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Editorial

Oh, dear!

Well, what is the matter now?

Oh, nothing; only we were just wishing some people would be calm, and wait to see if there is good reason before going into hysterics over some imaginary calamity.

Here, for example, shortly after the money panic started, the story was circulated that the Business Manager had said there was only a quarter in the treasury, and the President had said if matters got much worse we would be obliged to close the school. And we had to stand before five hundred people and seriously explain that we had said nothing of the kind, had never thought of such a thing, and that the Business Manager had jokingly told some one they had a quarter in the treasury, but did not say how much more. As a matter of fact the panic has inconvenienced us very little. Through it all our building operations have gone steadily forward, and are now nearly completed.

And then some one saw an unusual light in the sky one evening, and in less than an hour the light had assumed the form of tongues of fire threatening to devour the Sanitarium and the College, and a bevy of girls had left their studies to stare into one another's eyes and buzz into one another's ears until they could not study and did not want to go to bed, and just felt certain the fire bell would scare them in the night, etc. Next

day the story was circulated that we had called a Faculty meeting to pray about the impending disaster. And the whole story was moonshine, except that some one did see a streak of light in the sky, thought little about it, mentioned it to some one else, and imagination did the rest.

The latest is from a good, kind, loving, but over-anxious mother, who heard there were some cases of diphtheria at the College, and because her son had not written for a few days was sure he had it. A telegram informed her that he did not; but she said it did not say he was not quarantined, and so she sent addressed and stamped envelopes to a trusty friend for daily bulletins as to his condition, whereas nothing at all was the matter.

FIVE HUNDRED!

Last summer we set our mark at five hundred as the enrolment for the school year. Tuesday, December 10, the last day of the fall term, C. C. Leinbaum, of Danville, Iowa, registered as number FIVE HUNDRED.

And so we leave off as we began by saying, Oh, dear! If people only would "pluck a few feathers from the wings of their imagination and insert them in the tail of their judgment," what a world of trouble they would save themselves and their friends.

The health of the students of Union College is the best we have ever known. We have had no case of fever. There has been a slight epidemic of sore throat, and three cases developed into a mild form of diphtheria. All were gentlemen, and they were promptly quarantined in a vacant house. That was two weeks ago; and no other cases have developed, and the epidemic of sore throat has

passed by. The three boys were sick scarcely at all, but for the general safety they had to be kept in quarantine.

FIRE AT SOUTH LANCASTER

With deep regret we learn, through a letter from Elder E. W. Farnsworth, dated December 4, of a fire which occurred in the main building of South Lancaster Academy early the same morning. A young man who arose early to work in the broom shop discovered the furnace room of the Academy in flames. He gave the alarm and soon the local fire company and the students came to the rescue. They had a very stubborn fight to subdue the flames, but finally the fire was extinguished. For a time all feared that the building would be consumed. Just when it seemed useless to work longer, the flames seemed to be held in check. Those who could not work prayed, and those who were fighting the fire prayed as they worked. At this moment one of the students groped his way through the smoke in the chapel and wrote on the blackboard, "God has saved South Lancaster Academy."

The chapel exercises were held in the church and were the occasion of a praise meeting for God's mercy for their deliverance. The damage had not been ascertained at the time of writing, but it is fully covered by insurance. The school exercises will be conducted in the church for a few days until the Academy building is ready for use.

LETTER FROM PROFESSOR KERN

A letter from Prof. M. E. Kern speaks of his experience at the meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference recently at Philadelphia, and incidentally reveals his deep interest in the work of Union College:—

"It seems to me that I have been away from Union College a long while, although it has not been very long according to the

calendar. My interests still hang there, although in a way I presume I shall by and by get over that. I sincerely hope that something may be done to re-establish our industrial work at the College. I think an industrial building which would contain carpenter, broom, and print shops, and space for other industries, would be the thing.

"We had a very pleasant and profitable meeting at Philadelphia. Several young people's secretaries of the various conferences represented in the Atlantic Union were present, with whom we had daily counsels on the young people's work. The Atlantic Union was divided into two unions, the southern part being called the Columbia Union and including Ohio. At the close of this meeting I came to Washington and had a very pleasant stay working in the office which our department expects to occupy in due time. I am making my home at the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, rooming with Doctor Miller. Professor and Mrs. Salisbury are very enthusiastic in their work. The evening after Thanksgiving Prof. C. H. Hayton, who is now attending the Medical College in Washington, gave a stereopticon lecture on our mission work in South Africa.

"I have always appreciated our little paper, the MESSENGER, but appreciate it now more than ever. It is like a good news letter from home."

Professor Kern expected to spend Sabbath, December 7, at a Young People's Convention in Baltimore, and intended to go from there to South Lancaster to be with them during the week of prayer, which on account of local conditions is held one week early. From South Lancaster he expects to return home, stopping possibly at Mount Vernon and in Minnesota and arriving in College View perhaps before the week of prayer closes.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL WORK IN MISSOURI

October 28, I commenced a tour of Missouri in the interest of the church school work. I visited the churches at Joplin, Carthage, Washburn, Mountain View, Poplar Bluffs, St. Louis, Cotton, and St. Joseph. Schools are being conducted in each of these places except Carthage. Their efforts to

secure a teacher for this year were unsuccessful, owing to the lack of teachers. The teachers in the schools visited are earnest, devoted Christians, working for the best interests of their pupils.

I find the interest in Christian Education is steadily growing. Parents are anxious for their children to be educated in our own schools, and many of the youth are planning to enter Union College as soon as they have finished the church school grades, or can save enough money to meet their expenses in College.

The following summary is taken from the superintendent's report of the first month of school.

School	Teacher	Term	Enrl
Cotton	Lovica Goode	6 mo.	14
Joplin	Vita Tindall	8 "	21
Mt. View	Grace Chilson	8 "	21
Nevada	Mrs. S. E. Surber	6 "	8
Pop. Bluffs	Mabel West	6 "	7
St. Joseph	Anna Didrickson	9 "	28
St. Louis	Abbie St. John	8 "	10
Washburn	Mary Wilbur	4 "	10

A school is soon to open at Mountain Grove. The teacher is coming from Battle Creek, Mich.

B. E. H.

CHURCH SCHOOLS IN KANSAS

We are glad to learn, through a report in the Kansas Worker from Brother H. M. Hiatt, state superintendent of church schools, the following interesting items concerning the church school work in Kansas:—

The number of teachers employed is twenty-three; pupils enrolled, 369; pupils above the 7th grade, 74; German schools, 3; pupils in German schools, 55; family schools, 3; schools held in churches, 6; school rooms used especially for school purposes, 10; teachers formerly experienced in public schools, 10; average length of term, 6 7-10 months; average salary per month, \$31.00; total amount of salary paid teachers per month, \$631.00; amount of teachers' salaries for school year, \$4154.00. Excellent reports are being received from the teachers, which show a general advance in educational work throughout the state. Some schools report conversions of pupils and successful missionary work. One teacher writes that she mails a certain number of papers each week and that the pupils bring pennies to to pay the postage. Other schools work in similar lines.

Brother A. N. Allen and wife, who have been working in Central America for several years, are now attending the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary to further prepare for work in Spanish fields. Brother Allen was a student in Union College from 1897 to 1899.

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Appointments

(NOTE.—All notices in regard to appointments should be left at the International Pub Assn. before 9 o'clock Thursday forenoon.)
 SABBATH SCHOOLS, 10:00 A. M. In Church, College Chapel, German Chapel, Scandinavian Chapel and Sanitarium Chapel.
 PREACHING at 11:15 A. M. in the Church.
 JUNIOR MEETINGS, at 3:00 P. M. Boys in Room 24 of College. Girls in North vestry.
 SENIOR SOCIAL MEETING, at 3:00 P. M., in the Auditorium.
 GERMAN PREACHING, 11:15, Sabbath, German Chapel.
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING, at 4:15 P. M., in the Auditorium.
 PRAYER MEETING of the employees of the International Publishing Association 7:00 A. M., Sunday.
 COLLEGE CHAPEL EXERCISES, 10:00, A. M., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 YOUNG WOMEN'S Division of Missionary Volunteers, 6:30, P. M., bi-weekly, Monday, in the German Chapel.
 YOUNG MEN'S Division of Missionary Volunteers, 7:30, P. M., Friday, bi-weekly, in the Scandinavian Chapel.
 INTERNATIONAL Employees' Missionary Meeting, 5:15, P. M. Thursdays.
 STUDENT Missionary Training Bands, 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, at the College.
 STUDENT Prayer Meetings, 10:00 A. M. Thursday, at the College.
 SCANDINAVIAN Missionary meeting, 3 P. M. Sabbath, Scandinavian Chapel.
 SCANDINAVIAN Workers' Meeting, 4 P. M. Thursday.
 SCANDINAVIAN Prayer Meeting, 7:30 P. M. Friday.
 GERMAN Missionary Meeting, 7:30 P. M. Friday. German Prayer Meeting, 7:30 P. M. Wednesday, in village.
 SANITARIUM Prayer Meeting, 7:30 P. M. Wednesday, in the Sanitarium Chapel.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES

Our church school very much appreciates the gift of five wall maps and a twelve-inch globe.

Last Monday, the Civil Government class, in company with a member of the Board, visited the capitol building in Lincoln.

Wednesday of each week is manual training day. The boys class is caning chairs for residents in the village. The girls' sewing class has just taken up drawn work. Monday is composition day for the seventh and eighth grades.

H. E. Moon, who was in Union in its earlier days, is secretary and treasurer of the Northern Illinois Conference, with headquarters at Chicago.

Look for that error in one of the ads in this issue; then tell Enslow. He will allow you twenty-five cents on a ton of coal if you are the first one to apply.

Miss Maude Noel, who was in Union College two years ago, is working in the Review and Herald office, in Washington, D. C. She makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Walton John, and expects to take the nurses' course.

From the Iowa Workers' Bulletin we learn that Stuart Academy is full to overflowing. Students can only be received upon previous arrangements. They are erecting a new building for laundry and bathroom purposes, which will soon be ready for occupancy.

"Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Evilsisor" was the message which accompanied a small missive which found its way to our office December third. Mr. Evilsisor is from Portis. His wife, nee Pearl Shafer, has been attending the Bible school here. The wedding occurred last Tuesday, Elder Trubey officiating. The bride and groom have already announced their intention to enter the nurses' course at the Boulder Sanitarium, January first. We most sincerely wish them a happy, useful life. —The Kansas Worker.

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News and Notes.

Winter term began Wednesday.

Emily Lull is again an employee of the Nebraska Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fish are in College Place, Wash. Mr. Fish is attending Walla Walla College.

Miss Maude Stevens has returned to her work at the Nebraska Sanitarium from a visit to her home at Maywood, Neb.

Mae Humbert, who has been in school this year, has returned to her home in Boulder, Colo., on account of the condition of her health.

The College is constructing a large vegetable cellar east of the kitchen. The entrance is to be made through one of the windows near the northeast corner.

The canvassers' band gave a second program at the chapel exercises Wednesday morning. Louise Scholz gave a very interesting talk on her experiences selling *The Bible Training School*; Raleigh Andrews gave a talk on *The Value of Commercial Salesmanship*; and Max Trummer presented a sketch of the growth of the canvassing work.

The canvassers' band consists of 165 students. During the recent Special *Signs* campaign, this band subscribed for a large number of papers and at once sold 450 copies, taking twenty subscriptions, and turning eight dollars of the proceeds into the mission fund. They still have a large number on hand and are disposing of them as they have opportunity in connection with their school work.

A Word of Explanation to Our Foreign Subscribers: No doubt you have wondered why you did not receive a paper for so long, and then received four in one wrapper. This will be easily understood when we remind you that you are paying one cent an issue for your paper, and that we must pay a like amount for postage on your subscription. This we cannot afford, so we adopted the plan of mailing the foreign papers once every four issues, since that number cost the same postage as one. If you will remit us twenty-five cents in addition to your subscription, with the request to mail your paper twice a month, we will be pleased to comply. This will also be a fitting occasion to renew your subscription.

Paul E. Bowen is teaching at McKinzy, S. Dak. He is also holding down a claim at the same time.

Edna Brown, of Minatare, Neb., who was in school last year, has returned to take up her work in the College.

Ralph Stewart, of Crawford, Neb., visited friends in Union College on a recent business trip to Omaha.

John Frederickson has returned from his home at Washington, Neb., and resumed his work in Union College.

Elder C. R. Kite is conducting a night Bible school in the College View church, which now has a membership of over ninety.

"Find enclosed fifty cents, for which send me the paper. I have gone without it as long as I can."—Gertie Grant, Dodge Center, Minn.

The program given in the young people's band Tuesday morning, December 3, was on the Characteristic Types of Young People in Foreign Lands.

After rendering what assistance they could in caring for the home crop of corn, Roy Bowles and Clarkson Rentfro have returned from Beaman, Iowa, to College View.

We are glad to learn of the missionary interest manifest at Walla Walla. One hundred of the College young people will give six cents each per week for the sending of *Signs* to the Philippines.

Cornelius Unruh and wife have returned to their home at New Home, N. Dak. Mr. Unruh came to College View intending to complete a business course, but was prevented by a seige of typhoid fever.

Mrs. R. C. Reimche, a teacher in Brown's Business College, in Lincoln, Neb., is recovering from a severe illness, at the Nebraska Sanitarium. Mr. Reimche is taking the Medical Course at the Nebraska State University.

Last Sabbath the services at the church were in charge of Elder Kite, Elder Andrews being detained at home by sickness. Elder S. M. Butler delivered an old-time Seventh-day Adventist sermon on the Second Coming of Christ.

Wm. H. Warren, of DeSmet, S. Dak., and Miss Ethol Maude Bennet, of Canton, S. Dak., were married early in November. Mr. Warren was a member of the class of 1902, of Union College. He is now practicing law in DeSmet, where they will make their home.

Mr. J. C. Madison, of Ute, and Miss Caroline Thomson, of Algona, were united in marriage November 27 at the home of Mr. Madison's parents south of Ute. After visiting some time in the northeastern part of the state, they will go to Union College to prepare themselves for labor in the great harvest field.—*Iowa Worker's Bulletin*.

Sabbath, Nov. 30, the Young People's meeting was conducted by Professor Berthelsen, who spent the hour in presenting helpful and practical thoughts on the Christian life. It is gratifying to notice that the attendance at these afternoon meetings is steadily increasing. They are a source of encouragement to right living and awaken interest in the great fields beyond, where the harvest is awaiting strong, faithful laborers.

C. C. Morlan has returned from a short visit to his home in Stuart, Iowa.

Henry Anderson has returned from Tekamah, Neb., and will enter school this term.

Addie Wheeler is teaching the lower grades in Campion Academy, near Loveland, Colo.

Lillian Fulton sends her subscription from Shelton, Neb., where she is teaching a church school.

Carl Thompson has recovered from his recent illness and is now working for Herrick & Vosburgh.

Mrs. Adella Cheney, of Ramona, S. Dak., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Cheney Kellogg, of College View.

Mr. Barney Hughley, one of the early students of Union College, is now attending the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary.

Gertrude Whittet, of Milton Junction, Wisconsin, has been called to her home on account of the sickness of her mother.

O. S. Beltz, assistant teacher in the Music Department, was visited by his father, Alexander Beltz, of La Crosse, Kans., this week.

All students who have had occasion to visit the library the last few days have noticed the fine set of new chairs which have recently been purchased for this room.

W. F. Hills, who was in Union eight years ago, and has since been teaching in Colorado and New Mexico, has been compelled to take a rest on the farm for a short time.

In spite of our having blue marked our delinquent subscriptions, a few weeks ago, there are some who have not sent in their renewals. We are glad to say that many have done so, and have been re-instated on our list. We have decided to give delinquents until the first of January in which to respond with the necessary fifty cents. If it is not received by the time we issue our January first number, we will consider that the above mentioned no longer desire the paper, and will immediately remove their names from our list. We are sure that none of these wish to miss the weekly visits of the paper, and we do not want them to, but printers must have money.

J. E. Shively writes from Woodburn, Iowa: "Am real glad to have the MESSENGER come once more. I miss it very much. It is just like a letter from home; always anxious to get it, and do not want to miss a number. I like the plan of its being published once a week much better than twice a month. I am enjoying myself very much at home with my dear parents on the good old farm. It surely is the most independent life one can live. I always look back to the days I spent in College with great pleasure, and only wish that I could have spent a few years longer in it, so that I would be better able to bring forth God's grand truth before fallen humanity. Mr. J. Lewis Neal and family and myself are the only old Union College students left around here. I took the MESSENGER down to him the other day and he thought it so nice that he gave me fifty cents to send for it. Dr. Max T. Smith stopped and made me a visit on his way back to Philadelphia."