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Editorial

NOTES FROM THE EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL

The editor left home Sunday, January 19, to attend the Educational Council at Boulder, Colorado, before the opening of the biennial session of the Central Union Conference, January 23.

With him there went from College View, B. E. Huffman, C. R. Kite, Miss Sarah E. Peck, Miss Mettie Cornell. At Hastings the party was joined by Elder A. T. Robinson, Miss Alma J. Graf, and Elder E. A. Curtis.

The meetings began Monday evening in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Boulder, Elder B. E. Huffman, secretary of the Educational Department of the Central Union Conference, presiding. Miss Alma J. Graf was chosen secretary of the convention. In his opening address, Elder Huffman traced the history and progress of the educational work since the Conference was organized six years ago. Then there were thirty-two teachers, the average length of term was five and three-fourths months, and the average salary of teachers, \$21.59 per month. Now there are seventy teachers, the average term is six and nine-tenths months, and the average monthly salary, \$27.61. These facts show substantial progress.

After the Secretary's address, reports were given by the superintendents of school work in the different conferences. H. E. Reeder reported for the Wyoming Conference four schools with fifty pupils.

Miss Nora E. Hough gave ten schools and one hundred and forty pupils for Missouri. Miss Mary Zener spoke for Colorado, saying that her Conference has nine schools and two academies, with fifteen teachers and two hundred and fifty pupils. Miss Graf reported for Nebraska seventeen schools, twenty-two teachers, and three hundred and twenty-two pupils. All spoke encouragingly of the interest. The superintendent from Kansas had not yet arrived.

ELDER DANIELLS' VISIT

The event of College View last week was the visit of Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference. He stopped off to spend the Sabbath while on his way to the Pacific Union Conference, at St. Helena, California. It was a busy day for him. At ten o'clock he addressed the church Sabbath-school briefly on the use of the Sabbath-school offerings. During the past year the Sabbath-schools have contributed over one thousand dollars per week for missions.

At the forenoon public service the tabernacle was packed with a deeply interested audience, who listened attentively for an hour and a half to lessons drawn from the experience of Israel in the time of Esther and Mordecai. At two o'clock he spoke to the nurses at the Sanitarium. Under the auspices of the Young People's Society he spoke again at 3:30 o'clock, to a house crowded as in the forenoon. In this address he emphasized with great power the importance of discerning what things are of real worth and of giving ourselves wholly to them.

A PERMANENT SUMMER SCHOOL

The Faculty of Union College recently took steps toward the organization of a permanent summer school under the direction of the College in co-operation with the Educational Department of the

Central Union Conference. A committee was appointed, who studied the question for several weeks, and then made a report embracing a number of recommendations, which were unanimously adopted by the Faculty. The plan proposes that the school be held six weeks the coming summer; that it be under the management of the President of Union College, the Director of the Normal Department, and the Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference; that five teachers be employed, three-fifths of whose salary be paid by the College and two-fifths by the Conference; that two studies and one drill be regarded as full work, so that pupils may do a full College term's work in each subject; that the same credits be granted as for regular College work; that only students who have finished the eighth grade be admitted, the certificates of the Central and Northern Union Conferences being accepted as evidence of that fact; and that the tuition be \$6.00 for the term of six weeks.

This plan will be submitted to the Central Union Conference and the Union College Board, and if approved will be vigorously carried out. Further announcements in the near future.

FARM TO RENT

The owner of a farm in the vicinity of Yankee Hill, near Lincoln, wants to rent to a Seventh-day Adventist, because he has been so favorably impressed with the honesty and industry of these people in various parts of the country where he has met them. Anyone who wants to rent a farm and who is prepared to maintain the good reputation before mentioned should apply to the editor of the MESSENGER.

A GOOD REPUTATION

We have received a letter from an entire stranger who wishes to find a reliable renter for a farm which he owns, and he also has a few hundred dollars which he

would like to loan on first class real estate security. In writing us in regard to this matter he says:—

"I have come in contact with your people in many places in my travels over the United States, and have found them, as a rule, very industrious and energetic people, hence my turning toward them now with the hope of securing a tenant for my land."

This is a good reputation for any people to have, and we sincerely hope that every person who reads this paragraph will resolve, by the help of God, to make such a reputation real character in his own experience.

A LIVING NATIONAL ISSUE

THINGS ARE LIVELY IN WASHINGTON OVER THE QUESTION OF PROHIBITION AND SUNDAY LEGISLATION

In the *Woman's National Daily* of January 15, Robert M. McWade, special correspondent of that paper at Washington, writes as follows:—

"Prohibition and Sunday legislation are the two chief points toward which the good people of the national capital, headed by the Protestant and Catholic clergy, are now bending their energies. They believe that the better observance of Sunday can be best brought about by inducing congress to pass a Sunday law for the District of Columbia and already three bills have been introduced during this session, one 'to further protect the first day of the week as a day of rest,' another, 'prohibiting Sunday labor on buildings, etc.,' and still another, introduced by Senator Peurose of Pennsylvania, 'to prevent Sunday banking in postoffices in the handling of money orders and registered letters in the mail service of the United States.'

"The Religious Liberty Bureau of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists has just entered the field and is making a strenuous Sunday law campaign. For the purpose of enlightening congress and the people of the country in regard to its views on the situation the Adventist bureau has prepared a statement in which, among other things, it says:—

Then follows the bulk of a pamphlet issued by the Religious Liberty Bureau in Washington to meet the conditions now existing in that city. They quote entire, nine reasons for protesting against Sunday legislation, copying the pamphlet verbatim. After the quotation the article closes with the following significant paragraph:—

"The demand that congress shall pass a district Sunday law is not a mere local affair, nor does it concern simply the people of the district. It is of national significance, and concerns the people of the whole nation."

The same paper in its issue of

January 18, quotes all that portion of the same pamphlet published by the Religious Liberty Bureau, which sets forth our reasons for supporting prohibition. Since this paper goes to hundreds of thousands of readers, these articles will do a good work in setting the views of Seventh-day Adventists properly before the people of the country.

BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

CHAS. G. BELLAH

This convention held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was attended by most of the state agents and tract society secretaries of the Central and Northern Union Conferences.

Many very important matters relative to the book work were discussed, and definite plans for the work were made. Some changes in the price of our leading books were made. The prices on "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation" and "Bible Readings," will be as follows: Cloth, \$2.75; Library, \$3.75; Morocco, \$4.75.

These books, especially "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and Revelation" have been greatly improved in illustrations, index, etc.

A very important recommendation bearing on the placing of students living outside the Northern and Central Union Conferences was passed, as follows:

"Whereas, in the past there has been no definite and uniform business arrangement for students entering the canvassing work from Union College; and, believing it would be for the best interest of the work to effect such an arrangement, we recommend the following:—

1. That, if consistent, the local conference in the Northern and Central Union Conferences pay the fare to and from the field of labor of its resident students.

2. That no state pay the fare of students resident of another State located in above named Union Conferences, except as hereafter provided for.

3. That the location of non-resident students making special preparation work in settlements of their own nationality, be left to a committee of five, composed of the President of Union College, the Advisors of the various Canvassing Bands in Union College, the Manager of the Kansas City Branch of Pacific Press Pub. Co., the General Missionary Agent of the North-

ern Union Conference, and the General Missionary Agent of the Central Union Conference.

THE BIBLE AS A BOOK OF EDUCATION

Some good things have been recently published in regard to the value of the Bible as an educating influence in the world. Prof. Wm. Lyons Phelps, of Yale University, recently had a strong article upon this subject in the *Record of Christian Work*. He laments the popular ignorance of American College students in regard to the Bible, saying that he recently asked one fine young specimen of American manhood what he thought Shakespeare meant by the phrase, "Here feel we not the penalty of Adam," and the student replied, "It was the mark put on Adam for having slain his brother."

He asked another student, whom he describes as "being every inch a gentleman," to explain the line, "Or memorize another Golgotha." The student's face became a blank. The professor came to his relief by suggesting, "Golgotha is a New Testament reference." A light of intelligence illumed the student's handsome face as he replied, "It was Goliath."

Commenting on these cases, Professor Phelps says, "Instances like these two are of constant and almost daily occurrence in the work of American college teachers. It is certainly unfortunate that the best book ever printed should be so little known that the frequent references to it in practically every English author should be meaningless." He, therefore, recommends that the college entrance requirements in English be based upon an examination on the Bible, and in support of his recommendation he says, "The Bible has within its pages every single kind of literature that any proposed list of English classics contains. It has narrative, descriptive, poetical, dramatic, argumentative, and oratorical passages. It covers everything that the ingenuity of a committee in arranging for an English examination could by any possibility discover. Furthermore, as the cause now stands, books that are proposed by some examiners are ridiculed by others, either because they are too difficult or too simple, or because they are not really literature at all. No such objection could be made to the Bible. Priests, atheists, skeptics, devotees, agnostics, and evangelists

are all agreed that the authorized version of the English Bible is the best sample of English composition that the world has ever seen. It combines the noblest prose and poetry with the utmost simplicity of education."

THE LATIN UNION SCHOOL FUND

The movement for raising \$500 for the Latin Union Training School was inaugurated at the chapel exercises last week. The students responded heartily. Although the envelopes were not ready fifty-five gentlemen and fifty-six ladies signified their desire to enter upon the work of raising the money. Envelopes containing cash have been handed in as follows:—

Envelope	Name	Amount
No. 1,	Prof. H. A. Morrison,	\$1.00
No. 2,	B. Berglund,	1.00
No. 3,	Mrs. B. Berglund,	1.00
No. 4-6,	Prof. G. A. Grauer,	3.00
No. 7,	C. E. Dixon,	1.00
No. 8,	Peter Langhoff,	1.00
No. 9,	Matilda Thori,	1.00
No. 10-14,	Charles McWilliams,	5.00
No. 15,	Jas. Christensen,	1.00
No. 16,	K. O. Shawhem,	1.00
No. 17,	L. W. Krieger,	1.00
No. 18,	Herman Neumann,	1.00
No. 19,20,	Prof. E. E. Bodin,	2.00
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DEATH OF BROTHER
O. E. CUMMINGS

The relatives and friends of Brother O. E. Cummings, of College View, were shocked to receive word Thursday night that he had died suddenly in a hotel in Chicago. Berton Emerson and an undertaker immediately went to Chicago and received the body from the authorities, who had held an inquest before the arrival of his friends. Brother Cummings left home about three weeks ago to attend to business matters in the East. He was on his way home, and had written his wife that he expected to be home Sunday. He did indeed reach home that day, but how different the home coming from what was expected. For some time this winter Brother Cummings had not been very well, and had at one time taken treatment several days at the Sanitarium, with so great improvement that he declared he was well again. When he came to the hotel Wednesday evening he showed signs of distress, but gave no explanation, and went to his room. Next day, about one o'clock he was found dead upon the floor. He had been in bed and was evidently trying to help himself as he was partly dressed, when he fell to the floor where he was found the next day. In falling he bruised his head in several places. The autopsy showed kidney trouble ending with heart failure. The funeral was held in the Tabernacle at College View, Wednesday afternoon. It was one of the largest ever held on a week-day in the place, the galleries having to be opened to accommodate the people. Brother Cummings was active in

church and philanthropic work. At the time of his death, he was Chairman of the church school Board of Managers. He leaves a wife, mother, three children of his own, and two adopted children, who have the sympathy of the entire community. Later, as soon as we have time to collect the facts, we will give a sketch of his life.

The following, known in College View and Union College, are attending the conference held in Boulder, Colo.: Prof. C. C. Lewis, Pres. U. C.; M. E. Kern class '98, Chairman Miss. Vol. Dept. Gen. Conf.; M. E. Ellis, class '98, Miss. Sec. Neb. Conf.; Frank Ogden, class '02, resident Kans. Conf.; Nora Hough, class '05, Educational Sec. Mo. Conf.; Alma J. Graf, class '05, Educational and Young Peoples' Sec. Neb. Conf.; Gladys Shufelt, class '07, attending University; Ralph Emery, Young Peoples' Sec. Colo. Conf.; Pearl Jenkins, Supt. Kindergarten Division Boulder Sabbath-school; Addie Wheeler, teacher at Campion Academy, Colo.; O. A. Hall, minister in C. U. Conf.; Roscoe Baer, Young Peoples' Sec. Wyo. Conf.; M. O. Douglass, Bible worker in Lyons, Colo.; Effie Northrup, stenographer at the Sanitarium; Katherine Paulson and Martha Jensen have entered the Freshman nurses' class at the Sanitarium. Grace Mitchell and Hattie Caviness are in the Junior class and Eva Kinkle and Helferd Toppenberg are in the Senior class. Grace Tillotson, who finished the Normal Course in 1900, is now Sabbath-school Sec. of the Wyoming Conference. Carl Svenson, class '02, minister in Neb. Lovd and John Clark are working at the Sanitarium. Maxie Fulton Carlson and Luther Shufelt are residents of Boulder. H. B. Steele, class '05, Young Peoples' Sec. Mo. Conf. H. E. Reeder, '03, Educational Sec. Wyo. Conf.; Mary Zener, Educational Sec. Colo. Conf.; Albert Anderson, minister; Bruce Shaw, '04, has been working in San Luis Valley, Colo. Emil Anderson, Mrs. M. E. Kern and daughter, Misses Sarah Peck, and Mertie Wheeler, Otto John, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Austin.

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News and Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Yale are living in Madison, Tenn.

Martina Johnson is doing private nursing in Omaha, Nebraska.

K. O. Shawhem has given up his school work and gone to Minnesota.

A religious liberty program has been prepared for the church to-morrow.

Pearl Preston was called to Kansas City, Mo., last week by the death of a relative.

Professor Lewis, Miss Peck, and Bro. Emerson returned from Boulder on Wednesday.

Mabelle McMoran is matron of the Northwestern Sanitarium at Port Townsend, Washington.

Enclosed find fifty cents for the renewal of my subscription.—Geo. A. Armstrong, St. Joseph, Missouri.

"Uncle Joe" Sutherland is living in Madison, Tenn., near his son E. A. Sutherland. His health is not very good.

Mr. Fred Smith, who left College View six years ago, is living at Graysville, and his two boys are attending school at Madison.

Two of our teachers, Professor Farnsworth and Miss Peebles, have sacrificed a few classes since our last issue. Reason—the Grippe.

Mrs. Earnest Tryon, of Wayne, Neb., is visiting her brother, John Deming, and other relatives in College View. She is an old U. C. student.

Mrs. O. A. Hall, and little daughter Loleta, of Crawford, Neb., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, Eld. and Mrs. O. E. Jones, of College View.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kendall, former Union College students, are working in connection with the Madison Agricultural and Normal Institute near Nashville.

Dr. H. W. Miller and wife passed through College View, January 22, on their way to their field of labor in China. Mrs. Miller is a cousin to Iver Hanson, a Union College student.

For the past few weeks the College has been enjoying the use of the new laundry. In addition to replacing the machinery which the old laundry contained, a mangle has been installed.

Miss Ada Evans, a former Union College student, who has spent several years in Bonacca, Bay Islands, with her parents, is now working at the Southern Publishing Association. She is secretary of the Nashville Sabbath-school.

Eld. W. C. White spent a few hours in our village while on his way to the Pacific Union Conference.

Oscar Frank is canvassing in Louisiana, and asks to have his paper sent to 304 Hodges St., Lake Charles.

Miss Matilda Erickson, Assistant Secretary of the Young People's Department of the General Conference, is attending the Conference in Boulder, Colo., this week.

J. M. Fletcher, F. L. Limerick, C. G. Bellah, W. F. Surber, and M. E. Ellis passed through College View on their return from the Bookmen's Convention at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Dr. Will Mason, Jr. attended the Southern Union Conference the last few days of the meeting. He and Dr. Newton Evans enjoy a large medical practice in Murray, Kentucky.

Miss Mertie Wheeler, our news editor, left College View Thursday evening, January 23, to assist in reporting the session of the Central Union Conference now convened in Boulder, Colo.

Elder O. A. Johnson, formerly Bible teacher in Union College, is teaching in Sweden. His address is Myhyttan Skole, Jeruboa. In a recent letter he says: "We have fifty-five students enrolled, and our school is prospering very well."

I have intended sending the money to renew my paper before this, but on account of the serious illness of our baby, neglected to at the time. Thank you for sending it over time, as I do not like to miss a single copy of it.—Mrs. H. C. Gambell, Brookfield, Mo.

Married, Jan. 2, 1908, at the home of the bride, in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Avril H. Owen and Miss Mamie Jamison. Both are old Union College students, and Mr. A. H. Owen, in connection with his work as trained nurse, is now completing his second year of the medical course.

A large number of young men were present at the men's mass meeting held in the English chapel Tuesday evening, January 21. Aside from the opening exercises and two numbers by the male quartet, the program consisted of a talk by O. J. Graf on purity of thought, and a talk by Dr. W. A. George on purity of act.

I like Colorado quite as well as Nebraska, but there is no place like Old Union. Will be glad when I get back. If our subscription to the MESSENGER has not expired I wish you would send it to Bryant, Colorado, instead of College View. I expect to return for the spring term's work.—Edith Rigby.

Last Monday morning Elder Butler, our Bible teacher, gave an interesting chapel talk on the most important word in the English language—"Now," weaving in some very apt illustrations pertaining to promptness. He also gave a little time to the subject of lawlessness among students as shown by conduct around the buildings and the grounds.

The following was received in consequence of our being a few days late with our last issue: "The MESSENGER has not come to me this week. It must have been lost through the mail, so will send you ten cents in stamps to pay the expense of sending me a second copy."—T. S. Anderson, Spirit Lake, Iowa. (We extended the subscription accordingly.)

Myrtle Strobel left last Friday to visit her home in Kansas City, Kansas.

Dr. L. A. George, Superintendent of the Nebraska Sanitarium, is in Nashville, Tenn., on business.

Pearl Jones, of Hastings, Neb., stenographer for the Nebraska Conference, is visiting at her home in College View.

Mrs. Nellie M. Ferron, of Council Bluffs, Ia., visited her daughters, Maude and Georgia, who are attending the College.

Esther Jolley, of Custer, S. Dak., was called home recently, because of sickness in the family. We hope she will soon return.

A most interesting and instructive program entitled, "The Ship of Life," was given at Young Peoples' meeting last Sabbath.

Robert Mason, who was in Union College two years ago, is now taking a medical course at the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

The Philalathian Literary Society will discuss the advisability of an illiteracy test for immigrants, at their next meeting Saturday evening.

Brother Hebbard, Canvassing Agent for Nebraska, spent Thursday at the College. Sister Hebbard is being treated at the Nebraska Sanitarium.

W. L. Manfull, general canvassing agent of the Northern Union Conference, is in Union College looking after the interests of the book work in his part of the field.

Cards have been received from Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Shaw, Annfield House, Mussoorie, India, announcing the birth of a daughter, Bessie Ramabai Shaw, Dec. 14, 1907.

Mrs. W. H. Twining, mother of Belle and Leon, who are attending Union College, was called to Alexandria, South Dakota, last Sunday, by the serious illness of her mother-in-law.

After several months' absence, Bro. Samuel Blackfan returned to College View last Thursday. He reports a successful experience in Western Nebraska canvassing and doing Christian help work.

Dallas Gray, who was in Union College several years ago, passed through Lincoln last week, on his way to his home in California from a business trip to New York City. He is a married man now.

After a few weeks' treatment and an operation at the Sanitarium, Charlie Dammon returned last Sunday, with his father, to their home at Clifford, North Dakota. His sister Olga is a student at Union again this year.

Married, Jan., 1, 1908, Mr. Ray N. Austin and Miss Alice Wolfer, at the home of the bride in Louisville, near Boulder, Colo. Mr. Austin has many friends among old Union College students. Since leaving college he has become manager of a lumber yard in Colorado.

The enrolment of the music department is now 200, exclusive of the orchestra of forty-eight members and all singing classes. A public recital will be given Wednesday evening. Besides the usual choral and solo numbers, three new features of the department will be presented, in this concert, viz.; Symphony Orchestra, the "Mennerchor," and the string quartet.