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

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A Contrast Christianity and Heathenism

The night lies dark upon the earth,
 And we have light;
 So many have to grope their way,
 And we have sight;
 One path is theirs and ours—
 Of sin and care;
 But we are borne along,
 And they their burden bear.
 Foot-sore and weary, each upon the
 way;
 Mute is their sorrow, while we
 kneel and pray,
 Glad are they of stone on which to
 rest,
 While we lie pillowed on our
 Father's breast.

—Selected.

"Get Ready! Get Ready! Get Ready!"

B. L. House

The above solemn warning from the Spirit of Prophecy has been intensified in its importance during this last month or two by the events which have been happening in Turkey. We are truly living in the very closing years of "the time of the end," and we know from the sure word of

prophecy that it can not be long until the Turkish nation will set up her temporary capital at Jerusalem, and "at that time shall Michael stand up," and the seven last plagues will be poured out. Dan. 11:45; 12:1.

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment." Vol. 9, Testimonies, p. 14.

If these closing scenes of the world's history do not awaken the whole body of believers, what will? Let us arouse ourselves and lay all on the altar for the finishing of the work, or surely the Lord will permit persecution to come upon us to awaken us from our lukewarmness.

The following presentation in the Spirit of Prophecy seems to be very applicable to many of God's people just now. Satan is represented as saying to his angels, "Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with cares. If you can make them place their affections upon these things, we shall have them yet. They may profess what they please, only make them care more for money than for the success of Christ's kingdom or the spread of the truths we hate. Present the world before them in the most attractive light, that they may love and idolize it. We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can gain control. The more means the followers of Christ devote to His service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects... Present every plausible excuse to those who have means, lest they hand it out. Control the money matters if you can, and drive their ministers to want and distress. This will weaken their courage and zeal. Battle every inch of ground. Make covetousness and love of earthly treasures the rul-

ing traits of their character. As long as these traits rule, salvation and grace stand back."

"I saw that Satan carries out his plans well.....If they are disposed to be selfish and covetous, Satan takes his stand by their side, and with all his power seeks to lead them to indulge their besetting sins. The grace of God and the light of truth may melt away their covetous, selfish feelings for a little, but if they do not obtain entire victory, Satan comes in when they are not under a saving influence, and withers every noble, generous principle, and they think that too much is required of them. They become weary of well-doing, and forget the great sacrifice which Jesus made to redeem them from the power of Satan and from hopeless misery.I saw that there were some like Judas among those who profess to be waiting for their Lord. Satan controls them, but they know it not... As Satan sees that his time is short, he leads men on to be more and more selfish and covetous, and then exults as he sees them wrapped up in themselves, close, penurious, and selfish. If the eyes of such could be opened, they would see Satan in hellish triumph, exulting over them, and laughing at the folly of those who accept his suggestions and enter his snares." "Early Writings," new edition, pp. 267, 268, chapter on "Covetousness."

Young People's Missionary Rally Day
 Remember Missionary Volunteer Rally Day, Sabbath, January 18, 1913.

In the first issue of the OUTLOOK for the year 1913, there will be published a complete program of the proposed service. Will you take hold of this program and make it a success?



South Missouri Conference

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Our Relationship to God

P. G. Stanley

Our relationship to God is always an important matter, and the way we relate ourselves to it lies wholly in our hands. God has told us in His Word, again and again, just what He wants us to do, and has recorded enough instances, of both success and failure, that we may know just what God wants and how the task is to be performed. "This is the way"—"not to the right nor the left."

How prone is mankind to suggest some way that seems to be "just as good" as God's way. Manufacturers, in advertising their goods, often say, "None genuine without our trademark." So, too, no chart of human conduct is genuine unless it is in the code which He has given. We will frequently find that which is said to be just as good, and sometimes the claim will be that the differing way is the better way. Then, too, some, with cunning sophistry, will try to show by the very Word itself that there is now a new way which is better. How often do we meet with this in Sabbath-keeping, for it is claimed that there is found in the Word itself evidence of a way that is different from what God commanded and thought to be better.

God has clearly indicated the plan of paying tithes as the method of support for His work in the earth, yet man has suggested another way which he argues is just as sufficient and effectual as the divine plan, bearing God's mark. In every line of service, God has marked out His plan, but we find in every case something has been substituted. For the Sabbath has been substituted the Lord's day (so called); for tithes and offerings, donations, subscriptions, supporters, etc.; for baptism (immersion), we have pouring and sprinkling; for simplicity, extravagance.

An aged soldier of the cross lay on his death-bed. He had ever been noted for his piety, which seemed to

bear about him the atmosphere of heaven. A friend asked him what was the secret of his success in trying to be a good and godly man. After disclaiming any goodness in himself, he said that all the success of Christian living had been found in his always saying, "Yes," to God.

Reader, are you diligently saying, "Yes," to God? Are you, like Samuel, saying, "Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth"? When He calls for the tithe, are you saying, "Yes," to God? If not, how can you hope to be at peace with Him at the last day? It is late enough in life's day for us now to begin to say, "Yes," to God. If you have not brought in the tithe in the past, will you not to-day take it and tell Him,

I bring my tithe to Thee.

I would not keep it Lord.

That it may blessed be,

According to Thy Word,

I bring it, Saviour, all to Thee.

Now let Thy blessing be on me.

From Elder Mackintosh

I gather from letters received from Elders Russell and Stanley that up to November 1 of this year we lack some \$1,500 of having raised fifteen cents per week per member for missions.

Stop, beloved, and think! In the very near future the cry will go forth, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." This is absolutely certain. Money will do the mission field no good in that hour; therefore I appeal to those who have it to give to-day what they want God to have before the work closes, because we are surely face to face with the close of probation. The war in Turkey says so in thunder tones, as also does the conditions in every other country in the world.

The authentional democracy that is to make the eighth head of the beast of Revelation 17 is looming up like a mighty thunder cloud, covering the earth with midnight darkness. The seventh head is living before our eyes. All ten kingdoms are giving their support to the papacy, as the prophet said they would. Germany, England, and America, the three Protestant countries so called, are three of the most favored sons of the papacy to-day.

This war in Turkey will be settled by arbitration, but we shall hardly have time to catch our breath ere the sounding of the seventh trumpet will give the signal for the onward march.

May our dear Father have mercy on His poor, blind people and bless this appeal to the good of all who read.

West Kansas Conference

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The Last Appeal

N. T. Sutton

This is the last appeal to us this year to give for the advancement of the work of God. Would it not be a sad fact if it were the last appeal that would ever come to us for means to carry forward the last message of mercy to perishing souls? and yet well do we know that we are living in the very time of the end. Soon the last crisis will burst forth upon the inhabitants of this world. Knowing, as we do, that the end of all things is at hand, and that soon Jesus will take off His priestly robes and put on His kingly robes and step from between the people of this world and the thunderbolts of God's wrath, which will bring a "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation." shall we not make a full consecration of ourselves to God, and all we have to His service. Instead of adding farm to farm, and house to house, let all our investments be for the advancement of the truth and the uplifting of suffering humanity, thus making our investments in the bank of heaven, "where thieves do not break through and steal." "In the issue of the conflict all Christendom will be divided into two great classes,—those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark."

In view of this conflict, God has called into existence the Adventist people, and has set us in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To us has been committed one of the most sublime and glorious messages ever committed to mortals, the proclamation of the third angel's message, which will bring to a close the great controversy between Christ and Satan. With such a solemn message committed to us, dare we let anything else absorb our attention? We must prove true to the trust committed to us; the world must be warned. Now, in order for us to prove true to our trust of warning the world, men must be sent everywhere, into the highways and hedges, to diffuse the light which God has caused to shine into our hearts. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

You will remember that at our last conference session we voted to raise

fifteen cents per week per member for missions. With our 920 members, that means we should raise the amount of \$7,176 this year for missions. Of this amount, we have raised, up to December 1, \$5,500, leaving the amount of \$1,676 yet to be raised. With the Sabbath-school offerings, the Harvest Ingathering campaign, the week of prayer offerings, and this last appeal, let us give with such a liberal spirit that we will be enabled to close the year's record with the satisfaction of knowing that we have been faithful to our obligations, and been the means of bringing the knowledge of the truth to many souls by the sacrifice which we have made.

Let Us Lift the Load

M. G. Huffman

What load?—The \$4,800 that we are responsible for, and on which we are still behind, in the fifteen-cent-a-week fund for foreign missions. Brethren of the West Kansas Conference, let us, one and all, put our shoulders under this load and lift as one man, and thus free our conference from this debt before the close of 1912. Thus we shall be ready to sing the song of jubilee before the new year dawns upon us. It can be done, and shall we not, in the name of Him who was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich, see to it that the West Kansas Conference does not come behind one whit on its portionment for the year? If we will do this, we shall help to encourage the Foreign Mission Board, and, above all, cause some poor, needy soul in the foreign field to rejoice.

We have but a few days left in which to raise the required amount to liberate the West Kansas Conference from its obligation and God-given privilege. But we will have our Sabbath-school offerings, Harvest Ingathering offerings, fourth Sabbath offerings, and our annual week of prayer offerings, hence we ought not to have any trouble in raising the required amount to set us free as a conference in this matter.

"Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5. The above is a divine command from the Almighty God. The Lord grant that we may be among the number who will be gathered to the city of light when Jesus comes, as the result of real sacrifice we have made in behalf of those for whom Christ died.

"Curse ye Meroz," said the angel of the Lord, "curse ye bitterly the

inhabitants thereof." What was the matter with Meroz and its inhabitants? Mark the answer, "Because they came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. If there ever was a time that we as a people should come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, it is now, when Satan, the enemy of all righteousness, is concentrating all his forces for the great and final conflict. May God help us to put on the whole armor of the Lord, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The Lord help us all to lift this \$4,800 off the West Kansas Conference, and thus share the blessing the Lord has in store for them who will offer willingly of the means He has entrusted in our care, and thus make the burden light for all. To this end let us all work and pray.

West Colorado Conference

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From Elder E. A. Curtis

This date, December 13, reminds me that the year 1912 is almost gone. Soon this eventful year, this year of added probation, this year of grace and of blessed opportunity will be past. It is time for making preparation for the judgment and the kingdom. Its precious opportunities for helpful service in the Master's cause will soon be over. What shall its record be? Will it testify to our faithfulness? Will it show that we have, to the limit of our ability, done our part in helping to give the last message to our fellow-men, both at home and abroad?

According to a statement in Testimonies, Volume 9, there is but one thing that stands in the way of the glorious triumph of this cause, and that thing is the "reproach of indolence and slothfulness" on our part as a people. "When that is wiped away, the Spirit of God will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed, and we will see the providential workings of the great God."

Do you not long to see these things manifested in a more marked way than we have seen them? What shall we do? "Awake out of sleep," gird on the whole armor and press the battle to the gate.

Just now in these remaining days of this year there is much work that may be done in various ways. One thing that should especially engage our attention is the finishing of our

part of the work of raising the needed funds for the mission fields. I understand that the needs demand, and the appropriations which are already made call for every dollar of the proposed fifteen cents a week per member.

If any conference fails to reach that mark, unless its lack is made up, which is not likely to be done, then to that extent the mission board will be crippled in its work, and hearts will be disappointed and made sad all along the line, from our own church and conference officers clear to the mission fields.

From the latest reports that I have seen, it appears to me that we all have a good deal to do. I do not believe, and do not say that it is easy, and that we can do it as well as not; but I am sure that it will take earnest and continued effort, and that it will call for self-denial and sacrifice on the part of many. But, dear ones, that is what will make it precious and valuable in the sight of the Lord, and will bring His special blessing upon us and upon the work. I believe it can be done, and I trust it will be done. If we will do it, and trust the Lord, and do our best, He will help.

East Kansas Conference

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Answered Prayer

M. P. Manny

We are seeing more and more direct answer to the prayers of the honest-hearted people in the world. While out canvassing recently with "Bible Readings," we had an experience that has been a source of great encouragement to us. The lady was intensely interested from the first, and without hesitation gave her order. She said nothing to us about being particularly impressed with the work, but later we learned through one of her neighbors that she had been earnestly praying that some one might bring her the truth, and she stated that my coming was in direct answer to her prayers. She also stated that we should be very careful about turning away from truth when it comes in answer to prayer. My brother and sister, is there not danger of our refusing to follow impressions of the Lord and thus failing to receive a blessing that He wants to bestow on us. Would you not like to have an experience similar to this in answering the prayers of honest-hearted people? If so, write us.

Tabulated Statement of Funds Paid by the Conferences of the Central Union, Monthly, for

Confs.	Funds	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Colorado	Tithe	\$476 02	\$103 12	\$.....	\$186 41	\$275 07	\$.....	\$349 35	\$.....	\$110 00
	% to Miss.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sustentation	194 26	48 20	46 20	.....	175 90	.....	143 99	.....	124 00
	15c. a wk.	47 87	377 36	225 00	739 68	1092 96	.....	451 67	.....	1122 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	718 15	528 68	271 20	926 09	1543 93		945 01		1357 00
East Kansas	Tithe	.....	.....	199 89	163 27	107 14	54 41	184 73	59 39	96 00
	% to Miss.	.....	.....	179 90	146 94	96 42	48 97	166 26	53 45	86 00
	Sustentation	.....	.....	89 95	73 47	48 21	24 48	83 13	26 72	43 00
	15c. a wk.	.....	.....	706 13	506 36	.....	409 30	1291 97	265 92	449 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL			1175 87	890 04	251 77	537 16	1726 09	405 48	676 00
Nebraska	Tithe	566 42	187 43	202 12	247 06	345 68	215 50	368 38	267 69	343 00
	% to Miss.	777 95	239 74	272 86	333 55	466 67	290 93	497 32	361 38	463 00
	Sustentation	254 89	84 34	90 95	111 18	155 56	96 98	165 77	120 46	154 00
	15c. a wk.	3279.04	1803 10	374 49	1009 14	754 88	435 55	735 89	936 21	2487 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	4878 30	2314 61	940 42	1700 93	1722 79	1038 96	1767 36	1685 74	3447 00
North Missouri	Tithe	170 09	.....	90 80	41 76	.....	91 29	215 00	52 06	43 00
	% to Miss.	85 04	.....	29 60	36 05	.....	45 65	.....	26 03	129 00
	Sustentation	85 04	.....	29 60	36 05	.....	45 64	.....	26 03	129 00
	15c. a wk.	46 18	.....	.....	208 83	183 51	62 49	548 03	198 09	182 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	386 35		150 00	322 69	183 51	245 07	763 03	302 21	485 00
South Missouri	Tithe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 71	46 00
	% to Miss.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 86	23 00
	Sustentation	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 85	23 00
	15c. a wk.	569 23	.....	.....	537 62	.....	.....	596 11	322 22	141 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	569 23			537 62			596 11	441 64	234 00
West Colorado	Tithe	127 00	.....	88 30	53 80	53 27	21 76	26 45	45 35	37 00
	% to Miss.	63 50	.....	44 14	26 90	26 63	10 88	13 24	22 67	18 00
	Sustentation	63 50	.....	44 14	26 90	26 63	10 88	13 24	22 67	18 00
	15c. a wk.	.....	.....	357 06	259 19	267 24	98 62	281 51	308 01	200 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	254 00		533 64	366 79	373 77	152 14	334 44	398 70	274 00
West Kansas	Tithe	.....	.....	396 03	.....	108 38	88 18	150 00	140 00	.....
	% to Miss.	.....	.....	198 00	.....	162 57	.....	.....	100 00	.....
	Sustentation	.....	.....	198 00	.....	.....	.....	138 00	70 00	.....
	15c. a wk.	.....	.....	1338 47	390 95	507 68	174 00	534 85	329 59	.....
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL			2130 50	390 95	778 63	262 18	822 85	639 59	.....
Wyoming	Tithe	143 60	38 56	46 90	54 30	63 08	35 65	50 62	62 34	45 00
	% to Miss.	71 80	19 28	23 45	27 15	31 54	17 82	25 31	31 17	22 00
	Sustentation	71 80	19 28	23 45	27 15	31 54	17 82	25 31	31 17	22 00
	15c. a wk.	240 47	160 72	23 53	63 82	297 28	44 08	262 40	181 15	168 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	527 67	237 84	117 33	172 42	423 44	115 37	363 64	305 83	259 00
Miscellaneous	Tithe	171 08	146 08	336 50	202 65	357 44	.....	309 41	143 16	140 00
	% to Miss.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sustentation	74 15	16 45	44 85	43 68	42 27	26 14	71 64	34 33	36 00
	15c. a wk.	271 05	41 51	48 43	101 73	18 28	.....	151 30	64 22	28 00
	Miscel.									
	TOTAL	516 28	204 04	429 78	348 06	417 99	26 14	532 35	241 71	204 00
	GD. TOT'S	7849 98	3285 17	5748 74	5655 59	5695 83	2367 02	7850 88	4420 90	6941 00

First Eleven Months of 1912

Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
.....	\$321 78		\$1821 75
06 85	66 58		906 81
00 24	458 18		6095 83
87 09	846 54		8824 39
10 58	88 94		1164 80
89 52	80 04		1048 31
94 76	40 02		524 14
26 34	241 02		5196 93
21 20	450 02		7934 18
14 92	327 33		3385 55
25 15	441 90		4570 53
41 72	147 30		1523 51
62 07	1673 25		14550 81
43 86	2589 78		24030 40
23 88	73 68		802 04
11 94	36 84		401 03
11 94	36 84		401 03
69 47	293 12		1792 32
17 23	440 48		3396 42
32 56	88 48		327 62
66 28	44 24		163 81
66 28	44 24		163 80
77 89	471 47		3115 60
73 01	648 43		3770 83
46 72	.....		499 79
23 36	.....		249 89
3 36	.....		249 89
23 78	.....		2045 61
67 22			3045 18
10 01	239 90		1432 50
50 00	239 90		950 47
00 00	119 95		625 93
930 62	691 92		4898 08
90 63	1291 67		7907 00
50 62	77 88		669 47
25 31	38 94		334 73
25 31	38 94		334 73
73 03	510 33		2024 83
74 27	666 09		3363 76
57 35	.....		1963 68
.....	89 84		89 84
49 46	60 89		500 00
.....		724 52
06 81	150 73		3278 04
51 32	7083 74		65550 20

Wyoming Conference

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To Wyoming

D. U. Hale

You will no doubt be glad to know how the finances in the conference are going. We know you are interested in the spread of the message, judging from the support you have given in tithes and offerings. What an individual is most interested in is shown by his effort to exalt and advance it. If it is self, then self-exaltation and selfish advancement is what we will seek. If it is our Redeemer's interest that is uppermost in our minds, then His cause and His truth are the first things always in our thoughts.

On balancing the books at the end of November, the treasurer tells us that the tithe was overdrawn only \$154. This is better than it was a little time back, when we were more than \$300 overdrawn. One more good month of tithe and we will be caught up again. This we are confidently expecting in December.

We are very anxious, however, about our fifteen-cent-a-week fund. We should raise at least \$3,700 for the year 1912. The treasurer tells me that up to the present he has sent in only a little over \$2,000. Our Sabbath-schools have done well towards this fund, but our first-day offerings and free-will offerings and gifts to missions are behind. We hope our annual offering will finish it up, but if it does not, then we hope God may impress upon the minds of individuals in our conference to give sufficient means to make up the deficit.

One brother at Sheridan was making an effort to collect a note of \$100. He said if he could get it, that he would give the whole amount to missions. The Lander church say they have not quite made up the amount for their church, but that they expect to, even though a number of their members are absent and have given nothing. This is a worthy effort. Members of the Sheridan church are writing to all their absent members, placing before them their responsibility to help their home church, and asking them for their part of the fifteen-cent-a-week fund.

A cheerful giver is pleasing to God. He loved so much that He gave. Love for man made Him a cheerful giver. Love not only made Him a cheerful giver, but also a bountiful giver. Our love for God and His lost children, our brothers in the flesh, should

move us to give, not only willingly, but bountifully. Godliness is one of the important Christian graces. God loved and gave. To be God-like, we must not only love, but give. In giving Christ, God gave to us all. Let us cultivate this Godly grace until, like Him, we can give all.

Our Sabbath-school Work

Mrs. Asa Smith

Since our last writing, we have had the privilege of attending a five-days' general meeting with the believers in and around Sheridan, Wyo. We were very glad that it was possible to become acquainted with most of the members of the Carroll and Beeton Sabbath-schools, and also to meet one representative of the Buffalo school. These members seemed to be of good courage, and are doing their utmost to advance the interest of the third angel's message in their community.

The work in our conference is still onward. Since our last report, we have organized a school at Newcastle, Wyo. In addition to this, there are thirteen members meeting together at Bridgeport, Nebr. This school had been previously discontinued, owing to lack of numbers, but we are glad that we can once again enter this school upon our records.

By the time this paper reaches you, the superintendents and secretaries respectively will have received the little pamphlet and information regarding the thirteenth Sabbath plan for the fourth quarter. Elder W. A. Spicer, the General Conference secretary, has just returned from South America, and makes a most urgent appeal on behalf of the educational work in that field. It has been decided that the Sabbath-schools may answer the call that comes from our brethren for help in training these South American young people to carry the message to this vast population of nearly fifty million souls. How shall we respond, brethren? Shall we not each and every one place our shoulder to the wheel and do our utmost on December 28 for this neglected field? We have done well in the past. Our returns for the third quarter of the present year show an increase of \$39.67 over the previous one. Our thirteenth Sabbath offering for the third quarter amounted to \$159.90. This is excellent. Shall we not endeavor to do as much or even more for the educational work in South America? Remember the date, and remember that our Sabbath-school and thirteenth Sabbath

offerings apply on the fifteen-cent-a-week plan. Let us not fail to do our part in raising this amount, and when the work is finished hear the "well done," is my prayer.

Our Offerings for Missions

Asa Smith

In the OUTLOOK of November, 25, appeared a statement that the Central Union Conference still lacked nearly \$32,000 of its apportionment on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. Of this amount, it stated that the Wychurches sends in \$6.00, and a good, ble for more than \$2,000. At the present date, November 30, there still lacks, according to our treasurer's books, the sum of \$1,736.59, to be raised in the Wyoming Conference before December 31. Now brethren, let us get right under this. Somebody is at fault. Have you raised your portion of \$7,807? If so, are you able to raise more, and what are you going to do about it? Somebody must necessarily give many times this amount, in order that the whole amount be made up in our conference. No doubt some have already given much more than their quota.

We have just sent out a statement to all the churches showing the amount yet to be raised in each church. We hope that every effort possible will be made to raise the deficit before the close of the year.

Office Notes

Asa Smith

Mrs. A. Bowman, one of the isolated ones near Edgemont, S. Dak., sends \$10.40, secured with the Ingathering *Signs* for missions. Another sister in the Crawford church disposed of six copies of the magazine and got \$3.50. Let the good work continue. Thus far \$196.13 has been received.

J. M. Fletcher reports that the little church school which he is teaching is getting along nicely. The children and parents are so well pleased that they do not want any more public school.

The annual offering at the Crawford church was \$44.75. There are a number of absent members, which we hope to hear from, that may increase this amount. One of the conference churches sends in \$6.00, and a good, faithful brother and his wife who have not seen a minister for more than a year send a check for \$10.00, while

an aged, isolated couple who can scarcely care for themselves have sacrificed to send \$2.00. We are anxiously waiting to hear from all the churches.

O. R. Gilbert, of Lander, Wyo., sends an order for nearly fifty dollars' worth of forty per cent books, as the result of thirty hours' work. That is encouraging. Are there not others who can do something with these books around their homes?

A short time ago we stated that Mrs. P. P. Wilcox was teaching at Bighorn, Nebr., but we did not know where that place was. We have since learned that it is about twenty-two miles south of Minatare, in the eastern part of Banner county.

F. B. Jewell, from Sidney, Nebr., made a pleasant call last Wednesday afternoon between trains, while on his way to Oelrichs, S. Dak., where he goes to make final proof on his deceased mother's homestead. Many of our readers will remember Brother Jewell, as he was elected state canvassing agent for this conference at the Crawford camp-meeting in 1909.

A postcard just received from Miss Welsh states that she reached her destination safely, and is pleasantly located at 1119, O Street, N. W. Washington, D. C., where she will no doubt be pleased to hear from any Wyoming friends.

F. H. Pierce is taking Brother Jewell's place on the St. George Ranch for a week or so, as Brother Jewell's health demanded a rest for a time.

Merlin Mullenex called at the office while passing through Crawford on his way from Whitney to Marsland, where he will visit his sister, Mrs. Art Poole, before returning to Union College.

Miss Hannah Johnson has proved up on her homestead near Ardmore, S. Dak., and on December 11 departed for Moneta, Iowa, where she will make her future home. Miss Johnson has been a faithful member of the Conference church, and we regret to see her leave, but we wish her success in her new home.

C. S. Clemens writes us an order for 100 copies of the December *Watchman*, which he expects to sell in his city, Cheyenne, Wyo. This is a good work. Are there not others who want

to have the blessing that comes from doing something to spread the printed page?

J. M. Fletcher's brother is now laid up with a broken leg that promises to keep him quite closely confined for some time.

M. M. Ruiter, of Powell, Wyo., writes that he and his wife desire to unite with the conference church as soon as they can secure letters from the church at Ash Grove, S. Dak., where they formerly resided.

Elder Hale was at Lisco during the last Sabbath of the week of prayer. He does not expect to reach the office before the 19th.

Elder Hale handed us the following names of isolated ones, which we are pleased to add to our list of Sabbath-keepers: Mrs. E. T. Skinner and two daughters, of Graybull, Wyo.; G. W. Husted, Greybull, Wyo.; M. M. Ruiter and family of four children, of Burlington, Wyo.; Mrs. A. A. Palmer, of Colter, Wyo.; Mrs. Yocum and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McGhan, of Cody, Wyo. The last named couple have been on our list for a long time, and are very faithful old people.

We were very pleasantly surprised recently, to receive a good letter from our old friend, Dr. L. L. Jones, who is now superintendent of the Kansas Sanitarium, at Wichita, Kans. This calls up memories of days gone by, when we were boys together at old Union College, and in company with Dr. H. B. Farnsworth, of Missoula, Mont.; Prof. R. W. Brown, who has been engaged in school work in Australia for a number of years; D. K. Nicola, business manager of the Attleboro Sanitarium, Massachusetts; and C. H. Hodges, the genial postmaster of College View, all of whom then were boys like us, we used to disturb the stillness of the starry night by singing sweet songs under the professors' windows, and, of course, not forgetting South Hall before we went home. Little did we then dream of what the future held in store for us. We may never again all meet in this world, but we sincerely hope that we may all, both the singers and the listeners, meet together on the sea of glass before the throne of God, to sing praises throughout eternity.

"Be yourself, but not for yourself."

"Conscience should be stronger than the heart."

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Finishing the Work

J. W. Christian

There is, perhaps, no record in all the Bible more inspiring and instructive than that found in the fourth chapter of John, giving the conversation between the Saviour and the Samaritan woman. Never shall we be able to fathom the depth of love and devotion to His work as revealed in this account. Our Lord, tired and worn with the duties pressing upon His soul, decided to rest there at Jacobs well, while the disciples went to the city to buy bread. Alone, his thoughts drifted to the great crowd of humanity that was constantly clinging to Him for relief of every description. He longed to give them rest. His thoughts were not of Himself, but for those whom He had come to save. While in deep meditation, a woman of the city drew near the well to fill her bucket. The Saviour lifted His eyes and at once read in her countenance the marks of sin and a troubled heart. His soul went out to her, longing to direct her eyes to the mission he had come to perform. He engaged her in conversation. A sincere longing was implanted in her heart for the living water that would be a source of refreshing to her ever more. She had tasted a few drops of this soul-refreshing stream, and she returned to the city to invite her friends to join her in seeking for still more. While she was gone, the disciples returned with food for the weary traveler. But His thoughts were elsewhere. The disciples entreated Him to take nourishment. This elicited from the Saviour these words: "My meat is to do the work of Him that sent Me, and to *finish* His work." This was the keynote of His work, and must be of every true disciple.

Just before the garden experience, the Master said, in prayer to the Father: "I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have *finished* the work which Thou gavest Me to do." The work of the Man of men was finished in His earthly wanderings. Ours has just begun. The same assurance of a *finished* work that was His is given to us. To realize this blessedness, we must evidence the same spirit of zeal and earnestness that He manifested. After He had given all He had in

heaven for man's salvation, He came to earth and gave Himself. Behold, what love the Father has bestowed upon us! For this spirit, every true soldier of the cross should pray, and we should not rest satisfied until we possess it in fact.

But to see the great work of God *finished*, we must see a faithfulness in the performing of the smaller duties, —those that come to us every year. We have set our mark to meet the expectations of our brethren in the General Conference and in the foreign fields in sustaining the cause of truth in its onward march to victory. The fifteen-cent-a-week-per-member plan has been accepted by us as a conference, and our people have shown an unusual interest and earnestness in doing their individual parts. While all have not paid in an amount equal to fifteen cents per week, others have, of course, paid much more. There may be a few in the conference who can not do this much, but would it not be well to reconsider our decision, and possibly the Lord may impress us with a bit of neglect or wrong figuring in reaching our conclusion. It is not too late to make amends.

Our pledges to missions made at camp-meeting have come in remarkably well. We hope none will be left unpaid by the close of the year. Let us *finish* this part of our share in the Lord's work. A daily, monthly, yearly performance of our work will insure a *finished* work when the Lord Jesus shall arise and say, "It is *finished*." We must have a part in the sowing if we would have a part in the reaping. God grant that this may be our lot.

North Missouri Conference

E. E. Farnsworth, Pres. Allie Guthrie, Sec'y

Utica, Mo.

Give or Not Give

E. E. Farnsworth

The Saviour summed up the Christian's duty in the following words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind," and, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In all Christian duties, the Saviour is our example. "As the Father hath sent Me into the world, even so send I you," is His commission to His followers. It is impossible to be a follower of Christ and not share in the spirit of service that was a consuming passion with Him.

All are called to service, but all are not called to leave home for serv-

ice in foreign lands. In the closing days of this year, we witness the efforts of the children of this world to express, some in one way and some in another, their love for each other by Christmas gifts. Shall we give or shall we not give? This question will come to every Seventh-day Adventist, young and old. We delight to give gifts to those we love, and in a way it is right that we express our love and appreciation to them.

There is, however, something that we must consider of far greater consequence than this, and that is our duty to God and His work in the earth. We can find ways of expressing our love to our friends and still save the money usually so expended to use in helping to carry on the work that the Saviour has commissioned us to do.

At the beginning of this year, it became a part of the work of this denomination to raise a sum of money equal to fifteen cents per week for each church member in the conferences. Our conference committee voted it, and in conference assembled our delegates voted it. In our home churches we voted it, and in our hearts we each voted it. What has been the result? The financial statements as they have been sent out show that while some have done nobly and raised more than their quota, others are far behind, and it will require a tremendous rally to bring in the needed amount.

This issue of the OUTLOOK will reach you just about the time Christmas presents are being bought, hence the heading of this article, "Shall We Give or Not Give?" There is one way that we can rally and so swell the mission funds that we will not lack when the returns are all in, and that is for every lover of this precious truth to make a Christmas gift to God. But you say, "At the close of the week of prayer I did give." Yes, but did you give all that you could? Are you planning to make any presents to your friends? If so, your resources are not exhausted.

The Lord commissions the angels to "gather My saints together; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Because we have given is no reason why we should stop giving. Not long ago, I heard a person say, "Give till you feel it, and then keep on giving till you do not feel it." Love will make us glad to sacrifice. Our love for God and our love for those who are dying without a knowledge of the Saviour ought to be so intense that we would be willing to give all that can be spared to in-

crease the fund that goes to carry the message to them.

This is the last appeal that we can get to you before the old year is gone. As leaders in the work, those at headquarters have been looking to us as conference presidents to encourage this spirit of giving among our churches, so that they could depend upon the amount of money that we have pledged to give. They have planned for it, and sent the workers into the needy fields, and the money is not now coming to support them. We are far behind in our remittances from this conference, and unless we at this last moment in some way increase our gifts, our vow will not be paid.

It can be done. Some one can send in larger amounts and others smaller, but if we will all rally we can win out. There never has been a year but that I have not made some gifts to my friends, even though I have given to the Lord all I thought I could give, but this year these gifts are going to the mission fund. Will you all join me?



Remember that every penny of offerings paid to the church treasurer before the first day of January will reach the General Conference treasury in season to be credited to the conference in which it is paid, for the year 1912.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering comes Sabbath, December 31. Let all previous splendid records in Sabbath-school giving be outdone on this closing Sabbath of the old year.

Elder A. T. Robinson left College View last Monday evening for a trip to Colorado. He expected to meet Elder E. T. Russell in Boulder, Colo., where they were to attend sanitarium board meetings. They expected to spend last Sabbath with the church at Fort Collins, and return to College View early this week.

Prof. W. W. Ruble, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Northern Union, who has been spending a number of days in the

Central Union doing some work in connection with Prof. M. B. Van Kirk and Elder A. T. Robinson, for the normal department of Union College, left Thursday of last week for Iowa to assist in some Young People's Missionary Volunteer Institutes.

The next issue of the OUTLOOK, the first one in the new year, will be a special young people's number. It will contain a program for young people's day, which is to be observed throughout the Central Union Conference on Sabbath, January 10.

With an affectionate and lingering farewell at the passing of the old year, and an earnest glance forward over the unwritten pages of the year soon to be entered upon, the OUTLOOK extends to all its readers sincere and heartfelt greetings of the season.

Let the closing hours of the old year witness such a spirit of liberality toward foreign missions, on the part of every believer in the Central Union Conference, that our fifteen-cent-a-week per member will be fully met, the hearts of the workers in foreign fields be caused to sing for joy, and the coming of our Lord be hastened.

Close of the Volume

This issue of the OUTLOOK closes Volume 2. The next issue, Vol. 3, No. 1, will bear date of Jan. 7, 1913.

The many expressions of appreciation of the OUTLOOK that have been received at the office inspire us with a determination to put forth our very best efforts to make the paper during 1913 all that its name implies. The one feature of the OUTLOOK which will enable it to fill the largest place in the heart of its circle of readers, will be frequent brief reports from our workers throughout the Central Union Conference. To meet this popular demand, the editor is absolutely dependent upon the kindly spirit of cooperation on the part of his fellow-workers. Surely every Christian worker in our ranks in the Central Union Conference, should be willing to make the sacrifice of sufficient time and effort to supply the OUTLOOK with frequent, brief reports, when he knows that such an effort will add to the pleasure of several thousands of readers each week.

We earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation of our sanitarium and school workers, our ministers, church and Sabbath-school officers, and

workers in every line in making the OUTLOOK for 1912 bristle each week with reports from the field.

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