daniells preached a powerful sermon from the words of the Saviour, "Ye are witnesses of these things."

In the afternoon, Elder O. A. Olsen preached, with his old-time earnestness and power. All these services were followed by a response on the part of the great congregations assembled, when nearly all present covenanted anew to consecrate their lives for the finishing of this message.

This certainly appears very much like the great "Reformatory Movement," which was presented to the servant of the Lord, as recorded on page 126 of Volume 9 of the "Testimonies." May the Lord hasten the day when that glorious picture will be fully revealed.

Standard of Attainment

Paper read by F. M. Cossentine at a Missionary Volunteer Institute at College View, Nebr., Jan. 10, 1914.

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:11, 12.

This startling announcement made by the Judge of all the earth Himself, and which has been ringing down through the ages from the time of the Revelator, comes with all the added force of the centuries past to Adventist young people and missionary volunteers especially. We live in the time when these events are to be fulfilled before our eyes, and sooner than any of us may realize. We have in the third angel's message a destiny settling message for the world; the last good news from a loving Father to His sinburdened children. They do not see or sense their sad condition; or realize their need of something better than they now have.

God has chosen a people to give to the world this last good news of love divine. Under His guidance the Missionary Volunteer movement has been organized and fostered; that the message bearers might be more effectively trained and the work be carried on more intelligently and aggressively. The power for witnessing for the truth comes with a thorough knowledge of its principles, and of the rise and progress of the movement.

As an aid and an incentive to the study of these themes there was set in operation, at the Missionary Volunteer Convention held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1907, a plan called the Standard of Attainment. All who so desire, and Missionary Volunteers especially, are urged to become members of Attainment. A member of Attainment is one who has passed satisfactorily the tests in Bible doctrines and denominational history issued by the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference. These questions are prepared by the department and sent in response to orders to the young people's secretaries of the local conferences or to the church elder, in case there is no secretary. The elder, or some one appointed by him, conducts the examinations during the first weeks of March and September of each year. A Bible may be used during examina-

tions, but no concordance, personal markings or other helps.

"Liberal time is allowed for answering the questions, but the examination in one subject must be completed at one sitting, and in the presence of the examiner to whom the paper will then be given. The examiner forwards the same to the local conference Missionary Volunteer secretary."

"The test need not be taken in both subjects at the same time. A test in one subject may be taken in the spring, and the other in the fall or later." The names of those passing the examination are sent to the General Conference Missionary Volunteer department whence certificates of attainment are issued.

The studies themselves are personal, and there is no expense of tuition, simply the helps that may be used. Some of the efficient helps to Bible study to be secured are "Bible Readings," "Johnson's Bible Text Book," "Bible Footlights," "Scriptural Evidences." Helps to the study of the movement are "Great Second Advent Movement," "Outline of Mission Fields," upon which two books the examination questions are based, "*Review and Herald*," "The Church, Its Order and Discipline." "The Missionary Idea" is another book intended to broaden knowledge of the needs of the world.

As Missionary Volunteers and as Seventh-day Adventists, we must take on a broader, more comprehensive, and withal a more extensive view of the world's great need. The reports brought to us by our delegates from the great Kansas City convention of Student Volunteers can not fail to reveal this need more fully to us and to inspire us with a fuller devotion to the cause of answering the call to supply the need. God and humanity call us to do valiant service. But the efficient worker is always the well prepared worker. To get the needed preparation, study is needful; earnest purposeful study of the truth. We can not hope to carry to the world and impress them with something of which we ourselves have but a vague, hazy notion. Our ideas of Bible truth must be clear cut, and as luminous to us as the rays of the noonday sun before we can expect the world to see the light of it through us. Each one should examine himself often as to his knowledge of the essential doctrines of the third angel's message. Each one should be asking, "Can I set forth to the ignorant soul the knowledge of Christ's soon coming so clearly that

he will realize its nearness and accept the truth of it?" "Can I bring to bear clear scriptural evidence on such questions as the sanctuary, the resurrection, the two covenants, the nature of man, the judgment, tithes and offerings, the Sabbath, righteousness by faith, etc.?" If I can not, can I fulfill the work to which I am called? Can I set forth the scriptures which apply to the rise of this message, and make it clear to the inquirer that this movement is the one and the only one there spoken of? Can I trace intelligently the growth of the movement from year to year; speak definitely of its membership; the number of its missionaries; schools, sanitariums and other institutions; trace the growth of the publishing work in all its ramifications? If I can not, am I living up to my privileges? Would not my faith in the movement be strengthened, and would not my message to the world be more positive, more winning if I did know these facts? Moreover God holds me responsible for the acquirement and use of this knowledge, which it is within my power to obtain. Shall I fail in my responsibility?

There is set before us in the Standard of Attainment a pleasant and feasible plan of securing this knowledge which we all have imperative need of. "Missionary Volunteer societies are urged to organize Standard of Attainment bands to meet regularly to study Bible doctrines and denominational history. The plan is meeting with favor, and to-day we find several hundred young people studying together in bands, the important subjects of which the Standard of Attainment membership demands a knowledge. In the spring of 1913, nine times as many sets of test questions were ordered as at any previous examination held." The plan is being tried out this year of granting certificates to those gaining school credits in the subjects included in the Standard of Attainment.

Certificates issued in this Union Conference up to March 1913 are as follows: Missouri, nine; Colorado, twenty-seven; East Kansas, eight; West Kansas, seventeen; West Colorado, eight; and Nebraska two.

Shall not we, the Missionary Volunteers of College View, take this matter in hand and make it a live issue? Shall we not redeem the time, make use of all the agencies God places at our command to obtain a more thorough knowledge of these great themes of truth and so make our work more efficient? Shall we not recognize that the great destiny deciding mandates

quoted at the beginning and so soon to be spoken in tones of thunder to the world places a positive and weighty responsibility upon us, the depositaries of God's truth, to leave no stone unturned that we can turn to so clearly sound the message of warning that as many as possible shall be led to decide their destinies in the right way before it is eternally too late? Under God the Standard of Attainment plan may be a mighty factor in training more efficient Christians to spread the truth wherever they may be. Shall not the Missionary Volunteers of College View rally to the plan and to every other good plan until the "Well done" shall be spoken?

Annual Meeting of the Clinton German Seminary Board

M. B. VanKirk

Preceding the annual meeting of the board, a meeting of the German committee was held at Clinton. There were present at this meeting Elder J. H. Schilling, of New York; John Isaac, of Oklahoma; Gerhard Gaede, of Buffalo, N. Y.; David Voth, of Chicago; Benjamin Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. W. Webber, of Cleveland, Ohio; Theodore Valentiner, of College View; and G. F. Haffner, of Clinton. These brethren gave careful consideration to the German work throughout the field, and laid plans for its vigorous prosecution.

The members of the Seminary board present at the Clinton meeting were as follows: Elders E. T. Russell, G. F. Watson, G. F. Haffner, J. H. Schilling, E. E. Farnsworth, John Isaac, W. H. Clark, H. A. Aufderhar, and W. D. MacLay. Professors Witzke and Simon, Brethren Osterloh and Adam Schneider, and by invitation Elder O. A. Olsen, and M. B. VanKirk, Union College educational secretary.

The meetings of the board were harmonious and pleasant. A number of problems of especial interest and importance were considered, and the faculty for the coming year was chosen. The principal's report was rendered by Professor Witzke, acting principal. He has been serving in this capacity for some weeks in addition to his work as teacher, because of the illness of Professor Simon who has been obliged to resign.

While the attendance of the school is lighter than last year, an excellent spirit is prevailing, and students are doing good work. Financially the school is doing very well indeed. While it has taken careful manage-

ment to keep the finances within bounds, credit is due to the management in this line.

On account of the International meeting appointed to be held in College View, January 9, several items were not finished at Clinton, but were left to be settled by the board at College View; as nearly all the members of the board will be there.

Professor Witzke has been chosen as principal for the remainder of this and the coming year. Mr. Toesjess, who graduates from Union College, has been chosen for preceptor and teacher. Mr. Crone, now employed in the International Publishing House, has been selected as bookkeeper and commercial teacher. Only minor changes aside from these were made in the faculty.

The German laborers connected with the board are of good courage, and through the efforts of our faculty and field laborers, we believe it possible to fill the Seminary to overflowing. This should be done, and we pray God that it may be accomplished the coming year.



Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y
E. H. Meyers, Field Agt.
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Religious Liberty

D. U. Hale

A letter received from Elder Long-acre states that among the first bills introduced into Congress was a Sunday bill. He also sent a number of blanks to be filled out and sent in. He states in a letter to me that he has sent a few blanks to each church elder in the conference. I trust that the elders will give these blanks to the different members in the church, so that they may get them filled.

The circulation of these petitions serves two purposes. They help to call the attention of the people to this truth and to the warning against the image of the beast. In so doing, it also puts off the making of the laws, opening the way for the final enforcement of the mark of the beast.

It is our duty as a people not to permit any one to vote and support the enforcement of the mark of the

beast without full knowledge of the importance of their actions.

We trust that every leader of every church will get these petitions out, and have them filled and sent in as early as possible. We also hope that every member of every church will help in this petition work as much as he can.

Among the Churches of the North Platte Valley

H. E. Reeder

Leaving New Castle, Wyo., on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, I started on a tour among the churches and companies of the North Platte Valley in western Nebraska and Wyoming.

The first visit was with the brethren of the Bridgeport Church, who live near Angora, Nebr. I arrived at the home of Brother O. Kruger just in time to partake of the bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, which was greatly enjoyed after a ride of several hours on the train.

I found this little company of good courage, and some good meetings were held with them. The prospects are that this church will soon be greatly reduced by removals.

The church located on the tableland north of Broadwater, Nebr., was the next place visited. Here the work for the church was greatly hindered by bad weather. A storm period was on during the time of my appointment with this church, but notwithstanding the storm and snow, I visited nearly every family and held some good meetings with the few gathered in these homes. I found the church somewhat stirred over the doctrine of holiness, but as we studied this question from God's Word, light came in, and I feel sure that the Lord will care for His own.

Next I went to the church north of Lisco, Nebr. This church was organized about six years ago as a result of work done during the winter of 1907 and 1908 by Elder Berry and myself, so I was very glad to greet the brethren there. I stayed with them one week, and many who had grown cold came out to the meetings and expressed a desire to return. The quarterly meeting was held, and Brother Fred Wallace was re-elected elder, and Brother S. E. Bennett was elected as deacon. The other officers remain about the same. I heard that Brother David Sleser, who had been studying the truth for some years, had taken his stand and desired bap-

tism. In company with Brethren Wallace and Bennett, I went to his home on Blue Creek, about twelve miles east, and after a short talk and scripture reading with him and his wife, we went out to the stream a short distance from his water mill, and buried him with Christ in baptism.

The next day I took the train to Scotts Bluff, where I visited a company of believers, and held meetings with them for two days.

I went next to Mitchell, and spent one week with the church located about seven miles north of this place. This was my first visit to this place, but some good meetings were held, and the Lord came very near as we studied in regard to the nearness of His coming and the great work to be done.

I then visited some isolated ones at Torrington and Ft. Laramie, Wyo., and returned the next day after Christmas to Minatare, Nebr. In this part of the valley are two churches, with three Sabbath-school organizations. I visited and held meetings there for two weeks, holding quarterly meeting and election with the Minatare and the Midway Churches. I found some very earnest souls here, and the Lord greatly blessed as we studied the Word and the present needs of His work together.

The last service in this vicinity was held at the home of Elder G. A. Kirkle, and although the day was disagreeably cold, there were forty-one persons present. We held Sabbath-school, after which I spoke to them on what the "Testimonies" say is the greatest need of the church to-day,—that of faith. This last meeting clearly demonstrated the fact that if these brethren had a good church building, centrally located in this part of the valley, both these churches could meet together for their Sabbath meetings.

Personally, I enjoyed this work among the churches, and I can testify that as I tried to help others my own soul was watered.

Office Notes

Mrs. Asa Smith

C. L. Hopper, of Rushville, Nebr., was in Lincoln visiting his parents, and attended church at College View on Sabbath.

Elder D. U. Hale left his home at Hemingford, January 8, for College View, where he will attend the Union

Conference. From there he expects to go to Texas to visit his mother and daughters.

Mrs. C. W. M. Reed, of the Sheldon Church, arrived home early in January, after having spent about two months with her husband in Colorado.

H. A. Fish writes from Rapid City that he is looking for a location. It is expected that Brother Fish will locate in this part of the conference immediately after the Union Conference.

Earl Niles, one of our isolated home department members, writes us from College View that he is now attending Union College.

We were surprised to learn that Mrs. Clawges, of Bridgeport, Nebr., had been compelled to go to Boulder on account of poor health. Her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Cartwright, matron of the Hemingford school, spent some time with her mother recently. She reports that her health is improving.

Miss Fern Tillotson, of Cascade Springs, recently returned to the Hemingford Academy after having spent an enjoyable vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Grace Ainsworth, of Big Trails, Wyo., writes as follows: "We have a little son, born Nov. 21, 1913. I hope, if the world stands until he is old enough, that he will be a worker for the Lord, as I have done so little."

Paul Curtis, of Garland, Wyo., formerly elder of this church, sends us a nice order for books, which he hopes to dispose of in connection with his optical work.

Brother R. W. Stewart has just returned from Horton, Wyo., where he spent some time with the company who became interested while Brother H. A. Fish was laboring there. Brother Stewart reports that he has succeeded in organizing a Sabbath-school, and that the work is in very good condition.

Mr. Asa Smith left Crawford, Sunday evening, January 11, for College View to attend the Union Conference, which convenes from January 13-25. Elder H. E. Reeder, Elder G. W. Berry, and H. A. Fish are also in attendance.

Nebraska Conference

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Nebraska Sanitarium Briefs

Kate Mercer, of Mason City, Nebr., is receiving treatments here at the sanitarium.

Mrs. John Brown, of York, Nebr., came to us last week, and is receiving treatments.

J. B. Stingley, of Creighton, Nebr., registered at the sanitarium last week, and is taking treatments.

Miss Blanche White, a graduate nurse of the Nevada Sanitarium, who has been teaching in Downs, Kans., was brought to the sanitarium for treatment.

Mrs. C. L. Lewis, of Fairbury, Nebr., was brought to the institution about two months ago in an ambulance. She left for home one day this week, much improved in health.

During the past week the matron's office has been made more attractive by the purchasing of a bowl of gold fish. Ask the matron their names.

Brother C. J. Paulson, of Hastings, Nebr., who had his jaw operated on for an ulcerated tooth, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Rosa Newman, of Kansas City, Kans., underwent a heavy operation last week. She is having splendid results, and we hope to see her up and around in a short time.

Elder O. E. Jones and wife, of Hastings, Nebr., are visiting their daughter Pearl at the sanitarium, and attending the meetings.

The sanitarium has been filled to overflowing the past week by those who are stopping here and attending the institute meetings. The following persons are with us: Elders C. G. Bellah, Kansas City, Mo.; O. A. Olsen, Chicago, Ill.; G. F. Watson, Keene, Tex.; S. Mortenson, Chicago, Ill.; C. J. Kunkel, St. Joseph, Mo.; S. N. Curtiss, Kansas City, Mo.; S. N. Jackson, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Chas. Thompson, Minneapolis, Minn.; G. W. Wells, Minneapolis, Minn.; G. B.

Thompson, Washington, D. C.; A. G. Daniells, Washington, D. C.; Meade MacGuire, Loveland, Colo.; W. F. MacLay, Springfield, Mo.; L. F. Trubey, Hamilton, Mo.; and W. A. Long, Springfield, Mo.; M. P. Manny, Oswego, Kans.; Miss E. M. Graham, Washington, D. C.; A. F. Kirk, Hastings, Nebr.; L. B. Schick, Hastings, Nebr.; C. R. Spangler, Washington, D. C.; G. C. Hoskins, Mountain View, Cal.; Miss Beulah Moser, Hastings, Nebr.; and C. S. Potts, Beatrice, Nebr.

West Kansas Conference

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Lyons

W. L. Nott

I am glad to report that the outlook for the work in Lyons is very encouraging. We have nine who are keeping the Sabbath, and others who are interested. The attendance at our meetings of late has been better than for several weeks past, and those who come manifest a deep interest. The Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked manner in our meeting last Friday night, and one dear sister responded to the call that was given. It seemed that others could scarcely refrain from responding.

One sister, who has been keeping the Sabbath for only a short time, and her son, who is not a Sabbath-keeper, came early to Sabbath-school the next day, so that they could have time to talk about the message before time for Sabbath-school. They were very much exercised about the meeting the evening before, and felt condemned that they had not made a public acknowledgment of the message. The son is at the point of decision.

A number of others, who say we have the truth, but have not yet decided to obey, are attending our meetings.

I met a man on the street, who for some reason has not been coming to our meeting, and he asked me if we were going to hold our camp-meeting at Lyons again, and seemed anxious to have us do so. I told him of our message, and he said he wants the truth and is ready to study Bible subjects. I have been thinking since then that there may be a number of just such persons who are longing for the truth, if we but knew where they are.

I am very desirous to be directed by the Spirit of God to those who want to know the truth, and want to be used as an instrument in the Lord's hands to lead them into the light of the message.

Standing Committees

On motion, the executive committee of the Central Union Conference was empowered to nominate the standing committees which were later elected as follows:

Plans: M. B. VanKirk, chairman, C. G. Bellah, G. B. Thompson, J. W. Christian, Dr. H. A. Green, A. T. Robinson, and R. T. Emery.

Nominations: C. R. Kite, W. H. Clark, S. J. Quantock, C. J. Kunkel, W. D. MacLay, E. A. Curtis, H. Osterloh, and D. U. Hale.

Credentials and Licenses: Frederick Griggs, I. H. Evans, and E. T. Russell.

Seating of Delegates: D. U. Hale, E. A. Curtis, and N. T. Sutton.

Distribution of Labor: The president of the Union Conference, and the presidents of the local conferences in the union.

Further business of the conference session was deferred until after the close of the Ministerial Institute.

The studies during the day and evening have been occupied by Elders Daniels, Evans, and Thompson. These studies have all been along the line of the work of the ministry and the spirit that should characterize the body of men and women called of God to finish the gospel in this generation.

For Sale.—Three adjoining lots in College View, one block from the sanitarium and college campus, and convenient to the church and stores. Finest vacant lots in town, and excellent building sites. For further information address the owner, A. R. Smith, 905 North California Avenue, Hastings, Nebr.

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Though other temperance issues have been excellent, this new number will be superior in contents and illustrations to all others. The cover illustrations have been designed to impress purity, sacredness, and happiness of a natural home, contrasted with the same home, later on, wrecked and ruined by the father through the use of liquor. The other ninety-six illustrations, with the overwhelming array of facts and figures against the curse of liquor and tobacco, render this issue of the *Instructor* one of the strongest appeals for county, state, and national prohibition ever published. Certainly it can not fail in saving some who are now slaves to liquor and tobacco, protecting from being ruined those who are not yet captured, and paving the way in many homes and communities for the entering of the full gospel message for this special time.

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