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"Every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. XLI. 6.

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## Stewardship and Missions--No. 4

### FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP INSPIRES FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

A work left to run itself runs in one direction only—into the ground. A work even having some general aspects of being looked after, if divided up and parceled out and given into the hands of several persons already burdened with a full complement of other duties, may cripple along for years and still have the name of at least existing; but a work that is aggressive and progressive, that enlists the energies of the people, that captures their attention and secures their cooperative effort, is a work that is educational in principle, that is being carefully planned for, systematically developed, painstakingly recorded, and centrally directed. If our people ever rise to any great degree of faithfulness in stewardship, it will be because of a *great change* in the understanding of, and a deeper faith in, the possibilities of the missionary resources of our people when under *competent direction*.

In "Gospel Workers," p. 236, under the caption, "Conference Presidents," this instruction is given to conference officers: "If the officers of a conference bear successfully the burdens laid upon them, they must pray, they must believe, they must trust God to use them as His agents in keeping the churches of the conference in good working order. This is their part of the vineyard to cultivate. There must be far more personal responsibility, far more thinking and planning, far more mental power brought into the labor put forth for the Master."

From "Testimonies for the Church," vol. 6, p. 431, we quote: "It is evident that all the sermons that have been preached have not developed a large class of self-denying workers.

This subject is to be considered as involving the most serious results. Our future for eternity is at stake. The churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing light."

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out whereby the talent of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this." Vol. 9, p. 116.

But there are *some* who do realize it. I wish to quote a few sentences from the personal letter of a General Conference worker on this point: "The fact is, we are losing thousands and thousands of dollars, and failing to reach the same number of people, because the men right next to the people in the home churches are not up and awake and alive to the privileges within their reach. Now, this seems quite a sweeping statement, but I do not say it in any criticizing spirit, for the fact stands out more and more prominent every year that this is the actual truth. If this same thing [systematic plans for developing missionary stewardship] could be developed in our local conferences, we might easily double the work we are doing in foreign fields, and the home field get along, not only as well, but many-fold better, because with all this there would be awakened in the hearts of our people a desire to do practical, sensible missionary work at home." And in those strikingly true statements you have in a nutshell the whole situation as it exists to-day



## Lives That Shine

Don't waste your time in longing  
For bright, impossible things;  
Don't sit supinely yearning  
For the swiftness of angel wings;  
Don't spurn to be a rushlight  
Because you are not a star;  
But brighten some bit of darkness  
By shining just where you are.

There is need of the tiniest candle  
As well as the garish sun;  
The humblest deed is ennobled  
When it is worthily done.  
You may never be called to brighten  
The darkened regions afar;  
So fill, for the day, your mission  
By shining just where you are.

Just where you are, my brother,  
Just where God bids you stand,  
Though down in the deepest shadow,  
Instead of the sunlit land;  
You may carry a brightness with you  
That no gloom or darkness can mar,  
For the light of a Christlike spirit  
Will be shining wherever you are.

—Selected.

over more than nine-tenths of our field.

We give these quotations to show that our present plans, the plans we have been working on, have serious weaknesses. But there is a brighter side to the picture. In the first place, we have very definite, detailed instruction as to *just what is needed* to better the situation. We quote but one statement from the scores that might be given on this point:—

"In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. That which is needed *now* for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,—talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church and also for unbelievers. *It is training, education, that is needed.*"—Vol. 9, p. 117. (Italics ours.)

There are many indications that the dawn of a brighter day in church missionary activity is breaking. In the few conferences where the first glimmer of this dawn has been caught by faith, and where time, money, and men have been unstintingly given for the development of church missionary work, with special emphasis laid on faithful stewardship, results so gratifying from every point of view have accrued, that the most skeptical should be convinced that the Lord is abundantly willing and able to bless a step taken in faith towards carrying out the work that He says is the work needed "NOW."

In the wave of missionary revival that is about to sweep over our denomination, some one will lead the van. Why not the Central Union Conference? We have a great field, rich in natural resources, a willing-hearted people, sometimes confused, but never failing to respond to the clear-cut, definite, consistent call to duty when voiced by God-fearing leaders abreast of God's times. The time is ripe for such a movement. Will not those at the head of every conference in our union, and those at the head of the union itself, give careful attention to this phase of our work, and make adequate provision in the way of men in every part of the field for the development of it? Nothing but prosperity and success can follow such an effort; nothing will bring us more quickly and surely to the day long-delayed and to the ideal

towards which we have been so ineffectually struggling—"the entire church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit."—Vol. 8, p. 47.

May God hasten the lagging steps of His workers, quicken our hearts with the fire of zeal for His work, open our eyes to the possibilities of the present situation, and quickly bring in the long-looked-for day of the missionary revival.

M. E. Ellis.

### The Week of Prayer

"Men ought always to pray." "I will therefore that men pray everywhere." "In everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God."

These are some of the Scriptural admonitions concerning prayer. There is no time when, nor place where, it is not proper and fitting to pray to God. Even in the busiest moments of life the soul may be uplifted to Him for His guidance and blessing. There is never a time when we should wait for a special season to come around to seek the Lord through prayer.

There are times, however, when prayer brings the soul nearer to God than at other times. The prophet suggests such an occasion in this admonition: "Seek ye the Lord *while he may be found*, call ye upon Him *while He is near.*"

Each year, for several years, the General Conference has set apart a week of prayer. These occasions have proved of great blessing to this cause. Just in proportion as God's people rise in spirituality—just in proportion as their religious experience deepens—will the message go forward with divine power and this work be finished gloriously.

The Lord has surely spoken good concerning this people. He will not cast off this people whom He has in such a marvelous manner called out from Babylon to give this third angel's message. "The hands of Zurubabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it." Zech. 4:9.

This is the people who are to live on this earth for a time in perfect readiness to meet the Lord in the air and be taken to dwell with Him in heaven for one thousand years, after which they will escort the holy city, the New Jerusalem, to the earth when it comes "down from God out of

heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

Such a scene for contemplation! What a change that will be from this every-day, hum-drum, work-a-day life which we find ourselves bound up with here! Oh, happy thought! Oh, blissful day! What a wonder it is that we become so much taken up with the trifling things of this life that we think so little of our future, blessed, immortal home!

What a mighty change, what a marvelous transformation must come into our characters and lives before we shall be prepared to enter such a scene of never-ending bliss! How shall this wonderful transformation in our characters be wrought? When will that beautiful life which is to be lived throughout eternity begin? Here is a passage from "Desire of Ages" which touches upon the answer to these questions: "As through Jesus we enter into rest, heaven begins here. We respond to His invitation, Come, learn of Me, and in thus coming we begin the life eternal. Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God through Christ. The longer we are in the heaven of bliss, the more and still more of glory will be opened to us; and the more we know of God, the more intense will be our happiness. As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence. All that human nature can bear, we will receive here; but what is this compared with the hereafter?"—"Desire of Ages," ch. 34, par. 15.

Shall not the contemplation of the glorious things that God is waiting to bestow upon His children drive us, nay, draw us, into such close communion with Him that He can begin to open more and still more of His glory? Personally, the writer has a fixed determination to make this week of prayer mark a new experience in his life. I purpose, at whatever cost to self, to make a full and absolute surrender of my life to Him, and henceforth to "let Him have His way with me." How many of the readers of the OUTLOOK will unite in such a spirit of consecration? Surely, as the prophet states the case, "it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

A. T. R.

Thurlow Weed was so poor in boyhood that on a cold March day he had to wrap pieces of cloth about his bare feet in place of socks and shoes. Thus clad, he walked several miles in the wintry cold to borrow a history of the Reformation.

### Mr. Policy Man

Have you ever met him? Nearly everybody knows him, or at least at times thinks he does. It does not take very long to get acquainted with him sufficiently to make you feel that you are not just certain of what he means by what he says. The better you become acquainted with this Mr. Policy Man, the less certain you are that what he says is what he really thinks in his heart or what he purposes to translate into action. In fact, you come to wonder what scheme may be covered up by his very protestations of frankness.

Mr. Policy Man is honest because honesty is a part of his policy. Neither can he be suspected of untruthfulness, for he carries the truth in his breast-pocket, nearest to his heart, and counts it one of his most valuable assets. He always keeps a good stock of this valuable commodity on hand ready for use in an emergency. When his real plans and purposes are in danger of being understood, he covers them over with a solution composed of three parts honesty, five parts frankness, and eight parts truth, which make all his acts appear as the very essence of open and aboveboard dealing and prompted only by the purest of motives. When his deep-laid schemes carry, though perchance he may have been covertly working them out for weeks and months, the result is always a great surprise to him and usually a source of great regret, since he had done all in his power to avert the issue, but now that it has come about, his policy is to make the best of what can not be avoided. He must not be blamed if he has his solution of the case well thought out beforehand and all ready for the occasion, for a part of his policy is that "to be forewarned is to be forearmed." If you ever happen to meet a gentleman who answers to this photograph, you may be certain that it is Mr. P. Man.

The following General and Union Conference educational representatives are in attendance at the educational council which has been in session in College View the past few days, and which is timed to close on even date with this issue of the OUTLOOK: Prof. H. R. Salisbury, Prof. Frederick Griggs, Prof. C. C. Lewis, Prof. M. E. Cady, Brethren Meade MacGuire, E. E. Farnsworth, W. W. Ruble, H. M. Hiatt, N. S. Ashton, N. B. van Kirk, M. M. Hare, and Sisters Katherine B. Hale and Carrie R. Moon.



### The Nimrod Ssystem of Apostasy No. 2

#### NIMROD AN ORGANIZER

There was one thing which the flood of waters could not drown. Sin still lived, and as long as one sin is permitted to exist in any part of God's great universe, there will be ever-increasing sin and resultant misery. If one sin were permitted to exist in heaven, that holy, happy place would eventually be turned into a pandemonium; while on the other hand, if there were such a place as the erroneously conceived orthodox eternally burning hell, and some one could get down there and stop the people from sinning, even "fire-walled hell" itself would be transformed into a paradise of God. The most soul-inspiring thought that clusters around the gospel of Jesus Christ is that eventually sin will come to an end,—that there will come a time when in all the universe of God there will not be heard a single discordant note. Here is an inspired pen-picture of that glorious time: "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." Rev. 5:13.

This happy, blissful condition will come solely as the result of the cessation of sin, and the mission of Jesus Christ to this world was to "make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness." Dan. 9:24.

The inspired record clearly states that the "old world" was destroyed because of the wickedness of man upon the earth, but there is no evidence that apostasy from God ever assumed what may be termed an organized form until the third generation after the flood. Nimrod seems to have been the first man in the world who conceived the idea of organizing a form of government and a scheme of redemption in open and defiant opposition to the government of Jehovah and His plan of redemption.

Living among men who had associated with Methuselah, who had lived two hundred and forty-three years

contemporaneously with Adam, Nimrod, the great-grandson of Noah, must have been familiar with the mysteries of the plan of redemption through the promised seed of the woman.

#### A COUNTERFEIT PLAN OF REDEMPTION

In order to openly lead the world into an organized form of apostasy from God, it was necessary that His form of government and His divine plan of redemption should be counterfeited. To foist upon the world this double counterfeit was the task which Nimrod set for himself. The inspired record states of him that "Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth." Gen. 10:8. This reference to Nimrod in the King James version of the Bible comes far short of revealing his true character. The thought is made much clearer by the rendering of this same passage in Spurrell's translation, which reads as follows: "Also Cush begat Nimrod, who was the first to be a despot on the earth. He was an overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight, wherefore the saying, Even as Nimrod the overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight."

In Gen. 10:10, 11, the King James version is again misleading, which reads as follows: "And the beginning of his [Nimrod's] kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh." Note the marginal reading of the text. This rendering of the text is inconsistent, in that it gives us only the beginning of Nimrod's city building. We again appeal to Spurrell's translation, which gives us the true idea in the text: "Out of that land he [Nimrod] went forth and builded Nineveh." Nimrod was unquestionably the leader of the Babel builders.

#### WHAT THE TOWER OF BABEL WAS INTENDED TO STAND FOR

The plan of the Babel builders was that their proposed tower, with its top dedicated to sun-worship, should stand as the everlasting monument of a new world-wide form of government and a new world-wide system of religion, in open and defiant opposition to the divine plan of earthly government and the divine plan of salvation through the gift of Jesus Christ. It was the very inception, the first conception in the human mind, of the union of church and state.

One of the basic principles of the divine plan of government for this world was that men should scatter

themselves over the whole earth. The plan of the Babel builders was in direct opposition to that principle. "And it came to pass as they journeyed eastward that they discovered a plain in the land of Shinar: and they abode there; then they said one to another: Come now, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they used brick instead of stone, and bitumen instead of mortar. And they said, Come now, let us build for ourselves a city and a tower, with its summit in the clouds: and let us make unto ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad on the face of the whole earth." Gen. 11:2-4. (Spurrell.)

"Let us make unto ourselves a name." Salvation by ourselves is the thought here expressed. "Lest we be scattered abroad on the face of the whole earth." This is an open, defiant challenge against God's plan of government for this world. We can imagine the "overbearing tyrant in Jehovah's sight"—the bold leader of the Babel builders—as he seeks to rally his forces of rebels around him, haranguing the people on the injustice of God and His plan of government for this world and warning them that they are in danger of being scattered over the face of the earth unless they rally to his standard. He tells them that the reason their antediluvian forefathers did not succeed was because they lacked organization and consequently were unable to protect themselves against overthrow by the deluge. "Let us" was the rallying cry, "build for ourselves a city and a tower, with its summit in the clouds"—so high that a flood of waters can never again drown the world.

The tower of Babel was to stand not only as the monument of a false system of government, but of a false system of religion as well. It will be noticed that in the text, Gen. 11:4, the words "*may reach*" are in italics. These words were supplied by the translators to read their meaning into the text, but they are not in the original. Leaving out the words "may reach," the passage gives the true idea in the minds of the Babel builders. It would then read as follows: "Let us build us a city and a tower whose top unto heaven." The top of that tower, if it had been permitted to be completed, would have been the first monument ever dedicated to sun-worship in this world. This tower was to have stood for all that—it meant all that—but we have not yet quite got to the bottom of all that it was to have stood for. The

word babel, while it has connected with it the idea of confusion, because of the confounding of the language of its builders, really means a "gate" or "way." The word came from "Bab," gate or way, and "el," God or Jehovah. "Bab-el," gate or way to God, was intended to stand as an everlasting monument of man's way to God—way of salvation—versus God's way to Him and His way of salvation.

That proposed tower, with its top reaching toward heaven, was intended as a defense against another destruction by the Almighty by a flood of waters. Its top was to be dedicated to the worship of the heavenly bodies, chiefly sun-worship, as will appear more clearly as we proceed with this study. Our next study will deal with the deep-laid scheme of Nimrod to counterfeit beforehand the outworking of God's plan in the gift of Jesus Christ.

A. T. R.

(To be continued)



### Kansas Sanitarium Notes

For several weeks the city of Wichita has been canvassed by different nurses in behalf of "Ministry of Healing."

Miss Anna Anderson, a graduate of the class of 1908, is a patient at the sanitarium.

Elder Mead MacGuire visited us Tuesday, and in the evening gave us some very timely instruction.

Workmen are making additional improvements in the bathrooms. Some painting and varnishing is also going on, placing the institution on vantage ground.

Elder W. F. Kennedy, president of the East Kansas Conference, spent a few days at the sanitarium last week. This was his first visit to the sanitarium, but we trust he will call often.

Two lady nurses are making a tour of near-by towns, canvassing for "Ministry of Healing," and using other books and health periodicals, with gratifying results. Through their efforts, patients find their way to the institution.

The institution is enjoying continued good patronage, its patrons often returning for additional benefits healthwise. The surgical cases have recovered rapidly, and with the fullest satisfaction.



### Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y  
CRAWFORD, NEBR.

### Notes by the Way

From Hemingford I returned to Crawford, and spent considerable time in writing to those who had answered my letters. It is a great pleasure to me to answer such letters as I am receiving from our people, especially the scattered ones. From the way they write, we are sure they are glad to hear from those of like precious faith.

We left for Sheridan November 9. Brother Congdon and Brother Burkhardt met us, and we were made comfortable for the night at the hospitable home of Brother Congdon.

We found a goodly number gathered at the little church building. At the social meeting on the Sabbath, we were cheered to observe a note of courage and a spirit to reconsecrate themselves to the work of the message on the part of all present. With one exception, every one bore testimony. An excellent spirit came in, and all felt it was good to be there.

Monday, the 13th, Brother Fish drove us out in the country seventeen miles to the home of Brother A. S. McCully, whom I had known in Texas but whom I had not seen for nearly seven years. We spent a precious evening with him, which seemed like a visit with "the folks from home."

On Monday, we drove to the home of Brother Buckley, and finding no one at home, we went in and made ourselves at home until the children returned from school and Brother and Sister Buckley from town, when we were given the welcome which these westerners know best how to give.

At Buffalo, we found a company of new Sabbath-keepers waiting to see us, who, notwithstanding the storm, came out to the meeting on Tuesday evening. We promised to spend an-

other evening with them on our return trip and answer some questions which they had to ask us.

Thursday, the 16th, we left Buffalo for a sixty-mile drive south to Kaycee. It was a cold, disagreeable drive, as it snowed until noon, and the wind blew from the north all day. About dark, we arrived at the home of Brother Pete Streeter, where we were made comfortable. The services on Friday evening and on the Sabbath were very well attended, and there was a hearty response to the word spoken.

We are now at Buffalo, on our return trip. We feel well repaid for our one-hundred-mile trip among the hills. We found precious souls scattered among these hills who love this message and who are "looking for that blessed hope." D. U. Hale.

### Week of Prayer

The work of God is onward. It is hastening to a close. By the *Review* we notice that steps have been taken to spend \$100,000 more in pushing the message to the uttermost parts of earth during the next year than was spent in the past year. This means that a number of advanced moves will be made, and movements already started will be strengthened.

This should be an encouragement to every Seventh-day Adventist. Every loyal heart is fully in sympathy with these efforts, and we are sure are standing ready to lift in this strong effort to finish the work. All realize God has promised that the end will come when this message or gospel is preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. This advanced move in missions is a step towards accomplishing this work.

We know that every loyal heart throbs a little faster at every evidence of the close of the message, for it means a step towards our final home. What a glorious day it will be when we can all go home, leaving the heartaches and pains and sorrows and disappointments! How good to listen to the voice of our Saviour as He explains to us the dark places in our lives and tells us why each disappointment came! Brethren, the joy that is in store for the overcomer can not be described; it must be felt to be understood.

The week of prayer is a golden opportunity to those in connection with the closing message. At this time we may not only express our thankfulness for God's care by word, but we may express it by gifts. Every donation will express three things. It will express our gratitude for the truth

and our anxiety to see the work finished, and every dollar given aids some missionary to remain in the field and give the truth to some poor individual to whom the Lord is sending the message.

Every penny given at this annual offering goes to help advance the truth in foreign lands. Much means is needed with which to push this message. We are somewhat behind with our part on the ten-cent-a-week fund, and this offering will apply on this fund. So, brethren, taking all these things into consideration, let us make our offering liberal. Offerings must come from the heart willingly. God does not accept of gifts given grudgingly. God loves the cheerful giver. Give according to your own heart, and the will of God and blessings of peace will be yours.

D. U. Hale.

### Notes

C. Van Horn, of Oelrichs, S. Dak., will spend the winter at College View, Nebr., with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Jewell at the college. Mrs. Jewell is his daughter.

Elder Hale was compelled to break his tour at Garland, Wyo., being called to Hemingford, Nebr., for a meeting of the board of the Wyoming Intermediate School.

The Crawford church enjoyed the presence of Elder and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler last Sabbath. They drove up from their ranch on Friday, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hall.

Elder Berry reports a good interest to hear the truth at Scottsbluff, Nebr. He will hold some meetings there if a suitable place can be secured.

The Sabbath-school donations for the third quarter of 1911 amounted to \$178.53, which is larger than for the corresponding quarter of 1910, notwithstanding the crop failures.

And still the money is coming in from the investment fund. We have already received more than one hundred dollars from a single church, and not all who pledged have yet made returns. One brother said that he thought it paid to plant a crop for the Lord, as his potatoes (a part of which he pledged) was the best crop. Shall we not try the same plan again next year?

From the Mitchell church comes a list of names for the special six-

months series of the *Signs*. That is a good way to let the light of truth shine to your friends and neighbors.

O. D. Fockler, of Piedmont, S. Dak., writes that he has been on the sick list for a short time, but that he is now improving.

Brother H. A. Fish writes of a pleasant and profitable trip with Elder Hale to Buffalo and Kaycee, Wyo. Although the weather has been quite severe, yet they were able to keep all appointments.

A recent letter with remittance for the Lord's work from that veteran Christian soldier, C. L. Burlingame, of Northport, Nebr., states that he is still of good courage, and as anxious as ever to have a part in the message.

Andrew Lindsay, of Hermosa, S. Dak., with his sons, has been in the eastern part of the state husking corn this fall. There was so complete a failure where they live that, like many others, they took advantage of the opportunity to earn something to help through the winter. Many of our people in this western country will be glad to get enough to carry them and their stock through the winter.

We are pleasantly surprised to find by comparison that the tithe receipts for the third quarter of 1911 were more than for the corresponding quarter of 1910.

The week of prayer for this year is December 9-16. We sincerely hope that this will be the most profitable season we have ever enjoyed. The readings have been mailed to all the conference workers, church elders, and isolated ones throughout the conference. It is not expected that each family will have a copy where they can have access to the church meetings. It is hoped that each church and company will plan to have regular meetings during this week. Some may be so situated that it will be impossible for them to hold daily meetings, but a strong effort should be made to get together occasionally during the week and read the readings. At the close of the week will be the usual annual offering. Let us all plan and pray for a large offering this year. The cause of missions needs it, our conference needs it to complete the ten-cent-a-week allotment, but, above all, we need the blessing that

comes from giving liberally to God's cause. Pray and then plan to do your part to bring the desired result.  
Asa Smith.

### Wanted

Ten good, strong, brave, consecrated Christians, who are not afraid of hardships, and "will not fail nor be discouraged," to go from home to home with the printed pages of this precious message for this time. Your wages will be "an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecution; and in the world to come, eternal life." Mark 10:30. Write me at once.

D. U. Hale.

Crawford, Nebr.

### South Missouri Conference

L. W. Terry, Pres. Ralph Rhodes, Sec'y  
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### Notes

Fifteen hundred Harvest Ingathering Signs have been used at Clinton.

The Sabbath-school at Cabool has doubled during the last quarter.

Elder Terry is looking after an interest in the southern part of the state at present.

We are still receiving large orders for the Ingathering Signs, also some good returns from the isolated members.

We have on hand at the office about four thousand tracts, "Life and Death," written by Elder D. E. Scoles, which we sell at half price, one-half cent each, or fifty cents per hundred. This is one of our best tracts on the immortality of the soul.

We have received reports of continued interests at Cole Camp and Chitwood. Several were baptized at Cole Camp the past week.

Brother W. Z. Feemster has moved from Carthage to Carterville.

Five new canvassers have entered the canvassing work during the last week.

There is never a sky of winter

To the heart that sings away;  
Never a night but hath stars to light,  
And dreams of a rosy day.

### Nebraska Conference

J. W. Christian, Pres. Pearl E. Jones, Sec'y  
E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Agt.  
College View, Nebr.

### From the Field

Sabbath, November 18, was spent with the Fremont church. This is my second trip to this place since coming to Nebraska. It is a pleasure to see the happy and earnest look of those who are upholding the light of God's truth in this part of the vineyard. The believers are much encouraged by having Brother and Sister S. C. Conrey, formerly of South Dakota, move to Fremont.

Monday I went to Hastings, and spent the day with the office workers and at the sanitarium. The work moves forward, and Brother Williams, our new business manager, has gotten well started in his work, and has the cooperation of all the sanitarium family.

Tuesday night found me at Holbrook. It was my good fortune to speak to an earnest company of people gathered in the home of Elder and Sister House. The Lord has surely aided His servants in the work.

The next day, in company with Elder House, I went to Bartley. We held one meeting in our church in town, and in the evening we met at the home of Brother McDowell. This is where Brother Premer held meetings last fall. One family and a young lady of another family embraced the truth, and are rejoicing in the light received. It is planned for Brethren House and Schick to start meetings in a schoolhouse in this neighborhood.

From here we went to Culbertson, where we held four services. We are sad to report that the devil has been able to get the advantage over some of the members of this place, and it was necessary for the church to take action in their cases; but the Lord has a band of men and women here whose hearts have been touched by His Spirit, and as we studied the progress of our work in all lands, all reconsecrated their lives to God. It was a season of great encouragement to me. The kindness of these dear ones I shall never forget.

Friday evening found us in McCook. A fair attendance was enjoyed at the evening service. Sabbath was a good day for us all. Several drove over from Culbertson, and our German brethren south of McCook came in. We held three services on the Sabbath. This was my first visit to this church, and surely it

was a season of refreshing. The blessed truths of the third angel's message bind our hearts together, and while we met as strangers, we parted with a feeling of deep acquaintanceship.

I am now at Holbrook, where we hold a meeting this evening in the city hall.

Pray for the work in Nebraska, brethren, that we may see many souls gathered for the kingdom.

J. W. Christian.

### West Kansas Conference

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### Our Opportunity of Prayer

Alone of all created beings here below, man prays. Among all nations, civilized or barbarous, one meets at every step, acts and forms of invocation. Wherever man lives, in certain circumstances, at certain times, under control of certain impressions of the soul, he implores aid, or renders thanks.

Wherever we may be, and in whatsoever circumstances we may be involved, the Lord will hear our prayers and come to our aid. Jonah prayed from the fish's belly, and said, "I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and He heard me: out of the belly of hell cried I, and Thou heardest my voice." Again we read, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." "I am the Lord, I change not." "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him, amen." Therefore, my brethren, if Jesus has heard and answered prayer for His people in days gone by, He will hear and answer our prayers to-day. Nothing can make our lives so pure, nothing can arm us so completely for the conflicts of life, as to know that God hears our earnest petitions and supplies all our needs.

Then during the coming week of prayer, let us ask for a definite work, believe in a definite work, and receive a definite blessing. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

N. T. Sutton.

The world is ever a garden

Red with the bloom of May;  
And never a stormy morning  
To the heart that sings away.

## Bison

The Lord gave us an excellent interest at Bison, and we remained there three full weeks, closing our work for the present with a baptismal service yesterday morning at Brother H. Adam Schneider's home. Two dear young men, heads of families, were baptized in old Walnut Creek, where, in former years, we enjoyed so many such blessed occasions like this. This makes twelve persons whom we were permitted to baptize here in the last thirteen months.

The Shaffer church manifested a commendable zeal to assist in the good interest and work at Bison. The Lord bless and reward their faithfulness!

Yesterday afternoon, Brother Abraham Loewen and the writer came to Nekama to begin meetings with our church at this place. The terrible storm from the north, which is still raging, prevented us from having a meeting last evening. We enjoyed most excellent weather while at Bison.

S. S. Shrock.

## Harvest Ingathering Campaign Notes

The following are first fruits of the Harvest Ingathering campaign in the West Kansas Conference for 1911.

In a few days after the first papers had been mailed out, we received the first fruits of the harvest, which was on October 20, just ten days before the time set for the beginning of the campaign.

To a small company in West Kansas we sent forty copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs, and received in return \$21.96, which is an average of almost fifty-five cents per copy. This was good, and a splendid beginning. How good it would be for the work in foreign fields if we could receive this average from all the papers sent out this year from the office of publication for this Harvest Ingathering effort. If we should receive this average for the papers which have been mailed to the churches and individuals in the West Kansas Conference this year, we could then report a total of \$3,300; but perhaps this is too much to expect, and yet there are many individuals whom God could influence to give of their abundance if the Lord's people had faith to expect great things from Him.

### A FEW GRAPES FROM THE VINEYARD

One sister writes as follows: "Dear Brother: We will want more papers

(Harvest Signs). I have given away three papers and received \$3.50 for them; and my mother, Mrs. ———, has given away thirteen papers and has received over nine dollars. She is past sixty-four years old. I will send the money in as soon as I go to town. We are quite encouraged in the work, and believe that a good work can be done with the papers; so please send me fifty more at once. Please send them by mail."

Every one who reads this letter will say that it is full of courage and has the right ring to it. It tells of something attempted, something done. It speaks of victory already gained, but not yet satisfied. It sees with the eye of faith greater victory ahead. Instead of sitting down to enjoy what has been accomplished, the individual buckles on the armor a little tighter, and with fresh supplies of ammunition marches forward and upward to take possession of the enemy's stronghold. Let us catch the spirit.

Another. "Dear Brother: You will please send me ten more copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs. I have distributed the ten copies you sent me, and have received \$2.25 for them so far, and have promise of more when they have read them. I think I can easily distribute ten more copies among my friends in C———. I am sure there is a blessing for all of us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. May God bless the work everywhere is my prayer."

Another sister writes as follows: "Enclosed find two dollars for foreign missions. I have received the five copies which you sent me of the Signs of the Times, and have given them out, but am not able to get out very much. I am praying for the work at home and abroad, and am made to rejoice when I read of what is being accomplished and long that I might help more." This sister also sends an order for some tracts for missionary work. So we see that this work with the Harvest Ingathering Signs opens the way for follow-up work. Those who have not tried to do anything in the campaign do not know what blessings they are missing.

Many are dying spiritually because of inactivity, and the only remedy is to return to the "first love." "Do thy first work."

A brother to whom we sent ten copies writes very briefly as follows: "Enclosed find six dollars. Received the ten copies of the Signs, worked four hours."

This brother saw in all twenty-two persons who gave something, so it is evident that twelve persons made

an offering that did not receive a paper.

West Kansas Conference,  
E. Harris,  
Secretary.

## Garden City

We began a series of meetings at this place October 13, and closed November 19. Our attendance was not large, but the interest on the part of those who attended was encouraging. One has taken a firm stand for the truth in all its phases, and was baptized, with three others who had taken their stand previous to this effort. One person has promised to obey, and we think will be as firm as the others in a short time. There are others who are interested.

Brother Follett, who has been here for some time, will remain and follow up the interest with cottage meetings and house-to-house work.

We were glad to have Elder N. T. Sutton with us over Sabbath and Sunday. He gave us some very timely instruction. He also officiated in the baptismal service.

W. L. Nott.

Our much esteemed friend, Brother Albert Hedgecock, who recently moved from Hemingford, Nebr., to Portland, Ore., in a private communication to this office, says: "It was hard for me to leave Nebraska, as I lived there over forty years. Almost forty years ago, Elder Butler brought the truth to us out in Nebraska, when the country was new. I was one of the first ones to accept the truth in Nebraska, and was present when Elders Haskell and Farnsworth organized the conference. Am glad to see so many omens of the coming Saviour, for whom we have been waiting so long."

## Obituary

*Rentfro.*—James Rentfro was born February 22, 1848, at South Bend, Ind. Five years ago he moved to Grand Island from Loup City where he lived for many years. While here he has lived more of a retired life.

Besides his loving wife he leaves five children to mourn. His devoted companion had the happy privilege of having him join her in church fellowship November 18, one week before his death.

Brother Rentfro accepted the message in its fullness and died expecting to meet Jesus and his loved ones.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Three hundred or more were present.

F. M. Corbaley.

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The College View church pulpit was occupied last Sabbath morning by Prof. C. C. Lewis, who gave a very clear and forcible discourse on the exercise of the will power in man. The sermon was illustrated by a black-board diagram, which added to the impressiveness of the occasion.

Evening after last Sabbath, Prof. H. R. Salisbury gave a stereopticon lecture in the college chapel on Holland. The lecture, which was highly appreciated, was illustrated by a large number of beautifully colored slides, depicting scenes in the life of the Hollanders.

A foreword from Brother M. E. Ellis, missionary secretary of the Nebraska Conference, assures us that within a day or two following the date of this paper a remittance will be forwarded to the Union Conference office completing Nebraska's apportionment of the \$300,000 Fund. He also informs us that a remittance at the same time will carry Nebraska over its apportionment of ten cents per week per member for 1911, to the amount of \$240. We always did have faith in the people of the Nebraska Conference.

### Nebraska Conference

The next annual session of the Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held just prior to the Central Union Conference, at College View, Nebr., January 11-15, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and for the trans-



### Canvassers' Report for Week Ending Nov. 24, 1911

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
<b>East Kansas</b>							
Chas. Newman	P. G.	38	2	44 00	8 50	52 50	
Kate Meyer		22	42	26 15		26 15	
Agents, 2		60	44	70 15	8 50	78 65	
<b>West Kansas</b>							
*A. W. Cole	G. C.	71	12	39 50	7 75	47 25	
*Eddie Taylor	G. C.	50	15	48 00	18 00	66 00	
*S. B. Hansley	G. C.	59	5	15 00	4 35	19 35	
Thos. Fesler	B. R.	60	2	6 00	75	6 75	
J. I. Daily	B. R., H. M.	74	15	39 25	17 25	56 50	
Mrs. Hensley	Misc'l	10	10	5 50		5 50	
Mrs. Lawry				18 00		18 00	
Agents, 7		324	59	171 25	48 10	219 35	
<b>South Missouri</b>							
R. S. McLain	G. C.	29	8	18 00	2 20	20 20	24 20
A. M. Scheu	G. C., B. R.	17	4	12 00	1 90	13 90	
W. F. Surber	B. R.	24	35	125 00	10 40	135 40	
O. S. Owen	D. R.	9	5	16 00	2 25	18 25	
Agents, 4		79	52	171 00	16 75	187 75	24 20
<b>Nebraska</b>							
H. F. Rasch	G. C.	70	14	44 00		44 00	
Wm. Boesser	G. C.	47	12	39 00	9 60	48 60	
Louis Specht	B. R.	28	4	14 00	5 00	19 00	
Emil Nelson	D. & R.	24	7	21 00	2 75	23 75	
Eugene Sykes	P. G.	70	7	26 50		26 50	
Miscellaneous			7	19 00		19 00	
Agents, 6		239	51	163 50	17 35	180 85	
Grand Totals: Agents, 19		702	206	575 90	90 70	666 60	24 20
*Two weeks.							

action of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held Thursday evening, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock, in the College View Seventh-day Adventists church.

J. W. Christian,  
President;  
Pearl E. Jones,  
Secretary.

### Nebraska Conference Association

The regular annual session of the constituency of the Nebraska Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held at College View, Nebr., January 11-15, in connection with the Adventist annual conference, for the election of trustees, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held Friday, January 12,

at 10:30 a. m., in the Seventh-day Adventists church at College View.

J. W. Christian,  
President;  
Anna M. Peterson,  
Secretary.

### Union College Loan

Union College, having recently paid off several thousand dollars on notes that have fallen due, to parties needing their money, needs a loan of \$5,000, which it would be glad to take for a period of five years, at five percent, interest payable annually or semi-annually, at the option of party wishing to place such a loan. This loan will be secured by the note of the Central Union Conference Association, which association owns the property of Union College.

The undersigned will be pleased to correspond with any party interested in this matter. A. T. Robinson,  
Treas., Central Union Conference.