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

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Will It Find Us Ready?

Mrs. R. R. Reynolds
How the days keep drifting, drifting;
One by one they go,
On Time's deep and restless ocean,
With its ceaseless flow.
Like the days, we, too, are drifting;
None may stay the tide;
Drifting onward, ever onward,
Toward the other side.
Ev'ry heart-throb takes us nearer,
Nearer to the goal.
Ev'ry moment less, time's dearer,
Dearer, O my soul!
While the days keep breaking, break-
ing,
And their courses run,
Oh, what need of best endeavor!
Will our task be done
When there comes the last one, last one,
With Time's setting sun?
Will it find us ready, waiting,
With the vic'try won?
Wichita, Kans.

The Devil can make a loafer do anything. Get to work. Start right, and start right away.

The Question Box

(Continued)

Conducted by Elder A. G. Daniells.

24. Should our ministers entertain in their homes apostate ministers who are going about for the purpose of diverting the minds of believers from the faith?

This question may be answered by the following text: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John 10:11.

This is the true teaching regarding the gospel of Jesus Christ, and seemingly pertains to the work of those whose purpose it is to deceive and mislead the people. It, no doubt, has reference to the Jewish people who were going about to turn the minds of believers in Christ, both the Jews and the Gentiles, away from the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a matter in which we should exercise great care. First, we should be very certain that the individual has turned away from the truth of God. We must not misjudge either his condition or his purpose. If we know positively that the individual has turned away from the gospel of Christ as it is revealed in His Word and in our message, and that he is going about to divert the minds of the people, I do not understand how, in harmony with the scripture above quoted, we can entertain him.

Also Romans 16:17 has a bearing on this question: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrines which ye have learned; and avoid them."

One of the reasons for doing this is that to entertain and keep company

with such, will give them influence in the church and among the believers. It will, in a measure, sustain and encourage them in their work of tearing down, and will confuse the minds of the unwary.

It is our duty, however, to put forth earnest efforts to save the man who has turned away from the truth. We should endeavor to show him his mistake and to help him to retrace his steps. We should exhaust every resource in that direction. This may necessitate our calling on him in his home; we may need to manifest great friendliness, and invite him to our homes for a time, while working out the problem to save him. But if our efforts fail, then, according to the Scriptures, we should in a friendly way part company with him.

25. Should a minister be ordained while there is a lack of unity between him and the church members?

This would depend upon the cause of the lack of unity. Investigation would have to be made by the church officers, and if it should be found that the cause is primarily on the part of the minister, it would be better to delay the ordination. It might be found that the cause lies entirely with the individual members of the church, in which case it would be proper to proceed with the ordination service, and endeavor in every possible way to bring about harmony. Most ministers who are ordained have their names presented before the conference, and are voted upon, which gives the members of the conference an opportunity to object if they have any reasons for doing so.

26. Is it proper for the elder of a church to occupy the pulpit of his own church, in the absence of a minister, or should he confine himself to the table in front of the rostrum?

In the early days of our message,

it was customary for a church elder to officiate from the table, very seldom occupying the rostrum; but as our work has grown, the duties of the elder have increased, and we have changed our custom, to a very large extent.

I see no reason why a church elder should not perform the functions of his office from the pulpit. He should endeavor to render a dignified service at all times in the absence of the minister. When a minister visits a church, it is altogether in place for him to invite the elder to join with him in the service, announcing the hymn, offering prayer, and rendering whatever assistance he can. We should endeavor to strengthen our local officers in their work, and do everything in our power to increase their efficiency. This can not always be accomplished by counsel. But when we take them into the service, we then enable them to carry out the counsel that we give them, and to improve their work.

27. Should not a convert be baptized as soon as he believes, instead of having to wait until some more convenient season?

It would depend very much upon the convert and his circumstances. We can not have an inflexible rule in the matter of time. We have instances in the Scriptures where baptism was administered immediately, as in the case of Philip and the man from Africa, and also of Paul and the jailer.

28. What cooperation should a minister extend to the state canvassing agent during the year, or at camp-meeting?

It would be difficult to mention all the features of cooperation that a minister should extend to the canvassing agent. These are a few, however.

A minister should keep informed regarding the work being done by those who are working for the distribution of our literature. He should keep well enough informed to keep in full sympathy with that line of work. When he comes in contact with the field agent, or even the local canvasser, he should take time to talk with him about his work; learn what success he is having, what difficulties he is encountering, and thus be able from what he learns to give him some words of encouragement, if not counsel. The minister can cooperate with the canvassing work by encouraging our people everywhere to give our book work and periodical workers a hearty welcome whenever they go to their churches or to their homes.

When he visits our schools, he should talk with the students about their purposes and ambitions, and endeavor to interest those who are fitted for the canvassing work to enter that line, and thus increase the staff of workers in the canvassing field.

29. Should our young people attend grand opera where our so-called great singers are to be heard?

I do not believe they should. I think there is a better course for them to pursue. While one might spend an evening at a grand opera, and not himself be greatly injured, the chances are that it might start him on a course that would prove his downfall, and his example would be harmful to a great many others who could not attend these places. We can improve our talents and abilities in other ways.

Protestant Magazine

The secretary of the Y. M. C. A., in one of the largest cities in the East, keeps a good supply of the *Protestant Magazine* and *Liberty* on hand all the time, to hand out judiciously to the friends of Protestantism and Liberty. He writes: "I am using these copies carefully, and believe they are doing some good."

We take the following from a letter just received from a most earnest Protestant lady in a large Michigan city, who is introducing both the *Protestant Magazine* and *Liberty* among the highest classes: "I shall place these magazines in the hands of every Protestant minister in ——. A Paulist priest was asked to speak in Trinity Methodist Church here the other day. I placed both these magazines in this minister's hands, and had a good talk with him, and he thanked me for them."

Every lover of temperance should read and place in the hands of his neighbor to read the letter written by Elder E. L. Maxwell of Louisiana to a saloon-keeper in that state. The saloon-keeper sent Elder Maxwell advertising matter soliciting his liquor trade. In replying to the invitation Elder Maxwell sets forth some very striking reasons why he did not care to become his customer. Do not fail to circulate this article widely, published in the *May Watchman*.

Hitherto the Lord hath helped us,
Guiding all the way;
Henceforth let us trust Him fully,
Trust Him all the day.



Work of the Normal Department

Prof. H. R. Salisbury

I am receiving many applications from those who will graduate this year from the advanced normal course of our schools, asking me to obtain positions for them as teachers in our academies or colleges. I hope the heads of our normal departments will bring this matter strongly before the graduating classes.

I believe that our graduates should understand that there is no better work for them than to teach in the church schools, that we may strengthen that department, which is the foundation of our whole educational structure. As our normal departments are being strengthened, there are continual calls for assistant teachers for our colleges in this department. There are, at the present time, nearly sixty educational superintendents, and these ought to be, *without exception, normal graduates who have had practical experience as church school teachers.*

I wish our normal school graduates could understand this; and even if they do not always expect or care to be church school teachers, let them understand that the best way to plan for their advancement is through the practical experience gained in teaching church school. Among the strongest superintendents appointed this last year are those who have been taken from the church school work and placed in the field work. Since I have been educational secretary, I have worked to the end that every union secretary would be an experienced educator, and all our conference educational superintendents normal graduates who have had church school experience.

It will be of interest to you to know that there is no department of our educational work where such growth is being shown and such earnestness being manifested as in the upbuilding of our normal departments. With one or two exceptions, every one of our schools is planning to greatly strengthen its normal work the coming year. Two different union training schools are arranging now to construct normal buildings. I am glad that I can send this encouraging report, for in the success or failure

of our normal work will be seen the success or failure of our church school work. And if our church school work should fail, it would strike a fatal blow at the foundation of our educational system.

Union College Notes

Chaney Premer

President Griggs has been visiting the schools in the Central Union Conference and working in the interests of Union College.

The oratorical junior recital given by Mr. Ames and Miss Hiatt in the college chapel, Saturday evening, was well attended. Marked advancement is being made in that department of the school.

Mr. Moomaw, the secretary of the national intercollegiate anti-saloon league, gave an interesting and inspiring talk to the students in chapel Monday morning.

The anti-saloon league of Union College has been doing some active work in the way of distributing the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*.

Elder Bellah, the Central Union canvassing agent, is in College View conducting a canvassers' institute. He has been conducting an institute at Champion Academy for the past few weeks, and reports a good interest in the canvassing work at that place.

The announcement Wednesday morning, April 10, in chapel, that a two days' vacation had been voted by the faculty brought forth heartfelt rounds of applause from the students that made the old chapel ring. After the hard grind of studies for the last few months, every one felt the need of a little relaxation. A spirit of rest and satisfaction prevailed over the dormitories and campus during the remainder of the week.

On Wednesday evening, President Griggs invited all the young men to meet in College Hall for a short prayer meeting. There was a good attendance, and a deep interest was manifested during the meeting. So many good thoughts are always brought out in these services that it is considered a privilege to attend them.

Like the Hebrew children after

their ten days' dieting, we all returned to work on Monday fairer and fatter for our short vacation.

Hill Academy Notes

H. G. Leffingwell

Several of our students expect to put in their vacation canvassing this summer.

Two hundred copies of the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* were taken for distribution by the young people's society.

"Academy" is now a regular station on the Lenora branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. We expect to have a better depot some time.

A letter from Brother Ackerman informs us that a canvassers' institute will be held here at the close of school. The exact date is not yet settled.

A. B. Dillon, the county superintendent of Osborne County, was a pleasant visitor at the school Wednesday, April 10. He informs us that we have one of the best equipped schools in the county.

Miss Ivy Endicott, in company with Miss Belle Dixon, spent Thursday, April 11, selling the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*, in the towns west of here. They had good success.

A. H. Bullock, who has been a student in the academy for the past two years, has been secured by the board to take charge of the farm work this year. Albert is just now very busy putting in a crop of potatoes with the help of some of the other students.

The orchestra has been practicing twice a week for some time past, preparing for the convention soon to be held. Taking into consideration that ten or twelve weeks ago most of the members had never touched the instruments they are now playing, they are doing exceedingly well.

A combined Sabbath-school and educational convention will be held at the academy May 4 and 5. All are invited to attend. We expect to have a genuine good time. Probably some of the conference workers and ministers will be here, and we trust that the good Spirit of God will be present.

Nebraska Church Schools

B. L. House.

Ed. Sup't. Nebr. Conf.

We have had nine church schools, and four family schools in operation in this conference during the school term of 1911-12, outside the Normal Department of Union College. It has been my privilege to visit Hastings, Lincoln, and Grand Island where prosperous schools are in operation under competent teachers. The schools at Hartington, Ringgold, Oconto, and Decatur have closed during March and April, having had a short term this year. But the other schools are still in session and the teachers are all of good courage and enjoying their work.

The Lord has truly blessed our people in rallying to the support of their church schools at the time when the Conference Educational Fund was exhausted and the conference could no longer pay the teachers. We truly appreciate the faithfulness of our consecrated teachers in standing at their post of duty when the outlook was not very encouraging.

Many of our church school pupils are finishing their work in the lower grades this year, and they should be encouraged to pass on up the ladder of knowledge and training to the Intermediate School at Hastings, where we have an excellent school in operation under the direction of Professor and Mrs. I. F. Blue. An orderly and homelike spirit pervades the school, and Mrs. Winston as matron of the dormitory, has proven herself a true mother to the students under her care.

Prof. H. C. Wilson has been busy with his music students, and altogether I could not help but to be thankful for the good spirit that reigned in the school.

In company with Elder Meade Mae Guire I had the privilege of spending about ten days in working among the students, and our hearts were made to rejoice to see the spirit of consecration which came into the school. When we left all but one had made a surrender to the Lord. This meant the beginning of a Christian life to some, while in other cases it meant the reclaiming of those who had backslidden. On Sunday, March 17, eight young people were baptized and six of these were the same night received into the Hastings church. Our prayers will ascend for these young people that they may be faithful in their daily life and continue to grow in the grace of God. Brethren and sisters, where can we find a better place for our boys

and girls than in the schools of the Lord's own plan.

Now is the time to choose your school boards and begin to plan for your school to begin next September. Secure your teacher early, as they will not want to wait all summer in the dark as to whether they will have a school or not.

Start to putting your money in the bank this summer for your next school. Try dedicating some work, some crops, some property, some horses or some cattle in order to give your children a Christian education.

And I will take this occasion to inform all the friends of our church schools, that we will be seriously hindered and handicapped without a Conference Educational Fund. We must have it in order to carry on our work successfully. You may ask, why do you need it?

1. We need it to pay a large overdraft which we have had to make in order to settle with our teachers this year.

2. In order to pay teacher's railroad fares to and from their schools.

3. That we may conduct our teachers' institutes and summer schools, which are absolutely necessary in order to maintain the proper standard of efficiency among our teachers.

4. To help churches which are financially poor to partly pay their teacher.

For this Educational Fund we shall have to be dependent on liberal gifts from those who are able to give, and upon those churches and isolated Sabbath-keepers who are not helping to support a church school.

Will you not remember this needy branch of the Lord's work and help us what you can? Are there not many who will give some regular amount monthly, or some per cent of your income, in order that our church school work in this conference may be placed on a solid foundation?

Dear reader, what will you do? Can you not help us in some tangible way? Will you not write to me and let me know of your interest in this worthy cause and what you will do? I trust I shall hear from many of the loyal friends of Christian education in the Nebraska Conference.

Holbrook, Nebr.

Campion Institute

C. G. Bellah

The canvassers' institute at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colo., opened April 5. As soon as we arrived, Professor Salisbury called a meeting of the faculty, and laid defi-

nite plans for the institute. No group of workers could give the book work more hearty support than we received there.

We were not only given all the time we desired for class work, but the chapel hour and prayer time was thrown open to us in a loyal way indeed.

As a result, the institute grew from the very first. At the opening service, we had a class of about a dozen. The attendance increased till the close, when about thirty were coming. Almost every day some member of the faculty was present, which was an expression of the cooperation we were receiving from the school.

The students were not only prompt in attending, but very apt in getting the points presented, and made rapid progress in drill work and class study. Very seldom have we seen as rapid progress as that made by this body of earnest young men and women.

We were indeed gratified on arriving to find not an unconverted student in the school. The spiritual condition is excellent. It was an inspiration to attend the prayer bands, and hear the earnest petitions for the success of the school and the work of God in the earth. The canvassers' institute was seldom forgotten in the prayers of both students and faculty.

We appreciated very much the interest manifested on the part of the church members in Campion, having several visitors every day. Several evening and Sabbath services were held, and seemed to be appreciated by all.

The institute closed with a consecration service Sunday afternoon, April 14. Professor Salisbury and others of the faculty were with us. All felt that the Lord had indeed given us the best of the wine at the last of the feast. We are sure that the light of present truth, as revealed in the printed page, will be brought to many homes through the efforts of these earnest students. Let us remember them daily at the throne of grace.

On Sunday, April 14, Elders E. T. Russell, Frederick Griggs and A. T. Robinson spent several hours in counsel with the members of the East Kansas Conference Committee. As the principles of organization upon which our work is based were studied together, the good Spirit of the Lord was present and all seemed to be drawn closer together in the bonds of Christian love and fellowship. The brethren of the East Kansas Conference

Committee had felt under the necessity of starting a conference paper and it was mutually agreed to make a club rate of the conference paper and the Central Union OUTLOOK and push the circulation of the two papers in the conference conjointly. The Lord is blessing the labors of His servants and with the hearty cooperation of the rank and file of the believers, the East Kansas Conference will take her place in the front rank of strong aggressive conferences.

Everyone not familiar with the patent medicine curse of this country should read the *Watchman* editorial "Counterfeit Cures." It will deal with the shameful practice which defrauds the public out of millions of dollars by the sale of patent medicines that are instruments of death. Do not take another drop of patent medicine until you read this article.

"The Temperate Life or the More Excellent Way" by Dr. D. H. Kress, in the May *Watchman* is an earnest plea urging us back to the simple life, simple diet, fresh air, country walks, etc. This article sets forth in a clear way the lasting benefits of the temperate life.

"The Bible as a Health Educator" by Dr. David Paulson in the May *Watchman*, shows how simple health principles are God-given because they were plainly set forth in the Bible more than thirty centuries ago. Men get into trouble when they depart from the Word of God along health and temperance as well as other lines.

"A Health-Reform People" by L. A. Hansen, in the May *Watchman*, gives a clear outline of the original purpose of God with reference to the physical wellbeing of man. The article shows clearly how many people have departed from this design. Because of this a reform in the methods of living has become a necessity. Hence Seventh-day Adventists have a definite health reform message which is due the world in this strenuous age.

Following is a letter from an enterprising missionary worker:—

"Dear *Watchman*: Find enclosed \$25.00. Please send the *Watchman* to fifty persons each for six months. Will you not please select the names?"

Did we select them? We certainly did.

The way to succeed is to forget yesterday, keep busy today, and expect great things tomorrow.



West Kansas Conference

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Field Notes

N. T. Sutton

Elder S. S. Shroek has just returned from a visit with his family in Pennsylvania.

Elder M. G. Huffman has just returned from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been visiting his family.

Sister Harris, wife of E. Harris, secretary and treasurer of the Conference, has just gone through a very critical surgical operation. We are glad to state that she is recovering rapidly.

Elder Bringle and Brother Osterloh have been in Hutchinson a few days this week in the interest of conference work.

Elder H. R. Godfrey is at the sanitarium at the present time.

Brother Nott reports a good interest at Preston. Three have taken their stand for the truth and others are very hopeful.

Sister Maggie Ogden is pushing the Temperance number of the *Instructor*, in Hutchinson, this week. She is calling on the pastors of the different churches, and the Sunday School superintendents.

The church at Wichita has ordered 945 numbers of the Temperance *Instructor*. The Young People are working with the Sunday Schools and other societies.

Brother B. H. Shaw is holding a series of meetings in a school house near Verdi.

The *Watchman* Health and Temperance Special for May, ready April 10, will be brimfull of good things. A health message, a temperance message, a gospel message, in fact a three-fold message will be given.

Nebraska Conference

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Field Notes

J. W. Christian

Brother A. F. Kirk is holding meetings near Wolbach.

Brother C. J. Paulson has gone to Edison to labor in the country adjacent to the home of Brother Fewell.

Elder Fred Johnson is spending a few days with his family at College View this week.

Brother A. W. Erickson has returned to Brady to labor among the Swedish people in this neighborhood.

Brother W. A. Long was at Hastings over Sabbath and Sunday in the interest of the canvassing work.

The canvassers institute at College View began Thursday, April 19. We look for a number of outside people to take the instruction. This will be the general institute for the state.

A live campaign is on with the Temperance number of the *Instructor*. It is worthy of a wide circulation. It may be needed in your neighborhood. Think it over and act.

A general meeting is being held at Valentine this week. The laborers in attendance are Elders L. B. Porter, J. W. Christian and Brother P. A. Field.

Good returns are coming in from the Investment Fund campaign. Have you taken it up in your church? Do not delay this important item in connection with our foreign missionary endeavor.

Elder A. T. Robinson spent last Sabbath at the Arlington church. This was a meeting long promised but had been postponed from time to time on account of the bad roads and weather. Quarterly services were held.

Elder Bernhart Peterson, formerly of the North Illinois Conference, has connected with the work in this conference. We are glad to welcome him and feel sure he will meet with many warm "Velkommen" from our Danish people.

Last Sabbath and Sunday a Scandinavian church organization was perfected at College View. Elder H. R. Johnson, chaplain of the sanitarium was chosen elder and Brethren Bjurstrom and Thorpe deacons. A full staff of officers was chosen and the new church starts with about thirty members.

"The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church elders." Vol. 9, P. 117.

"Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done... The work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it." Vol. 9, P. 41.

North Missouri Conference

A. R. Ogden, Pres. Allie Guthrie, Sec'y
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Hamilton Institute

M. P. Manny

This may be a little late, yet as no report of this institute has appeared in the *OUTLOOK*, I thought it not out of place to give a brief report of my last work in North Missouri.

Through personal efforts and correspondence before, during, and after the College View meeting, we were enabled to encourage eight new canvassers to take up the work. These, with two of our old canvassers, attended the institute, held February 16-26.

Brother Rodney, of Elliott, who intended to attend the institute, but was unable to do so, expects soon to take up the work.

Those in attendance were all young men, except one, a young lady, whose brother gave up the farm and sold everything, except one horse and buggy, to enter this work. Our hopes for them are that they may succeed in this their chosen calling.

We predict a good year's work for the North Missouri Conference.

We shall watch with interest their reports, as our hearts are in the book work, for the salvation of souls.

Every lover of liberty should read the article entitled "The Freedom of the Press Endangered," found in the current "Thomas Jefferson" number of *Liberty*. Price 10 cents per copy, or 25 cents a year.

A Word from St. Louis

C. J. Kuikel

The work of soul-winning is onward in this place. As workers, we look forward to a harvest. Since warmer weather has set in, it seems that the workers find more inquiring minds. At our workers' meeting last Tuesday morning, all expressed themselves as full of courage, and most of us had some interesting cases to report.

We are glad to have Mrs. Leo with us as a Bible-worker. She has been engaged in the same work for a number of years in New York and Brooklyn. She is finding some openings for readings.

Last Sabbath, two Germans were baptized. This was an encouragement for the little company.

The Sabbath-school of the English church are endeavoring in their donations to average ten cents per week per member for the whole year. Different methods are followed. Some can not pay until later in the season; but when the year is past, we hope the goal will have been reached. This first quarter has about doubled the donation, although this enterprise was not launched until the quarter was about half spent.

The church has ordered about eight hundred of the Temperance *Youth's Instructor*, with which to carry on their personal work.

As workers, we feel the need of the prayers of the OUTLOOK family in this wicked city. It seems more than ever, amid the cry of hard times, that the people are given over to pleasure seeking. It is estimated that \$3,000,000 is spent annually in moving-picture shows. What sum will be reached when all the other theaters are added to these, I do not know. It seems that the people move in a mad rush after pleasure, and do not get out of the stupor of its bewildering influence. We ask you to pray for us, that God may help us to search out the honest ones.

Wyoming Conference

D. U. Hale, Pres. Asa Smith, Sec'y
H. A. Fisk, Field Agt.
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The Missionary Investment Plan

Asa Smith

Some time ago there was mailed out from this office a circular letter to the churches and isolated believers concerning this most excellent plan for increasing our missionary funds. We are anxiously waiting and praying that the Lord will move upon the

hearts of all His people to take hold of this opportunity to prove Him. You remember that the Lord invites us to put Him to the test. In Mal. 3:10, He says: "Prove Me now herewith; and see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing." He further promises to rebuke the devourer for our sakes. Now let us all take hold of the investment plan and see what the Lord will do for us. I believe that we can reasonably expect that the special blessing of the Lord will be upon any investment we make for His cause. There has been an abundance of moisture the past winter, and there is every prospect that this will be a good crop year. Then why may we not plant something and expect that it will be blessed for His sake? Let even the children have a part in this. Remember it is not the greatness of the investment that counts so much with the Lord as the spirit with which it is done. We shall look for many of the investment blanks to be filled out and returned to this office soon. Just the other day we received \$6.05 as the result of an investment made last year. What will your investment be this year? Let us hear from you.

The Canvassing Work

H. A. Fish

Tuesday morning, April 19, I left Crawford for Hot Springs, S. Dak., where I found Brother Ora G. Pierce, the only canvasser who was in the field in our conference last year. He is cooking in a sanitarium at present. I had two good visits with him, and he is planning to take up the work again this summer.

My next visit was at Belle Fourche with Brother Hamlin. Although Brother Hamlin finds it impossible to take up the work at present, he expects soon to have a part in spreading the message contained in the printed page.

I spent a few hours in Deadwood, visiting the brethren and sisters there. I found them all of good courage and striving to be among the faithful. Sister Thoen left for the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium the day I was there.

I am at home now for a few days before leaving for College View to attend the canvassers' institute.

Although the canvassing work in our field is at a very low ebb, we hope by the help of the Lord and the cooperation of the brethren to raise the fallen standard and build up the book work, that the truth of God may gain entrance to many homes.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Elder Reeder has been visiting the isolated believers in the northeastern part of Wyoming, in Crook and Weston Counties.

Elder Hale spent last Sabbath with the church at Pleasant Valley, which is located about twelve miles west of Marsland, Nebr.

Mrs. Emma Thoen, clerk of the church at Deadwood, S. Dak., is compelled to seek treatment at the Boulder Sanitarium, so she writes.

W. J. Cockell, treasurer of the church at Cheyenne, Wyo., has been on the sick list for some time. His many friends hope that he may soon be restored to health.

Brother Fish has been visiting the churches in the Black Hills in the interest of the canvassing work the past week. He is now spending a few days at home, after an absence of about six weeks.

Elder and Mrs. Hale left Crawford last week for Hemingford. Mrs. Hale takes the place of matron in the Wyoming Intermediate School, made vacant by the failing health of Mrs. Rockwell.

Miss Jennie Stewart, of the church at Crawford, Nebr., died April 13. She had a stroke of paralysis about ten days before. A more extended obituary will appear later.

Mrs. A. Bowman, who has done such good work selling magazines in Lead and Deadwood and giving the proceeds to the work for the blind, has been quite sick for some weeks, but has so far recovered as to be able to go out to her ranch near Dewey, S. Dak.

G. M. Burns writes that the interest is still good at Alliance. There has been quite a temperance campaign there this spring, and our little Sabbath-school seems to be profiting as a result of some who once knew the truth, but had drifted away, having been aroused to a sense of their duty to the Lord.

Brother von Pohle, the esteemed principal of our intermediate school, writes that the school is very much in need of another good horse. O. D. Rouse very generously donated a fine horse to the school a short time ago,

and now another is needed to complete the team, so that work can be commenced on the school farm. It is purposed to put in the crop by the school this year. Any one who will give or loan a horse to the school, please write to E. A. von Pohle, Hemingford, Nebr.

April 13 and 14 brought the worst blizzard that has been seen in this part of Nebraska for more than twenty years, so we are told by one who has been here that long. The snow piled up in some places six feet deep, and one report gives twelve feet. One woman and child are reported to have frozen to death near their home. Surely we are living in the time of the end. Not only has intensity taken hold of everything, but it seems that even nature has been turned out of its course.

Elder Berry writes that he had a very profitable visit with the believers near Owanka, S. Dak. Two young people took their stand for the truth, and a Sabbath-school of ten was organized, to be known as the Brennan Flat Sabbath-school. Elder Berry is now visiting the isolated ones at Bonita Springs, White Owl, Marcus, and Clough. These places are all in South Dakota, north and east of the Black Hills, and from twenty to sixty miles from the railroad. Mr. H. T. Royal, of Bonita Springs, has kindly given him the use of a horse and buggy, so that he can more easily visit the brethren.

Obituaries

Sherman.—Died in St. Louis, Mo., March 30, 1912, Mrs. Harvey Sherman. She was born in Bloomfield, New York, May 21, 1838. Sister Sherman was the mother of six children, four of whom still survive, to mourn the loss of a good mother.

Several years ago she was converted, baptized, and united with the Baptist church, but being very devoted to her Bible and continually studying it she found the truth for this time which means perfect obedience to all God's commandments, and she most gladly walked in the light, and died happy in the thought of having eternal life at the first resurrection.

Job 19: 25, 26, was a favorite scripture with her, and was used by the writer as a basis from which to draw comforting thoughts for the bereaved ones, and to inspire courage and hope to the many sympathizing friends who were present. L. F. Trubey.

Vaughn. Mrs. Mollie Vaughn was born in Franklin County, Mo., March 3, 1856 and died March 31, 1912.

She accepted of present truth at a camp-meeting held at Harrison Mo., and joined the Seventh-Day Adventist church in St. Louis about twenty-five years ago, and continued a faithful member to the time of her death. She leaves a husband, one daughter, three brothers, three sisters, several other relatives, and many friends who mourn but not without hope. Sister Vaughn was a very consistent christian, and her kind sweet disposition will long live in the memory of those who knew her.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. MacMinn of the Presbyterian church who was the minister of her immediate neighborhood. Such texts as point out a happy future to the faithful in Christ were used, and the Lord blessed them to the comforting of the sorrowing hearts.

L. F. Trubey.

Morton.—Helen M. Morton was born Nov. 20, 1829, in Springfield, Bradford Co., Penn. At the age of fifteen she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. April 6, 1857 she was married to Stephen H. Morton. To them was born one daughter. In 1885 she embraced the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists, remaining steadfast until the end.

Her death, which was caused by pneumonia occurred at the home of her daughter at Paola, Kans., Feb. 5, 1912.

One daughter, four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren survive her.

She was laid to rest beside her husband at Shawnee, Kans., where they had lived for more than forty years. We shall miss you, dear old mother, Oh how much, you cannot know. Keep us faithful, Heavenly Father Till we meet with those laid low. Mettie Surdam.

Doctor G. H. Heald, editor of *Life and Health*, recently returned from Europe, where he visited a famous prison of the Roman Inquisition in Holland. His article in the "Thomas Jefferson" number of *Liberty* (illustrated) should be read by every one. Do not fail to read it, and pass it on to others.

Usefulness is the rent we are asked to pay for room on earth. (Some of us are heavily in debt.)

Religious Liberty

The *Signs of the Times* weekly, seeing the need of some vigorous campaigning this summer along religious liberty lines, has planned to present this subject in a very thorough, systematic way by devoting six consecutive issues to the consideration of the fundamental, underlying principles of liberty. The first number will be dated May 21, and the six numbers are called the Religious Liberty Series.

Among its contents it will have six strong, leading articles on each of the following subjects:

America and Religious Liberty.

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California and Liberty.

Timely single articles.

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All written in the same clear, forceful, and winning manner characteristic of the *Signs* writers,—regular missionary articles.

There will also be six articles of the strongest and best that can be secured from Sister White on the power and influence of the gospel of Christ.

From Judaism to Christianity

A new book and one that will be read with peculiar interest. The writer, F. C. Gilbert, gives a thrilling account of his own life, from childhood and his final acceptance of Christ as his personal Saviour, whom he had been taught from infancy to hate.

The book is a thrilling story from beginning to end. The author gives many instances of the mighty power of God in delivering from bodily harm at the hands of the infuriated Jews and of the Spirit's power in converting to Christ under the bitterest opposition.

No one can fail to be interested in this good book. All should read it. The work consists of 384 pages divided into 23 chapters.

Following are a few of the chapter headings: Parentage and Early Life, A Jewish Home, Youthful Education, Failing Health and Leaving Home, On the Shores of America How God Led Me to the Saviour, A Fitting for the Work, Beginning to Work for the Jews, Some Seed Falling on Good Ground, The Persecution of the Jews, The Prospects for the Future.

This most excellent book occupies a field of its own, and may be obtained for the small sum of \$1.00 plain or \$1.25 gilt, postpaid. Order from your Tract Society.

The way of the cross leads home.

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On behalf of our people in the Nebraska Conference we bespeak a careful reading and thoughtful consideration to the article from the pen of Elder B. L. House, educational superintendent, concerning the church school work in the conference.

Canvassers' Institute

The annual canvasser's institute for Union College will be held April 19 to May 3, and at the German Seminary, Clinton, Mo., May 5-19. The classes in each of these schools are much larger than last year, and there will be a feast of good things. Efficient help will be present at both these institutes.

Notice

We desire to get in touch with any of our brethren in the state of Nebraska, who can aid a canvasser this summer by giving him the use of a horse, or who can furnish a home for a canvasser over the Sabbath. If you want the printed page circulated in your neighborhood or can assist us in any way, please notify the writer, at College View, Nebr.

W. A. LONG,
State Canvassing Agent.

Elder E. T. Russell left College View, Friday, April 12, spending Sabbath with the church at Kansas City, Missouri, and Sunday at Topeka, Kansas, where he was joined by Professor Griggs and Elder Robinson in a council with the East Kansas Conference Committee.



Canvassers' Report for Week Ending March 29, 1912

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Colorado							
A. E. Gann	B. R.	21	7	\$24 00	5 05	\$29 05	\$ 1 35
J. T. North	Heralds	56	13	21 50	1 50	22 80	8 60
W. B. Davy	C. K.	48	10	16 00	2 25	18 25	27 75
Agents, 3		125	30	61 50	8 80	70 10	37 70
North Missouri							
A. G. Haggard		29	28	61 20		61 20	
J. L. Leach		33	9	33 80		33 80	
Wm. Whorton		6	3	4 20		4 20	
J. M. Gallemore				56 00		56 00	
Agents, 6		125	105	155 20		155 20	
East Kansas							
A. Durkee	G. C.	55	7	16 22		16 22	
J. H. Roberts	P. G.	26	6	49 75	4 25	54 00	
Katie Mayer		10	17	10 00		10 00	
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South Missouri							
R. S. McLain	G. C.	144	61	73 95	25 45	99 40	
O. S. Owen	D. & R.	23	7	23 00	1 50	24 50	
H. G. Davis	G. C.	18	2	6 00	1 45	24 50	
E. L. Wells	D. & R.	18	4	13 00		13 00	
C. C. Bretlinger	G. C.	27	2	6 00	1 95	7 95	
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bellah		57	65	200 25		200 25	
Agents, 5		230	76	322 20	30 35	352 55	
Nebraska							
J. H. Allen			24	74 00		74 00	
Grand Totals: Agents, 17		572	265	688 62	43 40	731 72	37 70

We learn that the residence property formerly owned by Elder A. T. Robinson, adjoining the sanitarium and conference office buildings in Hastings, Nebraska, also the next adjoining property thereto, has recently passed into the hands of those not of our faith. The purchase of nine hundred feet frontage on East High Street, for the erection of conference buildings and homes for our workers, was the outgrowth of plans discussed at three public meetings of our people held in College View five years ago this spring. Following this purchase, real estate values in that portion of the city of Hastings advanced seventy-five per cent. As the memory of some of the remarkable evidences of the guiding hand of the Lord in the establishment of our work in Hastings lingers with us it is with a tinge of regret that we note the transfer of portions of that property to outside parties.

"I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

Following the council held at Topeka, on Sunday, April 14, Professor Griggs accompanied Elder Russell to St. Louis, after which he was to visit Clinton German Seminary, and Strode Academy.

Attention!

\$1,000.00 Canvassers.

A very important resolution was passed at the Central Union Conference to the effect that the Pacific Press Publishing Association and the local conferences share equally in the fare and expense of all canvassers who would deliver and pay for \$1,000 worth of books during the year 1912, to the next annual book men's convention held in the Central Union Conference.

Wanted. Good man for farm work. Address A. F. Miller, Ames, Nebr., R. F. D. No. 1.

"The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy."