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Report of Educational Convention

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Text Books for Our Schools

The subject of text-books, their writers, and publication is one of the most important topics considered by the convention. Professor Kern thought that the success of our text-books depends largely upon the action of the text-book committee. They should keep in touch with the teachers. The best text-books are written by teachers. It seems that some text-book writers will need to be supported while they are engaged in this work. He commended the action of the late General Conference committee in setting aside a small sum for this purpose, and suggested that it would be a good plan for institutions to pay a tithe on their earnings into a fund for encouraging such writers. He said that text-books on History of Missions and General History are greatly needed.

H. H. Hall, manager of the book department of the Pacific Press placed upon the blackboard a list of the text-books already published, also of those in preparation or that are urgently needed at the present time. We have in publication five readers, four text-books on English language, four science note books, one book on nature study, one church-school manual, one book on true science. Bell's Literature is out of print, and Rine's Essentials of English has been revised and a new edition is now out. There are now in various stages of preparation one book on general history, four on Bible history, one on gospel history, three on nature study, two on geography, one on physiology, two on arithmetic, one on United States history, and two on reading.

He believes that the best way for the financing of

text-books is to place on them a retail price sufficient to pay the expenses and then for the General Conference to unite all interests in the circulation of these books. Care should be taken to produce satisfactory books, so that revision would not be necessary for a period of five years. Then, he believed, the retail price could be reduced about twenty per cent. The committee on this topic reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:—

Recognizing the great importance of suitable text-books in our denominational schools,

We recommend, That the educational department hasten its efforts to bring out such text-books as the work demands by encouraging competent persons to write these books and by arranging for the financial assistance of the authors when necessary.

We earnestly request Mrs. McKibben to finish as soon as possible her series of Bible lessons for church and intermediate schools.

Whereas, The value, the permanency, and hence the price of text-books are largely dependent upon the thoroughness and care given to their preparation and examination, therefore,—

We recommend, That the text-book committee continue to give these features careful attention, passing favorably only upon such books as they believe will not need revision for at least five years.

Whereas, The True Education Series of readers is proving itself eminently satisfactory, and—

Whereas, The publishers believe it would be possible to reduce the price to sixty cents each on numbers one and two, seventy-five cents on number three, and ninety cents on number five, provided the educational department will require no revision for at least five years, therefore,—

We recommend, The putting forth of special efforts to bring the value of these readers before our people everywhere, and that we agree not to ask for revision within the time specified.

Text Books on Sacred History

Prof. C. G. Howell, Cumberland Industrial School, Daylight, Tennessee, gave a description of a book which he had prepared upon sacred history, the materials for which he had selected largely from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. Others who knew something of the manuscript spoke favorably of the plan of the book, and it was moved that this book be recommended to the favorable consideration of the text-book committee. Later the members of the text-book committee considered the matter, and

voted to recommend that this book be published, and used in the seventh grade as a text on elementary general history.

The Scholarship Plan

Some attention was given to the consideration of the scholarship plan for canvassers which has proved so great a blessing to our young people, has increased the attendance in our schools and has placed our truth-filled books in thousands of homes. The scholarship plan which was recommended by the last meeting of the General Conference was introduced and discussed for some time, but since most of the teachers had not heard of the plan it was voted to request the Educational Department of the General Conference to take this matter under advisement with the Publishing Department of the General Conference and to present at the next General Conference a uniform scholarship plan that will if possible be acceptable to all our schools.

Protection against Fire

Warned by the fires which have visited our schools during the past year, the convention recommended that those in charge of our school buildings take every possible precaution against the loss of life and property by fire, by providing such fire escapes, hydrants, stand pipes, hose, hooks and ladders, sprinklers above furnaces and stoves, and chemical apparatus, as circumstances may demand and make possible.

The Study of Adolescence

In view of the grave importance of the adolescent period, and the general ignorance of its peculiar problems,

We earnestly recommend, The suitable scientific study of adolescent psychology by our parents, teachers, and those in our schools of suitable age and experience; and that both our schools and the Educational Department plan definitely for this work.

The Book "Education"

The Convention considered the circulation of the book Education. It was stated that this book is the most valuable on education, aside from the Bible, which has ever been given to the world. If our teachers would present it to the great body of teachers throughout the country, it would be the means of bringing our work to the favorable notice of one of the most earnest and conscientious classes of men and women now laboring for the uplifting of humanity. It was the united sentiment that our teachers should generally take hold of this important work, and the following resolution was adopted:—

Recognizing the great value of the book Education, both to our own people and those not of our faith, therefore,—

Resolved, That we ask the Educational and Publishing Departments of the General Conference to lay definite plans for an immediate campaign for the sale of this book, and that we will do all we can to encourage our teachers to unite with us in this work.

The General Conference Educational Convention

One of the last acts of the convention was to recommend to the General Conference that a more general educational convention than ever before has been held meet in connection with the next General Conference. The reasons for such a convention are clearly and forcibly set forth in the following preamble and recommendation:—

Recognizing, The need of a greater uniformity in the methods of teaching in the various departments of our schools, and believing that this can be best brought about by a meeting of the heads of these departments as soon as possible,—

We recommend, to the General Conference committee that a convention be called for this purpose, following the General Conference which meets in May 1909, the delegates of the same to be the principals and heads of departments in our intermediate schools, academies, and training schools; also the Union Conference secretaries, and state superintendents."

Conclusion

The foregoing report contains what might be termed the results of the convention, but the spirit of the convention itself cannot be reported. That can be understood only by those who were present. It was regarded by the delegates as being in the same class as the great educational convention of two years ago, and the young people's convention of last year. While it was not so largely attended as the foregoing conventions, its influence will be widely felt. Its objects were to review the work of the College View convention, to report in regard to the results of that convention during the past two years, to compare experiences in the most important phases of our school work and to catch inspiration from one another for our future work. A good spirit of love and harmony was present throughout the meetings. The recommendations did not shape the work of the convention, but were rather the result or summing up of the discussions of the convention. As such, we believe they will prove to be all the more valuable.

After a vote of thanks to the members of the Cleveland church for their kindness and hospitality, and with an earnest prayer by Elder Daniells for the blessing of God to rest upon the work of the convention and to go with the workers to their various fields of labor, the meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

Frederick Griggs, *Chairman*

C. C. Lewis, *Secretary*

Notes from the Missouri Conference

I LEFT College View for the Missouri camp-meeting Monday evening, August 11. I had intended to go earlier, but was detained by the large correspondence from those who think of entering Union College September 9. There is every indication that all our rooms will be engaged before the opening of school.

Reaching Kansas City Tuesday morning, I stopped

over one train and called upon Brother and Sister J. Sutherland, at the home of their son-in-law, Dr. G. A. Droll. Although Brother Sutherland is feeble physically, as he has been during the last four years, his many friends will be glad to know that his mind is clear and active, and he still has a deep interest in the welfare of Union College, where so many years of his life were spent. He reads the MESSENGER, and knows what is going on in College View, and he delights to talk about the plans for the advancement of the work at the College.

It was late in the afternoon when I reached the Missouri camp-ground at Sedalia. The camp is pitched in Liberty Park, where the meeting was held three years ago. The General Conference laborers are Elders G. A. Irwin, G. B. Thompson, G. F. Haffner, and Professor H. R. Salisbury.

The Missouri Conference has been divided into two conferences. The northern conference embraces the territory north of the Missouri River, with the counties of Jackson, La Fayette, and Saline in the western part of the state south of the river. The headquarters of this conference will be at Chillicothe. The officers elected are as follows: Elder A. R. Ogden, president; Elder E. A. Merrill, vice-president; Mrs. Meade MacGuire, secretary and treasurer, and Sabbath-school work; Miss Jeanette Hardiman, secretary Missionary Volunteers and Educational work; H. M. Campbell, state agent.

The southern conference lies south of the river, and includes St. Louis. The headquarters will be located at Springfield. The officers are Eld. D. U. Hale, president; W. F. H. Schroeder, vice-president; John McGee, state agent; Miss Lillie M. George, Educational and Young People's work; secretary and treasurer, left to the conference committee; Mrs. A. Daniells, Sabbath-school work.

The intermediate school at Goldsberry is being established on a sure foundation. A house for the teacher has been purchased and moved to the school grounds. The school building is nearly completed. Some sixty people from Goldsberry are attending the camp-meeting. They voted unanimously to employ Brother Thomas Roach, of Afton, Iowa, as principal. Brother Roach is a teacher of some eighteen years' experience. He attended the Union College summer school.

I notice the familiar faces of the following Union College students: Misses Lillian Liokey, Lillie George, Anna Quantock, Helen Bergman, Pearle Preston, Jennie Bradley, Mrs. Bellah. Of the gentlemen, there are Frank Bergman, Charles and Will Wine-land, Clarence McGee, Carl Wolter, Lewis Patterson, etc. These, and others I cannot recall, are recent students. There are many more students of former years. We hope to have a Union College reunion, and trust there will be many interesting items to report. The Lord is blessing us.

General Articles

Danger in Speculative Knowledge

MRS. E. G. WHITE

At this time we need in the cause of God spiritual minded men, men who are firm in principle, and who have a clear understanding of the truth.

I have been instructed that it is not new and fanciful doctrines which the people need. They do not need human suppositions. They need the testimony of men who know and practise the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. You may be sure that pure and undefiled religion is not a sensational religion. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for speculative doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these things out of your teaching. Do not allow them to enter into your experience. Let not your life-work be marred by them.

A Warning Against False Teaching

A warning against false teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the hearts of the believers are to be "knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "And this I say," he continues, "lest any man should beguile you through enticing words. . . . As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power."

I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. Do not forget that He is to be our pattern in all things. We may safely discard those ideas that are not found in His teaching. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are planted on the platform

of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to be sound in the faith, able to give to everyone who asks a reason of the hope that is in them.

Diverting Minds from Present Duty

The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead men away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give to John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.

"Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein."

Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith,— the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the past fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundations can no man lay than that which is laid.

In the past, many have undertaken the building of a new faith, the establishment of new principles. But how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.

Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? Did they not have to listen to false theories and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid?"

So we are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God's servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.

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To the Students in Our Advanced and Intermediate Schools

FREDERICK GRIGGS

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Young People Must Act for Themselves

Young men and women of initiative are wanted,— those who do not wait for the conferences to start them before they begin to work for the Lord. In every one of our schools there should be large bands of consecrated young men and of consecrated young

women who are studying constantly along lines which will enable them to do effective service. The young men should practise that they may speak well and intelligently, that they may use the Scriptures forcefully. The young ladies should prepare themselves to give Bible readings in the most interesting and instructive manner. Many of our young men by faithfully following up such lines of study would very quickly develop into good preachers. They need to have some of the spirit of push and initiative which Henry Clay had, when as a young man he delivered lectures alone in the barn, with only the cattle and fowls for an audience. This spirit of work, together with real consecration, will quickly bring to the front a large number of young men who can go out with tents and into halls, and raise up strong companies of Sabbath-keepers. The experience which may be thus quickly gained will qualify workers not only for this land, but for the teeming millions of other lands.

At the council an effort was made to encourage our conference officers to bring into active service the young people in our schools; but the young people themselves must place themselves in the work, and not feel that they cannot go to work until some conference has started them. If this spirit of energy is manifested by our students, and if the conference officers are faithful in doing their duty, this next year will see a large increase in workers in our conferences.

The Finishing of the Work

This work must and will be finished in this generation. We can not repeat this too often. This generation is well-nigh passed. We need to look at our whole situation as did Daniel, when he considered the return to their own native land of the children of Israel, who were in captivity in Babylon. He knew that the seventy years prophesied by Jeremiah were nearly fulfilled, and that the people should return, so he set himself with all his heart to seek the Lord, that His word might be brought to pass. He recognized that he must *do* as well as *believe*. In like manner must we now set ourselves to seek the Lord, being fully consecrated to Him, that His Word may be fulfilled in us. It is not sufficient that we should say that the Lord will come in this generation; but it is necessary that we should do with all our might what we can to fulfil His Word. If we do this, the needy places will be supplied with earnest, consecrated, well-educated young men and women.

As during the council the great need of workers was daily forced upon us, I continually thought of the many hundreds of sturdy, devoted students whom I had met in our schools this winter, and I determined to take this means of calling to their attention the most important need revealed in the council. I trust that this need may appeal to you, each of you, so strongly that you may at once, as you this spring go from the schools, press into any opening which may appear. A few months of faithful service in the

homeland, with some special studies at our Foreign Mission Seminary, after you have completed your present course, should qualify you for valiant service in the most destitute fields. Our schools are established for no other purpose than to prepare workers, and *speedily*, for effective service. Let this purpose be fulfilled in each of you. Help to swell the list of conference workers in the homeland, so that there may always be qualified workers for foreign service.

Letter from Riversdale School, Jamaica

THE following extracts from a letter from Mrs. C. B. Hughes will be read with deep interest by her many friends as well as by all who delight to see the principles of Christian education spread throughout the world:—

"Since I wrote you last, Willowdene has been sold and we have moved to Riversdale. Willowdene was not appropriate for the school in many ways. The General Conference has paid for this Riversdale estate of over five hundred acres. It was an old sugar estate. We are about a mile from the railway station. The land is all good pasture, and much of it good for cultivation. The old mansion is just the thing for a school building. It was all secured for a little more than \$12.00 per acre. It seems as though the Lord especially directed in this selection as every day we see new evidences that the place is just what we want.

"We need more room for students. At present we have something over thirty and are very crowded. Our second term of school is nearly finished. Before another term begins we hope to have a boys' dormitory but they write us from the General Conference office that it is very difficult to get the money for us so we are praying and hoping that it will come in time. Our students are all matured young men and women who are working hard to get things into shape so that we can have a better school. Just last week we received some new seats from America so that our school-room has put on the appearance of a school-room. Before this the students have used the chairs in the school-room that they used at the dining table and in their rooms. You may be sure we appreciate the seats.

"As soon as we came to Riversdale a six-room cottage was built for us, and we are very comfortably situated. We have a nice yard of green grass. We are on a hill where the breeze nearly always blows and we are never uncomfortably warm. We have a good cemented cistern of water. Our roof is galvanized iron so our water is especially pure. It rains nearly every day so the pastures are beautifully green.

"The General Conference have bought for us forty head of cattle. We have had ten calves, so we now have fifty head. The pastures would keep a great many more, and if some one would give them to us we would be glad. It is from the cattle and by rais-

ing what we eat that we hope to make the school self-supporting.

"Mr. Hughes is very happy and contented in his work, more than I have ever seen him before; and he thinks that in a few years the school will be self-supporting. I have told you before of the poverty of the people so that you will understand how necessary this is. At present we raise all the bananas the school can use and have some to sell.

"We are all well, except one of our teachers who has the fever, the first one of the workers who has been seriously sick since we have been here. I am in my usual health."

History of a Tree

THINK of cutting down for firewood or shingles or for board fences such a tree as that described by William Russell Dudley, a tree which science has proved conclusively began its existence 271 years before Christ was born in Bethlehem. Mr. Dudley writes of the remarkable recuperative power of some of the great trees in the Converse basin after they had been injured by a fire.

"Among a number of similar cases," he writes, "the most instructive record of these ancient forest fires was observed in a tree of moderate size, about fifteen feet in diameter five feet from the ground. It was 270 feet in height, and 2,171 years old.

"The history of the tree was as follows: B. C. 271 it began its existence. The first year of the Christian era it was about four feet in diameter about the base. A. D. 245, at 516 years of age, a burning of three feet wide occurred on the trunk. One hundred and five years were occupied in covering this wound with new tissue. For 1,196 years no further injuries were registered. A. D. 1441, at 1,712 years of age, the tree was burned a second time in two long grooves, one and two feet wide respectively. Each had its own system of repair.

"One hundred and thirty-nine years of growth followed, including the time of covering the wounds. A. D. 1580, at 1,851 years of age, occurred another fire, causing a burn on the trunk two feet wide, which took fifty-six years to cover with new tissue. Two hundred and seventeen years of growth followed this burn. A. D. 1797, when the tree was 2,068 years old, a tremendous fire attacked it, burning a great scar eighteen feet wide. One hundred and three years enabled the tree to reduce exposed area of the burn to about fourteen feet in width."

Recently it was found that a great tree which had been felled for commercial purposes, had begun its existence 525 years before Christ. The age, if not the fame, of the cedars of Lebanon attaches to these trees of California. They are worth a few dollars when cut up into clapboards. Their value is priceless if left standing, but you can't make a lumberman see it that way.—*Exchange*.

College View High School History

W. E. A. AUL

THE history of our high school never having been presented to the public, it is believed that it will be of interest to the MESSENGER family.

Every well-founded high school traces its origin back to the "graded school." And the good work done by Professor C. R. Kite, in the "grades," was the beginning of the high school. When he was principal, during the school year of 1898-9, Professor Kite taught the eighth and ninth grades. There were six pupils in the ninth grade who finished it, and were recommended by the principal for tenth grade work the following school year.

The next year Prof. M. E. Kern became principal; he taught the ninth and tenth grades. Only two of the six promoted to the tenth grade enrolled to organize a graduating class in September. They continued faithful, and completed the formation of the College View High School, receiving the first high school diplomas, May 25, 1900. They were Amanda Nelson and Bertha Lewis. The next year Professor Kern again taught only the ninth and tenth grades; and when he closed his work in the public schools, May 24, 1901, the second graduating class gave the high school department permanency, five more receiving the high school diploma.

There not being any tenth grade class the first year Prof. Geo. E. Jones was principal (1901-2), he taught the eighth and ninth grades. But there was an unusually large tenth grade in the fall of 1902; and he taught only the ninth and tenth grades his second year, eleven receiving the high school diploma, May 29, 1903. Although there were only seventeen pupils enrolled in the high school room during the school year 1903-4, Professor Jones taught only the ninth and tenth grades; May 20, 1904, the diploma was granted to five pupils at the close of his work here.

The building up of the church-school work in College View having decreased the total enrolment of the public school to 158 for the year 1903-4, with an average daily attendance of only 88, the board decided to employ one teacher less, and conduct the school with four teachers. This fact, and the probability that there would be no graduating class the next year from the high school, caused the decision to have the new principal take the eighth grade into the high school room, as had been done three years before.

During the year 1904-5, there was some tenth grade work, but not sufficient to issue diplomas; there was a good ninth grade, and the principal also taught the eighth grade as planned; the entire class taking the county examinations, received eighth grade certificates from the county superintendent, May 25, 1905, at their special county graduating exercises. The next fall seven of the eleven entered upon their college preparatory work in Union College.

In 1905-6, during the second year of my supervision of the public schools, the high school work proper attracted special attention again. The tenth grade graduated May 31, 1906, was an especially strong class; six pupils received their high school diplomas in the presence of an unusually large audience in the College chapel. On account of seven of their number having begun col-

lege preparatory work at once, the ninth grade class was small this year.

At the high school graduating exercises, May 30, 1907, Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the State University of Nebraska, delivered the commencement address.

The school year of 1907-8 was another most prosperous one for the high school. There was a good ninth grade; and the tenth grade was considered one of the very best classes ever graduated from this school. Eight received the high school diploma, May 26, 1908. The class was especially favored in having the Honorable William Jennings Bryan deliver the graduating address.

After four years as principal, I can truly say, in reviewing the high school work for ten years, under the four principals, that the College View High School may feel a pardonable pride in the work of its pupils, of whom 38 have received the high school diploma, and hundreds have had the benefits derived from doing work in the ninth and tenth grades, since the first diploma was granted from the high school, who have not finished the full high school work and secured the diploma.

The average total enrolment for the public school during the last four years has been 155 pupils, with an average daily attendance of 89 pupils. Hence, notwithstanding the constant growth of the church-school work during these four years, the average attendance of the public school has also increased. There is room in College View for both the church-school and the high school, and we wish them both success.

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College View Items

G. G. STRAIGHT was in College View a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. ROBERTS have gone to visit in Michigan.

H. E. MEYER has gone to attend the camp-meeting at Ottawa, Kansas.

MRS. WILL CROSS has gone to visit in Chicago and other places in the East.

B. B. PERKINS, who has been visiting at Carson, Iowa, has returned to College View.

C. JENSEN, of Holdrege, Nebraska, spent a short time in the village last week.

WILL WINELAND, who has been visiting in Missouri, has returned to the village.

MRS. M. E. ELLIS made a few hours' visit at the home of Mrs. Libbie Collins Tuesday.

WILLIAM HARDT, who has spent his vacation in Western Nebraska, has just returned from Stanton.

UNION COLLEGE is marshalling a good force of workers in cleaning the College building and South Hall.

MISS MINNIE L. PERKINS, of Carson, Iowa, is visiting her brother, B. B. Perkins, of the Nebraska Sanitarium Food Company.

MISS MABLE ANDERSON, who has been at the College Home since the close of school, has gone to her home at Tekamah, Nebraska.

SEVERAL of our leading citizens lost their pocket books on Bryan day. The amount of money lost ranged from sixteen dollars down.

C. C. WHITNACK is up from his home at Manhattan, Kansas, for a short time. Mrs. Whitnack is expected to join him soon in College View.

MR. LAWRENCE ANDERSON, chosen as principal teacher of the College View church-school for the coming year, arrived in College View August 18.

Mrs. B. M. CURTIS has returned from a visit at the home of her parents in Trezevant, Tennessee. She also visited a brother at Springfield, Missouri.

MISS ADA MADISON, of Wisner, Nebraska, is spending a few days with her parents in the village, and together they go to Colorado for a several weeks' trip.

BURTON EMERSON left the village Monday for a ten days' vacation, to be spent in Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Hare is assisting with the work during Mr. Emerson's absence.

"AMUSEMENTS" was the topic discussed at the Young People's meeting, August 8. Mrs. C. C. Lewis presented quotations from the Testimonies showing that healthful recreation, not worldly amusements, is right for the Christian. Miss Hannah Klinemeyer read a paper on the benefits of Christian social intercourse. Howard Lee gave a resumé of the chapter in Gordon's "Quiet Talks on Service" entitled "Questionable Amusements." He made the point that amusements which are questionable are "out of the question" for the Christian.

MISS LULU KOENIG is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Laura Rahn, of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

SABBATH, August 15, a very good collection was taken up for foreign mission work, which amounted to \$15.78. This will help support some struggling missionary.

ELD. C. R. KITE left the village Thursday, his wife and children joining him later at Hastings. They are now visiting at the home of his sister in Sartoria, Nebraska.

PROVISION is being made for the first five grades of the church-school in rooms in the basement of the College. The other five grades will meet in the church-school building.

M. E. ELLIS, of Hastings, Nebraska, has been spending a few days in the village looking after work preparatory to the camp-meeting to be held in Hastings commencing the last of the month.

A BLACK silk parasol was left in the waiting-room of the street-car landing in College View last Wednesday A. M. The finder would confer a great favor by leaving the same at the Tract Society office.

SABBATH, August 8, the morning service was conducted by the Pastor of the church. So many visiting brethren pass through College View that the congregation does not hear the Pastor preach as often as would be very acceptable. Hence the sermon by Elder Kite was greatly appreciated. The large audience went away feeling that they had been fed. Special stress was laid upon the forcible illustration of the Saviour as to who is our neighbor. The texts read and the illustration given made a deep impression upon the congregation. At the close of the sermon, nearly the whole church expressed a desire to reconsecrate themselves, and let the Spirit of God work a more complete transformation in their characters.

SABBATH, August 15, Elder Kraft spoke in the College View church. He based his remarks on Joel 2:23-27: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and the latter rain in the first month... And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed."

The substance of the discourse was as follows:—

These promises of God are the hope of Adventists. The gospel must be carried to the world, but the work is not all to be done by ministers. All God's people need a special preparation. The apostles were commissioned to teach, which implies the possession of knowledge. They were bidden to tarry at Jerusalem until they received the power; and through searching of heart they became fit for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. There is need of the former and the latter rain, but we must be in a condition to receive it. The sooner we take the message to the world, the sooner the Lord will come. The end is near, and will be marked by wonders. We can not work miracles, because we are not in a condition for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. With stronger faith and more complete surrender to God, we would have more demonstrations of miraculous power.

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News and Notes.

MISS HANNAH KRIEGER has gone to Lincoln, North Dakota.

MISS FLORENCE DAVIS has gone to visit relatives at Des Moines, Iowa.

THE many friends of Miss Ethel Currier will be glad to know that she will soon return to Union College.

A CARD from Miss Mary Miles, who is canvassing at Olathe, Colorado, says she will surely be at Union this fall.

WE are glad to note the large number of subscriptions for the MESSENGER which G. C. Jenks took at the Missouri camp-meeting.

ANNA HENDRICKSON, writing from Lead, South Dakota, says she will not be able to return to school this fall, but will be here next year.

FOR two weeks ending August 1, 1908, the *Southwestern Union Record* reported a grand total of \$3880.15 worth of books sold, and \$660.35 worth delivered.

MISS NANNIE PARKER, who is at her home in Longmont, Colorado, writes that she and her sister, Miss Stella, are anxious to be back when school opens.

PROF. C. C. LEWIS is away on a trip in which he contemplates visiting camp-meetings in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska in the interests of the College.

FROM the *Southwestern Union Record*, we learn that their canning plant has been in operation about three weeks, and is taking care of the tomato crop which is now ripening.

O. F. Schwedrat has gone to Ottawa, Kansas, in the interests of the foreign work. Before returning he will attend the Oklahoma camp-meeting which is to be held at Enid.

BROTHER GLENN HODSON, a former academy student, but now of Union College, spent Sabbath and Sunday at Elk Point. He will visit at his old home during the rest of his vacation.—*Northern Union Reaper*.

INVITATIONS have been received which read as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Peterson request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Carrie, to Mr. Simeon L. Christensen, on Wednesday afternoon, August the twenty-sixth, at four o'clock, at their home in Minatare, Nebraska. At home after September seventh, Minatare, Nebraska." The MESSENGER extends congratulations.

MISS AGNES LEWIS, who expects to teach in Dodge County, Nebraska, this coming year, is attending an institute at Fremont this week.

FROM the *Northern Union Reaper* we learn that Elk Point Academy will begin its fall term September 16. We hope a large company of our youth will be ready to enter at that date.

CARDS are out announcing the marriage of Miss Maria Jacobson, to Mr. W. F. Blish, Wednesday, August 19. Mr. and Mrs. Blish will reside in College View, corner of 10th and J streets.

MISS ETHEL JONES, after spending several months in Nashville, Tennessee, assisting Dr. W. A. George, returned to the village this week. She will soon visit her home, in Hastings, Nebraska.

ELDERS G. T. LEWIS and M. H. SERNS, and ARTHUR E. SERNS, have moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, with their tent. Their work in Waukesha resulted in three or four taking their stand for the truth.—*Wisconsin Reporter*.

ARTHUR E. SERNS writes from the Madison Sanitarium (Wisconsin) saying that he has just returned from Beloit, thence from Waukesha, where he has been assisting his brother, Eld. M. H. Serens, in tent meetings. Four persons made a start in the Christian life.

ELD. L. H. TERRY, formerly of Missouri, has been elected president of the Texas Conference. During the past few months he has been laboring in New Mexico. He attended the Missouri camp-meeting, arriving on Friday, having come to arrange for moving his family to his new field of labor.

I DON'T think the Lord needs men who can work only where conditions are ideal, and who must have every difficulty removed. I feel like "burning the bridges behind," and am resolved to "fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," writes R. S. Irvine, who is canvassing in hard territory and refuses to be moved.

THE following were recently elected to represent the College View church at the camp-meeting to be held at Hastings, Nebraska, commencing the last of the month: Dr. C. F. Jenkins, Mrs. C. F. Jenkins, J. H. Allen, Mrs. J. H. Allen, A. C. Hamilton, Mrs. A. C. Hamilton, Anna Pierce, May Affolter, Mrs. R. J. Wallace, Mrs. C. C. Lewis, Elsa Northrup, Eld. J. S. Hart, Mrs. Edith Cummings, C. E. Smith, William N. Cross, Mrs. Gatenby, Mrs. Nellie Kite, Prof. W. E. A. Aul, Mrs. J. S. Hart, Eugene Rowell, Mrs. Eugene Rowell, Mrs. Mack, F. L. Boynton, Mrs. J. E. Welch, Mrs. Emma Nelson, Charles Richards, W. B. Shultz, E. A. Carr, Mrs. E. A. Carr, Mrs. L. A. George, Mary George, Mrs. May Glunt, Mrs. Anna Larson, Fred Coleman, T. A. Graves, J. T. Graves, C. A. Thorp, Mrs. C. A. Thorp, R. W. Talcott, Mrs. J. Schee, Miss Edna Schee, Mrs. D. L. Fair, Jacob Esau, Mrs. Jacob Esau, George McNay, Mrs. Beardsley, and Mrs. Libbie Collins.

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