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Soul Saving

THE apostles, after receiving the endowment of the Holy Spirit, went forth to carry the story of the cross to all the then known world. Many souls were brought to the light. Now when the last great effort is being made to gather the scattered of Israel before the great day of the Lord, shall we, to whom the work is committed, go forth with less zeal and earnestness?

Wickedness has increased, and there are millions of people who have not yet heard the warning. The work demands a more decided effort now than then. Persevering prayer will bring the power of the Holy Spirit, and from every consecrated soul the light will be reflected.

We should not feel that we are left alone to carry the burden, for it is our privilege to be connected with the forces of heaven. If we co-operate with God we are promised the blessings of heaven. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32. When we enter into the joy of our Lord, our petty doubts, fears, and discouragements will seem as nothing. Eternal righteousness in an everlasting home of glory, will soon be ours, if we are faithful.

C. W. HARDESTY.

The Grand Island, Nebraska, Camp-meeting

"THE best camp-meeting I ever attended," was the frequent testimony borne by those who were present at the Grand Island meeting which opened September 3, following a workers' meeting of ten days, and closed Sunday evening, September 13.

A council of the foreign publishing committees had been called to meet at the time of the camp-meeting, which brought together an unusually large number of laborers from abroad. Besides the Nebraska Conference ministers, there were present Elders J. N. Loughborough, I. H. Evans, N. P. Nelson, E. T. Russell, W. C. White, Luther Warren, Judson Washburn, W. A. Colcord, L. A. Hoopes, H. Shultz, Lewis Johnson, J. R. Johnson, and F. H. Westphal; also Brethren, Theo. Valentiner, J. Sutherland, C. Meleen, Fred Johnson, A. Swedberg, and C. A. Thorp.

Much of the time of these brethren was occupied in an important council relating to the foreign publishing work in this country, a report of which will be given by others, but their presence and influence was greatly appreciated.

The week preceeding the camp meeting between forty and fifty ministers, colporters, Bible workers, and canvassers were on the ground to assist in the erection of the camp. We held services together twice a day, and realized much of the presence and blessing of the Lord. On the Sabbath during the workers' meeting the members of the Grand Island church met with us, and we had a most precious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Several of the ministers said it was the best Sabbath they ever spent.

When the camp-meeting opened this same spirit came into the larger congregations from the very beginning. Revival services were

held nearly every day, and many souls were made free in God.

The services of one forenoon were given to the consideration of the removal of the headquarters of the denomination to Washington, and to the foreign mission work. At the close of the forenoon service a call was made for means, and a little less than \$1000 was raised in cash and pledges.

Later in the week the missionary enterprises of Nebraska were considered, when something over \$650 was donated for the different objects presented.

While Elder Warren was preaching on the last Sabbath morning of the meeting, as he appealed to the people to give themselves to the work of God, nearly the whole congregation arose to their feet, signifying their willingness to do so. As he spoke of the education of our children and the training of our young people, the Spirit of God moved upon the congregation mightily, and many came forward and laid upon the speaker's desk, money, pledges, and jewelry until the top of the desk was literally piled up with them. It reminded one of the 'heaps' concerning which Hezekiah of old made inquiry. Among the pledges and gifts were several gold watches, gold chains, cows, horses, and lands. This was a most wonderful meeting, but, as is often the case, and worth remembering by every one who works for the salvation of souls, the victory was first obtained by a few persons crying to God for help and deliverance, with their faces upon the ground. It is when God's servants feel the death agony of souls upon them that souls are born into the kingdom of God. "Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to come forth?" "As soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children."

The words of admonition, counsel, and reproof spoken by Elder Loughborough made all feel to thank God that a few of the old pioneers in the message are still with us. God grant that they may be permitted to continue to bear their testimony, as a reminder that "this generation" has not passed without the Saviour's words being fulfilled.

The meeting was held in a beautiful shady park, almost in the center of the city, which had been placed at our disposal free of charge. The weather was about all that could be desired, except it rained on both Sundays of the meeting, which greatly interfered with the crowds from

the city attending, as they doubtless would have done otherwise. The attendance, afternoons and evenings, from the outside, was fairly good. An excellent impression was made upon the people of the city, and we were requested by prominent citizens to come back next year.

About 170 tents in all were pitched upon the ground. Separate services were held in German, Scandanavian, for the youth, and the children. An excellent interest was reported by those in charge of all the various meetings.

On Sunday morning a large number of those encamped upon the ground repaired to a lake near by, where forty-four souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Several of the brethren from abroad left on Sunday, and on Monday most of the dear people left for their homes, and the camp soon took on the usual desolate appearance, as the temporary homes of the people were taken down and prepared for shipment. The laborers all go out from this meeting with renewed zeal and courage, and hopeful of great results during the coming year.

A. T. ROBINSON,

1505 E Street, Lincoln, Neb.

Sept. 17, 1903.

Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Nebraska Conference

Held at Grand Island, September 3-13

THE twenty-sixth annual session of the Nebraska Conference was held at Grand Island, in connection with the camp-meeting, Sept. 3-13, with Eld. A. T. Robinson, acting president, in the chair.

About 140 delegates were present.

Two churches were admitted to the Conference, one at McCook, consisting of sixteen members, and one at Takamah, numbering eight members.

A large committee of twenty persons selected the following committees for the session:—

Committee on Licenses and Credentials: N. P. Nelson, R. F. Andrews, J. J. Graf, A. T. Robinson, W. B. Hill.

Committee on Plans and Recommendations: C. H. Miller, J. H. Wheeler, C. R. Kite, W. F. Surbur, Ida Nelson.

Committee on Distribution of Labor: Members of the Conference Committee.

The following resolutions and recommendations were adopted regarding the plans for future work:—

1. We recommend that the ten-cent-a-week plan be urged strongly upon our churches, and that each church use the envelopes prepared by the General Conference.

2. Resolved, That we approve of the plan of district work adopted in our Conference, and recommend that the superintendent of each district prepare an annual report, embodying the number of churches, the membership of each church, and the territory included in the district. Furthermore, we recommend that each superintendent, as far as practicable, locate in his own district.

3. Resolved, That our librarians, in dealing with individual members of their church's conduct their business, as far as practicable, on a strictly cash basis, thirty days being considered the limit; and, furthermore, that the librarians, as far as possible, remit to the state Tract Society the first of each month; no account to be carried by the Tract Society longer than three months, unless by special arrangement.

Whereas, the Spirit of God has said that the canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order; and that it is as successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time; therefore,

4. We recommend, That all our ministers show both by precept and example that they believe these words to be true, and that they urge the members of our churches to devote as much of their time as possible to the canvassing work.

5. We recommend, (a) That the needs of our mission fields be kept before our Sabbath-schools as an incentive to liberal contributions;

(b) That our Sabbath-schools set apart the contributions of one or more Sabbaths in each quarter, as may be necessary, for the expenses of the school, the contributions of the remaining Sabbaths to be given to missions. It is understood that this does not affect the established plan to give to the Orphan's Home two yearly donations.

Whereas, there are many isolated who cannot attend our regular Sabbath-schools; therefore,

(c) That Sabbath-school contributions be not used for local church or church school expenses.

Whereas, The Lord has said that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church; and,

Resolved, (a) That we approve of the plan of the Home Department, and that we encourage our local Sabbath-schools to adopt this plan. (b) That the Sabbath-school secretary encourage the isolated ones to adopt this plan also.

Whereas, there should be more home news in the CENTRAL ADVANCE; and,

Whereas, the ADVANCE cannot furnish this news unless our laborers and brethren report; therefore,

Resolved, That we request our laborers and individual members to furnish good, live reports frequently.

8. Resolved, (a) That the Conference establish a fund, to be disbursed by the Conference Treasurer, to aid such churches as are unable to support their church schools.

(b) That this fund be created by requesting each member of the conference to pay at least twenty-five cents each quarter.

(c) That it be used to supplement the amount raised by the church in payment on the teacher's salary, and not to relieve the members of the church from individual responsibility in the matter of educating their children.

(d) That this fund be disbursed at the discretion of the President of the Conference, the church school superintendent, and the Conference Committee.

(e) That we recommend that our schools be supported by contributions, tuition, or second tithe; and, we further recommend that our brethren everywhere study the subject of the second tithe.

9. Resolved, That we recommend the most hearty cooperation on the part of the churches and all our people in the great work for suffering humanity being carried forward by the Nebraska Sanitarium.

10. We recommend that persons in all of our churches be encouraged to take up the work of resident canvassers, encouraging especially the sale of our smaller books, and giving them as wide a circulation as possible in their respective localities.

11. That all our people purchase the book, "Education," and that resident canvassers be encouraged to take up the sale of this book, and the recent volumes of the Testimonies, among our people.

12. Whereas, the Review and Herald, and the Pacific Press have made large donations to our missionary and educational work; and, Whereas, the changes going forward in the organization and work of these publishing associations calls for our hearty approval, sympathy, and support.

Resolved, That we cheerfully return to the plan of paying the regular price for the trade and popular books issued by our publishing houses, thus making it less difficult for them and our state tract societies to make expenses and enlarge their work.

13. Whereas, the sale of the book "Christ's Object Lessons" has been a blessing to those who have cheerfully engaged in it, and has already accomplished the lifting of nearly two-thirds of the large indebtedness resting upon Union College; and,

Whereas, in Nebraska we have a large number of these books unsold; therefore,

Resolved, that we re-consecrate ourselves to the work, and sell this excellent book for the benefit of Union College.

14. Whereas, the special course for workers at Union College during the winter has been helpful in encouraging workers already enlisted, and also in enlisting workers;

Resolved, that we request the managers to arrange a similar course for the coming winter.

15. Whereas, the need of more God-fearing and efficient school teachers is great;

We, therefore, urge that our churches encourage, in a substantial way, suitable young men and women in their respective communities to take a training that will fit them for family and church school work.

16. Whereas, there is need of concerted action in the establishment of the church school work in our churches, such as appointing school boards, providing school rooms, and the necessary equipments; therefore,

Resolved, that this question receive due attention at the spring quarterly meeting of the church.

17. Whereas, the plan of doing the Conference audit-work in connection with the camp-meeting throws a large amount of work upon the officers of the Conference at the time when their services should be devoted to the spiritual interests of the meeting; therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend the Conference Committee to arrange to have the auditing done early in July.

18. That the Conference books be held open until about July 10, to admit of all Conference business, belonging to the year ending June 30, to appear in the annual report of the Treasurer.

19. The following was received as a petition from the Missouri Conference.—

“Resolved, that in view of the importance of the World’s Fair at St. Louis next year, and the opportunities which will be afforded to make the people acquainted with the truth, we authorize the Conference Committee to make such calls for contributions as may be deemed necessary to provide literature, and to arrange for the proper presentation of our denominational work. Also that we invite the General Conference, the union conferences of the United States, and especially the Central Union Conference, and the sister conferences, to unite with us in this work, and press upon these organizations the great importance of their co-operation.”

Resolved, That we approve of this petition, and that we authorize our Conference Committee to take the matter into favorable consideration, and make such arrangements as may seem best.

20. In view of the need of a building, a new press, and other facilities for our publishing work to be established at College View,

We recommend, That the third Sabbath in October be set apart in all our churches for making donations for this purpose.

21. We recommend that the third Sabbath in November and the Sunday following be set apart as days for simultaneous missionary meetings in all our churches, and that our Conference officers be requested to plan for an active missionary campaign to follow these meetings.

The following named officers were elected for the coming year: A. T. Robinson, President; J. J. Graf, Vice President; C. H. Miller, Secretary and Treasurer; F. H. Hahn, State Canvassing Agent; Alice Teeple, Sabbath-school Secretary.

Conference Committee: A. T. Robinson, J. J. Graf, A. C. Anderson, L. E. Johnson, J. H. Wheeler.

Nebraska Conference Association: A. T. Robinson, J. Sutherland, G. Mathiesen, Thomas McAlpine, D. R. Callahan.

Delegates to Central Union Conference: A. T. Robinson, J. J. Graf, A. C. Anderson, G. W. Berry, Educational Secretary, L. E. Cook, Sabbath-school Secretary, F. H. Hahn, Physician in charge of Nebraska Sanitarium.

Credentials were granted to: A. T. Robinson, W. B. Hill, J. H. Wheeler, R. F. Andrews, P. P. Gaede, L. E. Johnson, C. R. Kite, A. C.

Anderson, G. W. Berry, J. J. Graf, W. D. MacLay, Daniel Nettleton.

Ministerial License: G. A. Kirkle, O. A. Hall, O. E. Jones, N. C. Nelson, F. W. H. Shroeder, B. M. Garton, Chas. Svenson, L. E. Cook, J. W. Beams, W. H. Campbell, F. H. Hahn.

Missionary License: C. H. Miller, Albert Anderson, Geo. Huenegardt, Wm. Batterson, Esther Smith, Maggie Warnock, Lena Fredrickson, Pearl West, Sarah Grobe, Mrs. E. A. Cushman, Mrs. E. B. MacLay, Walter Rich.

Colporter License: W. J. Wilson, G. P. Loy, J. B. Maurer, Robert. Ryan, W. F. Surber, C. S. Wilbur, L. B. Porter, P. O. Johnson, Jacob Kroeker, Ernest Mathwig, Peter Lindahl, Chas. W. Graves.

The President drew attention to the fact that on account of the Conference books having been closed on June 30, and the auditing done at the time of the camp-meeting, a large amount of business belonging to the year ending June 30, has come in since that date. The following supplementary statement was presented, showing what the exact standing of the Conference would have been on July 1, provided all the business of the year could have been entered before the books were closed.

Tithe in the treasury, June 30, '03,	\$4,570.34	
Tithe rec'd, since June 30,		
on last year's acct.		721.90
Paid out since July 1,		
on last year's acct.	\$5,203.76	
Balance June 30,		
above liabilities,		88.48
Total,	\$5,292.24	\$5,292.24

It was stated that, since the Conference had recommended that the auditing be done early in July and the books held open till about July 10, the next annual statement would show the exact financial standing of the Conference at the time when the Conference year ended.

C. H. MILLER, A. T. ROBINSON,
Secretary. President.

From School to Field and Field to School

THE Lord has said that we should go to schools of preparation, then into the field, and then back again into the schools, carrying the life of the schools into the field, and the life of the field into the schools. Thus all will be awakened and stirred. May God bless all who attend our schools this coming year, and fill them with power from on high, so that they may be able to go into the field and be true soul-winners for Him.

ESSIE FERGUSON.

Financial Statement of the Nebraska Seventh Day Adventist Conference

For Year Ending June 30, 1903

RECEIPTS:—

Tithe on hand July 1, '02,	\$7,794.14
Tithe rec'd during year	22,379.80
Total,	\$30,173.94

EXPENDITURES:—

Paid to Laborers,	\$15,231.96
“ Canvassers fare,	173.95
“ Teachers fare,	19.60
“ Dr. Paulson (C. M. ser- vices, 1902.)	21.00
“ E. R. Houpt,	50.00
“ Scandinavia,	2,250.00
“ J. Nethery and wife fare to Chicago,	14.40
“ Omaha Signs work,	79.50
“ Neb. San. (Dr. George's fare to and work at Hot. Spr. C. M.)	14.70
“ U. C. Bible Teachers,	729.00
“ S. W. U. Conference,	2,500.00
“ C. U. Conference, 1st and 2nd Tithe,	5,519.49
Total,	\$26,603.57

BALANCE on hand July 1, '03	3,570.34
Total,	\$30,173.94

Balance,	3,570.34
Deposited with Union College	1,000.00
Total on hand July 1, '03	4,570.34

Statement of RESOURCES and LIABILITIES June 30, 1903.

RESOURCES:—

Merchandise, (Inventory)	\$4,551.21
Property (Inventory)	1,375.00
Cash,	4,618.61
Neb. Conference Ass'n.	1,634.44
Accounts Rec. (Personal)	1,602.54
“ “ (Societies)	453.25
“ “ (Funds)	128.09
Total,	\$14,363.14

LIABILITIES:—

Accounts Pay. (Funds)	2,293.46
“ “ (U. C. Debt)	1,545.95
“ “ (Pub. Houses)	1,143.82
“ “ (Personal)	766.48
“ “ (Societies)	33.95
Total,	5,783.66

PRESENT WORTH	8,579.48
Total,	\$14,363.14 14,363.14

Statement of LOSS and GAIN June 30, 1903.

Mdse. as per Inventory	2,627.61
“ “ “ File,	141.17
“ “ “ Object Less.	1,782.43
Total,	4,551.21
“ Excess of cost over sales,	3,598.12
Gain on Mdse.	953.09
“ “ Property,	830.20
“ “ Int. and Discount,	81.51
“ “ Personal accounts,	58.81
“ “ Hastings,	.13

Sabbath-school Report

For Year Ending July 1, 1903

No. schools last year.....	107
“ “ this “.....	100
“ “ organized this year	10
“ “ dropped “ “	17
Present membership	2089
Average attendance	1727
No. classes	328
“ in Senior division	996
“ “ Junior “	308
“ “ Intermediate division	281
“ “ Primary “	374
“ “ Kindergarten “	216
“ “ State Home Department	15
“ “ Local “	30

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand.....	\$43.82
Received for missions.....	\$1096.31
“ “ Orphan's Home	84.13
“ “ Japan	9.92
“ “ Children in Africa	3.75
“ “ Huntsville Ala. School	4.74
“ “ Birthday Off. for Missions	3.29
“ “ Australia	10.18
“ “ Neb. Conf. poor fund	4.04
“ “ Southern Pub. Assn.	1.50
Total	\$1261.68

Paid out for missions	\$1058.54
“ “ “ Japan	9.92
“ “ “ Children in Africa	3.75
“ “ “ Huntsville Ala. School	4.74
“ “ “ Birthd'y Off. for Missions	3.29
“ “ “ Auntralia	10.18
“ “ “ Orphan's Home	84.13
“ “ “ Poor Fund	4.04
“ “ “ Southern Pub. Assn.	1.50
“ “ “ Postage, stationery, travelling expenses	81.59
Total	\$1261.68

IDA A. NELSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

To think is good; to resolve is better; to do is best.

It is a fearful thing to preach to other people if you do not first preach to yourself.—*Spurgeon*.

What we gain by a hard struggle, we retain with a firmer grasp, whether it be our fortune or our faith.—*Arnot*.

Heaven smiles with love and admiration on those who seek to cheer the desponding heart, or lighten by act, or word, or look, the burden borne by the weary soul.

London, the birthplace of Foreign Missionary Societies, presents a vast field for home missionary efforts. The “Daily News” at great pains and expense, has taken a census of the

Loss on Expense,	\$429.13
“ “ personal accounts	299.88
“ “ Salary,	584.54
NET GAIN on closing,	610.19
Total,	\$1,923.74 1,923.74

PROOF OF STATEMENT

Credit by Net Stock on closing, June 30, '03	7,969.29
“ “ “ Gain on closing, “ “ “	610.19
PRESENT WORTH on closing “ “ “	8,579.48
Total,	\$8,579.48 8,579.48

C. H. MILLER,

Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts, and papers of the Nebraska Tract Society for the year from July 1, 1902, to June 30, 1903, and find them correct and in accordance with the above statement.

L. E. KOON,

Auditor.

average attendance at the places of public worship in the world's metropolis. The result declares the fact that not one sixth of London's population attends any place of worship whatsoever.—*Australian Signs of the Times.*

With all who bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ, self-love, self-interest, must perish; the life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need.—*Education.*

If you have not already done so, purchase and read "Education" without delay. We all need to become thoroughly acquainted with its contents. It is a gem.

Redistricting of the Nebraska Conference

At the recent session of the Nebraska Conference, the state was redistricted. The districts as rearranged comprise the following counties:—

Number One: Richardson, Nemaha, Otoe, Cass, Saunders, Lancaster, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Butler, Polk, York, Fillmore, and Thayer.

Laborers: A. T. Robinson, superintendent, L. B. Porter, and Robert Ryan.

Number Two: Nuckolls, Clay, Hamilton, Hall, Adams, Webster, Franklin, Kearney, Phelps, Harlin, Furnace, Gosper, Frontier, Redwillow, Hitchcock, Hays, Lincoln, Perkins, Chase, and Dundy.

Laborers: J. H. Wheeler, superintendent, O. E. Jones, Chas. Graves, and Walter Rich.

Number Three: Sarpy, Douglas, Washington, Burt, Cumming, Dodge, Colfax, Stanton, Madison, Platte, Merrick, Nance, and Boon.

Laborers: W. D. MacLay, superintendent, Mrs. E. B. MadLay, Wm. Batterson, Lena Fredrickson, Sara Grobe, Pearl West, Peter Lindahl, and P. O. Johnson.

Number Four: Hall, Howard, Greely, Wheeler, Garfield, Valley, Sherman, Buffalo, Dawson, Custer, Loup, Blain, Thomas, Logan, Lincoln, McPherson, Hooker, Grant, and Kieth.

Laborers: L. E. Johnson, superintendent, W. J. Wilson, G. P. Loy, and Albert Anderson.

Number Five: Thurston, Dakota, Dixon, Cedar, Wayne, Pierce, Knox, Antelope, Holt, Boyd, Keyapaha, Rock, Brown, and Cherry.

Laborers: E. L. Cook, superintendent, B. M. Garton, C. S. Wilbur, and P. O. Johnson.

Number Six: Deuel, Sheridan, Daws, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Scott Bluff, Sioux, and the following counties in the southern part of Wyoming: Laramie, Converse, Albany, Carbon, Natrona, Fremont, Sweet Water, and Uinta.

Laborers: G. A. Kinkle, superintendent, W. H. Campbell, E. A. Mathwig, Esther Smith, and Maggie Warnock.

Number Seven: Fall River, Custer, Pennington, Mead, and Lawrence, of South Dakota, and Weston, Crook, Sheridan, Johnson, Big Horn, and National Park of Wyoming.

Laborers: G. W. Berry, superintendent, O. A. Hall, J. W. Beams.

C. H. MILLER.

A Lesson from the Lilies

"CONSIDER the lilies, how they grow." Yes, consider also where they grow.

While visiting in the state of Michigan I went out gathering water lilies. I found the most beautiful white lilies in a foul, stagnant pond, on which a green scum was growing. The thought occurred to me, How can these lilies develop such a spotless appearance amid such foul surroundings? When I plucked them I found the secret. They did not get their nourishment from that scum, but had long roots reaching down into the mother earth, and were drawing constantly fresh supplies of nourishment from it. I said in my heart, If God can

do that for the lilies, He can enable me to tower above my surroundings, no matter how forbidding, and perfect a pure and holy character while living in a world of sin.

R. W. PARMELE.

Colorado Camp-meeting

THE Colorado camp-meeting was held at Salida, August 20-30. There were not so many of our people in attendance as in former years, yet all said that it was the best meeting ever held in Colorado. The enemy came in to divide, lay waste, and confuse. But the Spirit of our God came also, and proved Himself able to save us from all this, and bring in unity and power instead. Never were the prospects brighter in this conference. The workers are of good courage. Faith and confidence are taking the place of doubt and fear. Not only is this true in our conference, but it is evidently the case in regard to the work in general. I am sure that this one thing will bring into our ranks power such as we have not seen for many years.

Our business meetings were seasons of real spiritual benefit. Four new churches were added to the conference, twelve persons were baptized, and two young men were ordained to the gospel ministry.

The assistance of our Union Conference President, with that of others who came to help us, was greatly appreciated. Some slight changes were made in the management of the conference. The conference committee was enlarged from five to seven. Eld. H. M. J. Richards was elected vice president. By vote of the conference he will move to the Western Slope, taking the oversight of the same.

Executive Committee: G. F. Watson; H. M. J. Richards, G. W. Anglebarger, Watson Zeigler, C. C. Holbrook, W. W. Hills, H. L. Hoover. Conference treasurer, and Tract Society secretary, Mrs. Bertie L. Herrell; Conference Corresponding Secretary, E. E. Farnsworth; Secretary of Sabbath-schools and young people's work, Mrs. Flora Watson; State Missionary, G. Phillips.

Our conference workers and all in attendance, returned to their fields of labor, and to their homes, with greater cheer and hope in the closing message than ever before.

While the burdens of the work are much greater now than when we went up to this yearly gathering, yet we know greater strength and power will come to our rescue. We are of good courage.

GEO. F. WATSON.

Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

In His Service

A PRISONER of Christ, I'm glad and I'm free;
For in His service there's true liberty.

A servant of Christ, the task is not mine,
But simply the doing His will divine.

Under His banner I know no night,
For even its shadow is resplendent light.

And though in His cause death should come to me,
I'd still have life, and more abundantly.

ELLA CORNISH.

Asylum, Neb.

A Missionary Quilt

A DEVOTED Christian woman in Kansas was quilting a quilt recently. The quilt being made up largely of pieces of her children's dresses, she very naturally desired to keep it; but something kept saying to her, "Give it; give it to the mission work in China."

She decided to do so, and hastened to complete it. As soon as it was finished she sent it to the state camp-meeting, with a letter of explanation, stating the object for which it had been sent, and explaining that on account of the rain leaking down through the roof of her house (a fact which shows that she lives in no palatial home), the quilt had become somewhat soiled, and that as she did not have time to wash and dry it in time to get it to the camp-meeting before the meeting closed, she sent it as it was, with the hope that someone would buy it, and the money be devoted to the Chinese mission.

The president of the conference, holding the quilt in his hands, stated that anyone who desired to purchase the quilt would find it at the book stand, and that the money received for it would be applied as indicated.

A good sister proposed that all have an opportunity to share in purchasing this quilt, that the money contributed go to the work in China, and the quilt be given to the Wichita sanitarium. The suggestion was no sooner made than taken up, and in a few seconds \$8.09 had been contributed. Willing hearts were glad to make the gift, which had evidently meant so great a sacrifice to the original giver, swell to this liberal amount. Her gift prompted theirs, and to her must be credited the full amount raised.

W. A. COLCORD.

Those Little Envelopes

AS IT was quite a problem with us to know just how to use the little envelopes sent out by the General Conference for the ten-cent-a-week offerings to missions to the best advantage, so that all would be reached both in distributing and collecting them, it may be helpful to others to know how the College View church solved the problem, and what success has attended the plan adopted.

It was evident the envelopes would avail nothing unless they were placed regularly each week in the hands of all the people. To provide for this we had neat little tin boxes, or pockets, made and fastened to the backs of the seats,—not just one on a seat, but several of them to each seat—enough to make them easy of access to everyone, both children and grown people,—and these filled with a good supply of the envelopes, about twenty-five or thirty in a box.

For the first few Sabbaths following, attention was called to these, and the explanation made that all who desire to follow the plan could take empty envelopes home with them each week, place their donations in these, and bring them back the next Sabbath, when the baskets would be passed, and their offerings collected.

The first Sabbath the envelopes were collected, August 5, we received \$16.47. The next Sabbath we received \$30.30. We have now been using the envelopes six weeks. During two of these many of our members were away attending camp-meeting, and so did not place their donations with the home church. Yet we have received altogether thus far by this means \$126.27, or an average of over \$21 per week as an earnest of the success of the plan we have adopted.

These little reminders of our world-wide message and the great commission are ever before us throughout the Sabbath services; they speak to us from our Bibles, where we have placed them, as often as these are opened during the week. They are therefore constantly making their mute appeals, "Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and exerting an influence which few who love "His appearing" can resist. And as our other contributions have not thus far fallen off since we took up this plan, we take courage in believing that the Lord is

pleased with the plan we have adopted, and will bless our endeavors thus to help extend the proclamation of this gospel of the kingdom in all the world in this generation.

MRS. M. I. REEDEP,
Librarian.

Made Her Smile

I ONCE came to the door of a woman in Chicago who looked so stern and repelling that I was sure that she would not buy a *Life Boat*, but I felt a determination to create a smile on her face before leaving. I do not recall what the Lord helped me to say, but after talking a little while her face relaxed, and a pleasant smile stole over her features. I then offered her the *Life Boat*. She expressed a real interest in our work, and insisted on my taking the only three cents she had in the house.

The memory of such experiences may fade from our minds, but the records of the good done are treasured up above, and they will certainly form a part of our joys in the life beyond.

ALICE BURKHARDT.

 **Health Department** 
Conducted by Mrs. Lyla D. George, M. D.
"Prosper and be in Health"

Sanitarium Items

MORE applications to enter the next class of the Nebraska Sanitarium Training School for Nurses have already been sent in than can be received this fall. The class begins October 1. Another class may be started six months later.

Several old patients have recently made short calls at the Sanitarium, and others have been heard from. One says, "I have gained fifteen pounds in weight since taking treatment;" Another reports that he has gained forty pounds. Another says, "I am feeling better than I ever felt before in my life." One tells us, "I am able to go back to my position which I had to leave to come to the Sanitarium." Another man says, "I have not touched tobacco since I left the Sanitarium."

The constant effort of the Sanitarium workers is not only to get people well, but to teach them how to live so that they will keep what they gain, and still improve at home. We often tell patients that they are welcome to all that they

can carry off in their heads—all they can learn while they are here.

A gentleman who had been given up as incurable but got well at the Sanitarium, comes back for an occasional treatment just because he likes them. One day he said to the doctor, "The trouble with you people is that nearly all your patients come to you as a last resort after they have tried everything else and have been given up as hopeless." "Yes," was the answer, "But we are thankful that such a large majority of them get well anyway,—a cure for incurables, you see."

Mrs. Robinson, who has long acted as matron of the Sanitarium, is just leaving to care for her sick mother. She will not soon be forgotten by those who have known her in the institution. She has put in years of faithful, self-sacrificing hard work for the cause in this place.

Health Notes

In order to have good blood, we must breathe well.

Air is the free blessing of Heaven, calculated to electrify the whole system.

For invalids who have feeble lungs, nothing can be worse than an overheated atmosphere.

A walk, even in winter, would be more beneficial to the health than all the medicine the doctors may prescribe. There will be increased vitality, which is so necessary to health. The lungs have needful action; for it is impossible to go out in the bracing air of a winter's morning without inflating the lungs.

Many labor under the mistaken idea that if they have taken cold, they must carefully exclude the outside air, and increase the temperature of their room until it is excessively hot. The system may be deranged, the pores closed by waste matter, and the internal organs suffering more or less inflammation, because the blood has been chilled back from the surface and thrown upon them. At this time of all others the lungs should not be deprived of pure, fresh air. If pure air is ever necessary, it is when any part of the system, as the lungs, or stomach, is diseased.—*Healthful Living.*

How sweet and gracious, even in common speech
Is that fine sense which men call courtesy!
Wholesome as air and genial as the light,
Welcome in every clime as breath of flowers.
It transmits aliens into trusting friends,
And gives its owner passport round the globe.

—*The Household.*

Educational

Conducted by L. B. Hoopes

To the Young People

UNION COLLEGE begins its thirteenth year of work September 30, 1903.

Many of our young people have written of their plans to attend school this year, and we are looking forward with pleasure to greeting many new faces among those already familiar. But the thought has also come—what of those who are not to be with us? Are they still earnest in their desire to devote themselves to the Lord? Perhaps the Lord has home duties for them to perform—friends and neighbors whom they can help.

But what of those who could come if they chose—those who have parents or friends willing and anxious to send them—but who hesitate because they feel that it is pleasanter to remain where they are? We would urge such to read the inspiring accounts of the struggles of Abraham Lincoln, who walked miles to borrow books that he might satisfy his burning desire for knowledge; of the fatherless Garfield, who toiled and sacrificed and saved that he might obtain an education; of the deaf boy Kitto, son of a drunken father, and inmate of an alms-house, who plead that he be allowed to leave the alms-house to struggle for the education he so much desired,—willing to sleep in the hay-ricks and find his food in the hedges and fields; this boy Kitto who later became one of the foremost biblical scholars of his day.

There are scores of men and women who, realizing that they had a part to act in the work of the world, and recognizing the importance of an education in helping them to perform this work, have sacrificed and struggled to obtain it, receiving as their reward the capacity to do great things for humanity.

The Lord has a place for everyone in His vineyard, but what a sorrowful sight it must be—here a place deserted by the keeper, there an untrained workman trying to do work that calls for skillful and intelligent care. Will He excuse us if we delay from year to year the preparation that will enable us to do acceptable work when He has provided the means? It is not farther from your home to school than Christ came when He took up His abode with us. It will

certainly not be more lonely than it was for Him on this earth.

Perhaps you shrink from wearing the plain clothing you know it will be necessary. Can you not afford to endure that among many others who are making the same sacrifice? The master's business requires haste, and if you intend to have a part in this closing work you must be making speedy preparation.

Many have written asking for work to help meet expenses. We would say to such—If you know the Lord wants you to go to school, and you are competent to give honest service in return for wages, you may be sure that the way will open, if you have the faith to make the effort. You may not meet with immediate success, and you may not find just the employment that suits you best, but if you have perseverance and the determination to help yourself, you will not be obliged to suffer defeat. There is always a demand for conscientious, efficient help, and Christian young people should never be anything else.

If you are disappointed in attending school this year, lay your plans to attend next year. Do any kind of honorable work, save your money carefully, plan your expenditures wisely, and trust to the Lord to open the way in His own good time.

We shall be glad to receive letters from all who plan to come to school this year, or hope to attend in the future. Send for a calendar if you have not one already.

MRS. FLORENCE M. KERN.

Notices

Students, Attention

STUDENTS arriving in Lincoln can take the street-car near their depot, and by asking the conductor for a transfer to the College View car, can reach Union College for five cents. If the College baggage man is not at the depot, keep your check until you reach the College.

Nebraska Notice

DISTRICT NO. 3

IN company with Bro. Hahn, the State Canvassing Agent, I expect to visit the following churches on the date, and in the order named below:—

Tekamah, October 3.

Blair, October 10. We would like to have the Calhoun, Orum and Arlington churches meet at Blair on this date for a general meeting, and the celebration of the ordinances.

Omaha, October 17.

Fremont, October 24.

W. D. MACLAY.

Announcement

THE fall term of Emmanuel Missionary College opens October 21, 1903. This school coordinates the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual in education. It is a training school, preparing men and women for active service in the cause of Christ. This is a practical way of hastening the evangelization of the world which prepares the way for the coming of Christ. There is a definite place somewhere for every Christian, and God holds each one responsible, not for what he does, but for what he might have done had he improved his every opportunity. The training school helps the young man or woman to recognize his call to service, and fits him to fill the call more acceptably than he otherwise could.

The fall announcement is sent free by addressing E. A. Sutherland, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Read it yourself and have a copy sent to your friends.

Address Wanted

ANYONE knowing the address of Sister Alice Green, a former resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, but supposed to be in Nebraska, will confer a favor by sending the same at once to,

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News and Notes

Forty-four persons were baptized at the Nebraska camp-meeting.

Eighty-six persons in all were baptized during the Kansas camp-meeting.

O. A. Hall is to teach the church school at Lead, S. D., and engage in Bible work.

Eld. W. C. White spent Sabbath, September 12, with the church at Boulder, Colorado.

Eld. E. T. Russell and brethren Hardesty and Kern attended the local camp-meeting at Wiota, Iowa, last week.

Miss Mary Kenneberg, of Tecumseh, Neb., has been employed to teach the primary department in the College View church school.

J. J. Graf will be in charge of the German work in the Nebraska Conference, and A. C. Anderson the Scandinavian.

Eld. G. W. Berry, of Blue Springs, Nebraska, made the office a pleasant call last week. He will make Wyoming his future field of labor.

Elder Richards reports a good interest in Salida, Colo., the place where the camp-meeting was held. He thinks the work should be continued there.

G. A. Kirkle, L. E. Johnson, and N. C. Nelson have been appointed to act as a camp-meeting committee for the Nebraska Conference, to have charge of the tents and fittings.

Of Takoma Park, where our Washington headquarters are to be located, a little souvenir of the place says: "Its healthfulness is unsurpassed anywhere on the continent."

Sister Elva Green, formerly of the Colorado Conference office, is spending a few days at her home in Boulder before starting for Chicago, where she will make her home with her brother.

Pearl West has been engaged to teach the school at Decatur, Neb. and engage in Bible work; and W. H. Campbell the same at Hemmingford. Walter Rich will teach the school at Red Cloud.

At the recent Kansas camp-meeting nearly four thousand dollars was pledged to the Wichita Sanitarium enterprise, and over thirteen hundred dollars to the work in Washington.

Sabbath, September 26, has been set apart for a collection in the churches in Kansas to finish the church for the colored people in Kansas City, Kans.

Beginning with next number of the ADVANCE we shall publish a series of short but excellent articles from different writers on family worship and how to conduct it. These articles will contain most valuable suggestions and outlines which all heads of families will do well to study.

Beginning with the next issue of the CENTRAL ADVANCE will appear a series of brief notes, by the author of the S. S. lessons, prepared especially for the readers of this paper. Notes on two lessons in advance will appear in each issue, for the benefit of those who study the lessons.

Eld. J. J. Graf, who is to have the oversight of the German work in the Conference the coming year, has returned to Grand Island to labor for a time, in following up the interest awakened by the camp-meeting. Brethren G. P. Loy and J. B. Mourer will also work in Grand Island for a time.

The College View church school opened up September 14 with two teachers and seventy-two pupils. Before the close of the first week eighty pupils had been enrolled, and the school board is seriously considering the advisability of opening up another room, and employing another teacher. Brother E. H. Curtis, of Kansas, has charge of the school.

The Sabbath-school lessons for the coming quarter will be on the subject of "God's Kingdom In This World." The lessons for the first two quarters of 1904 will be on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and the next quarter following, on the leading doctrines which make Seventh-day Adventists a separate denomination. These lessons will be most timely and interesting. Let all study them.

Ten cents a week does not seem much for each individual. It would not be missed if set aside regularly each week. But if every church member would give it, the amount contributed toward missions by this means alone would be more than a third of a million dollars each year. Shall we not all adopt the plan? Some may give more, some less, but the idea is that there shall be an average of ten cents a week contributed by all our people.