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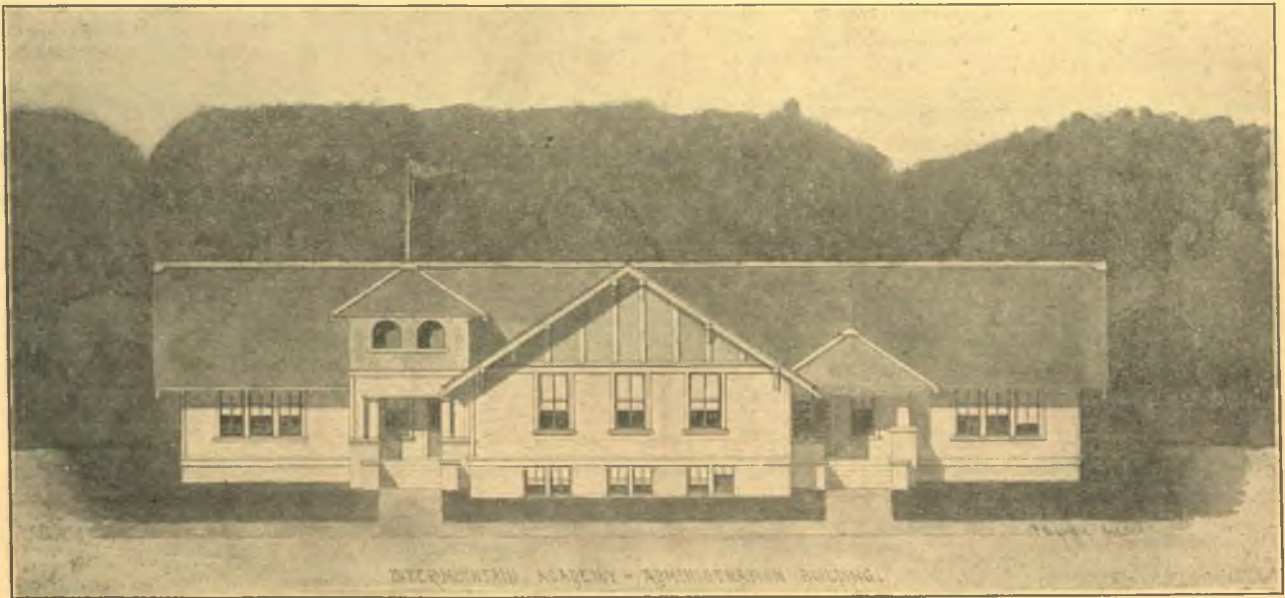
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"Every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. 41:6.

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The Inter-Mountain Academy Building Bee

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The Building Bee at Inter-Mountain Academy was begun according to schedule, November 8, and for ten days thereafter the mountains echoed the sound of many hammers in the hands of an army of willing workers. In every respect the "bee" was a great success.

Plans for the "bee" were laid at the time of the Inter-Mountain campmeeting last June. The meeting was held on the academy grounds; the brethren of the conference thus had a good chance to study the needs of the school, and a drive was started which resulted in raising enough money to purchase the material for a new school building. But, where was the money for the labor? There was none—and none was needed,

for Union Conference and local conference workers together with many lay brethren, promised to don their overalls and play carpenter. A "bee" was something new in the Central Union Conference, but it had been done elsewhere, why not here?

The date for the "bee" was finally set for November 8, and the brethren at Rulison approached the time with no little misgiving. Would anyone come? What if they should come, could an untrained crowd produce anything worth while? What could preachers do? and someone even said, "I have a picture of the Union Conference men in overalls." All of these misgivings, however, vanished when the "bee" really got under way.

The 8th was on Tuesday. Elder Lysinger, of the Union Conference, and Elder Sutton, president of the local conference, came in before the close of

the preceding week. The writer arrived on Sunday. Tuesday morning Elders Wight and Blosser came in, and by this time most of the Inter-Mountain workers were on the ground, and a goodly number of brethren from various churches in the conference. The work was organized and work began in earnest. Elder Wight was placed in general charge, and Elder Blosser was elected construction boss.

From the very first everything moved off like clock work. It was soon seen that the "boss" knew his job, and everyone was there for business. Eighteen men were ready for work the first day, and the number increased as the work progressed. Presto, change! From the hill side arose, like magic, a frame structure, 112 feet long and 40 feet wide, containing six large class rooms, a principal's office, an accountant's office, halls, cloak rooms and

closets. Tuesday and Wednesday the foundation and floor structure were completed. Thursday and Friday the rough floor was laid and the outside studding set up and most of the partitions set in. Sunday the building was sheeted and Monday and Tuesday saw the rafters raised and the roof sheeting nailed on. Wednesday, November 16, was the big day. The Rulison church turned out in force, and the academy declared a holiday. Men, women, boys, and girls swarmed in, on, and around the building like bees. On that day close to one hundred people did at least some work on the building. Siding

installed. These are two remaining problems; who can help solve them?

It is hoped that another Building Bee can be held at the academy next summer, at which time the chapel wing can be built, and other parts of the building finished that may be left incomplete at present.

The Inter-Mountain Conference and the Inter-Mountain Academy are profoundly grateful to all the brethren who gave their time in work on the building, thus giving to the school much needed accommodations which otherwise would have been impossible for years to come.



was put on, many odds and ends were finished up, thousands of lath nailed on, and something like forty-five thousand shingles laid.

Up to this time the weather had been ideal; but Wednesday was cloudy and Thursday morning everything was buried under a wet snow. Nothing daunting, however, the men swept the building clean and proceeded with the work. The roof was finished, though part of the time one man was kept busy sweeping snow ahead of the shinglers.

Friday night the time of the drive was up, and there stood the building just about ready for the plasterers, a monument of what can be done without money when our brethren are given a chance to show their loyalty and willingness to sacrifice for the message. Elder Blosser and the local conference workers, with some of the lay brethren, remained on the job the following Sunday and Monday to finish up the odds and ends.

Money is in sight for all the material used so far, and not a cent has been paid out for labor. The building must now be plastered and a heating plant

The large picture is an architectural drawing showing the building as it will appear when completed. The small picture shows it as it appeared shortly before the close of the "bee."

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Inter-Mountain Academy News

The Building Bee is in the past, and all is quiet again; yet the work is being continued. Plastering was begun last week.

The first period's grades were passed out to the students this week.

The boys of the academy gave a program in the dining room Saturday evening, November 26.

A very interesting program was given by the church school pupils the day before Thanksgiving. Their parents and friends were present, and they enjoyed the hour together very much.

The dormitory students had a very pleasant Thanksgiving. They were invited out to the homes of the community to eat dinner, and it is needless to say that they enjoyed the change. The evening was spent by playing games, etc., in the dining room at the dormitory.

"All His biddings [are] enablings." Begin now to plan to attend next semester.

Saturday evening, November 21, the music students gave a unique and interesting program in the chapel.

Esther Silliman and Ruby McPhersen have been sick with tonsillitis. Also Oliver Coombs has been on the sick list.

The physical culture class, with Miss Ethel Page as director, is well attended, and the interest in it is good.

Mrs. Baldwin has started to train the students for the chorus this year. The cantata to be given is Queen Esther.

Ramona Glee is the name of the new member of Prof. Roy Kinzer's home. She is a bright and healthy looking girl.

Professor Baldwin started a class of four in Plane Geometry last week. The students are studying it enthusiastically.

Only one day was given for Thanksgiving vacation, as it is planned to let school out early next spring on account of the General Conference.

Professor Kinzer has been very busy in the business office for the last week or two, getting the statements ready to send out.

Professor Baldwin spent Sabbath, November 26, with the church at Pali-sade. He reports that he raised \$35.00 for the work of plastering the new building.

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Office Notes

Brother G. W. Winn is working at Glenwood. He writes that he is doing quite well in the colporteur work.

Mrs. C. M. Pease, who has been quite ill at Grand Junction for the past two weeks, is somewhat improved, but is still unable to be up.

The remittance from Durango on the first of the month, contained more than \$50.00 on the Ingathering. This makes almost \$100.00 for this little company, and the first experience for the majority.

Elder W. F. Kennedy officiated at a quiet wedding the evening of November 23, when Mrs. Hazel E. Foy became the bride of Mr. L. E. Cato. Mr. and Mrs. Cato are at home at Westwater, Utah. Their friends wish them much happiness.

Clifton is the first church to go over her Harvest Ingathering goal. But what is better, they expect to raise more. The goal was set for the churches according to their last year's membership. A live church is always a growing church, and for this reason Clifton is increasing her quota in order to correspond with the membership for 1921.

Word from Paonia indicates that that church is also beyond their goal in the Harvest Ingathering. We are glad for this, and trust soon to see several other churches exceed their goal.

Elder W. M. Andress spent a few days in the office last week getting out his Bulletin. On Thursday he left for Montrose and Delta, expecting to be away from home two weeks.

We are pleased to receive several remittances from those who made pledges to missions at the campmeeting. We trust others who have not yet paid their pledges, will do so before the close of December.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Gibbs have returned to Grand Junction and plan to make it their home. Their friends are glad to welcome them. Brother Gibbs will carry the Sabbath School, Educational, and Young People's work in the conference.

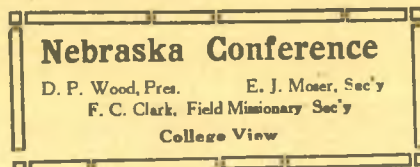
Only one more month is left in which to write the record of 1921, and we are almost fifty per cent short on our mission fund. We trust each church elder will plan definitely for the Annual Offering, and that each member will prayerfully do his part in providing means for the foreign work.

One sister in ordering a package of Leaves of Autumn states: "I am going to put them into sets, tack the ten numbers like a booklet and put them into the neighbors' homes. Have put out ten already. They are just fine. No one can help but get interested in such good reading." These tracts come in packages at \$3.50, \$1.00, or 50 cents. We shall be glad to pass them on to you on receipt of your order.

Elder Sutton left for Rulison on the 4th, in the interest of the new building. It is planned to plaster nine rooms in this building before the first of the year. The Rulison church has pledged to plaster six and two-thirds rooms, Grand Junction one, and there is still opportunity for others to have a part in this work. We shall be glad to hear from you as to what you can do. Remember it means a better preparation for some one in the Lord's work.

Brother Walter Coppock left Grand Junction for the southern part of the conference on November 30, in the interest of the colporteur work. Several more workers who will spend all their time canvassing, are needed in this branch of the work. Those who have worked have demonstrated that books can be sold. If you are one whom the

Lord is impressing to take up this work, write to Brother Coppock and he will do all possible to see that you are placed in the field.



The Joy of Finishing

ELSIE GIBBS

The man who said, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead," should have added, "Be sure you are wrong before you stop." There is a pleasure in starting a task, but real satisfaction in finishing it. There is strength of character in doing that which we said we would do in the time which we set for ourselves.

We are nearing the close of the year. Are we finishing that which we said we would? Quite a large number of people started this year to read their Bibles through. How about it, will you finish by the last of December? There is time yet to finish in the allotted time even if you are a little behind. Spend extra time and accomplish that which you started. We have a Bible Year certificate waiting for you. Just send us your name as soon as you have finished the Bible Year, and we will send it to you.

If you have not been following this plan, start in now for the year 1922. Do not wait until the new year to start, but begin now and have the habit by the first of January. It will give you that much of a start for next year. We know of families who are reading their Bible, this year in family worship. The father of one of these families assured us that they are all looking forward with pleasure to reading it again next year. They take turns reading it aloud for morning and evening worship and spend a little time at noon studying the Sabbath school lesson. "But we are so very busy," I hear some one say. This family is busy also, but they believe in putting "first things first."

Before the close of the year there will be printed in the OUTLOOK a list of names of those who have completed the Bible Year. You want your name there, so finish the Bible and send your name to the office.

Shelton Academy News

Miss Rebecca Hornbacher has gone to the Hastings Sanitarium for treatment.

Miss Edna Kilcher, our preceptress, has been sick for a couple of days with tonsillitis.

Lately, we have been enjoying excellent programs at our young people's meetings. The subject of our meeting last Sabbath was "Music." We had a few numbers of special music, both vocal and instrumental. We also had some very interesting talks on music, one of which was by Mrs. George, our music teacher, entitled "The Music of the Bible."

The Shelton Academy laundry is run by six of our efficient young people. The washing is done on Sunday so that it does not interfere with the classes; but there is time for the ironing after the session on school days. The laundry is modern in every way, having been equipped with a large washing machine, extractor, drying room, and other necessary equipment.

On Friday morning, December 9, the boys were somewhat surprised to see the lights did not come on at the usual time; but they soon learned that the boy who turns them on had over-slept. So it is with us as Christian young people. We have to keep in close connection with our Saviour continually, so we will not be found sleeping and forget to let our light shine.

When Prof. George entered the chapel on the morning of December 8, he was greeted by enthusiastic hand-clapping. He looked rather bewildered until one of the students arose and expressing the thoughts of every one, wished him a happy birthday. We sincerely appreciate what our principal is doing for us and our school, and we hope that he may spend many more birthdays with us.

The second number of our lecture course was given at Shelton, November 29. We listened to the "Dixie Trio," composed of two ladies and a gentleman. The program consisted of readings, clarinet and flute duets, piano selections, and vocal music.

The ice on Wood River has been especially good this winter, and most of the students improve their time on Sunday mornings by skating.

**LET US REMEMBER THE ANNUAL OFFERING,
DECEMBER 17, IN A SUBSTANTIAL WAY.**

Nebraska News Notes

It is planned that Miss Gibbs assist in the Week of Prayer at Valentine, and Brother Clark go to Red Cloud, Republican City and Ragan.

Brother M. E. Hart of Hershey has taken up the work of selling our small books. We hope for some nice orders from him and wish him success in his splendid work.

Brother Panches reports an increasing interest in the meetings at Decatur. There was an attendance of 50 at one of the first meetings, so let us pray that the seed sown may bear much fruit.

Elder Wood was at Shelton Academy during the first part of the Week of Prayer, and Prof. M. L. Andreasen of Union College plans to spend the latter part of the week there. Elder Wood also visited Hastings two days.

Such an interest has been shown in the meetings Elder C. H. Miller is conducting at Hartington that they will be continued through the Week of Prayer on account of the people not of our faith who are attending the meetings.

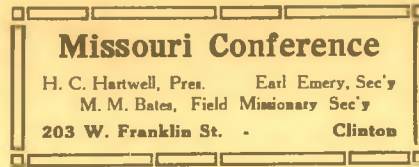
Our orders have all been filled on the Home Missionary Calendar, so we now have them in stock. Better order one at once if you are not already supplied and "start the New Year right." Remember they are better than ever and only 25 cents now.

Brother J. W. Stokes, better known as "Grandpa" Stokes, died in College View, Wednesday, December 7. The funeral service was conducted at the church by Elder R. A. Underwood Thursday, December 8. "Grandpa" Stokes was a little past one hundred and one years of age, and remained faithful to the cause we love till the time of his death.

The crisis edition of "Steps to Christ" may now be obtained in the following languages: English, Armenian, Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, German, Hungarian, Icelandic, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Swedish. These are paper bound books, illustrated, and the price is 25 cents, subscription basis. We cannot carry all these languages in stock, but will be glad to order them.

Brother Clark recently visited Gothenburg, holding several meetings with the company there. He also visited Cozad and Shelton. At Shelton Academy he found a number of earnest young people who are interested in the colporteur work. They plan to meet together regularly from now till the

end of the school term, and we trust that a goodly number of colporteurs will enter the field next summer as the result of these meetings.



A Fitting Climax

H. C. HARTWELL

By the time this reaches you the Week of Prayer will be nearly over. Without doubt you have received many rich blessings and gained a new and brighter experience in these services. This is as it should be. It would be a calamity for any one to come up to an occasion like this and pass through it without gaining a new and stronger hold upon God. Not one of us can tell what unusual developments will take place in the world by the time another Week of Prayer rolls around. Could we know, possibly some of us would be filled with apprehension. But whatever the future may hold, one thing we know,—that trials, temptations, burdens and cares will be sure to come, and we must have more of the spirit of Christ and more of God's grace if we can hope to meet and pass through them successfully.

As a fitting climax to this Week of Prayer, shall we not acknowledge the goodness of God to us during the year that is past by making a liberal thank offering on the last Sabbath of this week when the annual offering is taken? The Lord says, "Of every man that giveth it willingly, with his heart, shall ye take my offering." This should be the spirit of all true giving.

The mission funds are far short of what they should be. A notice from the treasurer of the General Conference states that for the first ten months we were nearly a million dollars short of the goal set at the beginning of the year. And I do not like to say it, but Missouri is one of the conferences that has fallen behind the most. Possibly we have all done the best that we could, but I wonder if we really have. Are we ready to admit that our people in this state are poorer than the brothers and sisters in our neighboring states? I do not think we would like to admit this. Then shall we not put forth an extra and a more determined effort to make our annual offering this year larger than it has ever been in the past?

In the offering this year I trust that the dimes and quarters and dollars will give place largely to bills and checks of five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred dollars and even larger sums. If every member in the conference realized his privilege, responsibility, and ability, we could easily make this annual offering in Missouri next Sabbath total \$10,000.00. Dear brother or sister, in the name of the Lord, I appeal to you to do your best.

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Missouri News Notes

We have our Sabbath school supplies for the new year. Order early.

Our church school teachers with Professors Rees and Robison, of College View, who attended the teachers' institute, were entertained last Sunday evening at the home of Brother V. P. Lovell. Games along the line of educational work were the order, after which refreshments were served.

Brother Bates spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at St. Joseph. He reports that the officers for the new year have been elected, and that the church has planned for very aggressive missionary work.

If you have finished reading your Bible or if you are ready for the Standard of Attainment questions, do not fail to report the same to Brother Lovell.

Brother D. P. Miller, who has been a faithful worker in our conference for the past few years, left recently for Omaha, Nebr., where he will make his home.

We have recently placed our stock order for the new book, "Our Story of Missions," by W. A. Spicer. This book contains many short stories by Elder Spicer, such as he gives in his foreign mission talks. We are sure that it will be well worth the price of \$1.50.

The teachers' institute held here in Clinton closed last Monday night. All the teachers were present with the exception of one. One parent-teacher, Mrs. Chas. Wineland, and one school board member, Mrs. Elam of St. Louis, attended the institute. All the teachers made the office a visit before leaving. They reported a very profitable meeting.

The talks given by Professors Rees and Robison, while here for the institute, were greatly appreciated by the two Clinton churches.



Borrowing the Tithe at Twenty Per Cent Interest

There is in the minds of some a serious misunderstanding in regard to the proper payment and use of the tithe. The Lord has made it plain in his word that the tithe is sacred, and that it does not belong to us. Occasionally we meet with certain people who are free to state that they may use the tithe indefinitely, and that when they pay it back to the Lord, they will add a "fifth part thereto," and they feel that the Scripture sanctions this kind of borrowing the Lord's money at twenty per cent interest. Perhaps it would be well to study this passage of scripture.

Let us read Leviticus 27: 30-33: "And all the tithe of the Lord, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Jehovah's; it is holy unto Jehovah. And if a man will redeem aught of his tithe, he shall add unto it the fifth part thereof. And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it; and if he change it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed."

The word redeem employed in these texts, signifies primarily in the Hebrew, *to buy back, to purchase, to ransom*. This bears out the direct idea intended to be conveyed. For instance, in tithing a herd of cattle or sheep, every tenth one that passeth under the rod the Lord claimed for himself, in harmony with the law of tithing. Now, suppose that a certain tenth beast was very desirable, and the owner of the herd wished to keep it for himself. It will be noticed in the scripture just read that he must not substitute another beast for it, or change it. In case he did this, both would be holy, and they would both be the Lord's. But it seems from the reading of verses 9-13, and 31, that provision was made in certain cases to buy back the desired beast. The priest was to set the price, and the owner of the herd was to add a fifth, or twenty per cent, to the valuation price in buying it from the Lord. Thus, "If a man will redeem aught of his tithe, he shall add unto it

the fifth part thereof."

There is no provision in the Scriptures for borrowing the tithe at any rate of interest. Besides, it seems to me to be a very unbusinesslike procedure. When we borrow money from men we first make arrangements satisfactory to them, and the first and most important part of the transaction is to ascertain whether they have money to loan, and whether they are willing to loan it to us. We do not attempt to get their money by stealth, and then promise ourselves that some time we will return it and pay a big rate of interest to ease our consciences, or to satisfy them. Even with our dealings with men, we do not think of taking their money without their knowledge or consent even if we were expecting to pay it all back some day with twenty per cent interest added. We know too well what the consequences would be of borrowing a man's money without his knowledge or consent, even if we had planned to pay a big rate of interest when we return it.

Now, dear friends, is not our dealing with the Lord to be as open and square and honest as are our dealings with men? He has promised a great blessing if we will pay an honest tithe. But some one may say, "I have not paid tithe for a long time, and how shall I go about it to be right with God?" The answer is simple: If we confess our sin, and pay our debt, and make restitution, we shall be accepted. God does not want interest, but he does require restitution. Come, brethren and sisters, let us return unto the Lord, for he will abundantly pardon, if we are guilty of misappropriating or withholding his tithe. Let us confess and restore, and we shall find mercy.

W. A. GOSMER.

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In Training

D. T. SNIDEMAN

To conduct a successful battle against the enemy of the souls of men, it is necessary not only to have a good earnest company of trained active soldiers, but a number in training.

Our colporteurs in the field are moving forward in the name and strength of God, and "every manifestation of God's power for His people arouses the enmity of Satan. Every time God works in their behalf, Satan with his angels works with renewed vigor to compass their ruin. He is jealous of all who make Christ their strength. His object is to instigate evil, and when

he has succeeded, throw all the blame upon the tempted ones. He points to their filthy garments, their defective characters. He presents their weakness and folly, their sin of ingratitude, their unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonored their Redeemer. All this he urges as an argument proving his right to work his will in their destruction. He endeavors to affright their souls with the thought that their case is hopeless, that the stain of their defilement can never be washed away. He hopes to destroy their faith that they will yield fully to his temptations, and turn from their allegiance to God."

"The children of God are not left alone and defenseless." How thankful we are that we can call upon our leader. "Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. Prayer has subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire—we shall know what this means when we hear the reports of the martyrs who died for their faith,—turning to flight the armies of the aliens.

"If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure counselor."

"The arm of Omnipotence is outstretched to lead us onward and still onward. Go forward, the Lord says, I will send you help. It is for my name's glory that you ask and you shall receive. I will be honored before those who are watching for your failure. They shall see my word triumph gloriously. 'All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.'"

"There is no danger that the Lord will neglect the prayers of His people. The danger is that in temptation and trial (battle), they will become discouraged, and fail to persevere in prayer."

How important that we come together to study plans, and organize thoroughly for the Master's work. Jesus is our mighty leader, and has promised to be with us, "even to the end of the world."

We have arranged for a ten days' colporteur institute in the North Denver church, which is located at West 39th and Shoshone. (Take car No. 28 on 16th St. going north, get off at 39th St., walk one block east or to the right.) This institute will cover date

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of January 6 to 16, 1922. We shall have efficient instructors. Elder W. A. Gosmer, president of the conference, has promised to be with us; Elder J. B. Blosser, Union field secretary, will be with us the entire time. Elder G. W. Anglebarger and Elder W. A. Long of Denver will also be with us part of the time.

For those who will attend the full ten days, and then go direct to their field, working continuously for six successive months, we will pay their transportation to the institute, and for their entertainment during this ten days of training.

Come, dear friends, there never was a more favorable time to work for God. "From age to age the Lord has made known the manner of His working. When a crisis has come, He has revealed Himself, and has interposed to hinder the working out of Satan's plan. With nations, with families, and with individuals, He has often permitted matters to come to a crisis that His interference might become marked. Then He has made manifest that there is a God in Israel who will maintain His law and vindicate His people."

Campion Academy News

Learn to do by doing.

Sunday, December 4, Campion students enjoyed their first skate on the lake near by.

Sabbath morning, the choir, under the able leadership of Miss Ethel Threlkeld, rendered the beautiful anthem, "Seek Ye the Lord."

The second six weeks' examinations will be held next Thursday and Friday, so they will not interfere with the Week of Prayer.

The girls of the dormitory organized prayer bands last Monday night with the following as leaders: Misses Marguerite Wood, Alice Cox, Olga Lorenz, and Naomi Medill.

Miss Alma Lorenz, the church school teacher, is preparing a Christmas program to be given by her pupils just before the students go home for vacation.

Last Thursday evening, twelve of the older students with three teachers met in the parlor at South Hall to discuss the Week of Prayer. All pledged to join in helping to better the spiritual element in our school.

Through the courtesy of the University of Colorado, a stereopticon lecture will be given each week in the chapel.

The first lecture was on "The Steel Industry."

Elder Hay, a returned missionary from the Philippines, spent Friday and Sabbath here. He spoke at the Friday evening meeting of his many experiences in the Philippines. He occupied the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath morning with a very impressive sermon, and in the afternoon meeting he showed the different weapons and dress of the many tribes of the Island. Saturday evening he gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture, which showed clearly the need of more workers in this land where many are still in darkness.

Colorado News Notes

Elder E. R. Lauda left the office today for Fort Morgan, where he plans to do some real earnest work for the salvation of souls.

Let all who have finished the Bible Year or a Reading Course be sure to report to our Missionary Volunteer secretary, A. G. Wearer.

The Morning Watch Calendar in the DeLuxe cover makes a very good Christmas remembrance. Order from the tract society. Price 15 cents.

We have received a nice lot of orders for books as a result of the circular recently sent out. We hope every Adventist family in our conference will take advantage of the liberal discounts offered.

The church school children of Colorado Springs have raised \$85.26 in their Harvest Ingathering work. This is more than their goal of \$75.00, but now that they are so near \$100.00 they are determined to continue until that point is reached.

The city colporteurs of Denver are meeting with wonderful success. They go with their hearts full of the tenderness of Jesus, and human hearts respond. Sister Sanford secured 13 orders from 22 exhibitions, and Sister Matthews 16 orders from 28 exhibitions. They are using "Bible Readings."

Dr. Fred H. Weber of Idaho Springs, was recently called to Battle Creek, Mich., on account of the death of his brother, John W. Weber. Mr. Weber was for several years a teacher in the public schools of Colorado, and later professor of history at Union College. His death was due to blood poison. The many friends of Mr. Weber in Colorado will be pained to learn of his sudden death.

Kansas Conference

B. C. Wilkinson, Pres. Herbert Griffith, Sec'y
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Kansas News Items

Felix A. Lorenz was in the office a few days last week attending to some office work, as he had been out in the field for five weeks.

Miss Maud Davis returned to Topeka this week, after spending some time at Great Bend and Garden City in the Harvest Ingathering work.

The total amount of Harvest Ingathering money received during the month of November was \$4,644.13. This represents some hard work by our constituency out in the field.

The Sabbath School Quarterlies for the first quarter of next year are now in stock. Orders should be placed for them immediately to save the rush at the close of the year.

A week ago a number of the workers gathered at our office here in Topeka to study over the Harvest Ingathering work. All who were present have gone out with new vigor to help put the Kansas Conference over her goal.

Elder Wilkinson spent Sabbath, December 3, with the church at Palco. Although there was a very heavy blizzard in that section of the state on Sabbath, he was able to hold two meetings with the church.

H. P. Lorenz is now with the Hill City church in connection with the Harvest Ingathering work. Brother Lorenz has previously been engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work at Palco, where he assisted the members in going over their goal of \$250.00.

Every one will be interested to know that Elder Spicer has recently written a new book entitled "Our Story of Missions." This book is now off the press and we will have our stock within a few days. The retail price is only \$1.50.

Most all of the church treasurers had their reports in on time for the month of November. See if your church is in the following list which reported on time: Arkansas City, Atchison II, Bazine, Bird City, Burdett, Chanute, Clay Center, Coffeyville, Collyer, Columbus, Durham, Emporia, Galena, Garland,

Hill City, Holton, Hutchinson I, Hutchinson II, Independence, Iola, Kansas City I, Kincaid, LaHarpe, Leavenworth

II, Manhattan, Medicine Lodge, Nekoma, Oswego I, Oswego II, Osawatomie, Ottawa, Ozawkie, Palco, Parsons, Pleasanton, Portis, Shaffer, Spivey, Sterling, Thayer, Turkville, Wellington and Wichita.

Miss Edna Wallace, of Winchester, is assisting in the Harvest Ingathering work at this time.

The Shaffer church with a goal of \$1,000.00 in the Harvest Ingathering has been successful in reaching it.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Davis spent Thanksgiving and the week end with their parents in Manhattan.

Elder A. S. Bringle and wife passed through Topeka last Wednesday. While here they paid the office a pleasant visit.

The Morning Watch Calendars for 1922 are now in stock, and we are filling orders daily for them. The DeLuxe edition of this calendar can be procured for 15 cents a copy.

Miss Bessie Miller, of the Wichita Sanitarium, spent Thanksgiving in Topeka visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Cornell.

Felix A. Lorenz and wife left for Hutchinson last Friday, where he will work in connection with the Harvest Ingathering for a few days.

All who have not read the book "Socialism in the Test Tube" will want to procure a copy, for it is intensely interesting. The price is 25 cents a single copy or ten copies post paid for \$1.35.

Brother H. S. Osterloh was in our office last Wednesday attending a committee meeting. From here he went to Kansas City, Mo., where he is visiting with his daughter.

The books that are in the different reading courses for this year would make splendid gifts. We are pleased to tell you that we have a good supply of these books on hand so that all orders will receive immediate attention.

All Sabbath school supplies for the new year should be ordered at this time to insure getting them on time. At the close of the year we have a great deal of extra work.

Miss Annah Vaughn and Miss Faye Eagle are in the office for a few days getting their work in shape so that they can go to Manhattan and Clay Center in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

During the past few days a large number of orders have come in for the books which were listed in the circular sent out from our office some time ago.

Colporteurs' Report for Week Ending Nov. 26, 1921

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
<i>Colorado:</i>							
*Mrs. Grace Hunt	Mag				47 50	47 50	
*Helen Mathews	B R	21	30	186 00		186 00	
*C. A. Randolph	G C	39	3	18 00	50	18 50	
*Ethel Sanford	B R	42	28	166 00		166 00	
Total, Agts 3		102	61	370 00	48 00	418 00	
<i>Missouri:</i>							
M. G. Bish	B R	24	5	25 00		25 00	
W. A. Burton	B R	31	28	152 00		152 00	
Paul Coppock	B R	26	3	15 00	1 50	16 50	
A. B. Culy	B R	30	9	51 00	50	51 50	
A. S. East	B R	23	12	68 00		68 00	38 00
D. W. Gahagan	Mag						75 50
W. E. Helt	B R	28	11	57 50	4 20	61 70	
R. W. Hinton	B R	49	10	55 50	2 10	57 10	
Wm. D. Kieser	O D	41	16	46 50	7 95	54 45	
Mrs. Wm. D. Kieser	O D	32	17	52 50	1 75	54 25	
H. M. Lucy	O D	12	9	30 00		30 00	
F. H. Mohling	B R	12	3	15 00		15 00	
Mrs. A. Osman	O D	12	4	12 00		12 00	26 00
H. J. Peach	B R	23	1	5 00		5 00	
Total, Agts 14		343	135	584 50	18 00	602 50	139 50
<i>Nebraska:</i>							
J. A. Danner	D R	36	48	22 00	4 50	26 50	
J. H. Johnson	G C	3	5	85 00		85 00	
Gaines Partridge	D R			11 50	1 00	12 50	
Total, Agts 3		39	53	118 50	5 50	124 00	
Gr Total, Agts 20		484	249	1073 00	71 50	1144 50	139 50
*Two weeks							

We feel sure that more of our people will want to avail themselves of this privilege before the close of the year.

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Workers' Meeting

J. W. TURNER

On December 21, the workers of the Wyoming Conference met at Crawford. Elder S. E. Wight and Elder H. E. Lysinger from College View were present, also all members of the conference committee. The day was spent in studying our work and the way that we could get the best results from our efforts. Elders Wight and Lysinger led out in the meeting. Their words were an encouragement to all.

After giving our financial condition careful study, the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, the Wyoming Conference, as well as the sister conferences of this Union, has fallen short in their finances for the year 1921, and in maintaining the present corp of workers face a probable deficit of several thousand dollars for the year 1922; therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED that we raise \$7000.00, of which amount each member is asked to contribute \$5.00 or more, to be paid on or before May 1, 1922.

"It is further suggested that each church be visited by one or more conference workers at an early date, and that said conference workers give time and assistance to said members to perfect their home missionary organization and to aid them in raising this money. It is also suggested that the sale of our books, periodicals, and magazines be chiefly used in the above endeavor."

This effort is put forth for a two-fold purpose:

1. To meet our financial needs as they are at the present time.
2. To get in closer touch with our people and encourage them to missionary activity and cooperation.

Our workers will enter the field at once and give our people help in securing means to carry on the work in this field during the year 1922. We solicit an interest in the prayers of all our people.

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Gordon

Showers of blessings have been poured upon the Gordon church in a series of meetings given by Elders Trubey and Fletcher. Our hearts have melted as we have heard the witness of the Spirit

to mighty and eternal gospel truths. It has seemed that angels of light have stood by Elder Trubey's side, as night after night he has impressed upon his hearers the harmony and certainty of the word and the untold love of the Creator.

Gordon is a strong church town and is a town where much prejudice to the message has been created by active leadership. This extreme prejudice has been made to testify to the power of God's message, for we have seen it broken.

Church Officers Attention!

May we expect you to give careful study to proper church organization for **SERVICE** for the year 1922.

Your church is thoroughly organized for **STUDY**. Now organize for **WORK**, and be just as thorough about it.

If you desire any information as to how to do this, inquire of your Conference Home Missionary Secretary).

H. E. Lysinger.

Thanksgiving evening, as Elder Trubey called for an expression of belief in the entire word and the ten commandments, most of the audience arose in response including an elder of the largest local church and the one most active in the work of opposition.

Several have taken their stand to live a life of obedience to the commandments and many others are continuing an interest in the face of vital, testing truths most clearly stated. The church has been established in the faith. We feel that the fruit of this effort can be measured only in the kingdom. The seed has been sown. Some of the seed has fallen on good soil. For this our hearts praise God.

We thank the Giver of good gifts for directing the footsteps of these servants

to our midst, and we write these words that our brethren in other places may rejoice with us. As never before we are impressed that this message is onward and that the morning of eternal day is soon to dawn.

J. M. BARTO.

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Wyoming News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cockran, who have been visiting Mrs. Turner, left for their home in Colorado.

Christmas will soon be here. We have a number of children's books on hand and will be glad to fill all orders early.

Elders J. M. Fletcher and L. F. Trubey will close their effort at Gordon this week. They report a number having taken their stand for the third angel's message.

We are glad to tell you that we have the new book, "Our Story of Missions." It is a book written by Elder W. A. Spicer on our foreign work. Every home should have a copy. Order from the tract society.

Brother G. T. Glendrange left after the workers' meeting for Chadron, where he will spend the first part of the Week of Prayer. The little company there no doubt will appreciate having him back.

Elder H. E. Lysinger and J. W. Turner visited Casper last Sabbath. They report a good meeting with the church there. Elder Lysinger remained in the conference until after the workers' meeting. His help was greatly appreciated.

We are sure all our people will be interested in the resolutions passed by our workers. We hope we will not have to ask any worker to take up any other line of work because of lack of funds during the year 1922. Let us do our best to reach our \$7000.00 goal.

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A Personal Letter to You

DEAR FRIEND:—

 WISH it were possible for each one receiving this paper to feel in it the personal touch for you that I feel in writing it. The OUTLOOK this week goes to every Sabbath-keeping family in the Union, and by it we wish to say to you what we would be glad to say to you personally and by word of mouth if this were possible. So I beg of you to not lay this aside as "just a newspaper article", but let it come to your heart through this form as a burning, personal appeal for help in a cause that you and I are held personally responsible for, and that is suffering because it has been shamefully neglected.

Foreign Missions—we hear the name often spoken, we read of the magnificent work being done in these lands, we read of the large gifts of our people, and yet,—and yet, even our liberal people have only averaged about thirty cents a week this year, for this work, and this is the ONE WORK—this taking of the gospel to the world—that Christ has left us to do. Are we making this our first business? No, we are not. Not by a long ways.

The Mission Board faces the usual conditions—an empty treasury, missionaries ready to leave for the field, but nothing to send them with, increasingly urgent calls for help from every part of the world, prosperity in sight everywhere, but faith so small on the part of God's people that not enough offerings are given to even pay the meager salaries of workers already in the field. When are these things going to move us? Must famine and persecution and drought and death be brought to us and our loved ones to make us realize that God means what he says when he tells us that "we lament the scanty resources at present available, while various and urgent demands are pressing us for men and means. WERE WE THOROUGHLY IN EARNEST even NOW we could multiply the resources a hundred fold."

India ends at the southernmost point in a pointed rock. On this rock is a temple as if it claimed the whole land for itself. Stand in imagination at this point and look away to the north, over the border country and the mountains of Tibet, and away

through the vastness of central Asia, on to China, Mongolia, Manchuria—and even then we have only seen a few of the great, dark Northern lands, which wait and wait for us.

And this is only Asia—PART of Asia. God looks down on all the world. We sing:

"Waft, waft ye winds the story,
Ye waters onward roll,
Till like a sea of glory
It spreads from pole to pole,
Till o'er the ransomed nations
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign."

Yes, that is the cheapest way to do it, no doubt, but singing hymns will

Our Malady, Its Cure, and the Results to Follow

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me....in tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith.... if I will not...pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:8, 10.

not save souls, but by God's grace, going, and giving, and praying will, and the good old hymns will inspire our courage at least. Are we going, and giving, and praying, or had we rather just sing? Are we going, and giving, and praying TILL IT HURTS?

For every one in the millions who have never crowned Christ King, he wore a crown of thorns. What do we count these millions worth? Do we count them worth the rearrangement of our day, that we may have more time to pray? Do we count them worth the laying down of a single worldly ambition, the loosening of our hold on a single child or friend? Do we count them worth the yielding up of anything that we care for very much so that we may make a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice? O brethren and sisters, will you THINK about it? Are you ready and anxious and eager to help the work forward? Christ counted souls worth Calvary. WHAT DO WE COUNT THEM WORTH?

Since man himself and everything in the world belongs to God, what is man's relation to the property and money entrusted to him?

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10.

How should man therefore be accounted?

"Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." 1 Cor. 4:1.

What is required on the part of a steward?

"Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2.

Of our time God has made us stewards of six-sevenths, which he requires shall be faithfully spent in service for him. To misuse any portion of the six working days would therefore be to prove unfaithful stewards.

Upon one-seventh of the time God has placed his hand saying it is holy unto the Lord. This time he claims as his, and requires that we render to the Lord his own.

Of nine-tenths of all that comes under our control he has made us stewards, and he requires that it be used for his glory in the affairs of this life.

Upon the one-tenth he has placed his hand, saying it "is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." He requires that this be rendered to the Lord, as his own.

Anciently God reserved this one-tenth for the Levites.

"And behold, I have given to the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation."

The same plan for the support of the ministry is enjoined in the New Testament.

"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:13, 14.

In addition to the tithe which was consecrated to the support of the priest, what did the Lord require of his people anciently?

"To promote the assembling of the people for religious service, as well as to provide for the poor, a second

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tithe of all increase, was required."—P. and P., p. 530.

Is less required of the people who are giving the Third Angel's Message?

"Now God requires, not less, but greater gifts that at any other period of the world."—Vol. 3, p. 392.

"The work of the gospel, as it widens, requires greater provision to sustain it than was called for anciently; and this makes the law of tithes and offerings of even more urgent necessity now than under the Hebrew economy."—P. and P., p. 529

of Christian stewardship will reveal these principles to us.

Times of Prosperity

This call to study the principles of Christian stewardship is emphasized by the fact that no country in the world has been so highly favored with continuous and abounding prosperity as the United States. It is almost impossible to realize how rapidly, and to what an enormous amount, wealth has increased in this country in recent years. While the population increased from 1880 to 1900, fifty-two per cent, the wealth increased in the same period over one hundred and two per cent. The per capita wealth increased in that time from eight hundred and fifty dollars to one thousand one hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents, and now amounts to one thousand six hundred dollars. The wealth of the country has more than doubled in twenty years. It has quadrupled in thirty years. While the population of the United States increased three and one-half times from 1850 to 1900, the wealth increased **fourteen times.**

Into the hands of Seventh-day Adventists has come a fair share of this vast increase of wealth. This great increase is attended by many perils. The more money men get, the more they want, and the natural impulse is for the love of money to take full possession of the heart.

Danger in Riches

Of many of our friends and acquaintances who once were walking with us in the blessedness of the third angel's message, Paul's words to Timothy (1 Tim. 6:9, 10 R. V.) are sadly true: "They that are minded to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in perdition and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

These are words of warning which we do well to heed. A widespread recognition of the obligations of stewardship and the faithful discharge of those obligations is the only safeguard against the evils that have come creeping in with increased prosperity. It is time for our churches everywhere to be awakened to a most intense consciousness of their increased responsibility through increasing prosperity. A thousand evils will

Return to the Lord His Own



WE HAVE come to a time in our work when there must be a revival of common honesty in our dealings with God. It is a cause for gratitude that so many of our people faithfully account for "all their increase" and pay their rental, God's tenth, on it to him. But paying tithe is not being liberal with our means any more than is paying the grocer for our flour—both are obligations which should be paid, and which will be paid if we are honest.

Are we true stewards of God? A steward is "a person intrusted with the management of estates or affairs not his own." A steward is a trustee. Stewardship is trusteeship. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2.

"The Lord has made us his stewards. He has placed his means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to him his own. He has reserved the tithe as his sacred portion to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring him also the tithe that you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord as he has invited you to do. 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.' Mal. 3:11.

"Never was there a more important time in the history of our work than the present. The message of the third chapter of Malachi comes to us, holding up before us the need of honesty in our relations to the Lord and his work. My brethren, the money that you use to buy and sell and get gain will be a curse to you if you withhold from the Lord that which is his. The means intrusted to you for the advancement of the Lord's work should be used in sending the

gospel to all parts of the world."—Test., Vol. 9, pp. 51, 52, 53.

Revival of Stewardship Needed

A revival of stewardship is the need of the hour. That revival can come only as the principles of Christian stewardship are thoroughly understood and God's people know how to put them in practice in their everyday lives. The call comes therefore to Christian men and women, old and young, rich and poor, Conference workers, church officers and laymen, to devote themselves to an earnest and faithful consideration of this subject. There are many facts and conditions which emphasize this call.

The people of God have to quite an extent lost the consciousness that they are stewards. Many live as though they were owners instead of trustees. They fail to do their duty as stewards, not because they are unwilling to do what they know the Lord wants them to do, but rather because they have never been clearly taught what their duty is. The development of a greater sense of the responsibility of stewardship throughout the church is essential to the success of the larger work which we have in the giving of the gospel to the whole world.

This subject goes to the very bottom of the problem of all evangelistic work, both as to men and means. **We are not simply stewards of money, we are stewards of the gospel.** A proper recognition of that stewardship involves the consecration of our personality to the cause as well as our means, and thus meets the need for men and also for money to support them. Mere appeals for either men or money, strong though they may be, are totally inadequate. We must as individuals dig beneath the surface of the needs and conditions of humanity and understand that there are great and vital principles by which we should be actuated. And a study

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come in if in connection with this prosperity there is not a clear understanding by God's people of their stewardship for him. Surely therefore, it is a time when Christian men and women, especially the young people who are just entering upon the responsibilities of life, should give themselves up to diligent and prayerful study of this great subject.

Do you think we are too emphatic in our avowals that there is a great lack of faithful stewardship among God's people? We recognize that we cannot base absolutely final conclusions in this matter on the number of dollars and cents given, but we can draw some pretty safe conclusions on general principles after all, and with this in mind permit us to give you just a few figures:

Examples of Stewardship

One of the largest churches in a Conference paid in, during the first half of a year, the largest tithe that they have ever paid for the same length of time—but notice, just exactly twenty-five per cent of the members paid all of this tithe. Now your minds immediately fall back on the old excuse, "Well, the head of the house was paying for the whole family, so that practically includes the whole church." That is partially right, for some still cling to the pernicious practice of one member discharging the duty of the whole family, but that 25 per cent also includes many, many children and young people, for the payment of the tithe has always been a live issue in this church. But the record shows something else, when you come to look into the details of it. There are a few sisters in that church who earn their living over the wash tub, and by doing a day's work wherever possible, but they are honest with the Lord, and if all the wage earning members of that church would only pay as much tithe per capita as each of these sisters pay, the tithe of that one church for this year would have amounted to more than was received the previous year from the whole Conference.

Another instance: In another church three-fourths of the members are actual wage-earners. During the first half of one year two-thirds of the wage-earners paid some tithe, the other one-third none at all. Of the number who paid tithe about one-third were Conference employees. I think it is safe to say that they all paid a full tithe of their earnings,

and the amount paid by them was just about the same as that paid by all the rest of the church. In other words the honest tithe of 16 members, earning very ordinary wages was as much as that of the other 57 actual wage-earners for the same length of time. And this church is one of the most active in that Conference.

Other instances could be multiplied, where the showing is not as good as this, and a few churches, we are most thankful to say, report every member paying at least some tithe. But the general conclusion forced upon us by a study of the actual conditions is that the strong statements of the Spirit of Prophecy refer, not to some other conferences, not to some other country, but to US and to our children.

In view of this fact we will do well to briefly consider a few questions that naturally come to mind in looking at this situation. These will be considered in the next article.

Our faithfulness in stewardship hinges at the money point. The man who is true to God as his steward in the acquisition and use of wealth, who goes into business or wage-earning as God's steward, there definitely to adjust his daily work to the great business of the kingdom of God, will be faithful in his stewardship all along the line. He will be a faithful steward of personality, time, opportunity and all else, for a man cannot be true to this resolve to be faithful in his stewardship of money in the interest of the gospel without being true in all other respects.

A Final Word

Shall we resolve that, God helping us, we will begin this very hour to be absolutely faithful to God in the payment of ALL of our tithe? The largest plans ever outlined for progressive moves are lying before us with promise of rich blessing in carrying them out. The harvest whiteneth on every hand. The call of the hour is for heart-searching, for crucifixion of self, for a renewal of right relations between the owner and his stewards, a righting of past wrongs and faithful continuance in honest living.

With still stronger force to-day than in the days of King David, as our King and Counselor is stronger and mightier than he was, comes to us in the very same words, the call of the present hour "Who then is willing to fill his hands with service this day unto the Lord?" (1 Chron. 29:5.)

GOD'S OWNERSHIP

Man by double ownership, by creation and by redemption, belongs to God.

"Know ye that Jehovah, he is God: it is he that hath made us, and we are his." Ps. 100:3.

"Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

God claims ownership not only of man but of everything in this world.

"The earth is Jehovah's and the fulness thereof: the world and they that dwell therein." Ps. 24:1.

"Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beast of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." Ps. 50:10-12.

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts." Hag. 2:8.

How does man acknowledge God's ownership?

"Tithes and offerings for God are an acknowledgement of his claim by redemption." Test., Vol. 6, p. 479.

What two things did God ordain to be a constant reminder to man of his ownership?

"This tree (tree of knowledge of good and evil) God reserved as a constant reminder of his ownership of all.....So it is with God's claims upon us. He requires that one-tenth of all shall be faithfully laid aside for his work. By faithfully obeying this requirement we acknowledge that all belongs to God, thus acknowledging his sole ownership of soul, body, spirit and property."—Test., Vol. 6, page 386.

How should God's claims upon us be regarded?

"God's claims upon us underlie every other claim."—Id., p. 384.

By whom was the arrangement for the payment of the tithe made?

"This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ himself."—Id.

What is said of those who claim that they cannot see this arrangement?

"Those who claim that they cannot see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly universe, to the church and to the world, that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement."—Id., p. 387.

Whose plan is this declared to be?

"God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its

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origin.....If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be **NO WANT OF MEANS** with which to carry forward

the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all will adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer."—White.

ced by the fact that we are operating permanent mission stations in 108 of the 156 countries into which the Mission map has been divided. This report gives our field of operations as follows: Africa, fifteen, including operations on the gold coast and Congo region. In Asia we are operating in fifteen principal countries and in China alone there are permanent missions in fifteen provinces. We have an Asiatic Conference with splendid headquarters at Shanghai. There are strong conferences in both Australia and New Zealand. In Europe we have established ourselves in twenty-four political divisions. In North America we have become established in Canada, Alaska, Newfoundland, as well as in the United States. We are operating in Pacific Islands in nineteen distinct groups and large island centers. Among these are included such cannibal groups as Figi, Solomon, Society and Friendly Islands. In South America we have a complete Division Conference organization with local conferences in the principal countries and mission organizations in the rest, also the West Indies and Central America, making a total of 106 as stated above. We are printing and distributing our church literature in 99 languages and are carrying on evangelistic work in 127 languages whereby it is possible to reach fifteen-sixteenths of the people of the world.

An interesting feature of the report is the fact that we are operating 27 major printing houses with a number of branches totaling in all, 45. The literature sales of these institutions last year reached the sum of \$5,682,927.35. In addition to these publishing houses we are conducting 33 large sanitariums located in strategic points in the different countries of the world, and are also operating 97 colleges and secondary schools likewise located in important centers of the world, which in 1920 enrolled 14,614 students.

The total amount of tithes and offerings from all sources in 1920 was \$11,834,404.23; of this sum \$7,514,243.70 was contributed by the 95,877 members of North America. This would average \$78.35 per member in North America.

In spite of these enormous totals, the average amount per member is not remarkably large when we consider the immensity of our task, the shortness of the time and the solemn declaration of our Leader: "Were we thoroughly **IN EARNEST**, even **NOW** we could multiply the resources a hundred-fold."

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?



Christian Stewardship



1. To whom do the heavens and the earth belong? Gen. 1:1.

2. What have we that is ours? Money? Hag. 2:8.

3. Lands? Lev. 25:23.

5. But did we not earn the wealth? Deut. 8:18.

6. But my life? Eze. 18:4.

7. How much, then, is the Lord's? Ps. 50:2.

8. What are we then?

(Are we in sentiment or in fact, God's stewards? If you had a clerk, or manager, or steward to whom you had entrusted your estate during your absence, with plain and repeated directions that, though he was to get a living out of it, he was not to lay up money for himself, but was to use it for your children and for advancing your work; if you found upon your return that he had neglected your interests and your children and had transferred to his own bank account what he had not spent upon himself and his family,—what would you call this?)

9. What does God call it?

10. In what words does Christ forbid selfish accumulation? Matt. 6:19.

(From this on to the end of the chapter Jesus teaches that the accumulation of wealth for ourselves is both dangerous and unnecessary; dangerous, because it tends to become our master and divorce us from God; unnecessary, because our own need does not require it. Let us thoroughly ponder each priceless word, for the teaching of Christ reveals the very mind of God regarding our stewardship.)

11. In what parable does Christ teach the folly of selfish accumulation? Ans.—The foolish rich man, Luke 12:13-22.

(The rich man's only recorded sin is for making a fortune for himself instead of using his wealth for God. But in living for himself he had lost his soul. He had said he would increase and keep. Christ bids us decrease and give. We are not of this

world and our wealth must be converted into a letter of credit on the next. We are to transfer our wealth to heaven by giving it to the needy on earth.)

12. What parable teaches the terrible consequence of a selfish stewardship? Ans.—The rich man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31.

"While the parable of the foolish rich man showed the steward's relation to God, this parable shows his relation to his fellowmen. The rich man had "fared sumptuously" without regard to the poor brother at his gate. This neglected stewardship sealed his destiny.

"Information and communication have today placed all the world at our very gate, and the majority of them are starving for the crumbs of the bread of life that fall from our tables. We may disclaim that we are our brother's keeper, but to deny his brotherhood, denies God's Fatherhood. To disown our stewardship is to disinherit ourselves of the eternal riches.

"WHAT IS NEEDED IS NOT MERELY AN INCREASED GIVING, BUT A RADICALLY DIFFERENT CONCEPTION OF OUR RELATION TO OUR POSSESSIONS.

"Testing our stewardship on the principle of doing all to God's glory let us make a trial balance while we are still in possession here on earth. When we have finished, let us honestly ask ourselves if we could hand over the account to our Father without shame, confident of his 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"—From "The Missionary Idea."

INTERESTING FACTS

The fifty-eighth annual statistical report of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is just published. It gives some very interesting statistics concerning the progress of their denominational work. That we are actively engaged in Mission work in a large part of the world is eviden-