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Editorial

The week of prayer at College View was a season of blessing and a time of deeper consecration and richer experience on the part of the College and church.

At the College the readings were given before the entire school at the time of chapel exercises. Once Elder E. T. Russell spoke for half an hour; then six social meetings were held among the five hundred students present, a large majority taking part. At seven o'clock each evening division meetings were held for German students, Scandinavian students, English Home students, and English outside students. These meetings were usually prayer and social meetings. They were well attended, and many were ready to testify every time there was an opportunity. On account of the large number of conversions and baptisms during Elder Warren's meetings, there were not so many new conversions as we usually expect during the week of prayer. Still, the Lord is working by His Spirit, and decisions to yield all to Christ are being made. We expect that another company will soon be ready for baptism. The closing meetings were held Sabbath afternoon, the one in the English chapel being under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers. At these closing meetings the annual offerings for missions were presented.

In the church daily district prayer meetings were held for

those who were too feeble or too aged to attend the night meetings. General meetings were held at the church each night at seven o'clock. The offerings were received Sabbath forenoon. At the Sanitarium daily services were held in the evening under the general charge of the chaplain, Brother Gilbert. During the last half of the week Elder and Mrs. A. T. Robinson and Elder E. T. Russell were present and divided their assistance among the different institutions. Their help was greatly appreciated and contributed largely to the success of the meetings. The offerings were as follows:—

English Department of College	\$114.18
German church	177.01
Scandinavian Department	67.68
Sanitarium	30.00
English church	240.00
Total	\$628.87

On Saturday and Sunday evenings the citizens of College View were favored with temperance lectures by the eloquent temperance orator, James L. Himrod, of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Himrod completely won the attention and good will of his audience the first night. His vivid word paintings illustrating the evils of intemperance, his simple, direct, and forceful appeals for living clean, pure lives, and the deep, religious spirit that characterizes his addresses, all combine to make him a very effective temperance advocate. He left for Texas Sunday night to deliver several lectures at a prohibition convention. Then he will return to organize a temperance campaign in Nebraska to last during the summer.

The prohibition sentiment is rising rapidly throughout the land. In the South prohibition by local option has spread over the larger portion of many of the states. Alabama has recently decided for prohibition, and Oklahoma has been admitted to the Union with a prohibition constitution. We believe in the principle. The manufacture and sale of alcoholic drinks ought to be prohibited by national

law, except for scientific, industrial, and medicinal purposes. We would prohibit it not only on Sunday but also upon every other day of the week. But we would not prohibit on Sunday because of the supposed sacredness of that day, nor upon Saturday because it is the Sabbath of Jehovah, but upon both days, and upon every other day, because the traffic is destructive of the best interests of society.

Tuesday evening the Philalathian Society gave a very unique and satisfactory entertainment at South Hall for the students and teachers and their friends. Each guest on arrival was given a folder entitled "Art Convention," on which were printed forty-one titles, corresponding to a like number of objects arranged on tables around the dining room of South Hall, where the "Convention" was held. Naturally each person began to search for the pieces of art. "Relics of the Great" proved to be tinkers taken from the furnace grate. "Cause of the Revolution" was represented by a plate of tea with tacks thrown in. After a short program of music, recitations, etc., refreshments were served in the form of a "Dish of Conversation." Five topics; such as, "My First Day in Union College," "How I Earned My First Dollar," were announced one by one, and the guests were asked to converse three minutes on each topic. Thus the time was pleasantly and profitably spent, and at nine o'clock the exercises closed with a beautiful quartet selection entitled, "The Boatman's Song."

MISSION LIFE IN FIJI

From Brother and Sister C. H. Parker comes a very interesting letter telling of their experiences in Fiji. Brother Parker, who was one of the early students of Union College, says that they take great interest in reading of the progress of the work here and speaks of the pleasure it would give them to

visit us. Speaking of their experiences he says:—

"We are enabled by the grace of God, to bear up under the trying conditions of this tropical field, and the Lord is blessing the work of our hands. About two months ago we thought we would have to part with Myrtle (his wife). For two weeks she hovered between life and death. If God had not especially intervened, she would have been resting now. I cannot praise my heavenly Father enough for His great mercy to me. No one understands these island fields until he spends several years in them. Our roadways are old ocean's billows. Sometimes there seems but a step between us and death, as we are driven by storm and tempest. The roar of the reefs is something terrible as the mountain high waves pile upon them. Yet the Lord delivers us out of all our distresses and we have no desire to return to the home land. We have given our lives to the island work, and just as long as the Lord can use us here we are anxious and willing to stay.

"We had a very pleasant and profitable time at our last council, really the first one we have had in Fiji. There were thirty-five delegates, or, taken all together, two hundred and forty-two of our brethren in attendance. We had had a great deal of work to do, but the Lord helped us through with it, so that we were surprised at the amount which was accomplished in such a short time. Every question and plan was studied but not debated. There was no division, and when it came to the vote it was unanimous; or, in other words, there was not a dissenting vote cast throughout the whole proceedings.

"The calls of this field are many and urgent. We are only able to respond to a tithe of them because of the few laborers that we have to man the field. We have started a training school. The Lord has greatly blessed it this last year.

"This field will no doubt be the chief recruiting station for the other groups of islands around us which are yet unentered by this message.

"Two of our boys are under appointment at the present to help open up the work in the New Guinea Field. It is more than likely that our teacher, Brother Carr, will be taken also. The Solomon Islands as well as the New Hebrides must soon be entered.

"My object in writing is to interest you in our school work here,

as it will be the place from which many of our young men will be drawn for these yet unentered fields. There is a way that you could help us, and that is, Could you not interest some of the students there to support one or more of our students here? It costs six pounds (thirty dollars) a year. There are a number in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and America helping in this work. It is not for our field that I am asking this help, but for the training of men for these fields beyond. We will be glad to furnish you pictures and reports of the boy or boys that you may wish to help fit for the work. I know that you will be blessed in the undertaking, besides the help and encouragement that it will give to this people to prepare for the work of the Master. Our work here will always have to be considered from the philanthropic view, as this people have but very little to do with. Of what they have they give liberally, but that is mostly what they can produce from the earth."

We commend this work of supporting one or more students in Brother Parker's school to the students and teachers of Union College and to any others who may be interested. The MESSENGER will be glad to receive contributions for the support of a student and to forward them to Brother Parker.

THREE THINGS TO AVOID

EUGENE ROWELL

Evil Companions.—There are three kinds of evil companions—evil associates, evil books, and evil thoughts. They go together so well, and have in common such a blighting influence on those who become acquainted with them, that one kind cannot be said to be worse than another. If you keep evil company, you will soon like evil books, and will have evil thoughts; if you read bad books, you will soon find pleasure in low company; and if you entertain evil thoughts, you will soon seek both corrupt companions and bad books.

Avoid evil companions because we become like those with whom we associate. By being with them we are led to adopt their manners and their habits of thinking, and are led to do as they do.

Shun bad books. Of all the filth and slime of wickedness with which this world is filled, there is no mud

that bespatters us so thoroughly, or dries on so quickly, or is so hard to wash off, or leaves such an ugly stain, as trashy and immoral literature.

The fact that bad books are so plentiful, and are found in the homes of those belonging to the higher circles, so called, makes it the more necessary for us to be careful.

Some books by their very appearance and titles, admit that they are bad, as some men do by their faces and manners. But guard especially against that worst of all hypocrites, a vile book with a misleading title and an attractive binding. Clasp a venomous serpent to your bosom sooner than let the poison of an impure book pollute your heart and mind.

Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read. Is. 34:16.

Chase evil thoughts away. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Sinful companions can only influence us from without, but evil thoughts are within, and soon become a part of us. Gloomy and dejected thoughts, and envious and hateful feelings, are enemies, and make our lives bitter. Drive them from you.

Idleness.—While you are idle, the world is going on just the same, and you are missing opportunities that will not come your way again. It is when you are idle that evil thoughts come in. There is work to be done, and if you fail to do your share, you place an extra burden upon others.

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, and an idle soul shall suffer hunger. Proverbs 19:15.

God gave you eyes to see and hands with which to work that you might use them for the good of yourself and others. To even want to be idle when there are so many overworked people, and there is so much work left undone, is a thing that should make any person ashamed. If you want to amount to anything, or to have any part with God here or hereafter, go to work. If you want to be healthy, happy, and honored, get to doing something.

Indifference.—Of all the things that will keep you down, one of the worst is indifference as to what you do. Take your stand one way or the other, and be interested enough to have an opinion. The most unfortunate and hopeless condition you can fall into, is to be indifferent to both good and evil—a stick of driftwood on life's stream.

Do not say, "It doesn't matter," or "I don't care." It does matter, and you must care. If you feel that things in which you should take an interest are only trifles, and do not amount to anything, you will find at the last that your whole life has been a trifle, and has not amounted to anything. The man who is sufficiently alive to the importance of any question to have an adverse opinion, you can argue with and convince, if he is wrong; and if you are wrong, he will convince you. But all appeal, or argument, or reason, is wasted on an indifferent man; and if you did win him to your side, he would be no good to your cause. If you are indifferent as to your thoughts, your speech, your opinions, you will soon become indifferent as to your actions. Be interested. Take a lively part in the work and the pleasure, and feel an active sympathy for the sorrow that is all around you. Have your likes and dislikes. Love the good and hate the wrong.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 Thess. 5: 21:22.

REPORT OF COLLEGE VIEW
SABBATH-SCHOOLS
SEPT. 21, 1907*

WINNIE P. HUNT

At ten o'clock Sabbath morning Sept. 21, the opening songs of the College View Sabbath-schools were heard. "There is Sunlight in the Heart,"—the first song sung in Union College—was used to open the College Sabbath-school after the summer vacation. Elder S. M. Butler offered prayer. C. L. Benson read the 107th Psalm and urged the students to "work at their religion" even while in school. Thirty-seven classes were formed with a total membership of 210. The donation was \$6.42.

Compared with the report of the last Sabbath of the previous school year—May 18, 1907—this is encouraging. Then the membership was 110; attendance, eighty-one; and the donation, \$2.30.

The following officers were elected for the first term: for superintendent, E. C. Kellogg; for assistants, Glenn George and Edith Shively; for secretary, Agnes Lewis; for assistant secretary, Arthur Dick.

*This article was prepared and in type for the issue that was burned, but since it gives such a complete report of the situation at that time we give it here.

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In the Scandinavian Sabbath-school the attendance was fifty compared with twenty-nine the week before and the donation was \$2.91 compared with \$.86.

The new officers elected were: superintendent, August Swedberg; assistant superintendent, Nels Olson; secretary, V. E. Toppenberg; organist, Mrs. August Anderson; usher, Alfred Anderson.

From the German Sabbath-school where O. F. Schwedrat was superintendent and Minnie Krieger secretary, an attendance of twenty-four with thirty-five visitors and \$3.04 donation was reported.

At the Sanitarium eighteen patients and helpers gathered to study the lesson for the day in their chapel. Although a small school, it is doing faithful work—planting seeds of truth in the hearts of those who come to the institution that they may receive spiritual as well as physical healing. The donation was \$.61. Hannah Larson is superintendent and Hattie Garton, secretary.

The Sabbath-school at the church is composed of six divisions. Senior, superintendent, J. E. Kirk; secretary, Chauncey Smith; Junior, superintendent, E. A. Jenkins; assistants, A division, F. F. Byington; B division, Otto John; secretaries, Roy Oxley and Roy Smith; Intermediate, superintendent, Lena M. Hunt; secretary, Maggie Peterson; Primary, superintendent, Mrs. S. Clement; secretary, Winnifred Glunt; Kindergarten, superintendent, Mrs. Florence Emerson; secretary, Mrs. T. M. French. The total attendance was 299 and the total donation, \$9.82. H. M. Spear is general superintendent and N. C. Bungor, general secretary.

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The total attendance at Sabbath-school in College View this Sabbath was 731—more than one-third of the attendance of the Sabbath-schools in Nebraska; and the donations amounted to \$21.91

Let each remember the College View Sabbath-schools in prayer that the spiritual growth may be in keeping with the increased attendance.

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News and Notes.

A. D. and Charley Hanson spent Christmas in College View.

D. E. Welch, of Topeka, Kans., was in College View last Sunday.

Frank Quantock, of Fayette, Mo., visited his sister Anna this week.

A number of the students are improving the good weather during the holidays by skating.

Several of the College teachers are attending the State Teachers' Association now being held in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Emerson left Thursday for a few days' visit with Mr. Emerson's uncle at Scandia, Kans.

Howard Peebles, teacher of the church school at Omaha, Neb., is in College View for a week's vacation.

Olga Dammon's father and brother, of Clifford, N. Dak., are spending Christmas vacation with her in College View.

Christmas eve George and Oscar McNay entertained a few of their friends and neighbors with a candy pull at their home.

The Music Department now has an enrolment of over 180, or more than forty above last year's enrolment. The orchestra has forty-eight members.

Carl Graf has recovered from his recent siege of typhoid fever, and is enjoying excellent health. He is following his trade as house painter at Plateau, New Mexico.

Gordon Andrews is still on his farm in New Mexico, but contemplates returning to College View next March, and expects to finish his course at Union College.

Ernest Dick, of LaHarpe, Kans., has been visiting his brothers, Arthur and Alves, the past week. Caroline and Nellie Lodd, of Edgerton, Mo., and Curtis Dick, of Topeka, Kans., cousins of the Dick brothers, were also here.

The members of the Young Women's Missionary Volunteer Band gave a program in the German chapel, Wednesday evening, December 11, for the benefit of the young ladies in College View and Union College. The meeting was opened with the song, "Sunshine in the Soul." This was followed by a paper, "A Young Woman in School," by Miss Anna Anderson. Miss Marion Crawford sang a solo, and Miss Lillie George read a paper on "Christian Etiquette." At the close of the program a social time was held.

W. A. Yarnell, former principal of the Mt. Ellis Academy (Bozeman), writes that he is in charge of an intermediate school at Fresno, Calif., and sends kind regards to his friends in Montana.—*Montana Bivouac.*

Prof. John Isaac visited his mother in College View, on his return to College Place, Wash., from the German Convention held in Chicago. Professor Isaac is teaching in the German Department of Walla Walla College.

A few of the church school children went to Lincoln a week ago Thursday to sell the special number of the *Youth's Instructor*. At that time eighty-three papers were sold. The children expect to complete the work during vacation.

From a personal communication received from Clara Ogden, we learn that she has recently recovered from an attack of lagrippe and is enjoying a year's vacation at her home near Clearwater, Kans. She sends Christmas greetings to all her friends and acquaintances in Union College.

Mr. Clarence Smith, of Dunbar, Neb., has been in Washington for some time. He is now working on the new union railway station, which is being erected. This will undoubtedly be one of the finest railway stations in the world.

From *Echoes from the Field*, we learn that reports have been received from eight church schools and two academies in Colorado. The total enrolment for the first month was 242. Of this number thirty-eight are above the seventh grade.

The home of Dr. A. G. Larson, science teacher in Union College, was made sad this week by the death of their infant daughter, Leola Catherine. The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Elder S. M. Butler. The floral decorations were furnished by the Faculty and Dr. Larson's classes.

The following officers have been elected in the Philanthropic Society for the winter term: President, Alfred Adson; vice president, Martin Anderson; secretary, Eugene Waller; assistant secretary, Leo Thiel. Those in the Alpha are, President, Chas. Wineland; vice president, B. H. Turner; secretary, Benita Rentfro; assistant secretary, Lewis Terry; sergeant at arms, Alfred Peterson; treasurer, Walter Bolton.

Mrs. C. C. Lewis entertained the class in Testimony Study Wednesday, December 11. The following short but interesting program, was given: Recitation, Dora Herrick; piano duet, Herma Ward and Clara Krassin; recitation, Georgia Ferron; vocal duet, Albert Goude and Isaac Schmidt. An account of the habits and customs of the people in Australia was given by Winifred James.

Alma J. Graf has returned from a four weeks' visit to her home in New Mexico. While there she obtained a government right to her land near the thriving little town of Plateau, which is soon to have a railroad. She reports the Sabbath-school there under the charge of Miss Roberta Andrews, formerly assistant in English in Union College. Miss Ethel Benson, formerly one of our students, teaches the young people's class. The church recently organized there, is doing considerable missionary work distributing tracts and the special *Signs*.

Mrs. H. D. Enslow is visiting her mother at Pender, Nebraska.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were vacation days at the College.

Ethel Currier and Irma Lewis returned to Elk Point, S. Dak., last Monday.

Ada Madison and her parents are attending a family reunion at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

May and Maynard Surber are enjoying a visit from their mother, Mrs. S. E. Surber.

John Christensen, of the Omaha Medical College, is visiting his home in College View.

C. C. Morlan accompanied Irvin and Elmer Blue to their home at Tekamah, Nebraska.

Larsine Jensen, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, is visiting her home at Tekamah, Neb.

Jensina and Anna Anderson are visiting in Glenwood, Ia. Grace Cady is with them.

Annina Jensen, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, is visiting her home at Dannebrog, Nebraska.

Lizzie Eden Dunbar stopped in College View on her way to visit her parents in Talmage, Neb.

Mabel Nelson is being visited by her mother, grandmother, and little brother and aunt from Irene, S. Dak.

The children of the church school are enjoying a week's vacation. School will begin again December 30.

Charlotte Stinger, stenographer for the Nebraska Sanitarium, spent Christmas at her home in Nebraska City.

Nellie Jenkins, of Chicago, Ill., is renewing acquaintance at the Nebraska Sanitarium, of which institution she is a graduate.

Mrs. Vera Wallace Nethery, of the Mt. Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Mont., is visiting her mother and friends in the village this week.

S. Clement is visiting relatives at Jackson Center, Ohio. From there he will go to Nashville, Tenn., and will spend the winter in the South.

The following are spending vacation out of College View: Lora Smith, Republican City, Neb.; Alfred Adson, Terrell, Ia.; O. A. Nelson, Ruthven, Ia.; George Grant, Eldorado, Kans.; A. F. and Marie Riffel, Enid, Okla.; John and Marie Boehm, Shafter, Kans.; Myrtle and Ruby Peterson, accompanied by Elsie Stief, Fremont, Neb.; Myrtle and Dora Gardiner, Cody, Neb.; Edith Rigby, Yuma, Colo.; Marion Crawford, Omaha, Neb.; F. H. and Helen Bergman, St. Joseph, Mo.; Lilla and Clara Krassin, Waseca, Minn.; Herma Ward and Hazel Newport, Custer, S. Dak.; Marie Petrik, Kansas City, Kans.; Matie Anderson, Crab Orchard, Neb.; Rita Shilling, Council Bluffs, Ia.; R. S. Irvine, Des Moines, Ia.; William, Chris, and Marie Eden and Lawrence Weeks, Talmage, Neb.; Myrtle and Mitchell Andrews, Abilene, Kans.

CARD OF THANKS

Doctor and Mrs. Larson wish to express their sincere gratitude and thankfulness to teachers, students and friends for the tokens of sympathy and kindly assistance shown them in their recent hour of bereavement for their Leola.