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IF WE KNEW

If we knew, when walking thoughtless
 Through the crowded, noisy way,
 That some pearl of wondrous whiteness
 Close beside our pathway lay;
 We would pause, when now we hasten;
 We would often look around,
 Lest our careless feet should trample
 Some rare jewel in the ground.

If we knew what forms were fainting
 For the shade which we should fling;
 If we knew what lips were parching
 For the water we should bring;
 We would haste with eager footsteps
 We would work with willing hands,
 Bearing cups of cooling water,
 Planting rows of shading palms.

If we knew when friends around us
 Closely press to say good-bye,
 Which among the lips that kiss us
 First should 'neath the daisies lie;
 We would clasp our hands around them,
 Looking on them through our tears;
 Tender words of love eternal
 We would whisper in their ears.

If we knew what lives were darkened
 By some thoughtless words of ours,
 Which have ever laid among them
 Like the frost among the flowers;
 O! with what sincere repentings,
 With what anguish of regret,
 While our eyes were overflowing,
 We would cry, "Forget, forget."
 —Selected.

THE WORK OF A TRACT

The reader will doubtless call to mind in my article in the WORKER of January 22 the quotation from a letter received from a business man in the western part of the state, in regard to his appreciation of the tract "An Open Letter," and his interest in the maintenance of liberty of conscience.

We have since received another letter from the same party enclosing a check to pay for twenty-two yearly subscriptions to the journal *Liberty* to be sent to his friends, also assuring us that he would soon send for a number of the tracts.

Dear brethren and sisters, when those not of our faith appreciate our literature, and spare neither time nor means to circulate it among their friends, surely we ought to arouse to our privileges, and not allow an opportunity to place our message-filled tracts in the hands of the people to pass unimproved. This is the best time in our

history to circulate religious liberty literature, while the minds of the people are being much agitated upon this subject.
 CHAS. THOMPSON.

OUR MESSAGE AND ITS ADVANCEMENT

During the present session of the Central Union Conference, considerable attention was given to the importance and support of our foreign missionary work. We all fully realize that the message must be carried to all the world. In order for this to be accomplished, we must put forth more definite effort in the raising of funds with which to do this mighty work. The following recommendations relating to the support of foreign missions were unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS the Lord has gone before this people, opening doors to all nations so that there is opportunity to teach the truth of the third angel's message to all the world; and,—

WHEREAS we believe that this message is to go to all the world in this generation; and,—

WHEREAS the funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary efforts as the opening providences of God seem to demand; therefore,—

Resolved (1) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions.

(2) That we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to at least ten cents per week per capita, for our church membership.

(3) That we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory, and for-

warding the same, month by month, to the Mission Board treasury.

(4) That it be the duty of the Missionary Secretaries of the Union, and of each local conference, to write articles for the papers, hold public meetings, and correspond with individuals and churches, in helping to raise this large foreign mission donation.

(5) That for the present we favor the Sabbath school donations and the annual and mid-summer offerings of each conference being applied on the above fund, to make the average of ten cents a week for each church member.

WHEREAS the Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for gospel ministry; and,—

WHEREAS the union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance of sharing their tithe with the mission fields of the world; and,—

WHEREAS it is evident from the tithes reported by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members of our conferences; therefore,—

Resolved (1) that we urge each conference in this Union to make a most earnest effort to secure the payment of a full tithe in every church.

(2) That a special appeal be made by every conference to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal, prayerful attention until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause of God.

We fully trust that the above recommendations will find a hearty response in our own conference. By actual figures, we find that the average donation for foreign missions by our people in Kansas is only a little more than three cents per week. When we think what this message and truth has done for us, it surely seems that we ought to be doing much more for foreign missions than paying an average of only about three cents a week. I am sure that by carefully guarding the little unnecessary expenditures as well as the large ones, we might find ourselves able to give much more than the amount referred to in the resolution,—ten cents per week.

I trust that all will take hold of this work with renewed energy, realizing

that we have but a short time in which to finish the work of carrying the message to the world, and unless we do our part faithfully, God will use other means, and we will lose the blessing we might have received. "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

We hope that these resolutions may be not only read but studied, and that each one will try to devise plans whereby they may do more toward the support of foreign mission work. Not all can go to foreign fields, but each can help in the support of those who do go, and thus in the time of reward will find that they have personally done something in foreign lands. Let us each do our part.

A. R. OGDEN.

FROM MY NOTE BOOK

At 9 A. M., Thursday, January 23, the conference opened with a good delegation present. The President's address was a stirring appeal for earnestness and faithfulness in the Lord's work, drawing a lesson from the conditions existing in the leading nations of the world at the present time. The conference presidents' reports were full of interesting facts, showing that the work in each state was in a flourishing condition in all departments carried on within their borders. The reports from the several departments were all interesting, and full of facts and figures to show that much is being done to carry the message of truth to the world.

An especially deep interest was taken in the young people's work. Plans are being laid to strengthen this branch and make it even more interesting and effective.

Prof. Lewis' report of Union College was very interesting and quite in detail. It called forth many questions for the Professor to answer. The gain in attendance and work done during the last two or three years has been very satisfactory, and the Central Union Conference should greatly appreciate Union College and the work it is doing.

Sabbath, January 25, was a good day. No better name could be given to the thoughts presented than "Consecration." God calls upon every one who believes this message to be earnest and thorough, and make sure work for the kingdom. The morning services especially brought out many clean-cut truths which went home to each one. The afternoon service closed with a good social meeting, in which many interesting testimonies were given.

Sunday might be called "Religious Liberty Day," as two papers were presented on that subject. The first was "Religious Liberty—What Does it Mean to Us as Individuals, and to the Nation;" and the second "Our Relation to Civil Government." An interesting discussion followed the first, and the usual hour was stretched to an hour and a half. A treat to the audience was a talk by Brother Wightman of California. Although it was short, it was full of instruction and interest, and showed very plainly how much we need men who are qualified to write and lecture on this important subject, not only in our churches, but also in public and before legislative and judicial men, many of whom are accessible of approach on this subject.

WM. H. MILLS.

NOTES FROM THE CONFERENCE

The work of the conference passed so harmoniously and expeditiously that all business was finished by Thursday evening, giving the remainder of the time to the study of plans for the advancement of the work, the improvement of the ministry, and seeking God for the outpouring of his Spirit.

Eld. E. T. Russell was reelected as president, and Eld. A. T. Robinson as Vice President, for the coming bi-ennial term. Bro. C. T. Caviness of Kansas was chosen as auditor, and Eld. Mead Mc Guire as secretary of the young people's department. Other officers remain practically unchanged.

The reports given by the presidents

of the various conferences and heads of the different departments showed that the Lord had abundantly blessed the work during the past two years. There was not a discouraging report presented nor a negative vote received during the entire session.

Elders E. T. Russell, A. T. Robinson, D. U. Hale, G. F. Watson, J. H. Wheeler, Chas. Thompson, C. T. Cavinness, James Cochran, and F. H. Hahne were appointed a committee to take under advisement the establishment of a home for the orphans, aged, and infirm of the Central Union Conference.

It might be of interest to note that among former laborers of the Kansas Conference present at the Boulder meeting were R. C. Porter, E. T. Russell, C. A. Beeson, J. W. Norwood, G. Mathiesen, E. A. Merrell, Mary Doan, Nancy Bland, Sister Humphrey-Lippincott, Carrie Roseau-Jones, H. A. Reeder, and M. O. Douglas. All seem of good courage in the work of God.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

"A good motto—since the hanging of mottoes is an approved fashion of the day—to put up before every sewing society, every corner-store crowd, and to hang from every village steeple, is the ninth commandment,—“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” This is the common offense of good people. Men and women who would not hurt a fly, think nothing of sticking the knife of scandal into a neighbor's back; and persons who would not steal a straw, take a fiendish pleasure in robbing a man of his good name.”

OUR WORDS

And must I be to judgment brought,
And answer in that day
For every vain and idle thought,
And every word I say?

Yes; every secret of my heart
Shall shortly be made known,
And I receive my just desert
For all that I have done.

Thou awful Judge of quick and dead,
The watchful power bestow;
So shall I to my ways take heed,
In all I speak or do.

—Charles Wesley.

Our Sabbath Schools

Conducted by Mrs. Minnie M. Fletcher

A WORD TO THE ISOLATED

Often times our isolated Sabbath keepers feel that because they are alone and do not have the privilege of attending church, that it is not necessary for them to study the Sabbath school lessons or to form little companies among themselves. But notice what the Lord says about this matter. Christ has said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matt. 18:20. “Wherever there are as many as two or three believers, let them meet together on the Sabbath to claim the Lord's promise.” Consider what the Lord says. Where there are only *two* or *three* believers, he greatly desires them to meet together.

“The little companies assembled to worship God on his holy day have a right to claim the rich blessings of Jehovah.” Then why cannot more of our isolated Sabbath keepers form little home schools, have a regular hour for worship, and receive the rich blessings which God has in store for them? I do hope and pray that all may be guided by the Holy Spirit in this matter.

When a new school is organized or a small company formed, please send notice of the fact to the writer.

The secretary of the Downs Sabbath school writes, “Our election gave us the same officers for six months longer. I have been secretary for over a year, and though I have had trials, I am not discouraged in the least; and my resolution is to do better in the future year than I have in the past. I know I have a responsible position to fill, and I want my record to be spotless before God.”

The above words are cheering indeed. May they inspire each secretary in our schools to do their work faithfully, so that their records too may be spotless before God.

Note ^u _n Comment

Eld. A. R. Ogden is visiting the Bird City church on his return from Boulder.

Eld Chas. Thompson went from Boulder to College View, Nebr., to attend the annual meeting of the Union College Board.

Bro. F. L. Limerick and Prof. H. M. Hiatt visited several places in the conference as they came from Boulder. The former spent two days at the office.

Elders B. W. Brown and L. F. Trubey took occasion after the conference to visit some relatives living in Colorado; and as they return, Elder Trubey will visit the Glen Elder church.

At a meeting of the Kansas Conference Committee held in Boulder, it was voted to relieve Eld. A. R. Ogden of district work, and recommended that he spend his time in the general work of the conference. Eld. A. S. Bringle was requested to act as superintendent of the South Central District. Correspondence relating to that district should be addressed to him at 807 West Harvey St., Wellington, Kansas.

The following letter from Bro. F. L. Perry, dated at Lima, Peru, will be of interest to all:—

I have just received the roll of the Missions Number of the *Signs of the Times*. It seems to me that this is by far the best special which the office has sent out. Every article is alive and interesting, and quivering with the power of this heavenly message. On a recent trip down the coast, I had the opportunity of conversing with the superintendent of the British and Foreign Bible society for this coast. He was greatly astonished to hear of the growth and extent of our work. This special will have a wonderful effect in directing the attention toward this message and its bearers.

Orders for the Missions Number can still be filled. Address, *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, California.

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Entered as second class matter May 19, 1904 at the post office at Topeka, Kansas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Eld. J. W. Lair will visit El Dorado and Pontiac as he returns home.

Eld. I. G. Knight visited the Wakeeney church as he returned from the Union conference.

Our mailing list has been growing very fast of late, and as it is impossible to personally answer all the orders for renewals and new subscriptions which are coming in, we wish in this way to thank each one for their co-operation, and also for the words of appreciation and encouragement which have accompanied the remittances.

Some have become uneasy when the date on their paper was not changed immediately after their renewal was sent in. The system in use is such that it takes two or three weeks after an order is received at this office for it to appear on the label, though credit is given and the paper sent from the first. If you have sent in your renewal and the paper continues to come after the time of the old date, you may be sure that all is well and in due time the credit will appear.

This issue of the WORKER is being sent to many of our people throughout the conference who are not on our regular list, though why they are not we cannot tell; indeed we would be glad to learn. We cannot see why our conference paper should not be in the hands of every Adventist in the state. Those who are most in touch with the work know that they cannot afford to be without it. Surely, then, there is not one of the laity but who needs the paper that they may know how the work is prospering. If you are not a regular subscriber, take our advice and subscribe NOW.

Bro. James Cochran called on us a few hours Tuesday morning.

Bro. J. M. Fletcher spent last Sabbath with the church at Ottawa. He reports a good meeting on the subject of religious liberty.

Elder Peckover writes that although they have been obliged to close their meetings in Palco for want of a place to hold them (they formerly met in the Methodist church) some have taken hold of the truth, and are starting to build a church of their own.

READ THIS SLOWLY, AND THINK

Does my life please God?

Am I studying my Bible daily?

Am I enjoying my Christian life?

Is there anyone I cannot forgive?

Have I ever won a soul to Christ?

Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?

Just where am I making my greatest mistake?

Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?

Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?

How many things do I put before my religious duties?

How does my life look to those who are not Christians?

Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?

Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?

The Ottawa church is to hold a Sabbath school convention next Sabbath, February 8. Eld. B. W. Brown will be in attendance.

"Please find enclosed 35 cents for my subscription another year. It doesn't seem that I can get along without the WORKER. It comes to me as a letter."

"Enclosed find 35 cents for which you will please send the KANSAS WORKER one year. Do not think I could get along without it and keep pace with the Message."

Bro. E. W. Swap, formerly of Iowa, spent Sabbath with the Topeka church and took charge of the services.

As we announced last week, the "Morning Watch Calenders" are now ready. If you do not have one already, send six cents to H. M. Hiatt, 408 Washington, Kansas City, Kansas.

WANTED.—An Adventist young man to work on a farm all summer where he can have access to church and Sabbath school privileges. Address Box 205, Wakeeney, Kansas.

You cannot write Christian experience once for all. It varies, it carries a thousand different colors, and tints and hues and mixtures of color, and it utters itself in innumerable tones, complete, strong, tender, weak, whining, valiant, glad as the utterance of a trumpet, and sad as the moaning of a heart that is stabbed. Do not, therefore, be looking out for uniform standards and unanimous opinions and coincident experiences. Christianity will answer you so as to bring up the side of your character that needs elevation.
—Joseph Parker.

Did you know that there was a new edition of "An Open Letter" now ready for your orders? This tract ought to be in the hands of every intelligent person in the state. Have you placed it within the reach of all in your community? Our people have taken hold of the circulation of this tract in a very commendable manner, and in many localities the religious liberty message has been given. Would you be willing for the Lord to look over the state and be compelled to say that the message had been proclaimed everywhere but in your vicinity? Of course you would not. Then, that that may not be the case, will you not see to it that "An Open Letter," which contains the most convincing points in the truth concerning religious liberty, is placed in the hands of all within your sphere of influence? The price is only sixty cents per hundred. Order of us.