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OUR INFLUENCE.

A lad trained in a godly home, to whom the theater was a forbidden place, crept once into a theater, and sat there with an accusing conscience, looking around with furtive eyes. For him to be in that place was disobedience to parental law and disloyalty to a tender conscience. But he looked up and saw in the gallery a face that he saw every Sunday in the church choir behind the minister. The sudden vision of that face served as an ointment to the lad's conscience. It helped to confirm him in what, for him, was a wrong course. How little the member of the church choir, as he sat in the theater, dreamed that his face was registering itself as a force for evil on a lad's conscience.

An organist of a little country church told the present writer the following story: He was playing a voluntary for the afternoon service. The day was hot; the air was sleepy; the congregation was small. There was nothing at hand to inspire anybody. At that moment the preacher opened the vestry door and passed into the little pulpit. He was a young man of intense earnestness. He came into the church from an atmosphere of prayer, and brought the atmosphere with him. There was a look as of other worlds on his grave, uplifted face, as he passed into the pulpit. The look of the preacher's face thrilled the organist. The music under his fingers grew fuller; the little building seemed to be charged with a new atmosphere. And all this was wrought by the look on the preacher's face. The preacher himself was unconscious of it; but by his mere countenance, he was touching with spiritual and enduring forces those who looked on him.

In this way, and at a thousand points, we are unconsciously writing our own his-

tory on the lives and characters of all about us. We forget the records, or we are unconscious of them. But they endure. No art can destroy them. And at some coming moment they will leap into vision.—Southern Cross.

DES MOINES AND EXIRA.

The morning following the close of the Minneapolis conference, March 15, most of the Iowa workers left for home in a special car courteously furnished by the M. & St. L. railway. Having the car entirely to ourselves, it was possible for us to hold a meeting of the conference committee and a workers' council on the way, and thus the time on our journey homeward was profitably employed. On reaching Des Moines, I met with the Sanitarium board and spent part of two days considering matters that seemed especially pressing. The question of erecting a new sanitarium was given consideration. It appears from the representations made by those in charge that the present building is quite inadequate to their needs. Plans are now maturing with reference to this matter which will soon be placed before our people. The trustees of the Iowa S. D. A. Association also held a meeting, and transacted routine business.

I spent a part of two days at Stuart looking over the Academy farm and buildings. It is my purpose to make Stuart my home for the present.

Friday, March 20, in company with Eld. Starr, I visited the Exira church, and spoke that evening and on Sabbath. Several from Elk Horn were present. I was particularly pleased to note the good will and harmony that seemed to prevail at this church and to observe the sturdy determination to stand faithful to the old and tried principles of present truth. There was a large number of young people and children in attendance, many of whom I trust will be found in our schools this fall preparing for service in connection with the message.

I shall be absent from the State a few days closing up my work in connection with the West Michigan conference, but hope

soon to be through with the ordeal of moving and settling again, so that my energies may be fully devoted to the work in this conference. All correspondence designed for me should be addressed to 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines. M. N. Campbell.

ADEL.

The gospel meetings held by Bro. and Sister J. T. Spriggs were closed March 3. Although the weather was very unfavorable, and la grippe held almost universal sway, yet each evening there was a fairly good attendance of interested people. We had been asking God and the conference to send us help, and when these workers came among us we felt that if the conference had sent them, they might not be the help we needed, but, that if God had sent them, there was no mistake.

The message was given ably and faithfully from the pulpit, carried into the homes by Bible studies, literature, and simple, helpful talks, and by the "living epistles" of their own, quiet, courteous, Christ-like lives. The last evening was the crowning one, for the church was well filled with people eager to hear what God had to say about the Sabbath, in contrast to what one of the ministers had said about it the Sunday evening previous. We felt that, in this case, God had really used the wrath of man to praise him, and had made an opportunity for many to become interested in the Sabbath who might not have been led to do so in any other way.

We feel satisfied with the seed sown, and are sure the sowers were sent by God. While no one took a decided stand for the truth, yet some are deeply interested, and, with God's blessing on their work, we expect Bro. and Sister Spriggs will find precious sheaves in the great day of harvest as a result of their sowing of the gospel seed at Adel. Mary E. John.

Yesterday is yours no longer; to-morrow may never be yours; but to-day is yours, the living present is yours, and in the living present you may stretch forward to the things that are before.—F. W. Farrar.

SOME OF THE THINGS DONE AT THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE.

3. We Recommend, That provision be made by each conference for the care and maintenance of the orphan children of Seventh-day Adventists, and that it be the purpose of our people to place the children in suitable Christian homes or on farms, rather than to build and maintain institutions; also that, as the needs require, an institution be established by the Union conference for the proper care of the worthy aged and infirm among us.

5. Resolved, That our academies give special attention to the training of our young people along the lines of missionary volunteer work, that they may be able to assist the churches and young people in this branch of the work, as opportunity may afford.

6. Resolved, That all our conference workers procure and study the report of the Mt. Vernon convention, and make special efforts for the young people in connection with the conference secretary of this work, calling particular attention to the standard of attainment, plans for missionary effort, the reading course, and other lines of effort designed to upbuild and develop them in Christian life and work.

7. Resolved, That the conference educational and missionary volunteer secretaries be permitted to devote their entire time to their specific work.

In view of the importance of the church school work, and the high standard our system of Christian education must maintain,

8. We Recommend, That our conference encourage thoroughly competent persons to take up this work; and that in order to secure such teachers, the wages be not less than \$20 a month, besides room and board, and carfare to the school, also that our conference plan to provide work for these teachers during their vacation in some line of practical missionary work, and recompense them for it.

9. Resolved, That conference laborers make it a part of their work to give special instruction on the principles of Christian education, especially when raising up new churches.

Whereas, The health and sanitarium work is an important factor in getting the truths of the third angel's message before a class of people not otherwise easily reached; and,

Whereas, Our recognized sanitariums are supposed to graduate nurses year by year who ought to engage directly in the work of soul-saving; and,

Whereas, These graduate nurses need conference recognition and direction that their labor be not lost to our organized work; therefore,

12. Resolved, (a) That only such persons be accepted for the nurse's course in our institutions as are recommended by the Union or local conference committees; (b) That suitable Bible training be given throughout the entire nurse's course, so that graduated nurses shall be qualified to enter the Bible work or to connect with evangelistic work when called upon to do so; (c) That the medical department in the Union and local conferences so organize itself that in each there shall be provided a nurse's bureau or exchange, of which all graduated nurses may be members by vote of acceptance of said conference committee; (d) That when advisable a home on satisfactory conditions be provided for these nurses, where they may rest and recuperate when necessary; (e) That conferences ar-

range for the employment of as large a number of these nurses as they can use in connection with the evangelistic and Bible work; (f) That these nurse's bureaus conduct their work in harmony with the conference committee, under which they operate, and that the idea of getting the third angel's message before the people be the burden of all work; (g) That the nurse's bureau encourage the nurses to engage in the distribution of the periodical "Life and Health" and other health and denomination-al literature, and in Bible work, when not occupied directly in the work of nursing.

13. Resolved, That we appropriate from the funds of the Northern Union treasury the sum of \$2,500 for the work in foreign fields; also that we instruct the executive committee to appropriate from time to time, as the funds may allow, to help the work in foreign fields.

Whereas, The funds received by the mission board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the providence of God demands; therefore,

14. Resolved, (a) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions; (b) That we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to 10 cents a week per capita for our church membership; and that for the present we favor the plan of applying the Sabbath-school donations and the annual and mid-summer offerings of each conference on this fund to make the average of 10 cents a week for each church member.

Whereas, The Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the gospel ministry; and,

Whereas, The Union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance and duty of sharing the tithe with the mission fields of the world; and,

Whereas, It is evident from the amount of tithe reported by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all our people; therefore,

15. Resolved, That we urge each conference in this Union to make a most earnest effort to secure the payment of a full tithe in each church; and that a special appeal be made by each conference to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal, prayerful attention until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

Whereas, The Lord has spoken to us very definitely regarding the importance of the sale of our literature and the place it occupies in the giving of the message; and,

Whereas, The calls from the regions beyond are taking from us our best ministers and workers, thus leaving our home fields in many places almost destitute; therefore,

16. We Recommend, That our conference presidents and ministers urge our brethren of ability who have been successful, and who show an aptitude for this work, to take up the sale of the printed page; and that a field missionary secretary be appointed in each conference to take active supervision in the field of the circulation of periodicals, tracts, trade books, and forty-per-cent. books. Among the duties of the field missionary secretary will be the selection, instruction, and direction of periodical workers, the holding of institutes in the churches for the instruction of the members in the methods of home missionary work, auditing librarians' and church treas-

urers' books, and increasing the clubs of our papers, and the sale of literature provided especially for home workers.

17. We Recommend, That we enter upon a continuous campaign to place the "Review," "Signs," "Watchman," "Liberty," "Life and Health," together with the German and Scandinavian papers, in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in this Union conference.

19. We Recommend, That our workers carefully gather the names of all interested persons, and that such names be given to our missionary and young people's societies to be used in their missionary and correspondence work.

21. Resolved, That all our people be encouraged to pay their donations through the regular channels for receiving such funds provided by the organized work; that we encourage our people to make their donations to the world-wide mission field, rather than to individuals in any field; and that any specific donations desired for foreign work or for an institution outside of our Union conference, or in behalf of the foreigners in America not covered by the general fund, shall only be solicited after arrangements have been made with the Union and local conferences where these donations are to be solicited.

Whereas, The growing demands of the foreign mission work call for a steady stream of support; and,

Whereas, The general conference has no such support aside from free-will offerings and appropriations from the tithe; therefore,

22. We Recommend, That the various conferences of this Union pay a second tithe of all tithes received to the support of this work.

Recognizing the importance of a special effort for the salvation of our young people, and their enlistment in the Lord's service, and realizing that under present conditions one person can not do all that should be done in this Union conference in both the educational and young people's work,

23. We Recommend, That the conference committee appoint an assistant educational and young people's secretary.

24. Resolved, That general meetings be held in the various conferences at such a time in the year as will be best adapted to secure a good attendance; these meetings to be located where the members of two to four churches may gather together; and that special attention be given to the study of the various lines of missionary work, the tithing, and other subjects affecting the advancement of the cause.

25. Resolved, That church officers' institutes be held at such times and places as are deemed advisable by the conference committees, the instruction at these institutes to cover all lines of church officers' duties and work.

In view of the recognized value of summer normals as a help in qualifying our teachers for their work.

26. Resolved, That we plan for the establishment of a summer normal for this Union, to open in the summer of 1909. For the present year we recommend that the kind invitation of the Central Union to join with them be accepted, and that where practicable, the conferences in this Union send their teachers to the summer normal to be held in connection with Union College; and we hereby request the Central Union to join with us in this Union in a similar school each alternate year, beginning with 1909.

Whereas, There are a large number of

isolated Sabbath-keepers within this Union conference; therefore,

27. We Recommend, That in each local conference a conference church be organized, of which the president of the conference shall act as elder, the conference Sabbath-school secretary as clerk, and the conference treasurer as treasurer.

In harmony with the general conference plan,

28. We Recommend, That the local Sabbath-schools in this Union be encouraged to give all their donations to the work in other lands, and that the necessary supplies for the schools be provided for in some other way.

In view of the fact that we have recommended our Sabbath-schools to give all their donations to missions,

29. We Recommend, That a series of short exercises on the rise and progress of this message in the home and foreign lands be arranged and sent out each month for use in our Sabbath-schools.

Whereas, The possibilities of the Sabbath-school demand that we do more to advance its interests,

30. We Recommend, That our workers in the Northern Union do more specific work in these lines, and that a leaflet be prepared by a committee composed of the Sabbath-school secretaries of the different conferences, containing a list of suggestions for this work.

In view of the fact that A. T. Jones has been visiting some of the churches in this Union in an effort to sow dissension and cast discredit upon the organized work of this denomination, we enter an earnest protest against such a course on the part of one who still retains his membership in a Seventh-day Adventist church, and,

31. We Recommend, That our churches do not open their doors to anyone engaged in such work.

32. Resolved, That we, as delegates and visitors assembled in this third bi-ennial session of the Northern Union Conference, hereby express our confidence and faith in the great fundamental truths of the third angel's message, to which we are devoting our lives, and covenant together to keep faith, courage, and love bright on the altars of our hearts, and also to do what we can to encourage these blessed graces in the hearts of all our people; and, further,

33. Resolved, That we hereby express publicly our confidence in the present plans of organization of this work, and in our brethren who are called to leading and responsible positions in the same; and that, while firmly adhering to organization, system, and order, we will also maintain by our means and prayers the work in home and foreign lands, also those workers both at home and abroad who are called to heavy and wearing labor in connection with the development of this cause among all nations.

Whereas, In partaking of the wine in communion service it is fast becoming the practice of our people to supply individual cups; and,

Whereas, This seems more proper owing to the prevalence of contagious and infectious diseases; therefore,

34. We Recommend, That as far as practicable we encourage our churches to supply themselves with individual cups.

35. Resolved, That we express by a standing vote our appreciation of the kind entertainment accorded the delegates and visitors to this meeting by the Minneapolis church; also for the kindness and courtesy shown us by the newspapers of the city.

OBITUARY.

Pauley.—Died, at his home in Vinton, February 27, without a moment's warning, James L. Pauley, aged 82 years.

Bro. Pauley will be remembered by many of the readers of the Bulletin, as he was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for about fifty years. Although his wife, who is a paralytic, required much of his time and attention, yet he was very active in the Lord's work, and always met with the few believers each Sabbath to study the Word of God. Funeral services were conducted by the Baptist minister and the writer. L. O. Gordon.

Cummings.—Died, at College View, Nebraska, March 5, Martha Cummings, aged 67 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

Martha Van Doran was born in Ohio, and at the age of 29 was united in marriage to Asa Wellington Cummings. To them were born three sons and one daughter. Sister Cummings accepted present truth when a girl, and was a devoted Christian and earnest in the faith until death. January 29 she came from North Dakota to College View to attend the funeral of her son, Oscar, who was found dead in a hotel in the city of Chicago. On February 2, she returned to her home in North Dakota, but on account of failing health was obliged to come back to College View for treatment. The cause of her death was Bright's disease and heart trouble. Just six weeks to the hour from the time her son was found dead in Chicago her death occurred.

E. T. Russell.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

IN PASSING THROUGH THE WORLD.

What are you letting the great world do?
Stifle the conscience God gave to you,
Sully the thoughts that are pure and true,
And blur the beauty your childhood knew?
Stay! What are you letting the great world do

To that soul of thine, as you pass through?

What are you letting the great world do?
Win you away from the good and true,
From the simple faith your childhood knew?
That was the birthright God gave to you.
O, see that you let not the great world do
A wrong to your soul, as you pass through!

—Anna J. Granniss.

TIME TO WORK.

If all of our Sabbath-schools could have heard the talks Eld. I. H. Evans gave at the Northern Union conference, we are sure that interest, zeal, and donations to missions would be greatly increased. As he spoke of the different mission fields, and of

their needs and the astonishing way in which the truth is going in other lands, our hearts indeed burthed within us. The time has come when the work will soon be finished, whether we have a part in it or not. But we can not afford to be left out of it, and so should be continually watching for opportunities to speak for the truth and to give for its advancement. Our children should be educated to give. They should be encouraged in earning money of their own to donate. "One of the most effective barricades against the incoming tide of evil is the cultivation of habits of self-denial and benevolence. If they were encouraged to do so, the children would earn means to devote to benevolent purposes, and to the advancement of the cause of God; and their interest would be increased by the fact that they had invested something in these enterprises. Their small donations would be a material aid, and the children themselves would be far better, physically, mentally, and morally, for the effort they had made. Through their diligence and self-denial they would gain a valuable experience, which would help them in making a success in this life as well as in securing the life to come."—Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work, pp. 99,100. Read that more than once, and begin now to plan some way for the children to earn money that they may help to tell others of Jesus and his soon coming.

One of the recommendations passed at the conference was, "That our Sabbath-schools be encouraged to devote all their Sabbath-school contributions to missions." We are glad to be able to report that nearly all in our State are already doing this: last quarter the difference in the total contributions and donations to missions from our Sabbath-schools was only \$11.71. Did your school help to make that eleven dollars? If so, can you not arrange to give all this quarter, and make special donations or collections to pay for the supplies? Let us make a real effort to have all of Iowa's Sabbath-school donations for needy fields. We can do it if we try, and it will be a blessing to us as well as to those in heathen darkness.

The "Sabbath School Worker" is something you should not try to get along without. If you have not already done so, subscribe at once, so you may have full benefit of the April number. All of our schools should use the test questions for review which are furnished in this journal.

Have faith in God; think noble things of God; be sure that trust in the righteous God means the ultimate triumph of good over evil.—Farrar.

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—Bro. J. W. Doreas left last Friday morning to again take up his work in District No. 4.

—Andrew Madison, of Ute, Iowa, is visiting his brother, John, who is attending Union College.—Educational Messenger.

—Only a few copies of "Gospel Workers" are left, and if any of our people desire to obtain a copy they should do so at once. Order of the Iowa Tract Society. Price, \$1.00.

—After spending a few days with Mrs. Wolf, at Stuart, Bro. E. W. Wolf returned evening after the Sabbath to Eddyville, where he labored for some time before the union conference.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Olsen, of Newell, are mourning the death of their daughter, Esther, who died March 2, of scarlet fever, aged 10 years and 26 days. Being an only child, she will be greatly missed; but the promise is, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted."

—Bro. and Sister George Davis, of Pleasanton, suffered the partial destruction of their home by fire one night recently. Sister Davis was awakened by the smell of smoke, and, rushing to the telephone, gave the alarm, with the result that the neighbors responded immediately, and the fire was extinguished. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

—Officers elected at the Northern Union conference were as follows: President, R. A. Underwood; vice-president, M. N. Campbell; secretary and missionary secretary, T. D. Gibson; treasurer, C. M. Everest; educational and young people's secretary, C. L. Benson; field missionary secretary, W. L. Manfull; auditor, C. W. Larson; religious liberty secretary, C. M. Clark; medical secretary, C. P. Farnsworth; medical board, the medical secretary of the Union and the secretaries of the local conferences.

—The recommendations and resolutions we publish this week are not represented as constituting the full work of the Northern Union conference. We have not confined ourselves to the strict wording of the text furnished us, neither are we publishing all of the recommendations, having selected those which concern the work in this State more particularly. And in some instances, to save space, we have condensed the items. But the recommendations as published will give a fair idea of the work of the conference as far as it particularly concerns use here in Iowa.

—Our people will be glad to learn that the legal entanglements with which the trustees of the tabernacle at Battle Creek have been harassed for some time have been passed upon unfavorably by the courts and thrown out. While it would be possible for an appeal to be taken, it is considered improbable that such will be done, and thus it seems victory is on the side of right and justice.

—A card from Mrs. Nettie Shaw-Watts conveys the sad intelligence that Miss Alma Watts, who was spending the winter with her sister at McMinville, Oregon, died March 8, of diabetes. On receipt of the news of her serious illness, Bro. and Sister Watts went at once to be with her, but did not arrive until after she had passed away.

—Mrs. J. T. Spriggs was taken ill while en route home from Minneapolis, and for several days was unable to leave her bed. Yesterday, however, she was recovered sufficiently so that she could accompany Bro. Spriggs to Adel to prepare to go soon to Keokuk, where they are to labor until the tent season opens.

—Eld. M. N. Campbell left Exira evening after the Sabbath for Chicago, where he expected to spend Sunday at the Lake Union conference, and then to go on to Battle Creek, Michigan, and close up his work there. He expects to return to Iowa in a few days, and push the work here with energy.

—Bro. A. V. Cotton spent the Sabbath at Omaha, Nebraska, visiting his mother before going to his new field of labor. Yesterday afternoon he and Sister Cotton returned to Chariton to pack their goods and prepare for their journey eastward.

—Remember that you get five gallons of high-grade cooking oil for \$3.75 of the Sanitarium Food Co.

—"Let the messengers of the gospel go everywhere in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel."

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR.

The conference committee in council at Minneapolis made the following arrangements for labor in Iowa for the period between this and the opening of tent work:—

J. C. Clemens, Des Moines; E. G. Olsen, Districts No. 1 and 2; N. C. Bergersen, Sioux Rapids, Newell, Hartley, and Ute; G. R. Hawkins and wife, Muscatine; T. Godfrey, Lucas; A. A. Meyer, Alexander and Hawkeye; O. M. Kittle, Onawa and Grant Center; A. F. Ferguson, Grant; J. T. Spriggs and wife, Keokuk; C. V. Starr, Pacific Junction; E. Rosenwold, Swedish work in Des Moines; R. E. Burke, Hawleyville and Sharpsburg; E. W. Wolfe, Eddyville and

Grant; L. P. Syp and wife, Lisbon and Atalissa; J. W. Doreas, District No. 4; Kate Earle, Oskaloosa; Margaret Young, Council Bluffs; S. B. Kephart, District No. 2; Anna Camp, Fairfield; F. J. Wilbur, young people's work; George Juhl, Castana; Lucian Scott, Diagonal; Dora Pines and Laura Buck, Boone; C. W. Hollingsworth, canvassing work; J. W. McComas, Graettinger; Christian Juhl, business agent; W. C. Boynton, District No. 1.

CHURCH SCHOOL MANUAL, FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

This book is nearly ready. It furnishes ample instruction from the spirit of prophecy and from leading educators concerning the principles of Christian education. The proceedings of the general conference educational convention, held at College View, Nebraska, June 29 to July 10, 1906, probably the most important educational meeting in the history of our denomination, are outlined quite fully. The "Manual" gives exhaustive outlines of course of study, including not only the common branches, but manual training as well, with suggestions on materials and where to procure them; also chapters on drills, daily program, text books, school organization and management. The paragraphs on discipline and the chapter on the home school alone are well worth the price of the book to parents of children under school age.

It will contain nearly 400 pages, and be well bound in cloth. Price, 50 cents, postpaid. Address Iowa Tract Society.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Des Moines, March 28, 1908.
Darbyville, April 4, 1908.
All members are requested to be present or to report by letter.

Mrs. Clara Hopkins, Clerk.

Humboldt, March 26-29, 1908.
We hope to have the ordinances on Sabbath, and trust that all the members will be present.
E. G. Olsen.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, business notices not exceeding eight lines in length will be inserted for twenty-five cents an issue.

Notice.—Dates only 6¼ cents a pound by the box; \$4.00 a box. Figs, \$1.00 a box of 12 pounds. Peanuts, extra choice, \$4.00 a bag of 50 pounds. Place order at once if you expect to buy this summer, as prices are advancing. C. W. Smouse, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Wanted.—A man to work on the farm for 6 or 7 months, beginning at once. Wages, \$25 a month. A. R. Kelso, Sergeants Bluff, Iowa.

Wanted.—A place with Seventh-day Adventists, to work on the farm for the season for a young man 19 years of age. Elmer Molgard, 107 E. Orange St., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.