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Editorial

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF UNION COL- LEGE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1907-1908

Concluded

The Missionary Volunteers

Under the head of the religious work comes the organization of the Missionary Volunteers. In former years the young people's society, was held in the College chapel by the College students, and there was another young people's society in the church. While the College was in session the young people's society of the church did not fare very well. During the summer vacation they had a large attendance and excellent meetings. But when the College opened in the fall many of their members would go to the College meetings. Last year the two societies were united. It is not known as the College society but as the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers. The meetings are held in the church. This has been a great help and blessing to the young people's work. The foundation of this Society is the two prayer bands, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen. There is not much show of them in public but they are really the backbone of the society. They meet by themselves every week for seasons of prayer. They are also divided into smaller bands, where they come into touch with others so they may be able to have private seasons of seeking the Lord together. I do not know that any record is kept of their work. You would hardly know that it is going forward, but I can

not help believing that this is the most important part of their work. The Missionary Volunteers are maintaining the Roger's Fund. They are supporting Brother and Sister Rogers in their mission work in Africa. I think it must amount to fifteen or eighteen dollars a week that they have raised during the past year. They also raised a fund of thirty dollars for sending one of the natives to our Fijian school for an entire year. The latest enterprise is a fund to provide a training school for the Latin Union Conference. The College is expected to raise about five hundred dollars for this fund. The plan of the General Conference is that our leading schools shall undertake to raise a fund of about two thousand dollars to place with one thousand dollars to be raised by the people of the Latin Union Conference. The College has just taken hold of this work. We have printed a thousand envelopes, numbered separately, each envelope representing one dollar. Each person who takes an envelope becomes responsible to return it with one dollar. He may get it in any legitimate way. We now have \$136.00.

The Training Bands

Another very interesting feature is the training bands for the different lines of our work. These have been in operation for three years. We give the chapel time on Tuesday and Thursday to the work of these bands. On these days we meet in chapel long enough to take records and make announcements. Then we separate, and these bands go to different rooms to have special exercises appropriate to their respective lines of work. Nearly all of the teachers are connected with these bands. The bands choose their own officers and the work is carried on by the students themselves, but usually teachers are present with every band to assist in counsel. There are the medical missionary band, the Sabbath-school band, Bible workers' band, the missionary reading circle band, and the

ministerial band. There are about twenty looking toward the ministerial work. This band has been united with the regular ministers' training class of the College. There are also the young people's work, the teachers' band, and the band for study of the Southern field. The canvassing band has the floor in Union College, and has had it for some time. They seem to want the earth, and I suppose that is a very appropriate desire. Hence we give them all the time we possibly can. In the English there are about one hundred; German, thirty-five; Scandinavian, about fifty. Last year the students delivered thirteen thousand dollars worth of books. About one student in every twenty is in Union College on a scholarship. I shall be disappointed if there are not double the number next year. A few have earned more than one scholarship. These bands had two chapel periods already, and still they wanted another for the study of their books. Last year they began the study of their books about the beginning of the spring term, but this year they wanted to begin their studies earlier. A few weeks ago the canvassers presented a request to be allowed to have Friday chapel exercise for their book study.

Monday is the open day; that is the time the President has for bringing general matters before the school. Wednesday is occupied by a missionary program. These different bands take turns in rendering a program on Wednesday. The schedule is made out for two or three months ahead. The canvassers wanted another day for the study of their books. We did not like to give it to them, because we had reserved Friday for spelling exercises, but the canvassers wanted this day. We finally compromised with them by saying if they would agree to get a little spelling exercise out of their book studies we would let them go, and for several weeks they have been meeting on Fridays and have organized classes for the study of different books. There are four

leading books they are studying, "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Reading," "Home and Health," and "Heralds of the Morning." They are divided into groups of about ten in each class.

The School Spirit

I am very glad to say that there is a good spirit in the school. I do not know of any discord or lack of harmony among the Faculty. Scarcely an action is taken that is not unanimous. In fact, they discuss subjects until they see eye to eye, and try not to pass anything unless it be unanimous. The same spirit runs all through the school. Last year and this year especially it seems to be a joy and a pleasure to work with the students and with the teachers.

C. C. LEWIS, *President*

A UNION COLLEGE RE- UNION

M. E. KERN

At the Northern Union Conference last month there was held, one evening between the afternoon and evening sessions of the Conference, a Union College reunion. While all the old Union College students could not be present, there were a large number, and also several who hope to attend in the future, and other interested ones. Talks were made by C. L. Benson, J. W. Christian, J. F. Simon, Elder H. F. Graf, M. E. Kern, and others. Interesting reports were given of the College, and experiences of different ones since leaving there. We all joined in thanking God for the benefits of this institution of his planting, and we appropriately sang "Blest be the tie that binds." The following names were taken after the meeting, with their present work:—

Kathryne Adams, 391 E. 8th St., St. Paul, Minn., a church school teacher; C. L. Benson, 2718 Third Ave., S, Minneapolis, Minn., educational and young people's secretary, Northern Union Conference; Fred Johnson, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn., minister; Florence Miller, Elk Point, S. Dak., Sabbath-school secretary; O. E. Johansen, Thief River Falls, Minn., minister; Mrs. A. W. Kuehl, formerly Clara Webster, 2800 Stevens Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn., house keeper; H. F. Graf, Good Thunder, Minn., minister; C. C. Neufeld, Mountain Lake, Minn., minister; Mrs. M. H. Honeywell, 180½ Thomas St., St. Paul, Minn.,

Bible work; O. J. Nerlund, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn., minister; J. W. Christian, Parker, S. Dak., president of South Dakota Conference; Daniel N. Wall, Box 686, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., educational secretary of South Dakota; Frank R. Isaac, Box 686, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., tract society secretary of the South Dakota Conference; A. V. Cotton, ministerial work in Chesapeake Conference; N. P. Neilson, Volga, S. Dak., charge of Scandinavian work in South Dakota; J. F. Simon, Harvey, N. Dak., young people's missionary volunteer and educational secretary, North Dakota; E. Rosenwold, 603 East 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, minister.

LETTER FROM RACHEL JOHNSON

The Union College family will be glad to read the following letter from Rachel Johnson, who was formerly a student of the College, but who has been engaged in missionary work in India during the past two years. We hope her friends will not forget to write to her, to cheer her on her way. Her address is Amfield Home, Mussoorie, India.

Dear Students and Teachers:—

As I called at the post office the other day I received my package of MESSENGERS, and I assure you it is truly a welcome visitor. When one is in a far country news from home is very encouraging.

Perhaps you would be interested in hearing some of my experiences. I have been canvassing since the sixth of January for our papers, called the *Oriental Watchman*, similar to our *Signs of the Times* at home, and also *Good Health*, together with some books. I am in company with one of our lady workers, who has been studying for Zenana work, but at present is canvassing with me.

We have a canvassing campaign once a year in India, and travel through India for two months while it is cool. We have met many interesting experiences. At first I rather hated to go canvassing from place to place, but now I am enjoying the work very much, for it is helping to carry the message to many homes in India. One of the interesting Hindu towns I visited was Delhi, a large native city with an immense wall around the place. It reminds one of Bible times to go up on the house top. When I see these places, I think of how Peter

went up on the house tops to pray. The large Jumma River runs along the side of this city, outside of the wall. Delhi was formerly the capital of India, but is now the civil head quarters of the district and division of Delhi, under the Punjab Government. It had a population in 1901 numbering 114,417 Hindus, 8,460 Mohammedans, and 5,698 Christians and others, including the troops quartered at the city. It was this city that Miss Kurtz and I canvassed.

We arrived here January 14. The government of England has provided a Dah Bungalow for most of these towns, where people traveling and coming into the station can stay for twenty-four hours, and some times longer when not occupied. As there was not a Dah Bungalow in the place, and the English hotels were very expensive, we did not know just where to go. We finally decided to go to a native hotel, as they are much cheaper and as we wanted to save all we could. This hotel was run by Mohammedans, and was a very clean place for India. The room we had was small, with one window protected with iron bars, which reminded us of a prison; but as we were not in it much during the day we did not mind it. Looking down from this window we could get a good view of native life as there are many families living there. One morning as I was seated at this window I saw them bring out a dead body laid on a stretcher and wrapped in white cloth, with a few red leaves tied around the head. There were four Hindus carrying this body and several walking beside them, all singing and shouting as loud as they could. I imagined they were trying to drive away the evil spirits. Later I saw other dead bodies and at once I thought that we girls were in the plague district, but we believed the promise of the Lord and he certainly protected us.

(Concluded next week)

MUSIC—ITS RELATION TO OUR WORK

IRMA E. LEWIS

Music has been and always will be one of God's most precious gifts to mankind. Many are the instances where song has reclaimed the wayward, and touched hearts that were steeled to all other influences.

A little girl had planned to spend the evening with a playmate; but

when the time came, she was disappointed, and instead of the play she was anticipating so much she was obliged to care for her baby brother. Sitting by the trundle bed, she sang to him; and out in the dark a man on his way to the bar-room paused, as clear and sweet in the childish treble came the words, "Yield not to Temptation." He retraced his steps and was kept from falling, while the unconscious child sang on.

A daughter, broken-hearted and unbelieving because of the death of her mother, received new courage and trust as the singer affirmed that "My Redeemer Liveth."

Mr. Bilhorn, the gospel singer, was awakened once at midnight. It was thought a voice told him to go out on the street. He dressed, and taking his folding organ with him passed out into the night. For some time he saw no sign of human life astir; then a light shone from a basement window. He went in and found eighteen men around a gambling table. As he sang, "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight," men wept and lips accustomed to taking Jehovah's name in vain cried to God for mercy. Before Mr. Bilhorn left that town sixteen of these men confessed Christ.

I need not multiply instances. Most of us can recall times in our own lives when a song has seemed to come from heaven itself.

In Vol. V, page 493 of the Testimonies, the Spirit of Prophecy says:—

"The melody of song poured forth from many hearts in clear distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls."

But if we would sing clearly and distinctly we must study and practice much. I believe God wants first class work here as elsewhere.

Again on page 71, of Vol. IV, we read:—

"Music can be a great power for good. Yet we do not make the most of this branch of worship." Mark you; it is worship. Yet think how many times we sing with no thought of devotion.

To continue: "The singing is generally done from impulse or to meet special cases; and at other times those who sing are left to blunder along, and the music loses its proper effect upon the minds of those present. Music should have beauty, pathos, and power. Let the voices be lifted in songs of

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"Ministry of Healing" tells how Christ welcomed the morning light with the voice of singing, how He cheered the hours of labor with songs of thanksgiving. It further says that to praise God in fullness and sincerity of heart is as much a duty as is prayer. A cheerful song drives away the clouds. You cannot sing a buoyant, happy strain and remain downcast.

"In our camp meeting services there should be singing and instrumental music. Musical instruments were used in religious services in ancient times. It will add to the interest. Who so offereth praise, glorifieth Me." Vol. VI, page 62.

When as a little girl I was just beginning my music work, a dear, old lady said to me, "Well I have not had the opportunity to study music very much here; but when we reach the new earth we can study together. But you will be in a more advanced class than I, for I believe we will begin just where we leave off here." I have always remembered these remarks and they have been an inspiration to me to study here that I may be better able to praise the Eternal One in that Better Land.

If it is worth while, some one has said, to be even a singing bird in this sad, old world, how much more worth while is it to be a singing Christian.

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—Rupertus Meldenus.

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News and Notes.

Howard Little lives in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. C. M. Thompson is visiting relatives at Quincey, Mich.

Eld. Miles Lewis is located at Sandyville, Iowa.

Miss Lou Trease, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, is visiting at her home in Missouri.

Miss Jensina Anderson has returned to the Sanitarium from a visit at her home in Glenwood, Iowa.

Miss Rose Talcott and Miss Tena Burns, who accompanied Elder Warren to Loma Linda, have returned to their homes in College View.

An interesting temperance program was held at the church Sunday evening, March 29. Addresses were given by Elder C. R. Kite, Prof. M. E. Kern, and Eld. S. M. Butler.

Elder O. A. Johnson, formerly a teacher in Union College, writes from our Scandinavian school in Sweden that they now have an enrolment of fifty-six students.

Floyd Thompson, son of Eld. Victor Thompson, who lived in College View several years ago, is attending medical college at Indianapolis, Ind. His sister Della, who was married three years ago, lives in Battle Creek, Mich.

R. T. Dowsett and wife have gone from the Wisconsin Conference to connect with the South Eastern Union Conference, Mr. Dowsett as secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Dowsett as missionary secretary. Mrs. Dowsett was formerly Miss Helen Dunk, a former student of Union College.

The commencement exercises of the Nebraska Sanitarium Nurses' Training School were held in the College chapel Sunday evening, April 5. The class this year was the smallest ever graduated from the Sanitarium, there being only three members.—Grace M. Cady, Ellen J. Lindholm, and Alice M. Mosser. The following program was given: Organ Solo, Gertrude M. Burghart; Song, "The Call for Reapers," congregation; Invocation, Eld. A. D. Gilbert; Music by the orchestra; Address, Prof. E. E. Farnsworth; Solo, Marion Crawford; For the class, Alice M. Mosser; Music by the orchestra; Presentation of Diplomas, Dr. M. Estella Houser; Class Song, "Saved to Serve," Sanitarium Quartette; Benediction, D. R. Calahan. The class motto was "Let go all things you cannot take into eternal life."

Alta Nesmith, a former Union College student, now lives in North Dakota.

Celia and Elva Green are working with their brother in the Ravenswood Hospital, Chicago.

The teachers of the church schools spent Monday, April 6, in visiting the Lincoln Public Schools.

Dr. David Paulson, of Hinsdale, Ill., spent Sabbath and Sunday at the College. He gave several very interesting talks to the students while here.

Eld. C. Edwardson, who was a student in the Scandinavian Department several years ago, is located in Chicago doing ministerial work.

Eld. G. R. Hawkins, who was in Union College in 1892-1893, is located at Muscatine, Iowa. His wife assists him in ministerial work.

Dr. A. H. Larson is taking post graduate work at Rush Medical College in Chicago. He attended part of the meetings of the Lake Union Conference.

Mrs. Doreathea Halgreen Bliss, a former Union College student, will soon be located at the Melrose Sanitarium. Her husband is a physician.

Eld. E. T. Russell has gone to his home at Minatare for a few days before attending the council of the General Conference Committee in Washington, D. C.

The new General Conference Year Book is now out. It contains the maps which were prepared for this book by the History of Missions class at Union College.

Word has just reached us that Miss Louise Mathwig, who went to the home of her sister in Illinois a few weeks ago hoping to benefit her health, passed away soon after reaching there. The funeral was held at her home near Oelrichs, S. Dak.

A summer school of six weeks will be held in connection with the Southern Training School, Graysville, Tenn., this summer. This summer school is planned to meet the needs of the church school teachers from both the Southern Union and the Southeastern Union Conferences.

Eld. A. O. Burrill, president of the newly formed Kentucky Conference writes to the editor of the MESSENGER as follows: "You see that we are in the south land and now I am appealing to you for help again. You did well by us while we were in Ontario, and we appreciated it very much. This conference is not yet three months old. Do you have a couple of young men in that school who have had a little experience in the ministry and whom you can recommend to come here this season for tent work, with the understanding that they agree to remain for two years at least if successful. The Lord has told us that the work will close in the South first, and he is urging us to at once enter upon this work and prosecute it with vigor. The weather is mild here now. I am enclosing some flowers that I have just cut from the bush in the yard." If there are any young men who feel a burden to respond to this call we would invite them to make their decision known and we will put them in correspondence with Elder Burrill, whose address is 214 East Jacob St., Louisville, Ky.

Miss Nellie Brown is teaching church school at Hanford, California.

M. E. Ellis, of Hastings, Neb., spent a few days with relatives and friends in College View last week.

Marshall Rockwell, of Roaring Branch, Pa., is visiting his brother, Dr. Orville Rockwell, of the Nebraska Sanitarium.

Mrs. H. G. Bergman, of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting her children, Frank and Helen, who are attending College.

C. O. Larson, who was in Union College during the first two years, is now living at Terrace, Minn.

Dr. David Paulson gave an interesting talk to the members of the Medical Missionary Band Sunday morning.

Bernhard Petersen and Martin Johnson will complete their preparatory work in Copenhagen, Denmark, next June.

Mrs. L. H. C. Henderson and Ward Tillotson came down from Shelton, Neb., to attend the Sanitarium graduating exercises.

Senius Ottosen, who has been visiting at the home of Professor Berthelsen for two months while taking work in Union College, left April 2 for his home in Denmark.

Eld. Meade MacGuire, Central Union Conference Young People's Secretary, expects to be in College View, Wednesday, April 8.

Chas. Buhaltz, who was a student in Union several years ago, is now laboring in the Indiana Conference. He is at present business manager of the Lafayette Sanitarium, but expects to be in the field work soon.

A letter from Eld. M. N. Campbell, President of the Iowa Conference says: "As you doubtless know, we have voted as a conference to send our teachers to the summer school at Union College." There is every indication that the summer school will be largely attended and will be one of the most important educational events that has ever transpired in the history of our educational work. The announcement will soon be ready. All who desire it should send their address at once to the President of Union College.

Recently the Public Speaking class of Union College received a request from Prof. F. M. Gregg, of the State Normal School at Peru, Nebr., to send him friendly criticisms of his book on Parliamentary Law which the class have been using in their regular work. The class appointed a committee to examine the book carefully and report their opinion as to its merits and to make suggestions for its improvement. This report was brought before the society in due form, was adopted and forwarded to Professor Gregg. Replying he said, "I can not tell you how much I appreciate the consideration you and those who have been using the 'Outlines of Parliamentary Law' have given me. The criticisms of your class were quite to the point and will be taken into account in the revision now contemplated. It is quite likely that the publication will be taken up by the Messers Ginn and Company, and it is for this reason that I am wishing to make the book become as useful and reliable as I can possibly make it. Kindly convey to your parliamentarians my gratitude for the service they have rendered me."