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### Among The Churches

On the 29th of January, in company with my father-in-law, Dr. W. H. Kynett, I started for a tour among the churches of southeast Kansas, and returned home the 25 of February. During this time I visited Chanute, Thayer, Independence, Jefferson, Oswego, Altoona, and Moline.

At Chanute we found six sisters and one brother trying to hold up the light of present truth. They have organized a Sabbath school and meet every Sabbath. Chanute is growing rapidly, as are all of the towns in the gas belt, and it is difficult to get the people to think of anything but gas and oil; yet there are those there, I am sure, who will gladly hear the word, and I am anxious to see an effort put forth to reach them.

In a testimony meeting following a preaching service in Independence, a young man and his wife, and another young man said that they had once been in the truth, but had wandered. They had had no peace of mind since they smothered the voice of conscience, and they desired again to live for God. An earnest season of prayer in their behalf followed, and before I left, the young man and his wife promised to enter the canvassing work. I expect them to attend the Institute and devote their lives to spreading the precious truth.

My wife joined us at Independence, and while there she gave one lecture on health to a large and appreciative audience. We then proceeded to Jefferson, where I spoke twice, - once to a Methodist missionary society, and one evening in a Methodist church. Dr. Parmele spoke to a company of ladies in the afternoon, which had been gotten together by the wife of the Methodist Pastor.

Leaving Jefferson, Father Kynett returned home, and we went to Oswego. Here we met our venerable brother, G. I. Butler. It had been many years since we had seen him, and the time we spent together shall ever be regarded as a rare opportunity. While here my wife gave three talks on health, and I preached five times. It

was my pleasure to receive three persons into church fellowship, and to baptize two of them, while with this company. At this meeting \$56.90 was donated to the Southern Work, and about \$35.00 was pledged. I am much pleased with this little company. Their meeting house is especially neat and attractive, which example is a good one for all of our churches to follow.

On account of being unable to be away from her practice longer, my wife returned home, and Elder Butler and I proceeded to Thayer the 16th. This was my second visit to Thayer, as I spent the Sabbath there when enroute from Chanute to Independence. My soul was refreshed while there to see so many young people in the intermediate school, preparing themselves for the work in the cause we love. At my first visit I spoke four times, and in the latter one once. Elder Butler spoke three times. \$8.70 was donated to the work in the South. The brethren seemed greatly to appreciate the visit of "the old pilgrim," as Brother Butler calls himself.

Brother Chesebro, of Thayer, kindly took us over to Altoona in his splendid surrey Thursday February 18th. The ride was a very comfortable one, and Elder Butler said he enjoyed it better than riding on the train; but shortly after our arrival at Altoona, Elder Butler complained of being ill. He retired early that night, and I conducted the meeting. Friday morning he did not attempt to rise until 11 o'clock. When he did, he found his condition such, that he deemed it wise for him to abandon the rest of his journey and return at once to Nashville. His stenographer, Bro. John McMillen, had been left behind on account of sickness. As we were trying to dissuade Elder Butler from leaving us for Nashville Friday afternoon, Bro. McMillen suddenly stepped in upon us. He joined us in our persistency, and together we prevailed upon him to delay his departure 24 hours. But as he was no better Sabbath, he thought it not wise to delay longer and left us Sabbath afternoon for his home in Nashville. It was with great sadness that we parted with him, for we had enjoyed his fatherly counsel and earnest preaching, and our hearts went out for our dear bretheren where he had yet intended to come, because of the sadness that we knew this disappointment would bring to their hearts. But it only makes us long for that land where the inhabitants will not say, "I am sick." We hope that a much needed rest will restore our brother again.

I preached six times at Altoona, as there was no one to assist in the meeting. As Elder Butler departed, we found pleasure in placing in his hands a donation of \$20.42 to the Southern Work, which the brethren had



made up on Sabbath afternoon.

From Altoona, I proceeded to Moline, well knowing that my visit was to sadden the hearts of our brethren there. Elder Butler has many old, and very near friends at Moline. At first a gloom came over the church and those who had come to attend the meeting. But as our meetings progressed, the Lord came very near and all seemed to rejoice in the presence of Him who has made us all what we are. Not a few said that while they could not help feeling a sense of disappointment, yet they were richly repaid for coming. As a token of love for the work in the South land, \$19.00 was donated. In all of these meetings, a number of subscriptions were taken for our various periodicals. I preached four times in Moline, and then came home to attend to some pressing duties here before the Union Conference session.

R. W. Parmele.

Recent Labors.

Sabbath and Sunday Jan. 1-2 I spent with the Abilene church, holding the regular quarterly meeting. Monday, the 3d, I was called by request from Elder McReynolds to come to Topeka, where I remained more than a week holding meetings evenings. The quarterly meeting was held Sabbath, and the Lord blessed in the business meeting on Sunday when there was perfect harmony and union in the election of the church officers.

Sabbath and Sunday Jan. 16 and 17, I again spent with the Abilene church. The Lord came especially near in the service on the Sabbath-day as was witnessed by every person present bearing testimony. Four united with the church. Arrangements were made to have baptism on Sunday and the Christian church was secured for the occasion. Although the notice was very short only from Sabbath afternoon till Sunday afternoon, yet the house was full of apparently interested listeners to the Word spoken, on the subject of baptism. About 200 were present. We could but wonder, "What means this eager anxious throng?"

During the following week I spent a couple of days at Salina visiting the few remaining brethren there, and canvassing for Christ's Object Lessons.

Sabbath the 23d we held the quarterly meeting at Ellsworth, and Wednesday the 27th I left home (Ellsworth) on a trip visiting the churches at Sterling, Hutchinson, Newton, Wichita, ElDorado, Pontiac and Eureka, at some of the places holding the quarterly meeting.

At Eureka I remained ten days as there seemed to be an outside interest, which I thought needed some attention. The interest continued and increased from the first. In the last meeting, Sunday, an inquiry as to how many desired to unite with the church, five rose to their feet. There are at least one to three others also who desire to unite with the church at the next quarterly meeting. We suggested that all wait till the regular quarterly meeting before uniting with the church. This will give several weeks to see if all remain faithful. I did not desire to rush the matter of their uniting, as I was there only ten days, during which I preached 17 sermons and did much visiting.

I have been impressed at every place where I have been, of the good spirit of unity and harmony that exists. It brings to my mind some of the first testimonies writ-

ten regarding the work of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Some of the statements are. "This movement I have suggested will result in reconciliation. It will unify the churches." Brethren has it done it? Truly, I believe I can see, since visiting the churches named that it is resulting so. If it has not done it in your church, do the work suggested—sell the book—and the result will surely come. Again I quote, "Let God's plan be indicated. . . . Stir up every family, every church, to do the very utmost of their power. . . . Let all work together. . . . Let children act a part. . . . Let every member of the family do something." Thus we clearly see who are to have a part in the work and again I read. "My brethren after you have done all you can do in this work for the schools, by sanctified energy and much prayer, you will see the glory of God. When the trial has been fully made there will come a blessed result." I want to ask two questions of each of you personally on the quotation. First, have you done all that you could in this work? Second, if so, have you seen this blessed result in unifying the churches. As I have said in visiting the churches on this trip, I have seen at least to a degree the fulfillment of the "blessed result." For I can not, as I write this morning, call to mind a single instance of faultfinding among the members of all of these churches that I have visited. If there has been any it hasn't come to my ear. Thus we can see to a degree at least the "blessed result." But may we not see it more by "fully" carrying out the Lord's plan, and doing "all" that we can? Surely all who have done well can do something more. All who have done something (a little) can do something more. And all who have done nothing, may by "sanctified energy and much prayer" do something. Thus there is still opportunity for every one to do something more. Shall we do it and receive, when the "trial has been fully made, the blessed result?" Come brethren one and all, let us do it! Let no one stop because he may have sold some books on Feb. 2; but let us each one keep at it till every book is sold. Make every stroke, tell for the Master in the work of canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." God desires his people to be vitalized for work as they have never been before, "for their good and the upbuilding of His cause. Ministering angels will be round about the Workers." Testimony.

Yours in the work, A. R. Ogden.

The Science Of Canvassing, No. 5.

In deciding to enter the canvassing work, one of the first questions to be settled is, the book to be sold. In making this decision, two considerations demand thoughtful attention. 1st.- What book on Present Truth do you not only endorse, but thoroughly appreciate? 2nd. Does it sell at sufficient price to afford living wages to the agent?

It will be readily conceded that no one should handle that which he does not himself appreciate, and canvassers of experience will quickly add, "Success can not be had in any other way." Earnestness and enthusiasm, qualities so necessary in a canvasser, come only by a full appreciation of the value of the article being handled. One thing needed by every canvasser is, "A self-confidence, born not of self-conceit, but of an intense identification of the man with his object." Let respect for your work be shown by you in every word and act, and you will create the same in the minds of the people you meet. Go to your customers full



of confidence, will, enthusiasm. Expect to sell to them, and you will.

The second consideration is a vital one on the financial side of the question. Many a canvasser has made the mistake of starting to work with a book that sells for so little that he is obliged to sell many copies every day to keep up. It is argued that more can be sold because the price is small. But it takes as long really to prepare for selling a small book as a large one. Expenses while at work are just as high no matter what the book that is handled, and the agent fails to secure the respect he should have, because he is doing such a "penny business." The really successful canvassers handle something that sells for enough to bring good wages every day. Not long ago the writer, while canvassing for *Desire of Ages*, was tempted to think his book too expensive for the people he was canvassing, but was really put to shame by a worldly agent whom he was obliged to follow some days handling a work called *The Royal Scroll*, that sold for from five to fifteen dollars. Aside from the novelty of the *Scroll* there was not the value in it that may be found in any Bible Dictionary, worth \$1.50. It really had less than 300 pages of reading matter, and yet he sold more at that enormous price than I was selling of that best of all books (the Bible excepted), *The Desire of Ages*. That which worldly men can accomplish by fair means for purely selfish ends, the servants of Christ can surely do for Him. A renowned evangelist has said, "We get all we are going in for." Our Saviour said, "According to your faith be it unto you."

"Attempt great things for God.

Expect great things of God."

C. F. P.



**Religious Liberty Offering, Sabbath, March 12.**

The General Conference Council last October recommended that a special offering for Religious Liberty work be taken early in 1904. The first Sabbath in March was the date first set, but to give more time for the announcement, we have set the time on Sabbath March 12.

In the reorganization of the work on departmental lines called for in General, Union, and State Conferences, the time has fully come to develop the department of religious liberty, to enable it to bring out up-to-date literature, and to make an earnest effort to lift up the voice of warning against the influences that are working to bring about the enforcement of Sunday laws. We know that these agencies are working day and night to mould sentiment and secure control of legislation to enforce the worship of the beast and its image. We shall be surprised at the sudden manifestation of strength on the part of these organized movements one of these days. Now is our time to work. One call for immediate work is supplied by the opportunities in connection with the St. Louis World's Fair.

In order to bring out special literature on the religious liberty issue, and to foster the interests of this work among all the conferences and churches, the General Conference Religious Liberty Department must have funds. Elder Allen Moon, Chairman of the Departmental Committee, has his office in Chicago. The Committee is planning an active campaign. If the notice is given out promptly, and all unite in the offering, a good working capital for the year will be given in this one collection, which will take but a few moments' attention from the regular service. Will not ministers and church elders announce this, and encourage the people to act liberally and unitedly?

The offering should be sent through the channel of the local conference treasury.

A. G. Daniells.

**Our Church Schools.**

In my visits among the schools I find them progressing nicely, and taking them as a whole our schools are doing better work this winter than last. Below we give a list of the schools with their teachers and the total number of pupils enrolled during the year to the present time.

Schools	Teachers	Pupils
Atchison,	Anna Anderson,	21
Blaine,	Ethel Barnes,	6
Clay Center,	Agnes Wammack,	10
Fellsburg,	I. C. Sultz,	18
Hutchinson,	Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Morey,	37
Leavenworth,	Mrs. S. E. Surber,	21
Lebo,	Ethel Easley,	7
Oswego,	Vesta Baldwin,	28
Otis, (German.)	J. F. Harder,	38
Ottawa,	Jennie Hill,	30
Portis,	Belle Dixon,	8
Pontiac,	Florence Barbee,	24
Thayer,	Stella Secrist,	34
Thayer, (Intermediate)	Nettie Hardiman,	22
Wellington,	Max Hill,	17
Wichita,	Hannah Jensen,	9
Schools 15	Teachers 17	Pupils 327

A few weeks ago a personal letter was sent to all our churches setting forth the work of our schools and asking them to carry out the recommendation passed at the Newton Conference. Many churches and companies have responded, but only about one third of the needed amount has yet been received.

Because of so little money in this fund, we have not been able to promise any definite amount to any school and therefore one school has closed its door, turning the children, either into the public school or out of school entirely. Brethren, this should not be.

We want to call your attention to this work once more believing there are many who will send us liberal donations for this important work. We need about \$125 at once so we can promise definite help to our needy schools before they close for lack of help. Six or seven months is the length of term for which all our schools have opened.

B. E. Huffman.



**Is It World-Wide?**

The Angels whom John saw (Rev. 14:6-9) and whom he heard crying with a loud voice the warnings of the Judgment come, and against the worship of the beast, etc., were and are commissioned to go to every kindred, tongue, and people. Where? In our school district, our town, our country, our state? No, but to every nation.

A strange conversation passed recently, between two parties. Said Mr. A, "We pay our tithe to the Conference to support the work. The church school is a part of the work. If the Conference does not make some arrangements to support our church school, we are going to pay our tithe to our school board, and in that way support our school."

B, "Well we have no church school. We are so scattered that our children can not get together; but I will tell you what our church has decided to do. We are going to demand of the Conference to send us two of the best ministers



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in the state to hold a tent meeting in our town. We have had a church here and been paying our tithes into the Conference for ten years, and we can not get any preaching only once in a while, a day or two. One minister comes and then another, but do not stay long enough to do much. We have made up our minds to ask for a tent to be sent to this place, and if it is not done, we are going to quit paying our tithes into this Conference."

A third party who has been an attentive listener, inquires, "Brethren, whose is the tithes and to whom are the messengers commissioned to go with the message? The tithe is the Lord's, and the messengers are commissioned to go to every nation. Ten years ago the messengers came to your neighborhood and since then this message has been represented by your church and by you individually. The truth came into your home and should be there studied by you with your children. True, the church school is a great blessing to all who can have its privileges if they will make a right use of it, and it is a nice thing to have a good minister to come and preach to us, and we hope some of our neighbors will attend, whom we can not interest ourselves. But if the Conference uses all of the tithe which belongs to the Lord, not to us or our church, in supporting church schools and in sending ministers to preach to the churches, how soon will the message go to ALL nations?"

One more point and I am done. Do you wish to assume the sacred responsibility of saying where and how the Lord's tithes shall be used? He has laid that task upon a committee of men whom you helped to elect. Are you sure, after you think of it a little, that you want to become responsible for its use and render an account at the last?

Extracts from The Kansas Conference Report.

READ AT THE OMAHA CONFERENCE.  
STATISTICS.

In our state, with a population of 1 1/2 million, we have 87 churches, 2600 members, and about 300 Sabbath-keepers in unorganized companies and isolated ones; 40 church buildings worth \$31,000.00 and two school houses.

There are 46 workers in the employ of the conference, besides 17 church school teachers who are laboring to save the children and youth, 20 or more earnest faithful canvassers, and 5 medical missionaries who are self supporting. Something over 600 have been added to the membership during the last two years, including 14 new churches that have been organized.

There have been \$13,726.61 worth of books sold by the canvassers alone in the same time, and the increase of book sales by the canvassers over last year was about \$3000. The tithe received in Jan. and Feb. just past show an increase over last year for the same months of

23 per cent. Our people are ready to support any right enterprise for the advancement of the cause as long as we adhere to the admonition of the Scripture, "Owe no man anything but to love one another," and the testimony which says, "Shun debt as you would shun the leprosy."  
C. McReynolds.

DEAR BROTHERS OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE:- As I have not heard from any of the workers, or the work in the Conference, I will report as far as my work is concerned. The few faithful ones at Colby and at Wakeeney are of good courage in the Lord. After visiting the above places and encouraging those dear ones, I came here to McCracken and began meeting Jan 24. A good interest has been manifested from the first, and we have a full house at this date. Eleven have declared for the Sabbath, and others are considering the matter. Several of the eleven are fully established in the Sabbath truth. We praise God for the manifestations of power. The Dragon has been wroth, although he is not hurting us, but rather helping, because he has overdone the matter in his efforts to thwart our work. Pray for the work in this place. Yours in hope.

Feb. 23, 1904.

T. Godfrey.

Notes From The Conference.

Twenty-seven delegates, and five other persons from Kansas, are in attendance at the Central Union Conference.

Germania Hall is not, from a physical standpoint, the most comfortable place in which to worship; but there is a warmth of Christian earnestness in the sermons, that makes it a good place to be. We trust great good may be done.

The following persons from other fields are in attendance at the Conference: A. G. Daniels, W. W. Prescott, W. C. White, J. E. White, I. H. Evans, P. T. Magan, C. N. Woodward, H. H. Hall, D. W. Reavis, J. B. Blosser, S. N. Curtiss, I. A. Ford, Luther Warren, and F. E. Painter.

In a "Kansas meeting" held here last Sabbath, most earnest and united petitions were offered in behalf of the canvassing work in our field. We firmly believe that many persons at home are convicted to enter this branch of the work. Will you respond to the Spirit's call? Remember the spring Institute is to be held at Minneapolis, March 16 to April 3.

The final conclusion in all councils for the advancement of the work is, "Give us more consecrated laborers, and it can be done with present plans." More men not more plans.  
C. F. P.

Report Of Colporteur Work For Two Weeks Ending Mar. 4 th.

NAME	PLACE	HOURS	EX	D of A	P of J	C O S	G. O.	D & R	C K	Her'ls	Pl. F.	H H B	L Gde	Msol	Ord	value	Del.	value
W. H. Haddon,	Clinton.	8														\$	10	\$10.50
R. C. Post,	Plainville.	21	10				3							1	4	9.00	2	5.25
D. & M. Steele,	Stafford.	15	80												40	21.75	13	
C. O. Bundy,	Minneapolis.	34	29												12			
I. C. Davis,	Sedgwick.	39	57												6	9.00		
Canvassers 5.		117	176				3							1	62	39.75	25	15.75