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## The Educational Work

### The Difference between a Worldly Education and a Christian Education

A WORLDLY education trains boys and girls for service in the *things of the world*. A Christian education trains them in the service of the *things of God*. For which do you wish your boy or girl trained?

If our children are in the service of the world, it is because they have been trained for the world; if they are in the service of Christ, it is because they have been trained in that way.

My brother, let us look at the situation just as God gives it. We read, "Train up a child [you see we must begin with the children] in the way he should go, and when he is old [becomes a man or woman] he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

Look at it from another view point. Train up a child in the way he *should not* go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. And he never would, were it not for the miracle of saving grace.

It takes *training* for either place. It is God's plan to have *formation* not *reformation*. But in His ocean of boundless love, provision has been made to transform the blighted life into a fruitful one that will measure on with the life of God.

### TWO PICTURES FROM LIFE

First: Seventeen years ago this message came to me? I was a boy of thirteen. Where are the boys and girls that came up in the message with me. Look around you in your church and your conference—where are they? Ah, my brother, we must answer, "In the world—the greater number."

Second: The boys and girls who are just now entering manhood and womanhood,—what are they choosing? Look around in your church and your conference. Once more the answer is forced from our lips, "The most of them are choosing the passing vanities of the world."

### WHY?

Last summer I heard the president of one of our colleges say, "The largest classes in our school are the commercial classes. The boys and girls come to us and demand a training for lines of business. We are distressed to know why so many of our young people have this desire."

These statements coming from one of our educators set me to thinking. I asked:—

Where have these young people been attending school?

*Answer.* In the grammar schools and high schools of the state.

*Question.* What have they been studying?

*A.* Methods and ways of the world, or *worldly wisdom*.

*Q.* What is the wisdom of this world?

A. "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." I Cor. 3:19.

Q. Why does God call it foolishness?

A. Because it leads people away from God, or to that condition where they do not know Him.

Q. Why does the world know not God?

A. "The world by [worldly] wisdom knew not God." I Cor. 1:21.

Q. Where did worldly wisdom lead the Greeks?

A. Paul said, "For as I passed by . . . I found an altar with this inscription, *To the unknown God.*" Acts 17:23. It led them to the *Unknown*, or away from God.

Now let us look just a little further. God says that the wisdom of this world is foolishness. That is, it will cause people to become *foolish*, or *fools*. Now we are prepared for this question. What does the fool say?

A. "The fool hath said in his heart *there is no God.*" Ps. 14:1. And so we find the multitudes rushing on to the final doom of those who know not God, because their education has simply trained them to see the things of this world. We need an education that will train our boys and girls to see the treasures of the "Better Land." And then they will choose these things in place of the transitory things of this world.

Q. Where does the true wisdom come from?

A. "But the wisdom that is from *above* is first pure." Jas. 3:7.

Ques. What is the beginning of this wisdom?

Ans. "The fear [service] of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Prov. 8:10.

Then the very *first* thing true wisdom does is to lead us to give ourselves to God,—to begin an acquaintance with Him. This is why Jesus said, "This is *life eternal*, that they might know [become acquainted with] thee, the only *true God.*"

Thus we see that there are *two* kinds of wisdom,—the *true* and the *false*. There are *two great systems* of education—the *Christian* and the *worldly*, and these two systems develop just *two* classes of people. "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered *all nations*, and he shall *separate* them, *one* from *another*, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats; and he shall set the sheep [His peo-

ple] on the right hand, but the goats [the wicked] on the left. Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Then shall he say also unto them on his left hand Depart from me." Matt. 25:31-34, 41.

Dear parents, where will our children stand in that day? The solemn scenes of the last days are all about us. God is giving us a last opportunity that our children may be prepared for heaven. And they will be just what they are educated to be. *Shall it be a Christian education?*

C. R. KITE.

### Church School Work

Six years ago last fall the church school work was started in this denomination by establishing three or four schools. It is true that for some time a few of our larger churches had conducted primary schools in connection with the colleges and academies, but the work just referred to was the beginning of the church school movement in the denomination. It was bitterly opposed by many, was looked askance at by more, and was heartily supported by but few.

The growth of this work has been rapid. It has increased so rapidly the past few years that we are at present facing the grave question of its proper organization. There is a demand for an organization that will make the teacher feel that her work is a part of the conference work.

Our teachers, from the presidents of our colleges to the teachers of our smallest church school, have felt free to look out for themselves as to where they will teach. Most of our schools boards have never thought it necessary to consult with the conference where a teacher is laboring before asking him to connect with their school in some other field, nor have many of the teachers thought they should consult the conference before accepting such a position. It has been the experience of our workers, when they wanted to place a church school teacher, to find either that she had decided to teach in some other conference or not to teach at all.

In order to keep the teachers in a conference, it is necessary to do more than grant them a license. It will include a plan by which they will be under the direction of the conference as much as are our Bible workers. Our teachers

have been so placed that their work depended upon local circumstances almost entirely. That this has had a discouraging effect is shown by the fact that of those now at work in this Union Conference, only ten were teaching two years ago when we met in Topeka, Kansas.

But in spite of these discouraging features, the church school work has made rapid progress during the last two years. At our last conference we felt much encouraged from the fact that the total enrollment for the year was something like five hundred. The following is a report of the work as it stands in the Central Union Conference at the present time as near as I have been able to get the facts:

	No. schools.	No. teachers.	Enr'l'm't
Iowa	21	21	332
Nebraska	21	25	309
Kansas	15	17	326
Missouri	13	13	234
Colorado	6	7	131
Total	76	81	1,332

A summer school was conducted the past year by the Central Union Conference and the state conferences uniting their efforts. The traveling expenses of most of the teachers were borne by the respective conferences from which they were sent. The teaching force consisted of the president of Union College, the Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference, and the state superintendents of Nebraska and Kansas. The superintendent of Missouri was there a part of the time, and rendered valuable service. The results of this school have fully justified its cost. We not only have more schools this year, but the general success has been more marked. Many pupils have been converted, and united with the church as the result of the church school work. More than this, our schools have sold a large number of our papers and smaller books. In many instances they have distributed more literature in this way than the entire church where they are located. For all this we are thankful. However, we do not feel that the work as it stands, is of a lasting character. We feel that the moment agitation ceases a great deal of the work will ravel out unless something is done toward better organization.

When the church school work was started in this denomination it was not called by that name, but many of our pioneer brethren took their children from the public schools, and educated them elsewhere. There are delegates in this conference whose parents attended no

other kind of a school. But because the work was not properly organized and pushed, it completely died out, and had to be revived, as I have stated.

I am not sure that this conference is prepared to say that any of her church school teachers should be paid from the tithe. Neither am I prepared to say that all of them should even receive help from this source, but I do believe that some of our church school teachers should be assisted from this source. I believe that each conference should provide a fund from which all her church school teachers shall be paid. I do not think that we should take the burden entirely from the local churches. A great many may ask how this general fund is to be raised. First, our ministers and other workers will have to make a more or less exhaustive study of the subject of Christian education, and will have to present the importance of supporting this branch of the work to our brethren wherever they go.

FLOYD BRALLIAR.

#### The Importance and Needs of Church Schools

IN the study of the church school problem, I believe the all-important phase of the question is to get a just conception of its importance and needs. When once we really *believe* that our work demands the establishment of schools in connection with all our churches, the *necessity* will devise the way. That which we become convinced we must have is to us the inspiration to study out some way of obtaining it. The first and all-important thing, therefore, is for us to become acquainted with the necessity for the existence of church schools, and when once we clearly sense the demands, we will not be long in meeting the emergency. Convince a business man that his financial success depends upon a certain course of action, and, if he is a sensible man, he will not be slow to adopt that plan. Should we be less wise in the work of God?

In a very brief manner I wish to demonstrate the fact that we need church schools. I will consider the question chiefly under three heads: First, the children need them; second, the Third Angel's Message needs them; third, God asks it. Then I will supplement these with a word as to why we do not have them.

I. Do the children in Seventh-day Adventist churches need church schools? Visit with me

a church which I have visited, where five out of every six of the young people have grown up and gone out into the world without accepting the Saviour or the truth which is so dear to us, and which they know to be true, and you have a condition which appeals more strongly than words can do that some agency is needed that will interest our young people in the special truths for this time so that, instead of graduating into the world, they will graduate into the missionary field,—the only proper place for a Seventh day Adventist child to graduate.

Go with me into another church, where a church school has been conducted the past few years, and among its twenty-five youth and young people, scarcely one can be found above the age of ten that has not been converted. During the past summer, ten of these have put in more or less time as regular canvassers. Almost without exception, these same workers date their conversion to their church school experiences.

In one of our churches, eleven earnest youth were baptized as the result of one year's experience with a church school. Hundred of homes saddened by the loss of their children into the world, bear painful witness to the need of some heaven-sent agency that will hold them to the truth. The church school in many churches has demonstrated that it will, when properly supported, accomplish this result. Our children, therefore, need the church school.

That system of truth which we hold, that makes us so different from the rest of the world, teaches us that we are in the very days when the dividing lines between right and wrong, between truth and error, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not, is being forever drawn. Yet how few of us are as concerned for our children as we should be! How many of us are still trusting to the world the education of our children? No system of education that is not in harmony with the Third Angel's Message is good enough for the child of one who believes that message, and no antidote that you can give the child at home, is a sure remedy for the evil contamination of an opposing training. Allow the enemy free access to the field, and your life is too short to root out the tares you have given him opportunity to sow. Therefore, in the name of the child for whom Jesus gave His life, I make this plea, based not upon a theory but upon actual

demonstration, for Christian church schools.

2. The Third Angel's Message needs them. The message to this people is to carry the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and in this generation. To do this we need, and must have, a constant recruit and increase of workers. The church schools, when properly conducted, not only hold the children to this message, but soon develops them into missionary workers. Experience has proven this true, therefore I say that the call for church schools is imperative, because the missionary work needs and must have the fruits of the schools from which to keep up its supply of workers.

3. God asks for them. On this point there is no questioning our authority. All through the history of this world God has demanded the same thing of His people, and the success of the gospel work has always been in proportion to the obedience to this requirement. To the children of Israel God said, "Thou shalt teach these things diligently to your children, and shalt talk to them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way." Supposing they had entrusted the education of their children to the unbelieving nations around them, do you think they would have been obeying the command of the Lord? If not, are we obeying the Lord when we do the same thing? All the instruction God has given His people in the past upon the subject of Christian education, centers upon *this* people and is suggested, or intensified by the most positive and direct testimony God has ever given us upon any subject. Of the many that might be read I shall give only a few: but these are to the point, and leave no room for doubt upon the question.

From testimony Vol. 6. "Gather your children to your own houses. Gather them away from those who disregard the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as you can. Establish schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation for all their education." Test., Vol. 6, page 195. "The work that lies nearest our church members is to become interested in our youth." Page 196. "All our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education in our schools, that they may become inspired to be-

come laborers together with God." Page 197. "Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries." Page 198. "We are far behind in this important matter. In many places schools should have been in operation years ago." Page 199.

Does God require it? A thousand times, Yes. What stands in the way of this people putting this into practice? Only our unbelief and a sad negligence as to our duty. God asks us to arouse, consider the situation, and meet it as He demands. ELMER E. FARNSWORTH.

### The Benefits of Having Christian Teachers

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, *thirdly teachers*, after that miracles, then gifts of healing." "Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . . And some he gave apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God."

Because Satan succeeded in deceiving the human family into sin, our desires and dispositions became carnal, or enmity against God. Unwilling to leave us in this condition, God sent Jesus to free us from it, and to deliver us from this present evil world. All who believe in Him may have deliverance.

But this deliverance depends upon a personal acquaintance with God through Christ. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hos. 4:6. "This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:3.

Through the influence of the Holy Spirit, God seeks a personal acquaintance with every one. And through the gifts of the Spirit the work of the gospel is carried on in the world. Among these gifts is that of teachers, or those who are to give instruction to the children and youth,

that before their hearts are hardened in sin, they may be trained for God's service. It is upon the work of the Christian teacher that I wish to dwell in this discussion.

The evangelist teaches the truth to the aged, to the mature mind, to those most established in their ways, and he sees only a few of those for whom he labors converted to the truth. But with the Christian teacher conditions are different. She is dealing with young and tender minds, with soft and impressionable hearts, with characters which are just receiving their mold.

How easy it is to impress the child's mind with the simple story of the child-life of Jesus, of His suffering and death, and of His great love for children, who are severely tempted by Satan! How quickly their little hearts resolve to be like Him, and to suffer wrong rather than do wrong! How much more easily this work can be done by the Christian teacher, while the child is young and tender, than by the evangelist after the child has grown to maturity and become hardened in sin!

Many fathers and mothers are content to allow their children to grow up with only a formal knowledge of the truth. They hope that after they are grown, the evangelist will find them and that they will then become converted. But O, the many disappointments! "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." There must valuable results come from training children in the fear of the Lord from their infancy.

The Testimonies tell us that when new companies are brought into the truth, the laborer should not consider his work done until a meeting house is erected and a church school established among them. The school room is needed just as much as is the church building. Wherever there are companies of Sabbath-keepers, church schools should be established, even if there are not more than six children to attend them.

Thus there is a work in every church for the Christian teacher to do. A Christian teacher constantly among them, often visiting them in their homes, and encouraging them with Bible studies and prayer, and daily teaching their children in the church school the grand lessons of present truth, can do more to save the church from discouragement and defeat than the minister possibly can do by an occasional visit. This is one of the reasons why God has

Placed this gift in the church. The church school properly conducted will help to unify the church. Differences may arise between brethren, which if allowed to develop, will make a wide separation and bring confusion into the church. But the faithful work of the Christian teacher, besides holding the children and youth for the truth, will do much to bring about reconciliation and harmony. In one church a misunderstanding arose which kept the church in a state of confusion for months, and for a time it seemed as though the church would be entirely disorganized. But through blessings of the church school the matter was settled. The brethren had learned to love the church school, and as they began to unite in the church school work, their differences began to disappear. A very successful school is now in operation there, and at a business meeting of the church held recently, a full set of officers was selected without any discord whatever.

A great field therefore, is open for the Christian teacher. We have been told that "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children." "Teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle." A girl about twelve years old, who was expelled from the public school, is now attending one of our church schools. She said she did not wish to become an Adventist; and before starting her, her mother inquired of the teacher whether she would have to be an Adventist in order to receive the benefits of the school. On being told that obedience to the rules was all that was required, her daughter entered the school, and is now taking a deep interest in all her studies, especially in the Bible. Since she entered the school, and through the influence of its teachings, her parents have discontinued the use of pork, tea, and coffee.

The church school is also a help to other branches of church work. Last year in one of our churches where we have a large church school, a sister who was teaching the public school was also teaching the *Instructor* class in the Sabbath-school. Before the church school opened, she complained of a lack of interest in the Sabbath-school lessons on the part of all her class. When the church school opened the majority of her class entered it, but the remainder continued in her public school. Only a few weeks passed when all her Sabbath-school class who were attending the church

school were deeply interested in the Sabbath-school lesson. Those still attending the public school have no more interest than at first. This winter the young people in this school are leading out in all lines of church and Sabbath-school work. Were it not for the influence of this school on these young men and women, they might be as others in the same church are, becoming absorbed in worldly cares and pleasures until they lose their love for the truth.

The Lord has placed this gift, the gift of teaching, in His church, and is calling upon us to establish schools in every church for the perfecting of the saints, and for the edifying of the body of Christ, and as a safeguard against being tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine, until we all come into the unity of faith. As one member of the body is dependent upon other members, and should have a care for them, so should we have a care for this member. Our past history shows that we have attempted to get along without one very important member, the Christian teacher, and tried to make a substitute for it of the ministry, or to adopt a foreign member, altogether, the public schools.

B. E. HUFFMAN.

#### A Corps of God-fearing Teachers Needed to Make Church School Work a Success

THE real success of our church school work, and the final triumph of Christian education among us, depends, to a great extent, upon the class of teachers we develop to pioneer this work. If we desire to see this work established upon a firm basis, we must be liberal enough in the support of our teachers to enable them to make the preparation necessary to fit themselves for efficient work. Those who are called to pioneer in this work should be privileged to avail themselves of the special advantages and training provided in our special courses and summer schools. Then we may expect to see this work rise and be lifted to a plane where it will succeed.

The mold given to the children and young people of this denomination, by the teachers, for the next few years will largely determine the missionary status of Seventh-day Adventists for the future. We must have teachers imbued with a missionary spirit to instruct our children if the message of our Lord's soon coming is to be carried to the world in this generation. Our need is teachers qualified by the Spirit and power of God, who will step into rough places

and commence the work for the Lord, and never let up, though difficulties, seemingly unsurmountable, may appear. We have some such teachers,—teachers who are making many sacrifices in order that this work may be a success.

Our conference will show liberality in fitting and training teachers for their work. We believe the results will soon repay the conference a bountiful harvest of zealous missionary spirits, willing to offer and be offered on the world's altar of need. The efficiency of our teachers and their success will depend, I believe, to a great extent, upon the encouragement and aid which our conferences give them. In those conferences where the most help is given them, the school work is coming up, and the teachers are doing the best work.

Our conference officers should be on the lookout and encourage suitable persons to prepare themselves for school work. As the early education of youth generally shapes their character for life, how important it is, therefore, that we have teachers who have the love of Christ in their souls, and His abiding presence with them. It takes a heart ennobled by the grace of God to comprehend the real value of an education; therefore we need teachers who have an experimental knowledge of this grace. Every child and youth is precious. Teachers must be taught of God, and have Christ abiding within in order that they may draw and win souls to Christ.

We are told by the testimony of the Spirit of God that as much care should be exercised in the selection of teachers for our schools as in the selection of persons for the ministry. I feel sure that we can profitably hold institutes, summer schools, and special drills for our teachers, in which they can prepare themselves for their work.

W. S. CRUZAN.

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## The Medical Work

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### How Can the Medical Work Be Strengthened?

THERE are many ways in which the medical work may be strengthened and built up, some of which I will present.

First, by educating all our people so that they will see the importance of this branch of the gospel work, and be able to give simple treatments to the sick.

Second, by educating all of our people so that they will see the importance of this work, and not as a good work independent of the gospel.

At present our people relegate this work largely to the doctors and nurses, and the doctors and nurses relegate the evangelical work to the ministers, Bible workers, and canvassers. A partition wall now seems to divide the medical and evangelical workers that must be broken down, and both be made one in Christ. God's remnant people must unite, for in union there is strength. But we should all unite under the leadership of Christ, the great missionary, to save souls. In order to succeed and meet the mind of the great Master Builder, every branch of the Third Angel's Message must be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. The building must be fitly framed together, an holy temple in the Lord. We should be builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit. God has raised us up to accomplish a great work, not as a divided body, nor as separate bodies, but as one body. God hath set all the members in the body as it hath pleased Him; and though we are many members, yet there is but one body. No branch of the body can say to another branch, "I have no need of thee." Every member is necessary. There should be no schisms, no divisions in the body, but every member should have the same care one for another. When one member suffers, all other members should sympathize with it; if one member be honored, all the other members should rejoice with it. We are the body of Christ and members in particular. We have need one of another, and should labor to assist one another.

One thing that now stands in the way of perfect union is that men are considered of more value than right principles. It is what the apostle Paul terms carnality; for while one saith, "I am Paul, another I am Apollos; are ye not carnal"? I Cor. 3:4. When we get our eyes off from the Pauls and Apolloses of the denomination, and get our eyes fixed on Christ and gospel principles, then and not till then will there be union in the body. And without such union there cannot be perfect strength or perfect concert of action.

This work can also be strengthened by simplicity, by connecting with it simple methods of

gospel work, and thus take the light of truth to the homes of the people as a remedy for both body and soul. Discourage trust in structures built by art or man's device. These tie up too much of our denominational energy and wealth. Large and expensive plants, demanding the continual services of so many of our energetic and capable young people are not compatible with our faith. We have a message that must be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the Master's business demands haste.

Active field work would tend to build up the medical missionary work as nothing else can. The work will never be accomplished through institutions alone. We should have institutions located as training posts in different parts of the harvest field; but we must not consider the institutions as God's ideal of medical missionary work. The correct principles for which they should stand are His ideals, and their promulgation to the world true missionary work.

True medical missionary work is gospel work, and therefore should be associated with the evangelical work, and be considered a part of it. Every evangelical worker should be a medical missionary, and every medical missionary should be an evangelical worker. There should be no division in the body. We must stand together, laboring for the same common cause. Such a union would build up both the medical and evangelical work.

The work of Elijah the prophet is typical of our work. In his work there was associated together the commandments of God, the gift of prophecy, health reform, and medical missionary work. Jesus, the Great Medical Missionary, said of His mission, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because, he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." It is said of Him, "When the even was come they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirit with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Easias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." This work ought to continue as part of the gospel work until the end of the world. In His great commission He instructed His disciples to go

into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and they were to lay hands on the sick and they should be recovered.

In the days of Wycliffe this man of God sent preachers throughout England, and instructed them that their work was to visit the poor, minister to the sick, and preach the gospel. Thus we find that in the morning of the reformation the medical missionary and the evangelical work was combined.

As Satan has always counterfeited the work of God, we may know from the fact that the Schraders and Dowies of to-day have associated together the medical missionary work and so-called gospel teaching, that it is God's design that these two branches of the work should be associated in the message that is to be carried to the world by His remnant people.

In the management of the medical work I would suggest that it be made a department of the regular conference work, and be conducted the same as other branches of our evangelical work. Thus it would have the support of the entire body, and would be built up and strengthened.

When those connected with the Third Angel's Message co-operate in the spread of the same, and have equal interest in every branch of the work, the medical missionary work will be placed on a denominational basis and built up as it should be. Then the body will be fitly framed together and will meet the approval of God. Through this and other gospel agencies, we shall then accomplish the work that God designs should be accomplished in these last days in order that the world may be warned and a people prepared for the coming of the Master.

E. T. RUSSELL.

#### Report of Kansas Sanitarium

OUR work in Wichita is onward. Nearly two years ago Mrs. Christofferson and I came to Wichita under the direction and support of the Nebraska Sanitarium.

We secured good rooms in a prominent five-story business block, and during our four months' stay in this place we spent our time in house to house work with the *Good Health* and health foods, by means of which, together with letters of introduction from influential persons, we readily obtained work and gained access to many of the leading homes in the city.

Since Doctor Kellogg's visit to Wichita two

years ago by invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, the people of the place have been very anxious to secure a health institution in the city, which must be admitted to be a central location for the great South-west. The daily papers quite often presented the possibility of such an institution, and many inquiries were daily made in regard to the nature of our work. At times we have had more than a dozen patients taking treatment. Later in the season we employed two graduate nurses to help us.

During the summer of 1902 Elder McReynolds, President of the Kansas Conference, often visited us, saw our needs, and listened to the demands made by leading citizens of Wichita for treatment rooms, cafe, and food store. At this time the Kansas Conference undertook the responsibility of promoting the work, and soon raised a few hundred dollars to equip a small place in which we might be able to meet the most urgent demands of our patrons.

A location was carefully sought for, and one was found near the business center of the city, where a food store and health food restaurant could be operated on the first floor, with physician's office, bath-rooms etc., on the second floor. September 16 of the same year we served an opening dinner to twenty of the most influential citizens of the city, and shortly afterward we were obliged to lease rooms in neighboring cottages for patients who came from various parts of the state for treatment. At this time we were grateful for occasional visits from Doctor George of the Nebraska Sanitarium.

In June, 1903, we secured the valuable services of Dr. G. A. Droll. Since the state camp-meeting last October, we have conducted a nurse's training school for a class of five. At the present time our family numbers eight. We have been blessed with a good class of young people, who have taken hold of the work in a very earnest way.

Recently we leased an adjoining twelve-room building, which at times has also been too small for the accommodation of all our guests.

Below are a few financial items which may be of interest to our readers.

Rent for two buildings and outside rooms, \$80 per month.

Number of persons treated since opening our work, 240.

Number of charity cases, 30.

Total receipts for food sales, room, board

and treatments, to March 1, 1904, \$7,411.10. (Of this amount \$1,709.63 has been received on the sale of Health Foods.)

Total expenditures \$7,278.67. Expenses on furnishings and fixtures \$2,157.22.

Donations received \$1,724.06.

Accounts due the institution \$250.

Our principle has been to avoid going into debt, hence our institution has thus far been equipped with meager facilities. Our patients are largely from a class of people of moderate means, while our cafe has served many of the wealthy people of the city. We have many applications for charity work, and try to do all in this line that we can. The charity work has amounted to something like \$650.

We strive to do good work in every department, and thereby we make many warm friends. The presence of the Lord has been manifest in the work from the start. Our guests have generally been full of appreciation for the benefits received, and we have been encouraged by a number of remarkable recoveries, in which way we can only recognize the hand of the Lord. Quite a number of patients have been sent to us by the city physicians, although we have done but little to advertise our work to the profession. We are glad to say that the institution is favorably known, and for this and other blessings that the Lord has given us, we are thankful.

L. C. CHRISTOFFERSON.

#### Report of the Colorado Conference

THIS conference embraces Colorado and New Mexico, a field large enough to place all the workers in the Central Union Conference, and still have room left.

But we have only thirty-five laborers on our pay roll, and two of them are in foreign fields, Eld. T. H. Branch, in South Africa, and Bro. J. Wibbins, in Holland. With the three in our office we have but thirty field workers. We often wonder how the work can be finished in this large field with so few actively engaged in public work, in the short time allotted us. Let us look over the work done in this conference since the conference meeting held in Topeka two years ago. Beside the help rendered the churches, eight new ones have been organized, two of which are purely Mexican, and about one-half the members of another.

Six new church buildings have been erected, and there is lumber on the ground for two more. We also bought a mission house for one of our

Mexican churches. The work among this people is becoming of much importance in our Conference.

Sabbath-school, Canvassing, and Church School work are not forgotten. Our field being so large, and the expense of traveling so great, with high rents, and living makes this field an expensive one to operate. But we are thankful to say that we are abreast with our obligations, as will be shown by the following financial report,

FUNDS RECEIVED IN COLORADO CONFERENCE

Tithe received during two years.....	\$41,306.67
Received on Tent Fund .....	608.24
British Sanitarium.....	127.16
Australia.....	293.75
First Day Offerings.....	1,331.83
Annual Offering.....	2,579.54
S. S. Donation.....	1,085.96
Haskell Home .....	493.13
Washington Work.....	219.61
Southern Field.....	109.59
Miscellaneous Donations.....	2,321.00
Total tithe and donations received.....	50,446.48
Received on Book and Periodical Work.....	13,341.07
Total cash receipts.....	\$63,787.55

G. F. WATSON.

The Work in Nebraska

MANY hopeful and cheering words accompany the quarterly reports of our laborers. Several report very remarkable openings for presenting the blessed truth. Eld. L. E. Johnson reports fifteen persons baptized during the quarter. Brother Ryan reports four persons having embraced the truth as the result of the work done in the Lincoln City mission. Several prominent people are reported to have begun keeping the Sabbath in the city of Omaha, as the result of the work done there. Quite a remarkable feature of the work in Omaha is the work with the young people and children. Meetings are held every forenoon, at which about sixty young people are in attendance.

Elder MacLay is now laboring at Norfolk, where three more have recently begun to keep the Sabbath.

Several persons have embraced the truth under the labors of Bro. C. W. Graves at Rollwitz, in the western part of Nebraska. The writer will comply with a request from Brother Graves, to attend a baptism service there, Sabbath, April 23. The following Sabbath, no providence preventing, I will meet with the church at McCook.

A. T. ROBINSON.

Notices

Special Notice

FOR the benefit of those who desire to avail themselves of the advantages of a summer school, a summer term will be conducted at Union College where the sciences of horticulture, agriculture, and some of the useful trades will be taught. The students will thus be given employment to assist them in meeting their expenses, making it possible for some to gain an education who could not otherwise do so. See summer school announcement below.

E. T. RUSSELL.

Union College Summer School

IT seems quite clear to the board of managers of Union College that we cannot carry out fully the instruction we have received on the subject of education; without conducting work during the summer. It has therefore been arranged to conduct a school during the coming summer provided there are enough students who desire to take work to warrant the employment of regular teachers.

The courses of instruction which are offered are, Bible, Common Branches, Agriculture, Horticulture, Printing, Wood and Iron Work, besides Special Studies which are offered in the regular College courses which students may desire to make up.

Full credits will be given for all satisfactory work done. Students will not be encouraged to take heavy work along purely literary lines, but to spend considerable time in manual labor on the College farm or in the College shops. They will thus be enabled to pay a large part or the whole of their expenses, and to receive credits on their tuition for next year.

This is not intended to take the place of normal work for church school teachers. The summer normal for church school teachers is to be conducted at Atchison, Kansas, under the direction of the Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference.

Will those who desire to take work in the Union College Summer School correspond with the president of Union College immediately.

There is opportunity for some faithful young men to take up Bible and agriculture and to earn considerable of their expenses for next

year.

Let any who desire to take up special lines of work, such as music or the studies offered in the regular College courses, correspond with the school at once, as we must know what is desired, and what we can arrange for in this line.

Address, L. A. Hoopes, College View, Neb.

**Appointment:**

No providence preventing I will spend Sabbath and Sunday, April 9 and 10, with the company at Nebraska City: Tuesday evening, April 12, at Brownville; Wednesday evening, April 13, at Auburn; Thursday evening, April 14, at Crab Orchard; and Sabbath, April 16, at Tecumseh.  
A. T. ROBINSON.

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## News and Notes

Some excellent matter on church school work will be found in this number.

An announcement of the summer school at Union College will be found on another page.

The Central Union Conference has just purchased a new 30 x 56 ft. gospel tent which will be sent at once to Bro. J. Nethery in Scotland.

Eld. J. J. Graf, of College View, Neb., is now in St. Louis, Mo., and will assist in the German work in connection with the World's Fair.

The contents of this number consist almost wholly of reports and papers read at the recent Central Union Conference held at Omaha, and pertain especially to the educational and medical features of our work.

Brethren H. H. Hall and Jas. Cochran have been spending some days in Lincoln, Neb., assisting in making the transfer of the Nebraska Tract Society stock to the Pacific Press, and establishing a branch office at that place.

We were pained to learn of the death of Eld. W. B. Everhart, of Sac City, Iowa, which occurred Tuesday, March 29. For some time Brother Everhart has battled with the dread disease consumption, having been forced to give up active public work during the last tent season.

Elders Russell and Huffman were in Atchison, Kan., March 28-30 looking up a location for the teachers' normal. In order to accommodate the normal it will require suitable buildings in which the teachers can room, and also suitable class rooms. They found that large respectable houses could be rented quite reasonably, and they made application to the board of education for the use of one of the public school buildings from June 15 to August 8. But as the school board will not hold its next meeting until April 11, it undoubtedly will not be decided until that time where the summer school will be held. As soon as the location has been fixed, notification will be given through the columns of the CENTRAL ADVANCE and the different state papers.

Bro. L. W. Graham, from the Pacific Press gave us a friendly call the other day. He was on his way to Kansas City, Mo., where he expects to take up duties in connection with the branch office of the Pacific Press at that place.

### A False Impression Corrected

I HAVE been informed that it has been reported that Union College has received testimonies from the Lord which have not been heeded. In my two years experience in connection with the Central Union Conference, and Union College Board, in an official way, I would say that if such testimonies have been received it has been without my knowledge. I have conferred with the President of Union College and he asserts the same thing.

E. T. RUSSELL.

### The Advance Not Yet Discontinued

THE *Kansas Worker* seems to have gotten ahead of time a bit by publishing, in its issue of March 23, an article entitled "The Central Advance Discontinued." We were somewhat surprised to see this; first, because the ADVANCE has not yet been discontinued; and second, even though it were to be, our friends might have allowed us to make the first announcement of the fact. But the writer of the article, the president of the conference, evidently fearing lest he should be held somewhat responsible for the demise of the ADVANCE, hastens to explain that when the matter came up recently before the Central Union Conference Committee for final decision, he and one other member voted against its discontinuance, while all the others,—and among these its best friends—voted for it. But circumstances can sometimes be such that friends of an enterprise will favor doing with it what they dislike to do, while others, shunning responsibilities, or fearing consequences, vote against what they hitherto advocated and favored.

The CENTRAL ADVANCE is to be discontinued before long, it is true (the exact time has not yet been determined) but before it stops we shall state plainly the reasons why such action has been taken,—a thing the *Kansas Worker* did not do,—and make arrangements for satisfactory adjustment of all unexpired subscriptions with our many hundreds of readers.

W. A. COLCORD.