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

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## Measurement of Christian Character\*

A. T. Robinson.

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod; and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not." Rev. 11:1.

In the ancient sanctuary service there was given a type of the gospel. Each year's round of ceremony, closing with the great day of atonement on the tenth day of the seventh month, typified the work of our great High Priest from the time of His ascension, when He entered upon the work of His priesthood, until He shall come as "King of kings and Lord of lords," at the end of the one thousand years which follow His second advent.

The atonement, or cleansing of the sanctuary, on the tenth day of the seventh month each year, typified the work of final judgment. On that day the high priest, with the blood of the "Lord's goat," went into the most holy apartment of the sanctuary, the only occasion upon which any one was permitted to enter that sacred

place, and in solemn ceremony bore from the sanctuary the sins of God's people which had been transferred therein through the blood of the daily offerings, bearing them out to the door of the sanctuary and placing them upon the head of the scape-goat. The scape-goat was then conducted "by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness. And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited." Ex. 16. The Lord's goat, whose blood was efficacious in cleansing the sanctuary from the defilement of sin, represented our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose blood alone cleansing from sin is obtained. The scape-goat was a type of Satan, and the placing of the sins of the people upon him at the conclusion of the atonement each year represented the final placing of the sins of the penitent back upon the head of Satan, the originator of sin.

The day of atonement in the type was a day of solemnity to every penitent Jew, and every one who did not afflict his soul on that day was to be cut off from his place among the people of God. We are living in the antitype of that day of atonement. All that that day pointed forward to is now transpiring in the sanctuary above, where our great High Priest is ministering. How much more solemn is this time, when the case of every one who has ever professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is to be decided either for eternal life or death.

The judgment is an event which occupies a period of time embracing more than one thousand years. The wise man speaks of it thus: "I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and every work." Eccl. 3:17. The first part of the judgment takes place be-

fore the close of human probation and the second coming of Christ. It is an investigation of the cases of all whose names have ever been registered in heaven as candidates for eternal life. In this part of the judgment, it will be decided who among all the professed people of God sleeping in the grave, and of those who remain alive, shall be accounted worthy of eternal life. The sins of all such will be blotted out, and their names retained in the book of life; while in the cases of those who shall be judged unworthy of eternal life, their names will be blotted out and their sins remain registered against them. Those who shall be judged or accounted worthy of life will be raised from the dead and taken to heaven to reign with Christ a thousand years, while the wicked dead will remain in their graves during that thousand years. See Rev. 20:1-9.

That some among those who are sleeping in the grave will be judged or accounted worthy of such a resurrection is clearly stated by our Saviour in these words: "But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage." Luke 20:35. That some among the professed followers of Christ who are living at that time will be judged or accounted worthy to meet the Saviour at His coming is just as clearly stated in the following words of Christ: "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

During the one thousand years the saints will sit in judgment on the cases of evil angels and wicked men, meting out what the punishment of

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each one shall be. "Do ye not know," says the apostle, "that the saints shall judge the world? . . . . Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" 1 Cor. 6:2, 3. Here is the testimony of the Psalmist on this point: "Let the saints be joyful in glory. . . . Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand: to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people. . . . To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all His saints." Ps. 149:5-9.

The third and final event in the judgment will be at the end of the one thousand years, when Jesus, with the "holy city, new Jerusalem," with all the saints therein, comes "down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." "Behold," says the apostle, "the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all." Jude 14:15. This closing scene in the judgment is graphically described by the Revelator in the following language: "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea," (the countless millions of those who went down in their graves without hope in Christ, and who will then have been raised.) "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." Rev. 20:7-9.

It is evident that the words of our text have their application in the first part of the judgment, which has to do only with those among the dead and the living who have professed faith in Christ and have had their names registered as candidates for heaven.

"Rise and measure the temple of God." This is a call to study the temple in heaven, where our cases are soon to pass in review in the great court of assize. "And the altar." The altar is the place of sacrifice, and of those who have given their lives and their all in service for others it will be said, "Gather my saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5. "And them that worship therein." God has but one standard for the measurement of character, His holy, righteous, and perfect law. Jesus Christ was the exemplification of the principles of that law. His life was the principles of that law in

human action. Those who measure up in character with the principles of the law of God will have come to the "knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4:13. "But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not." As already stated, this phase of the judgment has to do only with the temple and the worshippers therein.

The work of the gospel for six thousand years has been to separate between those who would accept the Lord Jesus Christ by faith and those who refuse His offers of mercy and pardon. This closing work of the gospel, in the judgment work, is to make another separation between those who shall have proved faithful to God in their lives and those who have made shipwreck of their faith.

In the case of those who have died with imperfections upon them, but living up to all the light they had, the merits of Christ's righteousness will be imputed to them, covering the defects. But in the cases of those who will be alive at the second coming of Christ, they will live here on the earth for at least one whole year after probation closes and Jesus has laid aside His priestly work. They must have characters which will stand the test of the all-searching eye of a pure and holy God, without a mediator between God and men.

This measuring of character in the church of God is a final work. Those who fail in measuring up to the standard will have failed forever. There will not be another opportunity given. Says the prophet: "Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in His hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, a plumbline. Then said the Lord, behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of My people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more." Amos 7:7, 8.

We may hide our sins and evil traits of character from one another for a time. We may cover up things by falsehood and deceit, but the Lord says, "Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." Isa. 28:17. We may pass as honest men and women, judged by human standards, but every dishonest act, every sharp bargain, every wrong word and act, is faithfully noted in the books above. When the all-

searching eye of the supreme judge passes in final inspection upon your character and mine and makes note of those dishonest acts; notes our slackness in the payment of honest debts, notes dishonesty in the payment of the Lord's tithe,—oh, it will mean more than it does to have these things discovered by the church officers, as they go over the church membership roll, scanning the names one by one. The record of this College View church, with a membership of 686 and the records showing only 244 as having paid any tithe during the year 1912, and only 89 as having paid anything toward the support of the church, reveals the fact that there are some who are unfaithful to the solemn and sacred vows which they took upon themselves when they followed their Lord and Master through the watery grave, as the door of entrance into the church of Christ.

We are sixty-eight years in the hour of God's judgment. You will never have clearer notice of the fact that your case will soon be called than the announcement of the servant of the Lord this very day. We are sixty-eight years in that generation of which our Lord said, "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled."

Oh, my beloved brethren and sisters, is it not "high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day." Rom. 13:12, 13.

## The Week of Prayer

J. W. Christian

The observance of the week of prayer is of deep significance. There are actual conditions which demand of God's people the setting apart of a season for especially seeking the blessings of God. This is apparent to all who consider the conditions about them and the value of these closing hours of human probation. Let us consider a few things here.

### World in General

This earth, the only province in God's great universe where sin has entered, with its 1,500,000,000 human souls, is stretching out its hands imploring us to give them light; but the Bible, the only storehouse of divine light, is sealed to the great majority. It is estimated that only one

in three of earth's inhabitants has ever heard the name of Jesus; and how small a share of these really know Him!

Disappointed and blasted hopes, like the drooping flowers, have caused the life-stock to remain barren. The struggle for ultimate reward lies hidden in the human soul, ever striving for some soul-satisfying attainment, but knowing not what. To the Christian, it is the voice of the soul crying out for the gospel, the power of God to liberate from bondage. We should heed the cry and bring to them Christ, the only portion satisfying the struggling soul.

#### *Individual Need*

The tendency to worldliness on the part of the church to-day is cause for the deepest concern, and tends to intensify the midnight darkness of the reign of sin. It sends the storm-driven bark to the rocks of despair. Our business, as men of God, is to shine clearly, brightly, and steadily in the moral darkness about us. This we acknowledge as our work, but how utterly we fail in our endeavor. A consciousness of our own weakness, of sins unconquered, of wrongs unconfessed, and of duties left undone, makes us tremble in the presence of Him who invites us to come and find rest. We have tasted of His power to overcome, but alas, how soon have we become satisfied, and yet unfilled. We must have an individual acquaintance, a real, living connection with God. This is our only hope, but a hope, thank God, that by His grace may be realized.

#### *Home Conditions*

In many homes, the family altar has been sadly neglected, if not entirely abolished. Children grow up in an atmosphere of hurry where there is no time for prayer. As a result, carelessness in eternal things settles down upon parents and children. Love, courtesy, and thoughtfulness of others' good have given way to sharp, unkind words and actions, until we startle at the change that has come into our homes. This condition must be changed, and as families we must begin preparing for heaven, our eternal home.

#### *The Neighborhood*

All about us, perhaps at the very next door, is some dear soul for whom Jesus gave His life, who is praying for some one to bring words of courage and cheer. Whether old or young, it is our privilege to bring to them the Word of Life and speak the word that will raise the drooping head. But at the thought of the

many defeats in our own experience, we confess our weakness and inability, and call for some one else to do the work the Master would have us do, and which would prove such a personal blessing to us.

In other homes, sorrow has entered, and the Lord bids us go to them with the healing balm of the Word, bidding them to look forward to the time when He shall come to break the sealed tombs and gather His elect to the joy of their final reward; and yet how slow we have been to engage in this blessed work.

All these conditions demand of us a deep consecration to the work committed to us. There is no power in ourselves with which to do the work, and we have failed so many times to lay hold of the power promised and secured to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This sense of our weakness should appeal to us in loudest tones and drive us to our knees before God in earnest prayer for a deeper and more constant hold upon the arm of divine power. The Lord has done all that infinite love and wisdom can do, and now He waits to show Himself gracious to us as we return to our only place of refuge.

To the end that we may get a firmer hold on God and know better how to help the struggling souls about us has this time, December 7-14, been set apart as a time of special prayer. Let us begin early to plan our work to make this the best week of prayer we have ever enjoyed.



### **The Sanctuary, or God's Dwelling Place. No. 1**

Mrs. L. V. Robinson

Where is God's way declared to be?  
"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary." Ps. 77:13.

In the study of the sanctuary, who should be revealed to us?

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6.

Whom are we admonished to consider?

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." Heb. 3:1.

As our High Priest, where does He minister?

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum; we have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens." Heb. 8:1.

What other sanctuary is spoken of beside the one in heaven?

"Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary." Heb. 9:1.

For what purpose was the worldly sanctuary built?

"And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." Ex. 25:8.

After what pattern was the sanctuary to be made?

"According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

"And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount." Ex. 25:9, 40.

What is meant in the above text by "the tabernacle"?

"We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb. 8:1, 2; 9:24.

What other dwelling place does the Lord claim as His?

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." Isa. 57:15.

How is the same truth stated in the New Testament?

"But Christ as a son over His own house; whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own." Heb. 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:19.

How did Jesus speak of His own body?

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. He spake of the temple of His body." John 2:19-21.

On whose behalf were the services in the earthly sanctuary performed?

"Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second

went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people." Heb. 9:6, 7.

For whom does Christ minister in the heavenly sanctuary?

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb. 9:24.

Note.—In the earthly sanctuary the Lord gave an object-lesson of what His dwelling-place must be—even specifying all the articles of furniture—representing things which must be in the temple of our body.

"Through Christ was to be fulfilled the purpose of which the tabernacle was a symbol,—that glorious building, its walls of glistening gold, reflecting in rainbow hues, the curtains inwrought with cherubim, the fragrance of ever-burning incense pervading all, the priests robed in spotless white, and in the deep mystery of the inner place, above the mercy-seat, between the figures of the bowed, worshipping angels, the glory of the holiest. In all, God desired His people to read His purpose for the human soul."—"Education," p. 36.

What were these articles of furniture?

"For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all; which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy-seat; of which we can not now speak." Heb. 9:2-5.

In whom did the Spirit of God dwell in all its fullness?

"For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him." John 3:34.

What did Jesus declare Himself to be?

"I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

What was represented in John's vision by the seven golden candlesticks?

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man. The mystery of the seven stars which thou

sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." Rev. 1:12, 13, 20.

With what is the church to be filled?

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

Thus filled, what does the church of Jesus Christ become?

"Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14.

How was the candlestick made into its beautiful shape?

"And thou shalt make the candlestick of pure gold; of beaten work shall the candlestick be made;..... all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold." Ex. 25:31, 36.

Note.—The candlestick was five feet in height, made of two hundred pounds of pure gold, valued at \$25,000.

What precaution was taken against the lamps going out or growing dim?

"And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning; when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations." Ex. 30:7, 8.

Whom did John see walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks?

"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man." Rev. 1:13.

What was the relative position of the table of shewbread and the candlestick?

"And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil. And he set the bread in order upon it before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table on the side of the tabernacle southward." Ex. 40:22-24.

What did the shewbread represent?

"For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." John 6:33.

"Both the manna and the shewbread pointed to Christ, the living bread, who is ever in the presence of God for us."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 354.

What was the shewbread called?

"And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to

cover withal; and the continual bread shall be thereon." Num. 4:7.

Of what was the shewbread made? How many loaves? Why twelve?

"And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof; two-tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the Lord." Lev. 24:5, 6.

From whom was this bread taken? How often? When? Why?

"Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant." Lev. 24:8.

Where and by whom was the shewbread to be eaten?

"And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place; for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute." Lev. 24:9.

What must we become before we can enjoy feeding on Christ?

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Pet. 2:9.

Upon what day of the week, and how often, was the shewbread to be renewed?

"Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually." Lev. 24:8.

At what time each Sabbath was the old bread replaced by the new?

"So the priest gave him hallowed bread; for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken away from before the Lord, to put hot bread in the day that it was taken away." 1 Sam. 21:6.

"And they burn unto the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table." 2 Chr. 13:11.

Upon what day of the week, and what hour of the day, did Christ give His life for the life of the world?

Then what may we expect every Sabbath day?

(To be continued)

A short cut is often a wrong cut. Always in a hurry, always behind. A hasty man is seldom out of trouble.

Hasty judgments are generally faulty ones.

What is the best thing to do in a hurry? Answer: Nothing.

## The Call of the Hour

H. A. Hebard

We are glad the call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. We are glad we can say that there are several brethren of mature years who are planning their work to enter the canvassing field. I know the Lord is answering prayer by placing this burden of scattering the printed page on some who can not have peace until in the harness.

You have noticed the reports in the OUTLOOK, which show that books can be sold in Nebraska. The book work will be the last to close up. Some are wanting to canvass who are not of our faith, but are so favorably impressed with the book "Great Controversy" that they want to sell it. Surely we who know these things and what they mean to us, as well as to the people around us, ought to take hold of this work energetically.

Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His field. If we can be of any help to you in any way, let us know and we will aid you.

## An Experience

C. G. Bellah

While canvassing recently near Emerson, Nebr., we arrived at a large farm house about noon. There being no one at the front, we went to the rear, and rapped on the screen door. A German lady, not very pleasant looking, came and let us in.

Passing through on the porch, she entered the kitchen. We followed, thinking it a rather cold reception. On getting inside, we saw a big, ugly looking fellow sitting at the kitchen table, filing a saw.

In as cordial a manner as we knew how, we greeted him with a "How do you do?" He paid no attention, but kept on at work. I looked at the housewife, and she looked at me, neither saying anything. Finally I ventured in a still louder tone, to repeat the greeting.

Quickly looking up, he sprang to his feet, muttering something, and whirled around and reached for what looked to us like a heavy whip. It being rather dark in the room, we could not see distinctly what he was doing. Grasping the small end, he flung the large end towards us.

Well, we thought sure it would be an order in the leather binding, and the exhibition would come later. We grasped what was coming our way, and found it to be a long speaking-tube. Shouting, "Hello," he replied kindly, "Where did you come from?"

We told him "from out of doors." He smiled, and as we proceeded with the canvass, some way the chapter, "Flight from Sodom," had a different meaning to us.

Well, before we left, we not only had his name on the dotted line, but a good dinner, and went on our way rejoicing. In canvassing, one is sure to have experiences, if nothing else.



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## Brock

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Brother Chancy L. Premer and the writer started a series of meetings in a tent at Brock, Nebr., September 20. It was quite cold and rainy during the first part of the meeting, so we secured the Christian church for a week; then the weather warmed up some, so our stove kept our tent quite comfortable. Our attendance was small at first, but we kept working and praying, until at the close of our meeting our tent was well filled. We held meetings five weeks and three days, taking down our tent October 28. We have a nice little company of ten who have taken their stand for the truth. The Sabbath-school has grown from four to twenty-five, and we hope to see it continue to grow, as there are others who are interested. We do not have a good place for worship, but truly hope the way may open for the provision of a place soon.

We have had the usual opposition, but we are sure the Lord is able to finish the work He has begun. Brother Premer has gone to the western part of the state, and will assist Brother C. J. Paulson. They expect to start some meetings near Bartley soon. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for the work here in this part of the field.

We have now come to the more difficult part of the year for work, but let us labor more earnestly than we have ever done before. We can

almost look over into the promised land. There are so many things taking place all around us that we can almost walk by sight, as far as the prophetic word is concerned; but still we know it will take the faith of Jesus to stand the test which will be brought to bear upon us. Let us lift the standard higher and higher; let us learn to be true shepherds of the flock; O ministering brethren, let us not find ourselves classed with the shepherds of Ezekiel 34. May God help us to do the work He has given us. Pray for me and the work here, for sometimes the way looks dark. But Jesus says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

## North Platte

C. H. Miller

Still the Lord's work is onward in this part of the great vineyard. Since our last report, others have become converted, and still others have been taken into the church on profession of faith. One lady has lately come to us from the Baptist Church, having now kept three Sabbaths. She seems to be accepting all points of truth as they are presented to her. Last Sunday afternoon, two more were baptized in the North Platte River. We are expecting to have another baptismal service in the near future. Pray that those who have lately accepted the truth may continue steadfast, and that others who are in the valley of decision may soon decide for God.

## Young Canvassers

H. C. Wilson

Can the young people of the age generally found in an intermediate school sell books?

In answer to this, many would say no, but let us hear the facts as they come from the Hastings Intermediate School. Last spring, near the close of the school year, a canvassers' institute was held. As was usual in such institutes, much interest was shown; desires were awakened for the first time in many of the students to earn their way through school and at the same time help spread this glorious message. As the result of the institute and previous agitation, six went out from our school. Of the six, two were only out in the field ten days, but the rest put in the usual amount of time. I hear you asking, How many orders did they take? I am glad to tell—\$1,000 worth.

The principal books used were "Great Controversy," "Practical Guide," and "Heralds of the Morn-

ing." Besides these, numerous small books were sold.

The most encouraging fact of all is that the majority of these books were sold by young ladies, some being not more than eighteen. All of this goes to prove that God helps those who help themselves.

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### The Harvest Ingathering

P. G. Stanley

The time for this important work is right upon us. I trust all our people in South Missouri are planning to make a stronger effort than last year, and thus be able to bring more into the Lord's treasury.

As a means of increasing our efficiency in this good work, permit me to suggest that prayer, preparation, and perseverance are important factors. Prayer places us in communication with God, the source of strength, and brings to our aid the Holy Spirit, which must be our guide and teacher in the work. Preparation enables us to place before the one from whom we solicit an offering, the work we are doing in a way that will interest him. Go over the magazine and read the inspiring reports from different parts of the field. Cull from these the facts which are most striking and will interest different classes of people. Arrange this data so that you will have something that will be of special interest to the different classes of people you expect to meet. Remember that you are not a church beggar, soliciting alms, but a representative of a great and successful movement which affords every one the privilege of having a part in the work.

Perseverance carries you over obstacles you meet, and enables you to reap the desired harvest. Many become discouraged the first day, and either stop work or put forth such weak efforts that they accomplish nothing.

Just think of the army of workers engaged in the same blessed work at the same time! Remember that an angel works by your side to sustain and encourage you to push forward. Read the promises to those who overcome. Rev. 2:7-11, 17, 26. Napoleon, when reminded of the mountains that barred his progress, said, "There shall be no Alps." So trusting in God's strength, let us say, "I

can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."

### West Kansas Conference

N. T. Sutton, Pres. Edward Harris, Sec'y  
M. W. Shidler, Field Miss. Agt.  
508 E. 5th Ave., Hutchinson, Kans.

### Alton

N. T. Sutton

At the above named place one of the first Seventh-day Adventist churches was organized in the state of Kansas. In an early day a colony of Adventists came from Iowa and settled in the Solomon Valley near Alton.

As Brother Austin showed me the place where the church building stood, which is only marked by a few loose stones, also where once the old mill stood, which was erected and operated by the Adventists, a feeling arose in my heart that I was walking on sacred ground.

There are now only a few loose stones marking the spot where the church stood, and a few ripples in the river marking the place of the old mill dam, and the members of the church are scattered to the four winds. Some are proclaiming the gospel in foreign lands; some are sleeping beneath the sod, waiting for the Life-giver to call them from their dusty beds to life immortal; others have moved here and there; and, sad to say, some have made a shipwreck of their faith along the shores of time. And yet the glorious message that was proclaimed in that church of God's faithful servants has not grown old, nor is it in a stage of decay; but it has girdled the earth and soon will triumph in a glorious victory.

I left Alton with a greater determination to do a more faithful work in the future than I have in the past, that the coming of the Lord may be hastened, which will give release to those noble servants of God who "have borne the burden and heat of the day."

While at Wakeeney, I met Grandma Post, who was once a member of the Alton church. Her husband operated the mill, and was known as "the honest miller." Sister Post is of a good, ripe old age, but her faith is unwavering in the soon triumph of the third angel's message.

### Field Notes

N. T. Sutton

Two of Sister Maude Davis' Bible readers have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath.

Sister Lillie Bland has taken up the Bible work in Wichita.

Brother H. L. Shafer is conducting five Bible classes a week. He says that there is a real interest being manifested by some who are attending.

M. W. Shidler is in Wichita this week in the interest of the canvassing work.

S. T. Shafer, of Burdett, Kans., writes that there are some of his neighbors interested in the truth of the third angel's message. Brother Shafer has been holding Sunday night meetings for some time in his community.

Orno Follett, writing from Santa Fe, N. Mex., says that his physician is quite hopeful of his recovery.

Elder M. G. Huffman will commence a series of meetings at Bird City in the near future.

Elder A. S. Bringle is holding a series of meetings near Naron.

Elder W. L. Nott is visiting some of the churches in the northeastern part of the conference in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

### An Important Change

Beginning with the November number, just out, *Christian Education* will be issued monthly each year from September to June. For this year only, it will run until July. Each year after this year, it will be run from September to June, the June issue being the regular campaign number for the summer.

This change has been made in response to repeated and urgent requests of the readers of *Christian Education* ever since it was first issued. While it has been reduced to thirty-two pages, the more frequent issues make possible much better service to the schools, and open the way for fuller entrance into the homes of our people.

Our homes and the schools must work hand in hand. They are inseparable. The interests of one are the interests of the other. We can not talk about education without including the home. The "Home Education" department has been strengthened, and every issue of *Christian Education* will be from this time forward of much value to all parents. Every parent, even every occupant of the home, should join in upbuilding

the interests of education by making *Christian Education* a monthly visitor to as many of our homes as possible.

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Until Feb. 1, 1913, present subscribers' time will be extended four months for every two new subscriptions sent in at \$1.00 each. Through this plan one may extend his or her subscription as far as he or she may choose.

All orders for *Christian Education* should be sent through the conference tract societies.

### Home Workers Succeeding

H. H. Hall

At the close of the stereopticon talk on the progress of our book work last Sabbath at Fresno, Mrs. F. Olds told me of the experiences she has been having with the Home Worker's Prospectus. During the preceding seven days, she had taken 83 orders for the books it described at a value of \$55.75.

Brother Ferren, our union missionary secretary, writes me that Mrs. Eva Keith, of Taft, Cal., had just completed her first four days' work with a similar prospectus, and had 49 orders, valued at \$38.75, as the result. He quotes her letter as follows:—

"This is my first work canvassing. I never tried before, but I said I had faith enough to believe I would succeed, and I think I have done well for the time. I took an order in every home I went to, except three. Some were saloon-keepers' homes. Be sure to have a big supply of all these books, for I have hardly begun as yet."

The thousand prospectuses we manufactured for this year's work are going rapidly. Price, \$1.00,

postpaid. Orders for the prospectuses, as well as the books, should be placed with the tract society.

### The Watchman

#### The Present Truth Evangelizer

The December issue of the *Watchman* will indeed bring tidings of good cheer to those who are looking and longing for the coming of our Lord. The cover page represents His coming, accompanied by all the grandeur of the innumerable host. As a striking contrast, Satan will be depicted as contemplating his horrible work of destruction during the long period when the earth is laid waste. The editor will write on "The Two Rival Kingdoms," endeavoring to show the conclusion of the great controversy that has been going on for the past 6,000 years.

"The First Advent of Christ Compared with the Second" will be an article of great interest in view of the present-day failure to recognize the signs of the times, which plainly indicate the second coming of Christ.

In view of the present serious disturbances in Europe, the article, "What Is Armageddon," will be very timely. The nations of earth were never more faithful in their protestations of peaceful intentions and more diligent in preparation for the great struggle which seems to bulk big on the political horizon of Europe. We believe this article should be given wide publicity, and we shall be glad for the hearty cooperation of all our people, as this is a subject the whole world is interested in, yet few know the real outcome involved.

"The Ten Commandments and the Twentieth Century," by Prof. B. G. Wilkinson. This writer will show the destructive trend of modern times in invalidating the force of the Ten Commandments. Higher Criticism does not desire that they shall be entirely recognized, as they set aside some of their "higher" ideas.

"God's Eternal Purpose" (continued), by H. C. Hartwell. Those who read the first installment in last month's issue will be glad to read what the writer has to say further on this subject.

J. S. Washburn will continue his series on "The Unpardonable Sin."

The daily newspapers are full of war and rumors of war. The unspeakable Turk continues to be the game of Europe. He is inextricably involved in the eastern question, and we believe that only the humble student of prophecy can know the logical outcome of the disturbances that

arise from this question from time to time. In view of this situation, Prof. P. T. Magan's December offering on the "Congress of Berlin" will be of vital interest. All those who find comfort in the "blessed hope," and those interested in the conclusion of the great world-controversy, should read and assist in circulating this article. We believe the Lord has used Brother Magan in a very definite way in presenting the subject of the Turk in the proper Bible setting. We feel that our people should read these spirit-filled messages coming from one who has made a prayerful study of this vastly important subject.

Altogether, the December *Watchman* presents a strong array of articles of deep interest to all.

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Our Sabbath-school workers should bear in mind that memory verse cards should be ordered for the forthcoming quarter in time for the cards to be received before the beginning of the new quarter. The *Worker* bases its estimate of cards needed for the new quarter upon the orders received before the close of the old quarter. No new edition will be printed after the beginning of the new quarter. Orders made after the close of the old quarter may not be filled on account of the edition being out. Bear in mind to order *memory verse cards early*.

Every parent with children of school age should read and study the November number of *Christian Education*. That number alone, if its instruction is carried out in the home, will be worth far more to any parent than the subscription price for the full term.

The editor's article on "Stepping-Stones and Pitfalls in Education in the Home and in the School" should be studied by all parents. In any business it is a fine thing to be able to find the stepping-stones and use them in advancing, and to locate and to avoid the pitfalls. It is far more important and of greater value to have such assistance in educational matters.



Elder J. W. Christian recently spent a few days in Minnesota on Union Conference business.

Elder E. T. Russell returned to College View last Friday morning, after several weeks' absence. It seems good to have the chief around the office again for a few days.

A splendid interest and an excellent spirit pervades the work of Union College this year. The first six weeks' period of the school year closed last Wednesday.

Elder C. G. Bellah spent a few days in the office last week, leaving for Kansas City Thursday evening last. Brother Bellah, with his wife, spent a couple of weeks canvassing in Nebraska, and they relate some very rich experiences in the work.

Brother H. A. Hebard made the office a welcome visit a few days ago. He is Nebraska's canvassing agent, but he steals a little time occasionally

to get out in the field and let the boys know that he can canvass himself. He has recently spent a few days in this way, and reports a splendid time, and lots of orders.

### A Good Beginning

Of the man or woman, boy or girl, who has an ambition to improve his mind, and has set himself at some effectual means of doing so, it can be truthfully said that he has made a good beginning. An unusually large number have gone away from home this fall to make a business of building up their education. But a still larger number are kept at home for good reasons, who ought to be making it a part of their business to increase their personal efficiency by studying through the well-organized and thorough means provided by the Fireside Correspondence School, of Takoma Park, D. C. A large number have already begun this enjoyable work, but it is not too late yet to begin, as this school admits students the year round. Reader, are you not ready to make such a good beginning at once, while the season is favorable? If so, write to the school, and it will help you through to a good ending.

Elder A. T. Robinson was called to Kansas City one day last week, where he spent a day in counsel with the North Missouri Conference Committee.



### Canvassers' Report for Week Ending November 8, 1912

|                       | Book         | Hrs.       | Ords.     | Value         | Helps        | Total         | Del'          |
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| <b>South Missouri</b> |              |            |           |               |              |               |               |
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| H. J. Heady           |              |            |           |               |              |               | 65 00         |
| Agents, 4             |              | 85         | 35        | 64 25         | 3 65         | 67 90         | 101 75        |
| <b>West Kansas</b>    |              |            |           |               |              |               |               |
| *Jessie Miller        | D.&R.        | 31         | 4         | 14 00         | 3 75         | 17 75         | 107 00        |
| F. C. Clark           | B. R.        | 52         | 19        | 52 50         | 3 00         | 55 50         |               |
| †L. R. Ackerman       | B. R.        | 33         | 15        | 53 00         |              | 53 00         | 98 00         |
| J. T. Norrh           | C. K. & H.   | 26         | 8         | 12 50         | 1 05         | 13 55         | 30 50         |
| Agents, 4             |              | 142        | 46        | 132 00        | 7 80         | 139 80        | 235 50        |
| <b>Grand Total 8</b>  |              | <b>227</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>196 25</b> | <b>11 45</b> | <b>207 70</b> | <b>337 25</b> |

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Brother S. E. McNeill, of the General Conference treasury department, spent Monday, November 18, at the Central Union Conference office, giving instruction in the new methods of keeping accounts which the General Conference has recommended and urged to be adopted by all union and local conference treasurers.

The treasurers of the following conferences in the Central Union were present: B. M. Emerson, East Kansas; E. Harris, West Kansas; Miss Allie Guthrie, North Missouri; Mrs. F. A. Washburn, South Missouri; and Miss Anna M. Peterson, Nebraska; C. E. Smith, treasurer, and H. H. Hamilton, auditor of the Southwestern Conference; W. J. Huffman, auditor of the Central Union Conference. There were also present the representatives of the International Publishing Association, Union College and the Nebraska Sanitarium.

A very pleasant and profitable time was spent in studying the new system of bookkeeping.

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