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

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The Sealed Pages of 1914 and the Open Pages of 1915

R. A. Underwood

Dark and cloudy have been the historic pages of 1914, now closed for time and eternity. The readers of the *OUTLOOK* family have multiplied reasons for thanksgiving to a merciful God, that we are still subjects of mercy and grace. Opportunities have come, and some of these have not been improved as they might have been. Cruel war and suffering have wrung the hearts of millions of earth's inhabitants; and the awful carnage seems only to have just begun. May we hope that the pages of history that may be engraved upon tablets of human hearts and recorded by our guardian angels, of each of the readers of the *OUTLOOK* the coming year, will be of loving deeds and fadeless memories of saving grace ministered to weary, discouraged souls in the days of 1915.

If Christ is reincarnated in the soul and reflected in love, light and good cheer, this dark world of sin will be made better by our living. Shall the work of Christ be translated in human flesh by the Spirit of God, so that we are indeed the living epistles of Christ, to be read and known by all in the circle of our influence? If so, the year 1915 will be the year of years to us, crowned with glorious victories in the onward march to the kingdom of peace, and will result in a large ingathering of souls saved. To this end, may we dedicate all the powers of our being, in service to those at home and abroad. The most of humanity are dazed and bewildered in these perilous times in the race of life, with no purpose for this world or certain hope for the life to come.

The common salutation, "I wish you a happy New Year," is empty and means but little unless backed by that encouragement in word and deed, of self-denial and inspiring faith which lives when life's work is ended. We

may all pray, Lord give me such a faith and life as this,—“I live, yet not I but *Christ liveth in me*, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Gal. 2:20.

Successful Canvassing in Winter

J. H. McEachern

There are doubtless many of our brethren unable to canvass in the summer who would now gladly enter the field if they were assured that books could be sold in the winter. As evidence that those who have a mind to work can succeed in the winter just as well as in the summer, we refer the reader to the following colporters who canvassed during last January.

In Kansas, Brother Dell Dotson sold \$93.00 worth of books in sixty-four hours, averaging a sale of \$1.45 per hour. In Missouri, Brother J. I. Easterly sold \$202 worth in one hundred twenty-two hours,—an average per hour of \$1.65. In Nebraska, Brother G. F. Knapp sold \$177 worth in one hundred twelve hours,—an average per hour of \$1.58. In Colorado, early in March, which probably was nearly as cold as January, Brother J. L. Anderson sold \$116.10 worth in thirty-two hours,—an average sale of \$3.60 per hour; and in Wyoming, where doubtless the weather is the most severe, Brother J. A. Nickell sold \$93.00 worth last January in sixty-four hours, being an average sale of \$1.45 per hour. There were others besides these who worked in the winter last year, but for lack of space we have selected only one representative from each conference.

The above examples need no further comment. What others *have done*, we can do. “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with pa-

tience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Heb. 12:1, 2.

We are admonished, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:5. If He had waited for a pleasant time in which to begin His missionary work, we would have no Saviour. Let us seek God for that burden of souls to rest upon us which will lead us to brave the storms in search of those who are perishing.

Notice of Important Meetings

The twelfth annual meeting of the International Publishing Association will convene at College View, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1915, at 10:30 a. m. The membership consists of the executive committees of the General Conference, North American Division, Central Union, Northern Union, and Southwestern Union Conferences, the board of trustees and counselors of the International, and the editors of our foreign periodicals. This will be an important meeting, as a decision will probably be made relative to the proposed transfer of the institution to the Pacific Press, or to one of the English publishing houses.

Following this meeting, from January 20 to 25, there will be held at College View, Nebr., the annual board meeting of Union College, with representatives of its constituency from the Central, Northern, and Southwestern Union Conferences; also there will be present representatives from the North American Division of the General Conference.

The question of the ownership of Union College will be raised, and one of two things is thought to be desirable: First, that a legal corporation be formed, representing the constituency of the Northern Union, the Southwest-

ern Union, and the Central Union Conferences, to hold the property of Union College, with such by-laws as would permit the three representative unions in their separate union conferences to elect a certain number of trustees to control and manage the college.

Second, if this is not thought best, amendments and changes be made in the present corporation holding the title of Union College, so as to place the power of electing the managing board in the hands of the different union conferences, respectively.

At present the Central Union Conference has the authority to elect the entire board of managers of Union College, under the charter holding the title of Union College. It is thought that it would be far better if the Northern Union and the Southwestern Union could have the right to elect the trustees who would represent their territory rather than the Central Union Conference to do it.

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A Profitable Season

E. A. Curtis

So far as I have heard, the week of prayer has been a good season and enjoyed by all. I was with the Delta church three days, and at Cedaredge the same length of time. We had very good meetings in both places. The attendance was quite good. I was at Montrose one day between trains to see Elder Benton, but did not have time to attend a meeting. I was at Grand Junction the last Sabbath. The readings, being very practical and strong, were much appreciated and made a deep impression. At Delta, Sister Adams conducted separate meetings daily for the young people. These were quite well attended, and we believe were productive of much good.

Meetings were conducted each day at Cedaredge for the children by Sister Edna Baker. Not all of the people were so situated that they could attend every day. Elder Geo. O. States was able to attend part of the time, and I enjoyed an excellent visit with him at his home.

We do not yet know the result of the offering at any place, except Grand Junction. If all did as well in proportion to numbers, I think it will be quite good. I hope that all have given liberally. We are also anxious that the thirteenth Sabbath offering should be a large one. We hope that the treasurers and all our isolated mem-

bers, who have remittances to make, will be prompt in sending all tithe and offering funds to the office at Grand Junction as soon as possible. I would also call the attention of those who made pledges at camp-meeting and have not yet paid them that our mission fields are greatly in need. Let us all do our *best just now*. We may not have the privilege of sacrificing much longer to help finish our Master's work for lost men.

Office Notes

Wilbert Wilcox

We hope to see our book sales for January continue as good as they have been in December.

Brother J. A. Baker, of Cedaredge, reports that three of Sister Wallace's readers have commenced to keep the Sabbath of Jehovah.

Brethren James Watson and Herman Byerrum have decided to take up colporter work in the south part of the conference for "Great Controversy" and "Desire of Ages."

Sister Leonard has ordered a prospectus of "United States in Prophecy" for use in Grand Junction. We should be pleased to see others take up the colporter work for this timely book.

Sister Wallace reports a good interest in the message at Cedaredge, where she is conducting successful Bible readings. She has sold a number of Berean Library books to her readers.

Sister Hayden, of Fruita, has chosen Atehee as her mission field. She is sending literature to this territory, and asks us to pray for Atehee. We should be pleased to see others of our membership follow this good example.

Sister H. G. Musgrave has been canvassing near Farmington, N. Mex., with Home Workers' books. She reports successful sales and deliveries. Her customers "were well pleased with the books when they saw them."

Brother M. B. Smith, of Denver, made the office a pleasant call Friday. Brother Smith conducted the pioneer work which resulted in the organization of the Council Bluffs, Ia., church. He is still filled with his first love for the message.

The Cedaredge church has increased their order for Sabbath-school quarterlies from fifteen to twenty-five, and memory verse cards from fifteen to twenty sets. We are pleased to note this little company is alive to every interest of the message.

Brother J. L. Humbert, conducted meetings during the week of prayer as follows: Three meetings at Grand Junction; two at Fruita; two at Clifton; one at Palisades; and spent Sabbath at Silt on his return trip. He reports a good interest all along the line.

All of our members will enjoy the *Liberty* magazine for the first quarter of 1915. It contains items as follows:

"The Meaning of the European War;" "The Sick Man of the East Committing Suicide;" "The Significance of the Sunday Law;" "Decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia;" and "The Submerged Issue in New York State Politics." This number also contains a photograph, actual size, of Secretary Bryan's plowshare, twenty-eight of which were made out of obsolete swords and presented to the ambassadors of the nations who signed the peace compact with the United States government. The significance of this remarkable fulfillment of prophecy is fully set forth in an article. All your neighbors will want this photograph as a souvenir. Send in your order at once for fifty copies at \$2.00. Get your own subscription free by securing four other yearly subscriptions at twenty-five cents each.

Missouri Conference

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Townley Tent Topics

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bellah

The temperature has gone to six below zero, yet the attendance has been excellent. Some come regularly who live more than a mile in the country.

The public school teacher who has been so interested, put a silver dollar in the offering the other night. When she can not be present, she has some one else take notes for her.

A doctor, living here in Townley, has never missed a service, except on an urgent call. He attends Sabbath-school every Sabbath. We believe he will accept the truth.

The enemy is stirred. A meeting was begun night before last in the Christian church, in opposition to ours. But our attendance has been larger both nights. Not only that, but several of their most prominent members leave their own church and come to the tent.

We have been presenting the Sabbath and the law for several evenings, and the congregation grows. Last night we gave "The Sabbath That Christ Made," to the largest audience we have had for some time.

Received a slight wound on the hand three weeks ago. Blood poisoning set in, and for two weeks suffered much, and could use only the left hand. But with good nursing, and treatment from the doctor, we have been able to keep going. The evil one has tried his best to break up the meeting in more ways than one, but we are still in the hands that bear the nail prints of Calvary, and the work is onward.

A Baptist minister came here to begin meetings in the town hall, but the Lord hedged up the way in a most

remarkable manner. Two days before the brother was to begin his meetings, the hall caught fire and burned to the ground in just a little while. More than one who were interested said it was providential.

We are now having a lesson for the children each evening, for about fifteen minutes before the preaching service. Most of them are illustrated blackboard talks, and the older ones come in, too, and enjoy the service very much.

Sometimes when the snow is so deep that the little folks can not walk through it, those who live in the country bring them with their teams. Others who live in town bring the children in sleds. It seems as though nothing can prevent the people from coming.

We plan on closing about January 4, that we may have time to store the tent away before the workers' meeting at Clinton, which begins January 8. We have already been here over five weeks.

We are right now in the very midst of the testing time. Several are making desperate struggles, but we are praying that God will help them to step over the dead line to safety.

Pray for the work in the Townley tent.

Open Doors

E. S. Pelton

There has never been a time when the colporter was needed as to-day. Truly, the doors are open, not only of the houses, but also of the hearts of men and women. In nearly every house we enter, the people are awake to the fact that there is a great day just ahead of us, and they are inquiring the meaning of the events now transpiring about us. Can we not let them know about these things through our message-filled books? We read that the printed page is not only essential to awaken them to the importance of the truth for this time, but is also essential in rooting and grounding them in the truth. The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered everywhere. And the warning comes to us that there is but one colporter in the field where there should be one hundred. Let us all join hands and say that there is but one colporter in the Missouri Conference where there will be one hundred before spring. Each one will add one more to the number. Write to Brother J. R. Osborne for a prospectus and a location in the wide harvest field.

Pray for me and for the people to whom I am carrying the message.

Notice of Workers' Meeting

The workers will please remember the date set for the workers' meeting at Clinton, Mo., Jan. 8-12, 1915. All of our workers are requested to be present. Come and help us to make

this meeting a grand success. Our auditing committee expect to meet on January 13. J. S. Rouse.

Meetings at Clinton

A general workers' meeting of the Missouri Conference will convene January 8, at Clinton, Mo., to continue until January 12, at which time Elder Ruble and myself will be present to assist the workers. I suppose the meetings will be conducted largely in the chapel of the German Seminary.

Following this meeting, or during the time, there will be the annual audit of the Missouri Conference by their auditing committee, and from January 14 to 17 will convene the annual meeting of the Clinton Seminary. Representatives of the seminary will be present, its board of managers, and Elder I. H. Evans, representing the North American Division of the General Conference. This meeting will be an important meeting, as at that time the faculty for next year will be selected, and other important matters considered in connection with the prosperity of the seminary. All interested should be present at this important gathering.

R. A. Underwood,
President of Board.

Office Notes

M. L. Meehan

Mrs. J. S. Rouse has made a Christmas delivery of the Home Workers' books in Clinton.

Miss Gladys Lesan, our office stenographer, is spending the holidays with her parents at Neosho, Mo.

Brother L. B. Schiek, who has been holding a series of meetings at Carthage, reports five conversions.

Brother J. R. Osborne reached the office Thursday. He gives a very encouraging report of his field work.

Brethren John Easterly and Wm. Whorton report 100 per cent deliveries. This shows what the canvassers can expect in Missouri.

The date of the workers' meeting has been changed several times. The present date is January 8-12. We expect all our workers to be present.

Elders J. S. Rouse, A. C. Anderson, F. H. Hoxie, and Brother J. R. Osborne passed the Missionary Volunteer Standard of Attainment examination this week. They seem to feel happy over the prospects of their new certificates.

Sister Alice Guthrie received a very interesting letter from a brother at the Hinsdale Sanitarium. He went to Hinsdale from our conference and was converted. He planned to be home about December 20, and offers to pay the fare of a worker to come and tell his family of the third angel's message.

Wyoming Conference

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A Visit to the Platte Valley

H. E. Reeder

On December 10, I left Crawford for Broadwater, and arrived at the home of Brother J. M. Fletcher, north of Broadwater, on the evening of the same day. The next morning, I was privileged to visit the church school which Brother Fletcher is teaching in a building just across the road from his home. He has seven pupils, and they seem to be doing excellent work. This is the third year that Brother Fletcher has taught the church school at Broadwater.

I spent the first half of the week of prayer with the Broadwater church, and the blessing of God came into the meetings. I visited nearly every family in the church while there.

On Wednesday, December 16, I took the train for Bayard to spend the remainder of the week with the Midway church, north of that place. As I changed cars at Bridgeport, I met Elder Sutton and Brother Clark, who were coming from the north to visit points in the Platte Valley. When I arrived at Bayard, I was met at the train by Brother Louis Thayer, and after a cold ride of eleven miles, we arrived at Brother Thayer's home at about 8:00 p. m. While at this place I held the week of prayer meetings in the daytime at the home of Brother O. R. Brown, which were well attended by members from both the Midway and Minatare churches, and each evening I held a meeting for the outside people at a schoolhouse about four miles east of Brother Brown's home. As the weather was very cold, this travel was not so very pleasant.

I returned to Crawford on December 20, and went on to a point near Dakota Junction on the Northwestern Railway to answer a call for a series of meetings.

I ask the prayers of the OUTLOOK family.

News Notes

Asa Smith

F. C. Clark left last week for the Platte Valley to assist J. A. Nickell in his delivery.

Elder Sutton spent the latter part of the week of prayer with the church at Lisco, Nebr., going on to Broadwater.

Elder Reeder spent the last Sabbath of the week of prayer with the church at Midway, arriving in Crawford the following Sunday afternoon, and leaving Monday for Whitney, Nebr., in response to a call for meetings in the neighborhood of that church.

Arnold Morris, of Broadwater, Nebr., recently sent an order for small books which he sold among his neighbors.

Elder Miller writes that Brother Griggs' funeral was held at Rapid City, December 16. An obituary will appear later.

Elder Curtis has been detained at home the last week on account of illness, from which we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Through a private letter to his parents here, we learn that Elder O. A. Hall's health has compelled him to resign from his place on the faculty of the school at Shanghai, China.

The church at this place held daily meetings during the week of prayer in the conference office. The attendance was very good and regular, and all feel that it was a good time.

The conference committee has been called to meet at the office in Crawford on January 4, and the auditing committee will convene on January 5 at the same place. Elder J. W. Christian will be present from the Union Conference.

L. B. Spear, principal of the public schools at Aladdin, Wyo., writes that there is a good opening there for meetings. Brother and Sister Spear, we have been informed, have come from Texas within the last year.

An isolated brother writes: "It is interesting to note how anxious the people are to ask for information concerning the cause of the war. The postmistress, a very worldly person, asked, as I called for my mail, 'Can you give me any light on this terrible war? Is it the last battle of Armageddon? Can you give me any Bible for it?' A Catholic man is very anxious to get reading matter on what the Bible says about Catholicism. I lent him 'Daniel and Revelation,' and he takes it to work and reads it at the coal camp. Another man and his wife have asked me to come every Sunday evening and study the Bible with them."

J. F. Stenberg, leader of the company at Newcastle, Wyo., sends \$25.00 for the investment fund. He relates quite an interesting experience. Last spring he was troubled to know what he could give for the investment fund. One day as he was down in his pasture, he saw a small, starved calf. It was too weak to walk. He carried it to the house and warmed and fed it. Then he notified the proper officer that he had a stray calf and the condition in which it was. The officer told him that it would have died otherwise, and advised him to put his mark on it. Then he gave the calf to the Lord. It grew and prospered. On Thanksgiving Day he sold it for \$25.00.

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Pueblo

Claude E. Eldridge

November 22, we commenced Sunday night meetings in the Pueblo Seventh-day Adventist church, and there is a good interest to hear the truth among those not of our faith. We hope to have some good results to report as these meetings continue.

Week of Prayer at Campion

F. A. Page

We have just passed through a blessed season here in the church and school. Brother H. A. Vandeman took the burden of the work. Meetings were held at the chapel period for the students, but the general meeting was held at 6:30 in the evening, preceded by a prayer season by the officers of the church, at the same time that the vesper services of the school homes were being conducted. The power of God was present in the services of the week to reclaim backsliders, give victory over besetments, and bring others into the fold.

At one of the services, a young Catholic girl, who had attended the academy a portion of this year, expressed, in a testimony that stirred every heart, her determination of uniting with this people in the face of furious opposition.

The manner in which the younger members of the school responded to the work of the Holy Spirit has greatly cheered the hearts of our church school teachers, Miss Pearl Jenkins and Prof. F. A. Page. Children's meetings were conducted through the week by these teachers, Mrs. C. M. Williams, and Brother Vandeman. Three prayer bands were organized and conducted by the children. Papers were collected to use in missionary work, and at one recess, forty-five bundles of papers were wrapped and thirty-five of them addressed to send away. As a direct result of this week of prayer, fifteen of these children were baptized and united with the church. But this reaping is but the natural result of years of sowing by faithful teachers and parents in church school work. Do you suppose you could make these parents believe that it does not pay to have a church school?

Sunday, December 20, Elder E. E. Farnsworth baptized twenty-four in the Baptist church at Loveland. This number included nineteen who are students in the academy and church school.

Colorado Springs

M. A. Altman

It is now about three months since I returned to Colorado Springs with my family, after two years spent in connection with the church and sanitarium at Boulder. While here before, we started to build a church and advanced far enough with it so that meetings could be held in the basement. Practically nothing was done to complete this building until our return. Now we are pushing ahead with it, and hope to have it enclosed by the time this article is published.

Mrs. Annie and Miss Bessie Sufficool are engaged in Bible work at this place, and are having encouraging results from their labors. Six were recently baptized, and others are nearly ready for baptism.

Immediately after coming here, I went to the San Luis Valley, where I remained over two Sabbaths, holding meetings at Jaroso, Blanca, and Alamosa, baptizing three persons at Jaroso.

Sabbath, December 12. I spent with the Canon City church and Sunday with the little band at Florence. Much interest is taken in the week of prayer readings, and we look for good results from the meetings this week. May the Lord bless this season to the good of His people everywhere, so that backsliders will be reclaimed and many, both old and young, will be converted to Christ.

Carr

H. A. Vandeman

On Sabbath afternoon, December 5, we closed a four-weeks' series of meetings at Carr, a small town in the northern part of the state. As we looked into a room nearly filled with eager faces, we praised God for the way His Spirit had worked in that place.

Elder A. T. Robinson and the writer were associated in this effort until conference duties called for all Elder Robinson's time, and then the writer was alone for the last ten days. From the first, we had a good attendance and interest. As the meetings progressed, new faces were seen. The truth had come and was doing its work. It had yoked with and behind it the power that inspired the written Word and has accompanied its preaching ever since. We realized our weakness and felt that if God did not work, our efforts would be useless. He did work, and souls were convicted and definitely converted.

One man who had never before been reached by the gospel said that he had never been so happy in his life as during the meetings. He said he would not take twenty years of his life for what he had learned. His sister, his wife, and her brother were fully as

earnest. Six in another family were converted, including the father and the mother. The man is planning to go on a farm, so that he can keep the Sabbath and put his children in one of our schools.

We feel that our work is not yet finished at this place, and shall plan another visit shortly, hoping to see several men who are thoroughly convinced step out and obey the truth.

Pray for the work at Carr.

News Notes

Stella M. Parker

Brother C. B. Sutton is out in the field delivering.

Elder Robinson spent Sabbath, December 19, with the church at Longmont.

Mrs. Paul Wilson, of Loveland, is in Denver to spend the holidays with relatives.

A meeting of the conference executive committee was held Tuesday, December 22, at Boulder.

Elder Meade MacGuire visited the office Monday, December 21. He is now at his home in Loveland.

The first Sabbath in January, the Denver Capitol Hill church will occupy their new church building at York Street and Thirteenth Avenue.

Watch this column for the report of the thirteenth Sabbath offerings. Every Sabbath-school in the conference which gives its full quota of dollars on "Dollar Day" will be listed in the honor roll.

Let your New Year's resolutions include: Daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson, Perfect attendance at Sabbath-school, Personal work for the unconverted, Observance of the Morning Watch, and the Reading of the Bible through in 1915.

Many of the Sabbath-schools have not yet ordered their supplies for the new quarter. This should be attended to at once, for the use of the memory verse cards, the small copies of the Gospel of Matthew, and the large review picture rolls should begin with the first Sabbath in January.

Brother Varner Johns has returned to Denver after spending the week of prayer with the churches at Pueblo, Rocky Ford, La Junta, and Lamar. He reports good meetings at each place, and a splendid church school at Pueblo, which is being taught by Brother W. I. Morey.

A Missionary Volunteer institute will be held at Boulder, January 1-3. Elder Meade MacGuire, who has been conducting a series of institutes through the central west will be present, and it is hoped that all of our young people in Boulder and vicinity will attend each session.

Campion Notes

F. A. Page

We believe that much good was accomplished by the meetings which Brother Vandeman conducted for the students and church.

We are sorry we have been compelled to miss two of our intermediate department pupils for two weeks on account of illness. They are Ellen Strickland and Iona Inniss.

Elder E. E. Farnsworth has taken up the work of preceptor, thus relieving Professor Taylor of some of the strain which has been so taxing to him.

Eleven of our intermediate and primary department pupils have signified their desire to be baptized. We had interesting children's meetings during the week of prayer. The children conducted three prayer bands each day at noon.

An interesting Harvest Ingathering program was rendered December 6 by the Campion Sabbath-school. The offering taken up, which was largely the result of missions investment pledges, amounted to almost \$200. Of this, about \$80.00 was received from the children.

Nebraska Conference

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Comstock

D. U. Hale

According to previous arrangements, I reached Comstock, Wednesday, December 9. Meetings continued every day until Monday. The brethren here were truly hungering, and they soon warmed up and took a lively interest in the words spoken and read. Sabbath was a blessed day. When we called for those who would consecrate themselves to the Lord, all stood. The young people have not taken any active part in religious matters, but when the call for consecration was made there was not one of them left sitting. Many were moved to tears, and an earnest spirit was manifested among them.

We were talking to them about the coming camp-meeting in the summer, and more than one of the young people mentioned the desire to attend and be baptized. There were five of these, and we do hope to see them all at the camp-meeting. We do pray that the start they have already made may grow into ripe Christian life and that we shall see them in the kingdom of God.

Grandpa and Grandma Comstock especially enjoyed the meetings. He is eighty and she is seventy-eight, but they never missed a meeting. The Lord is making them, with the others, light-bearers for Him in this locality.

From Comstock I went to Austin. Though the thermometer went twenty below zero, the cold weather did not hinder the good meetings we enjoyed together.

Red Cloud

Brethren Fruit and Sherman

It is a pleasure and comfort to read the good old OUTLOOK. It always tells of the many blessings the Lord is giving His people; so we thought we would add one more blessing to the number this week. Brother Fruit and I called on a good sister in Kansas the other day. While there we found a number interested in the truth and held a Bible reading with them. Through the efforts of Brother and Sister Fruit, a young man and his wife have taken their stand for the truth. It filled our hearts with praise to God to see those dear souls praise God for their new-found faith. We now have Elder and Sister Hawkins with us in Red Cloud. We ask an interest in your prayers, that the company may grow tenfold in Red Cloud.

Seward

H. F. Saxton

The week of prayer brought many blessings to the church at Seward. The weather being bad, many of the members who live a distance in the country were not able to attend all the meetings. But the effort put forth by all to be at each meeting showed their deep-felt need of drawing near to the Lord and seeking the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

One lesson that impressed itself very deeply on every mind was that of prayer, Bible study, and victory over sin. How inseparably these three are linked together! This lesson resulted in creating a determination to make prayer, Bible study, and victory over sin the first and most important consideration of each day throughout the year. Surely, if we carry out this excellent and necessary determination, we shall be very much more prepared to meet our Saviour face to face by the time we come to another week of prayer than we were when we approached this season of prayer.

Elder Seltzer was with us the last of the week. He spoke four nights, the last night being Sunday, December 20. These meetings had a good attendance, considering the cold weather, both from the members and from outsiders. His visit has been very much appreciated by the Seward church, and has left a lasting impression.

May the Lord help His professing people to be not only His professing people, but to become, by making each day a day of prayer and each week a week of prayer, His people indeed and in truth.

Hastings Intermediate School

E. C. Blue

The week of prayer that has just passed has been a most blessed week to us. With one accord, we all say that it was the best week of prayer that we ever spent. The Spirit of God has drawn near to us in the school, we have drawn near to the Lord, and many victories have been gained.

We began the week of prayer with the special request that those who prayed and who had an interest in the souls of the students, bow their heads in a word of prayer at the time of the chapel hour, even though they could not be present. We have had a blessed experience together. Some of our students had never felt the power of the gospel, but the power of God was present to heal, and several sin-sick souls, in the consecration meetings or in the after-prayer-meeting, were cleansed by the healing flood. It gave us a thrill of joy that we had never before known to see the ones whom we loved, and for whom we so longed, by the single effort beget a happy Christian hope in place of their blighted earthly ambitions. It was worth more to us than all worldly gain to see the faces that had been so sad come to school smiling and happy in their newly found Saviour.

We were all drawn much nearer to the One in whom we had long ago believed, and were made to rejoice in the fulfilment of the promise that if we would leave this world, we should have great joy here, and in the world to come greater joy, world without end.

Our school is not large, but we feel that we have much for which to rejoice, in that we have our little sheep-fold complete, and that not one that the Lord has given us is missing. Our prayer is that they may all be kept from the evil in the world, and grow up to know the fulness of Christ.

Home Missionary Work

B. L. House

The following interesting items are gleaned from a letter written by Sister Shull, missionary secretary of the Ragan church.

"My husband and I have been mailing five yearly *Signs* and as a result six persons are now keeping the Sabbath. These have not walked out in all points of truth but are doing good missionary work by loaning many tracts and are sending out four yearly *Signs*. I have not ceased to pray one day for them and I am sure they will yet accept more truth.

"Since camp-meeting we have decided to send five more yearly *Signs*. One of our readers is a man who used to be a member of the Nebraska Legislature. He bought a 'Daniel and Revelation' of me one Sunday last Octo-

ber, and I have followed that with other literature, tracts, etc. Recently this man and his wife spent the day with us and stayed until long after night, and a good share of the time was spent in Bible study together.

"As they were leaving the lady put her arm around me and said, 'How much I have enjoyed your study of the Bible to-day.' Then she said, 'I guess my husband is just about converted to your doctrines now by reading the books, tracts and papers you have sent us.' I said, 'Praise the Lord, that is good, and may he continue to read and study for himself.' I gave them 'His Glorious Appearing' to take home with them and will still look after them. There is another family near me who is reading the truth and seems much interested.

"I have \$6.80 to turn in on twenty-five Harvest Ingathering *Reviews*.

"I have ordered fifty of the first number of the Home Missionary Series of the Weekly *Signs* to sell and use in getting new subscriptions. I never felt so burdened over souls as I do now and I can do so little in comparison to what there is to be done, but I mean to be found doing as much as I can. As long as our editors will fill our papers with such good articles as they are now I shall try to sell them. We take the *Protestant* and we read it and then sell every one for ten cents. We mail or give away every one of our papers as soon as they are read.

"Brother Martin Christensen has purchased fifty copies of the Temperance *Signs* with which to do missionary work, and Brother Whitehead has used 175 copies of the War Special. Other missionary work has been done by the church but we have not kept a very strict account in the past, but shall do so from now on.

"Last Sunday we visited and held a Bible reading from the *Signs* of November 3, sold two books, three papers, and hope we left a good impression on the family and their company. I mean to keep busy and watch for opportunities.

"The war is something terrible with eleven nations involved. My heart almost sank within me when I read that Turkey had entered the conflict. How much we should like to have some ministerial work done in Ragan and we surely need it."

News Notes

Anna M. Peterson

Mrs. Ollie Manfull and daughter, Miriam, spent their Christmas vacation at Atlanta.

Prof. H. C. Wilson and wife spent the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's uncle, Martin Christensen, at Ragan.

Mrs. Jasper Dunn, of Freedom, Nebr., is spending the holidays here with her daughter, Iona, a student of the Hastings Intermediate School.

Brother Hebard is spending a few days at the Hastings office, making up the yearly reports and territorial records of the colporter work.

With the exception of four, all the "home" students of the Hastings Intermediate School went to their several homes to spend their Christmas vacation.

B. F. Swigart, while a patient at the Hastings Sanitarium, learned of the third angel's message and is on the verge of accepting it in its fulness. He is at present canvassing in this city for our Home Workers' books.

Brother Roblyer reports of his work: "We are pleased with our delivery. The Catholic priest at Ord took 'Glorious Appearing' in the Bohemian language, and when we delivered it, he bought 'Best Stories' besides. The Evangelical minister at Elba took 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' A lady at St. Paul took her stand for the Sabbath, and her husband, who was raised a Catholic, is deeply interested. In Ord, a Millennial Dawn has recently started to keep the Sabbath. Many others are interested.

Elder and Sister Hawkins are spending a short time at Red Cloud. They report a good interest there. Of the work in Fairbury Sister Hawkins writes: "We are nearing the Harvest Ingathering goal splendidly, as we now have enough in hand, added to what has been sent in, to bring us up to the ninety dollar mark and three dollars over. Soon we will plant our feet on the one hundred dollar goal. Our children have done a noble work. We rejoice that they will not be disappointed in this their first effort. We had a splendid week of prayer. The new Sabbath-keepers took turns as leaders and readers, and it was so interesting to watch their development. When each man led, his wife read, and it made a beautiful service. number learned to pray in public for the first time. We have such a splendid company of men and their families."

Mrs. F. A. Washburn spent the last two days of the week of prayer with the Beaver City church, meeting with the company in town Sabbath forenoon and in the afternoon with the country company, where the church building is located. The members of this church are striving to give the message to their fellow-men, and expressed their determination to work harder. Misses Fannie and Helene Small, who have been good and faithful help in the Beaver City country Sabbath-school and church, have sold out and expect to attend Union College to prepare for greater efficiency in the Lord's work. The church will greatly miss them, but will have the sweet assurance that they are giving them up for the Lord's work in other places.

Hastings Sanitarium Notes

Misses Rumpeltes and Oziek, of the junior class, spent the holidays at home.

Mrs. S. P. Stevens and son, Fred, of Maywood, spent a few days at the sanitarium.

Every room in the sanitarium is occupied, which is exceptional at this season of the year.

Miss Burris and Miss Graybill, of the senior class, spent Christmas tide with friends at Cowles.

S. F. Mohr has recovered sufficiently from his injury and operation to be able to resume class work, although not strong enough to assume nurses' duties.

The ladies' bathroom, with a fresh coat of white paint and a wall covering of kalsomine, looks very inviting. Other improvements are in progress.

Miss Anna Peterson, Miss Ball, and Miss Hoppel, the Saturday evening magazine triplets, sold thirty-one papers in half an hour's time last week. "I would rather sell papers than go skating," says Miss Hoppel.

Miss Violet Ball, our official canvasser, sold twenty-six *Signs* in a short time among the busy business men of downtown, and, in addition, collected \$4.80 for the thirteenth Sabbath offering. These figures refute the argument that this is "too busy" a time to sell literature to people.

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Topeka and Oswego

W. D. MacLay

The first part of the week of prayer spent with the Topeka church. This was my first meeting with the church, and I was very much pleased with the good meetings which we had. Following the reading Sabbath morning, I gave a short talk, and then called upon the people to consecrate themselves anew to the service of God. Every person in the building came forward, even to the little children. God came very near to us, and we had a most precious time.

I was impressed with the need of having a worker stationed in that fine little city, the capital of the state, and it is very likely that ere long we shall have a strong minister at work there for the salvation of souls. The matter is under consideration, and we hope in a few days to be able to make a definite announcement.

From Topeka I returned to the office in Wichita for a few days, and then went to Oswego. I arrived there Thursday evening. Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was

rather small, but those of us who were present had a good time seeking the Lord. On Friday morning I spoke to the students in the academy. The Lord came very near and hearts were impressed. At five o'clock in the evening, I again conducted a service for the benefit of the students. At 7:30 in the evening the church was nearly filled with an earnest congregation of men and women seeking for a closer walk with God. Sabbath morning, after the reading, I spoke on the subject of "Finishing the Work." The Lord gave freedom in presenting the subject, and many hearts were deeply touched. Following the sermon, we had a revival service, and nearly the entire congregation came forward, many of them for the first time. As a result of the meeting, we had a baptismal service Sunday afternoon, and seven went forward and followed their Lord in that beautiful ordinance. The Lord is indeed greatly blessing this church and the academy. During the past two weeks, twenty-seven new members have been added, all of these by profession of faith, and nearly all young people.

In the experience of the past few weeks, I have noticed a new element coming into our work that to my mind is most significant. The Lord seems to be impressing the hearts of the children. This was noticeable in the revival in Topeka, but much more so in the revival in Oswego. Little children wept and desired permission to go forward. One little tot said she wanted to get ready to see Jesus. Another child, five years old, took a young man by the hand and urged him to go forward, saying, "If you do not go forward, you will not be ready when Jesus comes." I rejoice to tell you that the young man yielded to the little child and came forward and gave himself to the Lord. Surely, "a little child shall lead them." This experience has reminded me very much of the way in which the Lord worked in the 1844 movement, and of the statement in the Testimonies that the children are to have a part in the closing work of the message.

Brethren, it is high time to awake, for "now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Some Interesting Canvassing Experiences

M. W. Shidler

"While canvassing one day, I called on a lady to whom I had sold a copy of 'Making Home Happy' last year. Not recognizing me, she did not invite me in right away. I told her that I was the lady who had sold her 'Making Home Happy' and that I had called to let her see the companion book, 'Making Home Peaceful.' 'Come right in,' she said; then apologized for not inviting me in at the first, explain-

ing that there had been a lady there a few days before with a lot of Christmas books that she did not want in her home. She turned this worldly agent down and hoped that I would come again with Christian books. She not only bought 'Making Home Peaceful,' but 'Those Bible Readings' and 'Elo the Eagle,' as well."

Mrs. Chas. Burson.

"As I was showing my prospectus to a couple of clerks in a store, I had only just begun on the canvass when one of them was called away. The other gave his order, and when I came to deliver it, he thought the other clerk would like one, and asked if I had any extra copies. I soon produced a half-leather and a cloth for him to choose from. He decided on the leather binding, and a third clerk took the cloth."

Austin Cole.

"When I stopped for supper Tuesday, I had secured but one order for the day. I was not satisfied with so small a report for a day's work, so I canvassed the man of the house after supper and secured a full Morocco order. I then canvassed his hired man, with a like result; then went to his neighbor and secured his order, likewise for a full Morocco. I thought this was pretty good 'after-supper' work."

F. A. Evans.

That was a pretty good way to spoil a small report, was it not?

"I am of the best of courage. I have had many good experiences. In one instance, a man, who had said he never would let another agent into his house, paid me in advance for a book to be sent by mail. Another who was to leave the country before my delivery, paid \$2.00 on his order, to be sent C. O. D. He had been much concerned for months to understand the Bible. The war was what had awakened him to study."

Arthur Johnson.

Miss Flossie Miller, who is attending Strode Academy, finding that her funds were running low, decided to spend a portion of Thanksgiving week in the colporter field. So arranging with a relative for a horse, she went out into the country and spent three and one-half days selling "Bible Readings." She returned Friday evening to the academy with \$61.50 worth of orders. She was happy. Her experience had so inspired the other students that when Brother McEachern and I came to organize a colporters' band in the academy, we found a lively interest in the work.

Reader, as you have read the above experiences, do you not long to have an active part in this work? Probationary hours are rapidly closing. You probably will never be any more ready to begin than you are now. Order a prospectus at once and prepare to join the ranks the first of the new year.

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Boulder Sanitarium Notes

Avis E. Baker

Mr. Geo. N. Wagner, of Tecumseh, Nebr., has entered the nurses' training school, which opened January 1.

Miss Edith Hodges, of Boulder, underwent a light operation, from which she made a splendid recovery, and returned to her home December 17.

Miss Mamie Boyd left the sanitarium December 9, much improved. Miss Boyd has accepted a position in the Colorado Tract Society office, where she is doing general work.

Our regular Tuesday evening entertainment for guests and employees took place in the parlor Dec. 15. Dr. Kate Lindsay, who bears most of the burden of teaching our training school classes, and who has been associated with our work in Boulder for the past fourteen years, gave the medical lecture. Doctor Lindsay has had forty years of practical experience in our sanitariums and in our training school work. Her lectures are always very interesting as well as instructive. Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Camp, of Boulder, furnished excellent music on the guitar and mandolin. Dr. Anna B. Durrie gave a reading, Miss Edna Jincks sang, "My Name in Their Evening Prayer," and Miss Maude Lickey gave a humorous reading. The sanitarium male quartet contributed to the evening's entertainment with their usual good singing.

The following is a list of late arrivals at the sanitarium: Mrs. S. T. Mann and son, Jack, Walden, Colo.; Jos. M. Pamintuan, Colorado University; Mrs. Thos. Kneale, Niwot; Mr. D. P. Howard and H. A. Vandeman, Denver; Mrs. G. B. Bruce, Greeley; Mrs. J. N. Sylvester, Loveland; Mrs. A. A. Simons, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. L. V. Beaulah Blake and daughter, Cedar, Colo.; Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Beers, Hygiene; Mrs. E. L. Sellars, Mr. F. C. Sharp, Miss Edith Hodges, Miss A. M. Dodge, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Williams, Boulder.

Our Work and Workers

W. J. Huffman returned to the office Wednesday and will spend a little time here looking after his duties as treasurer.

Elder J. W. Christian left Monday for Crawford, Nebr., to meet with the Wyoming Conference auditing committee. He expects to arrive in Denver January 7, and will spend ten days or two weeks in the Colorado Conference meeting with the conference committee and visiting some of the churches.

Prof. W. W. Ruble is spending a few days with the Hastings Intermediate School. He will accompany Elder Underwood, who leaves to-day for Hastings to attend the Nebraska auditing board meeting, to Clinton, Mo., where is to be held the Missouri Conference Workers' meeting, followed by the annual board meeting of the Clinton German Seminary.

Brother J. H. McEachern recently returned to the office. He reports the organization of an enthusiastic colporters' band at the Clinton German Seminary. A deep spirit of consecration was manifest with the faculty and students during the week of prayer. Going to Oswego, Kans., he found that the spirit of God had been working mightily in Strode Academy. Twelve of the young people were recently baptized. Twenty-two of the students organized into a colporters' band, most of whom will canvass in Kansas.

The nine volumes of "Testimonies for the Church" have just been printed on Oxford Bible India paper, and are bound in a set of three red limp-leather covered volumes. In this form they weigh but a little over four pounds, and bulk less than one-third of the regular edition. Owing to the war and the attending difficulty of importing paper from England, an edition of but 700 sets is being issued. Orders for 383 sets have already been received. The price per set is \$12.00, postpaid. Volume 1 is now ready, and will be delivered upon receipt of order from your tract society.

Brother Lars Nielsen, the business manager of the College View Sanitarium, who last summer was granted a year's leave of absence and who has been spending this time at his home at Bridgewater, S. Dak., returned to College View recently. He has often expressed faith in the sanitarium and in the medical superintendent, Doctor Shively, as a surgeon. When his own son fell ill with a severe attack of appendicitis, Brother Nielsen went with his son to the sanitarium, where he underwent a serious operation in a most successful manner. We are now convinced that Brother Nielsen was not "talking for the sanitarium," but speaking the confidence of his heart.

Notice to All Our Workers

The General Conference committee has prepared a new Ministerial Reading Course for 1915, open to our workers of all classes. The course is conducted by the General Conference Department of Education through its magazine, *Christian Education*. The January number is especially good for the course reader, containing, among others, the important articles: "Business of the Ministry," "What Does It Mean?" "Plagiarism," "Learn the Laws of Nature," "Our Second Year" of the reading course. This magazine and the four books for 1915 are clubbed together at the remarkably low rate of \$5.00, postpaid. Send for a registration blank. It will save time to send the money also. On the installment plan you pay \$3.00 now and \$2.50 later. Address the General Conference Department of Education, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Obituary

Garton.—Mrs. Mary E. Garton was born in Ohio, March 3, 1845, and died near Waco, Nebr., Nov. 4, 1914, aged 69 years and 8 months. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia, with complications.

Twenty years ago, mother and three of us children heard and accepted the third angel's message, and united with the Stromsburg church, located on Elder Shultz's farm in Polk County, Nebraska.

Mother's health has never been the best. Her last sickness was brief and her death unexpected, but she died with the hope of a part in the first resurrection. She leaves a husband and seven children, besides other relatives, to mourn their loss.

The funeral and interment were at Benedict, Nebr. Elder Fred Johnson, assisted by the Lutheran pastor, conducted the services.

B. M. Garton.

Wanted.—A position on farm the coming season by married man of experience. Address Box 75, College View, Nebr.

Employment Wanted.—By Seventh-day Adventist, experienced farmer, and son of seventeen, together or apart. If tenant house is included, could move family in spring. Or rent furnished farm. H. B. Corwin, 309 North Walnut Street, Wichita, Kans.

For Sale:—Ten acres with a ten-room modern house with full basement and city water. Barn for nine horses and six cows, silo, garage, buggy shed, chicken house, well and windmill. About one acre in grapes besides other small fruit. Reason for selling, leaving in spring. Might take part payment in live stock and carry \$3500 on place. Archie Anderson, Owner, College View, Nebr.