



# Echoes from the Field.

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## GENERAL ARTICLES.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Fellow-Laborers, Delegates, Brethren and Sisters,—Greeting:

It is not because of our goodness nor any good work that we have wrought during the year that is now drawing to its close that we are permitted to assemble in another annual gathering, but it is because of the goodness, mercy and protection of a kind, heavenly Father. Let him be worshiped; let him be adored, and let his name be the only name praised on this encampment.

Looking back to the beautiful spot in which we were camped one year ago, seems to some of us but as yesterday's eve. But if we will follow the crooked paths our feet have made, stopping where this mistake occurred and where that disappointment was met that almost caused our hearts to fail and give up the battle, the way seems long enough. But, beloved, instead of looking at the dark side of the picture that can only bring sadness, let us remember the very time and place where God was so near us, where his presence made the path so

bright, where he gave us the victory—yes, where he spoke so kindly and called us his sons and daughters. Thinking of these things, and remembering the kindnesses shown to us by our fellows, will bring hope and courage that will enable us to begin the battle of a new year. I say, begin, for “We dare not look across, looking is vain,

But down to the next close step, and up, Eyes that have wept must look a little way,

Not far.”

We are not here, dear brethren and sisters, to spend this precious time in careless chat, but we have turned aside from the cares of life to especially worship the great God in whose hands our lives are.

This outlay of much means and labor was not simply to call you delegates together that you might choose men and women to fill the offices of the conference for the ensuing year, important though that work is, but to study ways and means by which this great message, this last message, the only message that can and will bring our Lord, and put an end to sin, may be given to the people, not of this conference only, but of the whole world.

Let us glance over our immediate field with its people of different nations and tongues. We have a company of good workers and we have been trying to reach out a helping hand to the nationalities represented in our midst.

Elder Aufferhar, our German minister, comes to this meeting with a

brighter hope for his people than he had one year ago.

Brother Lightner, our colored minister, believes that some, at least, of the many of his people who have learned of the truth during the last year will be saved by it. I am glad to see Elder Leland here. My heart sent up a sigh of relief when we could invite him to this meeting and send him the money with which to come, and I hope this conference will send him forth untrammelled to work for the uplifting and salvation of the Spanish-speaking people.

At our office we have undertaken a work for God's ancient people, the Jews. This work will have to be done largely with tracts.

I mention the Scandinavians last, but not least, among us. My heart turns with sadness to them because of our neglect. I am the one at fault for allowing the work to die out among this people, and steps should be taken at this time to take up that work again, even at the expense of an English worker.

### Educational Work.

This branch of the cause has received more attention during the last year than at any time previous. A small academy, well equipped, has been erected, and its first school year closed very successfully. This school is located at Palsade, with Prof. Wolcott at its head. I hope our young people will get acquainted with him. Such a school is in contemplation for the east side, to be located on a beautiful spot near Campion Switch. We are much disappointed in not being able to prosecute the work during the sum-

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mer, but even now, could we have the means, we could do much before winter comes.

### The Book Work.

We are very sorry that we, as a conference, are not doing what we should along this line, and, in my judgment, the thing to do would be to turn the book work over to the publishing houses, as they desire us to do. If not, secure a book man—not an office book man—but a field book man.

### Finances.

I am pleased to say that the finances of our conference are in the best condition at the present time of any time during the last six years. This, dear ones, is largely due to your faithfulness, for which we thank you much. Considering the work as a whole, we should say, with gratitude, "Thank God for his goodness through the year."

And now, beloved delegates, this conference is in your hands. We, your servants, lay at your feet the burden we have carried during the year, and ask you to study and plan, and make such changes as seem good to God and to you.

I thank you, one and all, for the support through the long five years I have tried to serve you, but above all let the name of God be praised.

G. F. Watson.

### WHAT YOU NEED.

If your school has never held a Sabbath school convention, you will need the "Convention Number" of the **Worker**.

If your school held a convention some time in the past, and it was not wholly successful, you will surely need the "Convention Number."

If your school has already held many successful conventions, you will appreciate the value of such a help and will know that you will need the "Convention Number."

The "Convention Number" will contain a suggestive program. It will give substantial help to those writing upon the topics suggested in the program. It will give ringing testimonials from those who have held successful conventions. It will tell how to conduct a successful convention. It will mention details as well as general principles. Any school desiring to hold a convention any time within a year should have this particular "Convention Number," for there will not be another for at least a twelvemonth.

### COLORADO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-third annual session of the Colorado conference convened in the beautiful park at Rocky Mountain Lake, Denver, Colorado, August 18, 1905, at 8:45 a. m., Elder G. F. Watson in the chair.

Elder S. F. Svensson read the ninety-sixth Psalm, and Elder E. T. Russell invoked the blessing of God upon the meeting. The roll was called, and delegates from many of the churches were seated. In response to the call for new churches the following were presented:

The La Junta church, organized July 29, 1905, with eleven members.

The Peaceful Valley church, recently organized, with seventeen members.

The Villa Grove church, recently organized with eight members.

The Almagordo, N. M., church, organized last winter with twelve members.

Elder Watson delivered his annual address, which will be published in full.

On motion of Elder Long, the chairman appointed the following committees:

On seating of Delegates and Irregularities: H. L. Hoover, L. A. Spring and Dr. W. W. Hills.

Pastoral Committee: G. W. Anglebarger, S. F. Svensson and H. M. J. Richards.

The conference voted to choose seven persons from among the delegates to act with the Conference Committee in appointing the remaining committees, and the following named persons were chosen: W. A. Hanikns, U. P. Long, F. W. Patterson, M. D. Warfle, W. Ziegler, Dr. W. W. Hills, C. A. Frederick.

At the second meeting, held August 21st, the committee of fourteen submitted their report as follows:

For Nominating Committee: U. P. Long, W. F. Patterson, W. A. Hankins, H. Williams, J. F. Pearson.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: E. T. Russell, H. L. Hoover, H. M. J. Richards, S. F. Svensson, Wm. Kennedy.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions: G. A. Irwin, F. M. Wilcox and L. A. Spring.

The third meeting of the conference

was called Monday, August 22nd, at 8:45 a. m. Elder Kennedy offered prayer. The nominating committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted by vote of the conference:

We recommend that the Constitution be so amended, and it is hereby so amended, as to provide for an executive committee of five members instead of seven, as at present.

The Committee on Plans presented the following resolution:

Whereas, the question of turning over the subscription book business of the conference to the publishing houses has received more or less discussion and some favorable personal consideration at this meeting; therefore,

Resolved, That this conference express its purpose to retain this line of missionary work in its proper and legitimate sphere as a regular part of conference work, and that steps be taken at this conference to secure a competent state agent, and push more earnestly than ever before the placing of our publications before the people.

After an extended discussion, participated in by a number of the delegates, the conference voted to adopt this resolution, and the meeting adjourned.

The fourth meeting convened August 21, at 4:30 p. m., Elder E. T. Russell in the chair.

A final report of the Committee on Irregularities showed a delegation from the various churches of over 115 persons.

None of the regular committees being ready to report, several resolutions were introduced by Elder Russell.

1. Whereas, The world of the Lord has declared that the third angel's message is to be proclaimed to all the world in this generation; and,

Whereas, The same word teaches that this work is to be supported by tithes and offerings; and,

Whereas, The Lord charges with robbery those who neglect to honor him by rendering to him his own; therefore,

We recommend that all our churches take special pains to see that such officers only are chosen as are faithful in the payment of tithes, and who will urge all to be faithful along these lines

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2. That the officers of all our churches make themselves ensamples to their flocks in the payment of tithes and offerings, in order that they may consistently counsel others to be faithful in this respect.

3. That in view of the dearth of men and means for the foreign work, this conference share their laborers and tithes with the general conference, as far as consistent.

4. Whereas, there has been committed to this people the three-fold message of Rev. 14:6-14 to be carried to all the world, in this generation, and

Whereas, The Weekly and annual offerings have been largely depended upon for the furtherance of this work, and,

Whereas, It has seemed necessary for the Mission Board to cut down the appropriations for our needy mission fields because of a lack of funds; therefore,

We recommend that the second Sabbath of each month be set apart by all our people as Mission Day, for the special consideration of all our mission fields.

5. That we adopt in all our churches any readings and programs that may be prepared and sent out by the general conference, and that the readings be so divided, where convenient, that two or three can take part in the services, thus breaking the monotony.

6. That each one to take part in the services make a special study of the field considered, that he may be able to make the study of special interest.

7. That a map of the world be provided so that the different fields may be located, thus educating our people in regard to the extent and progress of our work.

(To Be Continued.)

### TO UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS.

The indications are that there will be a large attendance at the Union College the coming year. Crops are good throughout the Central Union Conference. Most of the old students are planning to return. There is a large correspondence from prospective new students. The demand for rooms at South Hall will be greater than usual, because of the decision of the Board to discontinue the use of North Hall. Those who wish to engage rooms in South Hall should apply at once to

the preceptress, Mrs. C. C. Lewis, College View, Nebraska. Mention the room of your choice, and you will be accommodated, if possible. If you are unacquainted with the rooms the preceptress will assign you according to her best judgment, in the order of your application. Write at once, and you will receive notice of the acceptance of your application, and the number of the room to which you have been assigned.

C. C. Lewis, President.

### SHOULD OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ATTEND SECULAR SCHOOLS?

Does any one doubt that our church, intermediate and training schools are ordained of God? Do any doubt that in the providence of God our school system has been established, that all our children and youth may be trained for God, and to proclaim the advent message. "All the youth should be permitted to have the blessing and privilege of an education in our schools, that they may be inspired to be laborers together with God." Test., Vol. 6, p. 197. "What is our attitude toward the Lord's schools? Our young people are at this very time in the most important period of their lives, the time when character is being formed most rapidly, and impressions are made most easily. Is it not sad to know that in a few weeks from now hundreds of these children will be receiving instruction in the secular schools from teachers who know nothing of or who are actually hostile to the present truth, which the Lord has given us for the salvation of ourselves and our children. Even though the teachers, the method of instruction and the associations are all that could be desired in these schools, there would still be the strongest reason why our children should not attend them.

Charles Darwin confessed that while as a child he was very religious, and had an ardent desire to know God, he had given himself up so completely to the study of science that his spiritual nature atrophied or wasted away for want of use. So it will be with our children of to-day if "the most essential part of the education is neglected, namely, the religion of the Bible." Christian Education, p. 39. "The mind gradually adapts itself to the subject

on which it is allowed to dwell. If occupied with commonplace matters only, to the exclusion of the more lofty themes, it will become dwarfed and enfeebled." Christian Education, p. 37.

Let parents and young people consider this question seriously and decide for the right, although it may take a sacrifice. The loss of souls cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

The following incident, told by a ship surgeon, should encourage us to make more diligent efforts for our young people:

"On our last trip a boy fell overboard from the deck. I did not know who he was, and the crew hastened to save him. They brought him on board the ship, took off his outer garments, turned him over a few times, and worked his hands and his feet. When they had done all they knew how to do, I came up to be of some assistance, and they said he was dead and beyond help. I turned away as I said to them, 'I think you have done all you could do;' but just then a sudden impulse told me I ought to go over and see what I could do. I went over and looked down into the boy's face and discovered that it was my own boy. Well, you may believe I did not think the last thing had been done. I pulled off my coat and bent over that boy; I blew in his nostrils and breathed into his mouth; I turned him over and over, and begged God to bring him back to life, and for four long hours I worked, until just at sunset I began to see the least flutter of breath that told me he lived. O, I will never see another boy drown without taking off my coat in the first instance, and going to him and trying to save him as if I knew he were my own boy." M. E. Kern.

### MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

At the last general conference the following recommendations concerning the Missionary Campaign were unanimously adopted:

#### Missionary Campaign.

Realizing that multitudes are "in the valley of decision," and that the time has fully come when the Master pleads with every child of his to "go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city," and "into the highways and hedges," to bid the hungry and perishing to the marriage feast,—

63. We recommend, that the great

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missionary campaign entered upon last year be strengthened, deepened and enlarged into a mighty movement for the promulgation of the third angel's message.

To avoid confusion, and to economize effort, we recommend the following

### General Plan for North America.

1. That the effort to place the **Review and Herald** in every Sabbath keeping home be continued, especially through the camp-meeting season and early fall.

2. That a general campaign in North America for our missionary periodicals be entered upon about October 1.

3. That, beginning in early November, special efforts be made by conference workers and church officers to interest our people in the sale of forty per cent books.

4. That the interest aroused by this work be developed by—

a. The liberal use of message-filled tracts.

b. Securing subscriptions for our periodicals.

c. Holding Bible readings and cottage meetings.

d. Missionary correspondence.

5. That missionary conventions be held October 7 and November 18 in all our churches, to study local needs and to organize for service.

### Supplies.

64. We approve of the plan to publish four special numbers of **The Signs of the Times** and **The Watchman**, two special issues of **Life and Health**, and such issues of the foreign papers as their publishers may deem best.

65. We look with favor upon the plan of setting aside certain small, easy-selling books for the use of those who wish to canvass in their own neighborhoods.

66. We also approve of the steps being taken in the publication of the **Signs of the Times** Leaflets, to furnish our ministers and people with an inexpensive literature for general circulation.

### Organization.

67. We recommend that the general conference committee appoint a missionary campaign committee to cooperate with conference officers in the carrying out of these recommendations.

General and sub-committees have

already been appointed and are organizing for the work.

As will be noted, the first step in this campaign is the effort to place the **Review and Herald** in every Sabbath-keeping home. This means that at every camp-meeting and in every church the merits of our church paper should be placed before our people. We hope conference and church officers, as well as our conference workers generally, will bear this recommendation in mind and do everything in their power to carry it out.

In view of the valuable instruction and interesting reports from the worldwide field which the **Review** contains, it would seem that this part of our missionary campaign would be a pleasant one. Let us take hold of it with a will, and continue until the goal is reached.

This paper will also contain the readings for the Missionary Conventions, together with suggestions as to how they may be held to the greatest profit of all. Therefore, our isolated brethren and sisters should have the paper. Let us see that they are not passed by.

Further details concerning the campaign will be given later.

H. H. Hall,

Assistant Secretary General Conference Publication Committee.

### Union College Catechism.

This is the title of the substance of the second number of the "Central Union Conference Bulletin." It consists of nearly one hundred questions that people are likely to ask about Union College with direct, pointed answers which give the pith of the annual calendar. It is designed for widespread distribution. Anybody may have any reasonable number of them for the asking. Address, Central Union Conference Bulletin, College View, Neb.

### Changes in Union College Workers.

Several changes have taken place in the ranks of Union College Workers since the annual calendar was issued. Elder L. A. Hoopes has gone to Australia in harmony with the recommendation of the last General Conference. Miss Carrie Segebart has gone to South America to act as matron of the school at Diamanto, Argentina. Prof. H. A. Morrison has been called to Washington

as assistant to the General Conference Treasurer. We are sorry to lose these faithful and tried laborers, but are glad Union College is privileged to send forth to the mission fields able men and women, not only from its students, but from the ranks of its teachers as well.

No doubt many are interested to learn what provision has been made for supplying the places thus made vacant. Hence it is with undisguised pleasure that we make the following announcements:

Elder E. W. Farnsworth has been engaged to conduct the classes in Bible Doctrines, Minister's Training and other subjects carried by Elder Hoopes. He may be called away part of the time to attend the meetings of the union conferences, but during this time Elder S. N. Haskell and wife will carry on the work. We need not dwell upon the great benefits to be obtained from study under these veterans in the cause of the third angel's message. They are too well known to need introduction or commendation. We look for a great blessing to attend their labors, and we trust a large number of students will embrace an opportunity for valuable instruction in Bible truth which may not soon again be available.

Thus, while laborers from Union College have gone forth to other needy fields their places have been filled with able workmen, and all will be ready for the opening of school September 12.

C. C. Lewis.

### Extract, Letter from L. R. Conradi to Mission Board.

You will be glad to know that notwithstanding the troubles in Russia, we have just been able to receive twenty-four souls into our church in St. Petersburg, twenty-two of whom were baptized. Of these, nine are Germans, four are Lettonians, one is an Esthonian, and there are nine Russians. Thus the good work is onward, even in Russia's capital city. Our worker there has also been able to have several conversations with the secretaries of the department of religion. We are known well, and as there are to be some changes concerning the denominational standing of various churches, we had to appear to see how matters were to be adjusted. The initiative steps have been taken, and we will see what will come out of the matter.

We also learn that the lower court in Germany has decided against the sale of "Great controversy," and my book on Revelation, through the canvasser, because in these books there are some symbols of the Scriptures interpreted to refer to the papacy. We have appealed to the highest court.