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

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The Minister in the Field

By Elder A. G. Daniells

The work of the minister of Christ must be of two kinds: first, soul-winning service, in the field, for the purpose of leading the unconverted to Christ; second, building service, which calls a minister among the churches to establish in the faith and build up in the image of Christ those who have already accepted the truth. When a minister goes among strangers in the field, his whole soul should be set on fire with the zeal to win them to Christ; when he goes among the churches, his whole being should be aroused to help our brethren and sisters and build them up.

In the matter of field work, there are five important features which should be taken into consideration: first, the location; second, preparation for work; third, securing and holding an audience; fourth, leading people to decide to obey the truth; fifth, finishing the work and binding it off so it will be permanent.

The matter of location is of pri-

mary importance, and one that demands prayerful consideration. A minister should as earnestly inquire of the Lord regarding his place of labor as he does regarding the message he delivers. He may be guided in this matter by observing the following points: first, he should go where there is evidence there is a call for the preaching of the message; second, where the message has not been preached; third, where he is best qualified to labor.

On one occasion when Paul endeavored to go into Asia to preach the gospel there, the Spirit suffered him not to go; and while in perplexity as to what he should do, he had a vision, and there appeared to him a man over in Macedonia, beckoning him to come and preach the gospel there. Acts 16:6-10. Here God supervised affairs, and has recorded it in His Word to teach us that this is a matter in which we should be guided by the Lord. Paul had been in Asia Minor; there were believers there, and it was God's purpose that these should give the light to their neighbors, and that Paul should enter a field where the gospel had never been preached.

In the selection of a location, both the minister and the conference committee should take into careful consideration his qualifications. As a rule, the young, inexperienced minister should not be assigned to the large cities, where the people are accustomed to hear able, experienced men. The young minister should seek the rural districts and the small towns. There the people do not have very much to entertain them, and they will be glad to listen to him. In the early days of our cause, when we did not work so much in the cities, our young men got their experience in country

schoolhouses, or in tent work in small towns. It is a mistake for our young brethren to go into a large place, and advertise themselves as evangelists from some prominent city. This leads the people to look for some able, experienced, public speaker, and to be disappointed when they see that the evangelist is a young, inexperienced man. Again, some ministers have not the same kind of ability for public effort that other men have, and in some places they would not be appreciated. Such men should be placed where they will be able to work along the lines of least resistance for effectual service.

When a minister has selected his town, city, or rural district, he must then give attention to securing a hall, or a lot on which to pitch his tent. If the meetings are to be conducted in a hall, he should secure the best he can afford, and situated in the best place possible. The results of his work will be influenced very largely by his location in the city, the purpose for which the hall is generally used, and its surroundings.

In choosing a lot on which to pitch the tent, as in the case of the selection of a hall, the lot should be the best he can secure and afford. It should be in a clean neighborhood, where there are reputable buildings, and in the direction in which people usually go to public services. It is better to pay a little more and secure a good lot than to choose a poor location simply for economy. In business affairs, a shrewd business man will pay twice as much rent for a building situated on the side of the street where the people travel most as he will for a building on the opposite side.

A minister should use caution not to pitch his tent too near a church.

He should seek to locate his tent far enough away that he will not in any way disturb the church services, and where it will not appear that he is trying to take another minister's congregation. If no other location can be secured, and it is absolutely necessary to pitch the tent in the immediate vicinity of a church, he should go to the pastor of that church, explain the situation, offer a polite apology, and express regrets for being obliged to locate there. We should treat people as the Master would, and manifest the spirit of doing unto others as we would be done by.

Having settled upon the matter of a location, the next item that demands the minister's attention is that of putting the place in order. The ground, both in and around the tent, should be cleared of weeds, stones, briars, etc. The tent should be a good one, and well provided with comfortable seats and good lights. If the meetings are to be held in a hall or schoolhouse, the building should be made clean, and put in proper order. The chairs should be well arranged; the desk should be made attractive. If possible, have a few nice plants or ferns on the stand. Put up some appropriate, attractive mottoes. The cheerfulness of the place will have an influence upon the people who will attend, and will be a great help in getting them to come out again.

Another essential is good music and plenty of hymn books. Have a song service of fifteen minutes before the meeting opens. If the minister is not so fortunate as to have associated with him an organist and a choir, these may be drawn from the congregation. This will create an interest on the part of those who assist in this work, and will aid in making them regular in attendance. In many instances, these people will be led to accept the truth.

After everything is in readiness for the meeting, the next step is to let people know that we are among them, and why we are there. Hence, we must announce our meetings. There are several ways in which this may be done: through the public press; by invitation cards; by bulletin boards; by public efforts.

In the matter of advertising, we must be governed by conditions prevailing in the place where we are at work. The same plan will not be successful in every place. It is therefore necessary for a minister to study conditions, and follow that method of advertising which will give the great-

est publicity to his work. In some places, the paper seems of little value, and the invitation card is everything; in other places, the invitation card is almost useless, and the paper is everything. A minister can do a great deal to help advertise his meetings by the use of the bulletin board that he has outside of his tent upon which he announces his subjects from day to day for the benefit of those who pass that way. It is an advantage if he has ability to do good crayon work in this line.

One of the best advertisements a man can give of his meetings is to make his services thoroughly interesting and helpful to the people. We may spend large sums of money advertising, and put forth great efforts in making preparation, but all this will not accomplish the work. The services must be made attractive and impressive. When the people are favorably impressed, they will do more and better advertising than we can possibly do.

All preparation for the service should be looked after before time for the people to arrive, and when the people come, they should be given a bright, cheerful welcome.

The matter of vital importance in conducting a series of meetings, is to lead the people to decide to obey. It makes no difference whether we have five, or five hundred, we want to lead as many of them as possible to decide for the truth.

The first item and one of the chief elements in this, is the earnestness of the preacher and the workers. While it is the Spirit that leads people to obey, we ourselves must be tremendously in earnest about our work, and preach God's truth as if we believed it with all our hearts.

The second item of importance is personal work, meeting the people where they are. Every minister should be faithful in house-to-house visitation. This is one of the greatest secrets of success in soul-winning. There is more in visiting than there is in public speaking. Every young man who thinks of the ministry should think of it as among the people. "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts 20:20.

The importance of this work is strongly emphasized in the following extracts taken from the writings of devout men in the ministry:—

"If a man entering the ministry feels called of God to do all that be-

cometh a good minister of Jesus Christ, and feels that this includes caring for the flock, hunting the straying sheep, catching the lost lamb against his heart, binding up the broken-hearted, caring with great gentleness, yet with stern sagacity, for those who are out of the way, then will his whole life shape itself to meet this gracious conception of heavenly ministry. Those who once try 'calling' as a means of grace both for themselves and their parishioners, see the sweet effectiveness of this ministry and use it with growing eagerness as the years go on. True, it is hard work to go day after day from house to house. The body wearies and the soul wearies. But why should a servant complain at being tired? Is not he his Master's man? Do not his work hours belong to his employer? Is it to be wondered at or complained of that at day end his shoulders stoop beneath the toil? Truly not. Every hired man, if he have done a man's work that day, is tired by night time; and his weariness is token of his diligence. . . .

"Certainly every manly preacher will recognize that he must study. He has no right to take wages for a given thing and then not do that thing. 'Study' may serve as a preacher motto for a part of a preacher's toil. But for another part of that toil the motto is 'visit,' and the two will clasp hands as cordially as spring and summer."—*The Pastor Preacher,* By William A. Quayle, pp. 23, 29.

"We are now come to the very citadel of soul-winning. Here is the entrance into the full reward of evangelistic effort. Looking over many years of splendid opportunity with the privilege of addressing thousands of people every Sunday. I find that I have won more to decide for Christ in their homes and offices than at the altars of the church, and in this hand to hand work there have come to my own soul the sweetest rewards of my ministry. I have to confess that I came to this work with great trepidation of spirit. It required a greater struggle for me to undertake it than any other part of my pastoral duties. I have many a time walked around a whole city block before I could get courage to ring a door-bell and make my errand known. But an errand persevered in under such circumstances was generally successful."—*Personal and Pastoral Evangelism,* By Charles L. Goddell, p. 58.

This same writer expressed his determination to succeed in soul-winning work in the following statement:—

"But before there shall be a failure of God's work in Calvary Church there will be a funeral in Calvary's parsonage, for I simply cannot live to witness the defeat of the armies of the living God. Before God, I will die in the streets before there shall be a failure of that great work in New York City."—p. 83.

"A preacher of Christianity must live as close as possible to men. Isolation to him is fatal. If he has a disposition which shrinks from the society of others his disposition must be born again....

"Knowing men is the preacher's first and most important business. To know them he must be with them. It is not enough to know man, he must know men. He can study man in his library, but he must study men in his parish. It is one thing to know human nature as portrayed in books, and another thing to know it at first hand....

"From his parish he will glean ideas and also gather nutriment with which to feed all his powers of feeling. One-half day spent close to ordinary mortals will give a man more clear and helpful thoughts than can be found in the last learned book, no matter who the author. Men are better any day than books. They are written all over by the finger of God and happy the man who can read this living revelation edited down to date."—*Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers*," pp. 191, 192, 196.

Mr. George Wharton James contributes a restful article on "The Surprises of God's Great Out-of-Doors" to the March number of *Life and Health*. According to the Governor of California, Mr. James knows more about that state than any other man. This is the third of Mr. James's twelve articles to appear in this magazine during 1912. Subscribe now. \$1.00 a year.

Prophet, apostle, and Jesus Himself, point to the sinless sacrifice as the central fact in the redemption scheme.

It has been said that "the work of the successful cook is as potential for human welfare as the work of the physician of the surgeon." The articles on "Healthful Cookery" appearing in *Life and Health* from month to month are well worth a year's subscription, to say nothing of the many other helpful hints and suggestions found therein. Price, \$1.00 a year, 50 cents, six months; 10 cents per copy.



Chancy Premer

The Union College executive board has been in session this week.

Elder E. T. Russell gave a chapel talk Monday morning on the subject, "Our Work." He briefly outlined the duties and responsibilities falling on us who have the light of this great system of truth. He especially impressed upon our minds the fact that life is a "stern reality," and emphasized the necessity of preparing to meet the battles of life in a right manner.

The oratory classes gave a public recital Monday afternoon.

The young people's society of the college is under process of a change of organization. Those in charge of the work are endeavoring to place it upon a thorough working basis, making "work" a condition of membership. The society is to be divided into various bands, such as Christian help band, periodical band, correspondence band, etc., thus enabling every member to exercise the talent God has given him in some line of work.

Varner Johns, a student in the junior class, has recently been called to his home in Colorado, on account of the illness of his father.

Leslie Spear has dropped his school work for the year.

Miss Della Berg, who has been visiting her sister, Mabel, in Union College, has returned to her home in South Dakota.

The new *Educational Messenger* board has made several changes in the college paper, both in form and size. The new board believes that twenty-four pages of such articles as are always found in the *Messenger* will be much more pleasing to the lovers of the paper than the usual sixteen pages. However, to maintain the paper in its enlarged form will require even more loyal support than has been given in the past. News items, and any real live articles that will be of interest to the friends and patrons of Union College should be sent to the editors, Varner Johns and

A. N. Anderson. Under the direction of the new board, the circulation has increased over two hundred. No advance in the subscription price has been made. Seventy-five cents will bring you all the numbers for one year. Send in your address to-day, and become better acquainted with the work of Union College. Address Secretary, *Educational Messenger*, College View, Nebr.

Meeting of Union College Executive Board

At the annual meeting of Union College Board of Trustees held in January last, it was recommended that the executive board hold frequent meetings during the school year to give careful study to the work of the college and advise such changes in policy as might be deemed expedient.

The following are the members of the executive board, all of whom were present at a meeting held Sunday and Monday, April 7 and 8: President Frederick Griggs, Elders E. T. Russell, Chas. Thompson, M. N. Campbell, J. W. Christian, F. M. Burg and Prof. H. A. Morrison. The treasurer, Elder A. T. Robinson, met with the executive board and took part in the deliberations.

More than thirteen hours were spent in close and careful study of the affairs of the college. President Griggs, who also acts as business manager, rendered carefully prepared financial statements showing receipts and expenditures in the various departments of work connected with the institution. He also distributed to the members of the board copies of a well-arranged agenda paper setting forth important items to be studied. This enabled the council to devote its time closely to questions of vital interest to the work of the college.

Some important changes which have been inaugurated this year are working out with satisfactory results, and it is the purpose of the management to pursue a policy of retrenchment as far as can be done while maintaining a strong degree of efficiency in the work of Union College.

It is confidently believed that when the conferences in the Northern and Central Unions carry out the plans agreed upon at the annual board meeting in January, and with the attendance of students raised to four hundred, the college can be made to fully meet its running expenses from year to year.

All felt that this season of counsel was of great value to the school, and it was decided to call another meet-

ing of the executive board about the time of the close of the school year.

The members of the board resident in College View greatly appreciated the counsels of Elder Thompson, president of the Northern Union, and Elder Campbell, president of the Iowa Conference.

At the recent meeting of the executive board of Union College, it was voted to arrange an appropriate program of exercises to fittingly mark the close of the twenty-first year of Union College. We feel sure that this suggestion will meet with a hearty response on the part of former students and the friends who took an active part in the establishment of the institution.



Nebraska Sanitarium Notes

Hannah Larson

Elder Lars Nielsen, sanitarium business manager, left a week ago for Bridgewater, S. Dak., where he is looking after his farm interests and getting in the spring crops.

Miss Josephine Ruth Rockwell arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rockwell, March 30, expecting to make that her home.

Miss Katherine French, of Glenwood, Iowa, is visiting friends at the sanitarium and during her stay is carrying the bookkeeping during Brother Nielsen's absence.

Mrs. C. B. Rodgers, of Kingsville, Texas, has again returned for a course of treatment after a few months' absence from the sanitarium. Mrs. Rodger's husband is superintendent of one of the leading railroads in the South.

Miss Eva L. Prusia, of Tekamah, has connected with the sanitarium workers.

The Business Office has had a much needed coat of paint and new rugs this week.

Miss Lenora Ferguson is well on the way to recovery, so much so that she has been taken to her home in the village.

Elder M. N. Campbell was entertained at the sanitarium during the recent meeting of the college board.

Mrs. Anna Bergman, of St. Joseph, Mo., has entered the sanitarium for medical treatment.

Mrs. Lucy A. Schuller, of Green River, Wyo., is visiting her mother Mrs. L. C. Smith.

O. R. Burdine, of Easley, S. C., made his sister Abbie a short visit the first of the week which was very much enjoyed by both as they had not had the privilege of being together since they were children.

Dr. J. H. Long, of Greely, Nebraska, made the sanitarium a brief visit Monday. Doctor Long was a patient here some time ago and has since sent us a number of patients.

Patients who arrived recently are: Mrs. Chas. Green, Fremont; Mrs. F. M. Lockman, College View; Mrs. L. K. Lord, Parker, So. Dak.; Mrs. Bachman, Omaha; Mrs. Anna Bergman, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. C. B. Rodgers, Kingsville, Texas; Lester Ryan, Cozad; S. C. Oaks and Richard Sampson, Seward; John McCracken and R. Gross, Lincoln; J. F. McIntyre, Lamar, Mo.; Mrs. Irving Fuller, Fullerton; Mrs. Maud Akens and Mrs. Jennie Corson, Hartington; Walter Johnson and Alfred J. Carlson, Lommis; George Lamb, Williams; Mrs. Mary E. James, Havelock, Nebraska.

Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium

Elder Charles Thompson, President of the Northern Union Conference, and daughter Nellie spent a few days with the sanitarium family the first of the week. Miss Nellie was at one time a member of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Long, of Fayetteville, Ark., have connected with the sanitarium, Mrs. Long as matron, and Mr. Long in charge of the laundry.

Doctor Stowe, of Goldhill, Colo., brought us a patient Monday.

Mrs. Trease, mother of Miss Dee Trease, one of our nurses, was brought to the sanitarium a few days ago in a very critical condition. Little hope was entertained for her recovery, but we are glad to report that she has rallied, and was able to be removed from the institution to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Austin.

The warbling of the birds and the budding trees plainly tell us that spring is at hand, and many of our patients are enjoying walks up Sunshine Canyon and elsewhere.

Mr. Everette, who has been a patient here for some weeks, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Everette is doing nicely, and expects to be up and around in a few days.

Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the *Review and Herald*, stopped on his way from the Pacific Coast to his home in Washington, D. C., and made the sanitarium a pleasant visit. He spoke in the parlor to the guests and helpers on the "Dangers That Threaten the Christian To-day." The newspapers kindly printed his sermon.

Miss Ruth Goodwin has returned to the sanitarium after an absence of several weeks. She is one of the nurses.

Mr. J. E. Pegg, who has been connected with our sanitarium work for the past twelve years, and who has been in charge of our laboratory and sanitarium pharmacy for several years, is enjoying a much-needed vacation. He is spending a portion of his time in Iowa selling *Life and Health*, also our health foods. He will visit his parents in Kansas on his return to Boulder.

The sanitarium family was delightfully entertained Tuesday evening by one of the patients, Mrs. W. L. Hartman, one of Colorado's most beautiful soloists. Mrs. Hartman studied with Carl Duft in New York City, and with Scheidlemantle in Dresden grand opera. Her voice was considered of such rare quality that the position as grand opera singer was offered to her in Dresden, but she declined the invitation on account of her domestic life. She has sung in Chautauqua, New York, before the Continental Congress, Washington, D. C., and has had the pleasure of singing before the president of the United States, Mr. Taft. She has a beautiful lyric soprano voice, full of sympathy and tenderness, and this, with her pleasing manner, endears her to the hearts of her hearers. Miss Kate Sanborn, Miss Zener, and Mr. Ward Cooper, the sanitarium trio, accompanied her.

When Jesus took possession of Peter's boat He took possession of his life.



Wyoming Conference

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

Religious Liberty Signs

D. U. Hale

Just a word to our churches about the *Signs*. You will soon notice a leaflet in some of your letters from the office in regard to six Religious Liberty numbers of the *Signs*. These will be especially good for missionary work in your neighborhoods. They will be followed by a series of articles on the truths of the message that will be in twenty-five numbers. These articles will be about the same as a series of tent meetings as far as presenting the truth is concerned. We hope our church elders will take this up in the churches and that we shall have some good clubs and that you will use them systematically among your neighbors.

We also hope our librarians will not stop until the church orders a good supply of tracts to be used in missionary work. If you do not have the little pamphlet on how to use tracts ask Brother Smith for one and study it. Get the tracts and envelopes and give the message to your neighbors. The pamphlet tells you how to do it systematically. It is almost like preaching to them. All the business Seventh-day Adventists have in this world is to give this message. Let us use every opportunity to give it. This will be faithfulness and will be commended with the "well done" at the end. Be faithful not only in giving your tithes and offerings but in doing what you can for your neighbors.

The State Home Department of our Sabbath-Schools

Mrs. Asa Smith

I am very much encouraged with the returns that are coming in from the efforts that have been made regarding the state home department.

A short time ago blanks were sent to a number of our isolated brethren and sisters throughout the conference and already we have about twenty added to our list of home department members. We are very thankful for

this and are hopeful that when full returns are received there will be many more who will fall into line and see the importance of a weekly study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

Our first donation to come to the office for India's cities, was from Mrs. Mary A. DeGraw, of Viola, Wyoming. She is a faithful isolated sister and never fails to send her Sabbath-school report to the office at the close of each quarter.

Mrs. S. E. Hartranft of Marsland, Nebraska sends us one dollar and forty cents for the work in India. She writes that she will gladly become a member of the state home department.

We are confident that the Lord will bless His people for the sacrifice they make for the advancement of the third angel's message. We ask your prayers for the work and workers in Wyoming.

From the Field

H. A. Fish

After a month's absence I have again returned to the office. In this time I have visited about all the churches and companies in this south-eastern—or Nebraska—part of the conference. I spent considerable time with the church at Lisco. I have done all that I could in the interests of the canvassing work. Quite a number have signified their desire to take up the work after campmeeting. At least three have made request for definite territory which has been assigned. I was much pleased to meet Brother R. H. Thompson and W. F. Surber at Minatare, both of whom are veteran canvassers. It was my privilege to spend one Sabbath at the home of Elder E. T. Russell. I was also pleased to meet Elder Kirkle and talk with him about the work. At least one student from the Wyoming Intermediate School has decided to take up the work and others are considering it favorably. What we most desire is to secure permanent resident canvassers who will take up the work for life just the same as one enters the ministry. We have a large field, much of which can never be reached with the message except by the faithful colporteur.

One of the most helpful movements in America to-day is ably described by Mrs. Agnes McGiffert Baily, in her article, "The Organization of the Junior Civic Leagues," in the *March Life and Health*. Price, 10 cents.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Elder and Mrs. Hale made a recent trip to Hemingford on business.

Have you seen the new Year Book for 1912? The price is only twenty-five cents. You should have a copy.

Elder G. W. Berry called at the office last week while on his way to Owanka, S. Dak.

Elder Hale recently spent two weeks at Lander, Wyoming, where he held a ten days' meeting with the church.

W. F. Surber, who has been canvassing in South Missouri for the past year or more, has returned to his ranch in the Platte River Valley near Minatare. We hope that he may be able to take up the canvassing work in our conference with as good results as he had in Missouri.

Brother F. B. Jewell reports that a Sabbath-school has been organized at the St. George Ranch near Sidney, Nebraska.

We are pleased to receive a letter from Sister R. V. Cheney. She expresses a hope that they may be able to come to the campmeeting. Brother Cheney was at one time the elder of the church at Deadwood, S. Dak. At the present time his family is located on a ranch in the southern part of the Black Hills about ten miles from Edgemont.

Miss Daisy Davis, who was a student in the Wyoming Intermediate school three years ago, has been teaching public school near Upton, Wyoming, the past two years.

And still the money comes in as a result of last year's missionary investment. The treasurer of the Hemingford church has just sent us twenty dollars as the returns from one acre of potatoes.

Elder Berry recently spent the Sabbath with the brethren at Hay Springs, Nebr. They have not been meeting during the winter but will now re-organize and hold regular services in a church about four miles from town.

Mrs. Ella Young, formerly a member of the company at Clough, S. Dak., has moved to Lead, S. Dak.

A good encouraging letter comes from Sister H. T. Royal of Boneita Springs, S. Dak. All who attended campmeeting last year will remember Sister Royal.

Some of us think we have a hard time but what would we think if we had the experience of one isolated family who raised nothing last year but turnips and had nothing to live on during the long hard winter but turnips? And yet this same family sends in an offering of seven dollars for missions—being fifteen cents each per week for the Sabbath-school offering.

Mrs. Emma Meyers-Prebber of Hay Springs, Nebr., is the mother of a fine baby boy which arrived March 27.

Jennie Stewart of the Crawford church, suffered a stroke of paralysis recently which leaves her helpless. She was apparently recovering nicely from her recent sickness when this came. She has the sympathy of her many friends.

Elder J. H. Wheeler of Marsland, Nebr., was in Crawford recently but left without calling at the office. The next time this happens somebody will hear from "us." We do not want our brethren to come to town and go away without at least calling to say, "How d' yo' do."

Elmer Gipson, who is well known by the members of the Crawford church, returned recently from Harrison, Nebr., where he has been spending the winter with friends. He is now spending a little time visiting with brethren at Pleasant Valley church. Brother Gipson expects to take up the canvassing work this summer in Sioux county.

Recently we received a long distance message from Alliance, Nebr. asking us to order by telegraph 150 copies of the Temperance *Instructor* to be used in the city election campaign there. The question of local option was an issue at the election in that city. This shows that the Temperance *Instructor* is appreciated by the W. C. T. U. workers as the order came from them.

Our canvassing agent has been busy the past week hunting for canvassers among the churches, Mitchell, Scotts Bluff, Minatare, Midway.

Elder Reeder reports that the little

company at Buffalo, Wyo. is developing. Two have been added to the company since the close of the meetings there last season.

What about that missionary investment? Have you decided yet? By the time you read this you will no doubt have had an opportunity to fill out and sign the missionary investment blank. We hope that you will make some investment. Last year we realized nearly two hundred dollars from about thirty investments. Let us greatly increase the number of investments this year and thereby greatly enlarge the sum secured for missions. The article in a recent issue of the *OUTLOOK* by Brother M. E. Ellis on this question is worth reading again. Hunt up your paper and look it over and then make your investment according as the Lord impresses you.

South Missouri Conference

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Visiting the Churches

L. W. Terry

Sabbath, March 9, I visited the Creighton church, and remained with them until Monday, March 11. The Lord gave us some good meetings, notwithstanding the stormy weather, and our hearts were cheered by the tender Spirit of the Lord.

Sabbath, March 16, I met with Appleton City church, and, while the weather was very nice, the roads were almost impassable, so only very few were present.

We had arranged to hold quarterly meeting with the Osceola church Sabbath, March 23, but on account of the roads and a downpour of rain and snow, only one brother came in, as the most of the members live in the country, and he walked five miles through the rain. Because of these conditions, we were unable to hold any meetings at all, but we shall meet with them when conditions are more favorable.

I am now at Cole Camp, visiting the company raised up by Elders Mackintosh and Schroeder.

When I reached here Thursday, it was raining hard, and that night, although it was pouring down rain, several were out to meeting. We have enjoyed visiting these beginners and holding meetings with them very much.

We have had quite a good outside

attendance, and it seems that there is still an interest to hear.

From what I can see now, I believe it will be necessary to pitch a tent here this spring and hold at least a short series of meetings, for there are several that, I feel sure, with a little effort, will take their stand for the truth.

While this company will need more work to get them thoroughly established, I am much pleased with what I find here. It has done me good to be with them.

From the Field

H. E. Lysinger

Brother Schroeder arrived in Monteer Friday, March 15, and began meetings on the Sabbath.

I arrived there on Sunday. We had a very fair attendance from the outside. The little company seemed greatly encouraged.

Two young people expressed a desire for baptism, but the last few days of the meeting were so very bad that it was hardly possible to do anything. These young people are intending to be baptized at the next camp-meeting, if not before.

I left Monteer for West Plains, Thursday, March 21, but Brother Schroeder remained until after the Sabbath, and went to Mountain View and began meetings there Sunday night, March 24.

I was with the West Plains company over the Sabbath, but on account of the bad weather, we could not hold night meetings, and no one could get in from the country, and, further, we could not get any public place to hold meetings in, so I came to Mountain View on Tuesday, March 26, to help Brother Schroeder.

We are now having a fair attendance, considering everything.

We have a nice church building here, but only about two families are left who can attend. We found them faithfully attending Sabbath-school, for which we are thankful.

This is a growing town, and a good country lies around it, and we truly believe that a few good Adventist families could do much good to locate here and strengthen the church.

Office Notes

Ralph Rhodes

Brethren Schroeder and Lysinger have been holding meetings with the church at Mountain View.

Brethren O. S. Owen and Harry Davis are now canvassing Barry County.

The Clinton German Seminary Society ordered 480 Temperance *Instructors* to use in Clinton and nearby towns.

The Home Department division of our Sabbath-schools is on the increase.

Brother E. L. Wells and C. C. Brettinger have been canvassing St. Clair County.

Brother Emery Gim, one of our new canvassers has been successful in taking a few orders for Daniel and Revelation in Bedalia while waiting for the roads and weather to improve.

We trust all of our people will take advantage of the opportunity of showing to the people of the world, our position on the temperance question, by using a large number of the *Temperance Instructor*. In this way we will be able to remove much prejudice, and place in their hands later, other literature which contains the third angel's message. We have already ordered nearly a thousand copies, and hope to use more of the present number than any before. We feel sure that all of our people will be able to use some of the papers, and many will be able to dispose of a large number in the towns and cities. We can fill orders from the office without delay.

A letter recently received from Brother Allred reports a good delivery in the south. Brother Allred has moved his family from Columbia to Joplin, and he expects to devote his entire time to the spreading of the third angel's message.

Brother A. M. Scheu recently went to Kansas City, where he expects to work for a short time before returning to the canvassing work.

The May number of the *Watchman* is a Health and Temperance Special, gotten out in the interest of our sanitarium work and health principles. As this campaign is set on foot for the benefit of our sanitarium work we solicit your earnest cooperation in the wide distribution of this special issue. We call upon all our people to assist in scattering this and all our good magazines far and wide.

Twenty-six sentence sermons on health will be found on the first page of the March number of *Life and Health*. These alone are well worth the price of this copy. Price 10 cents each; \$1.00 a year.

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Kearney

A. F. Kirk

I went to Wolbach to hold meetings in a schoolhouse close to Brother Christenson's home, about ten miles from Wolbach, but owing to the condition of the roads, the worst I believe I ever saw them in my thirty-one years of residence in this state, we thought best to wait until some future time. Brother Christenson's four children were sick in bed at one time. One died, and a boy twelve years of age was at the point of death for several days, but is gaining now.

I will spend a few days in Kearney, where we will hold cottage meetings with interested ones. A German lady has kept three Sabbaths and is rejoicing in the truth as the result of faithfulness on the part of our lay members here. A few meetings, held by others and myself, have helped them, and we are praying that others may also be brought to the Lord. To Him be all the praise.

Petersburg

E. L. Cook

For nearly eight weeks we have held meetings here with a good attendance despite the snow and mud. The people have paid good attention to the word spoken. The Congregational minister has opposed the truth from the very first and has preached against it even renouncing some of the Bible. He said no one could understand the book of Revelation—it was only a dream any way, and anybody eating a late supper of lobsters might have extravagant fancies at night. He has manifested a very bitter spirit toward the work being done here but we believe God is able to finish the work he has begun in the hearts of the people and will cause the wrath of man to praise Him and the remainder of wrath will He restrain.

Eight have signed the covenant and four others claim to be walking in the light and still others are in the valley of decision.

Labor has been and is still being done from house to house.

There are a few Adventists in this place and they express themselves as being helped to a higher plane of living. We take this occasion to

thank them for the hospitality and kindness shown. May God help us all to sense the responsibility now resting upon us.

A few days' visit from Brother Christian was appreciated. Sister Smith is looking after the work while I am spending a few days at home.

Let all our brethren pray for these new ones and always be ready to feed the lambs of the flock.

Hastings

M. E. Ellis

Elders Meade MacGuire and B. L. House conducted an eight-days' series of revival meetings with the Hastings church in March. Special meetings were held with the sanitarium helpers and the students in the school. Much good was accomplished in these meetings, and our people in Hastings were encouraged and built up spiritually by this effort.

March 17, a baptismal service was held, and nine were baptized, two of these being rebaptisms. The Christian church very kindly gave us the use of their fine new building and baptistry for this service.

Sabbath, March 30, the Foreign Missions Investment Fund was presented at the forenoon service, and from an audience numbering ninety-one, fifty-nine investments of various kinds were made, and others were promised.

In the afternoon of the same day, the young people's society gave a very interesting temperance program, which the whole church was invited to attend and near its close all had a chance to also take part in the program by signifying how many of the *Temperance Instructors* they would take to use. Three hundred seventy-five were ordered as a starter.

Our people are responding liberally to the various calls for help. A well-supplied tract cupboard has recently been put in the church for the free use of the members. There is a healthy, growing interest in the school work and in the Sabbath-school, and there is every prospect that the work will continue to advance steadily in this corner of the Lord's vineyard.

Elder A. T. Robinson went to Arlington, Nebr., last Friday to spend the Sabbath. He went from there to join Elder E. T. Russell and Prof. Frederick Griggs in council meetings to be held in Topeka, Kans., and St. Louis, Mo. Elder Robinson expects to return to College View about the middle of this week.

Office Notes

M. E. Ellis

Brother E. L. Cook is spending a few days at home, after a successful seven-weeks' effort conducted at Petersburg.

Elder O. E. Jones is visiting the churches along the Platte Valley, having left Hastings, April 12, for Kearney.

The writer is visiting some of the churches and isolated families in southeastern Nebraska in the interest of various missionary projects.

Wednesday evening, April 10, about twenty of our Hastings people met an hour before the regular prayer meeting to wrap and direct 250 copies of the Temperance *Instructor*, which are going to all the W. C. T. U.'s in Nebraska. We are getting more and more enthusiastic every day about this wonderfully convincing temperance number, and do not let anyone get it in his head that the work with it is done. Last week we had a letter from the president of the W. C. T. U. in Nebraska, making inquiries about the paper, and speaking highly of it, and requested that a copy of it be sent to every W. C. T. U. in the state.

Last week, the Hastings Intermediate School took a half day off, and, together with several of the older members, went out with the Temperance *Instructor*. One hundred sixty were disposed of. The Hastings church so far has used nearly one thousand copies of this number.

The Foreign Missions Investment Fund slips are not coming in half as fast as they ought to. What is the matter, good people of Nebraska; you are not going back on that plan, are you? And, by the way, missionary secretaries, if one of the conference workers comes to your church and this matter has not yet been presented, or if it has been, and the response has not been what you hoped for, you and he work up a good, strong service on that plan. We must have \$5,000 from this fund this fall, and we can do it, if we do not lie down.

A few days ago, we met Mrs. W. M. McCarty and children, of Republican City, Nebr., on a Burlington train, enroute for their new home in Canada. Brother McCarty left some days before with a carload of goods. It is with sincere regret that we see them go, for they have done much

towards holding the little Alma church together for years, and their love for the cause and their unselfish devotion to it have been very marked.

An order was received this week from one of our lay members for 16,000 tracts.

We recently printed 750 Foreign Missions Investment Fund blanks at our Hastings office, for the Wyoming Conference.

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Preston

W. L. Nott

In company with my wife, I came to Preston early in February and began meetings in our church. The outside attendance was good from the beginning although the weather was very stormy and we could hold meetings only a few nights at a time on account of a storm, but as soon as the storm was over the people came out again. We have kept this up for nearly eight weeks. We have been greatly hindered, our meetings being broken into every few nights and the roads being so bad the country people could not attend at all and we were expecting a large attendance from the country. But we are grateful for three who have decided to keep the Sabbath and there are a number of others for whom we are very hopeful. We are studying with the people in their homes and hope to bring others to a decision. We ask the prayers of the OUTLOOK family for the work here.

Scranton, Pa.

S. S. Schrock

On the sixth of March I reached home safely for a brief visit after a thirteen months' absence. I was glad to find my loved ones all well. "Home, sweet home! Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home!" Upon invitation from Elder Schilling, the superintendent of our German work east of the Mississippi, I visited our German churches in the east from March 20 to 28. On this trip I visited Allentown, Shimersville and Philadelphia, Pa. In Philadelphia I spent a blessed Sabbath. While here I also spoke once in the North Philadelphia English church where I used to be well acquainted in former years. Then I visited Jersey City,

N. J., Brooklyn, Manhattan and The Bronx in New York. I was very glad for this opportunity to become acquainted with our German churches in the East. It did my soul good to see the good foothold which our German work has gained in these large centers of population. Brooklyn alone has a German population of 1,500,000.

I find our dear laborers here of good courage, and working hard to bring the message to these millions. May God greatly bless their faithful efforts and gladden their hearts by giving them many souls for their hire.

This week I expect to start west again, spend next Sabbath with our old home church at Ligomir, Indiana, where I first learned to love this truth thirty-five years ago. I will be in Hutchinson, Kans., the Lord willing, ready for duty by Tuesday morning, April 9.

Obituary

Christenson.—Myrtle Christenson, infant daughter of Andrew and Christiana Christenson, was born at Wolbach, Nebr., Feb. 20, 1911, and died March 23, 1912, pneumonia being the cause of her death. Owing to the bad condition of the roads, which were almost impossible to be traveled, and Brother Christenson's living about ten miles from Wolbach, services were held in the home, with a large number of relatives and friends present. Services were also held in Wolbach, in the Methodist church, where many relatives and friends who could not be at the home met at 3:00 p. m. Words of comfort were spoken from Isa. 52:8, at the home, and from John 11:23 at the church in Wolbach. What a precious thought it is to the faithful in Christ Jesus that when Jesus comes He will send His angels and will gather the little ones and place them in their mothers' arms never more to part by death.

A. F. Kirk.

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