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Editorial

UNITY AND UNIFORMITY IN THE LORD'S WORK

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NOTE:—The following study was given before the delegates of the recent session of the Central Union Conference and was ordered published in the MESSENGER. Although a little long for our limited space, we print it entire in order that its unity be not marred nor the impression of its lessons lost.

—EDITOR

The God of the Bible is a God of order. Order is one of the highest laws of the universe. There may be perfect order where there is diversity, but order without unity and uniformity are incompatible terms.

Nature presents to us an object lesson of order in unity and diversity. We are told that God never made two leaves on a tree nor two blades of grass in the field exactly alike. Here we behold infinite variety and diversity, but a divine harmony, unity and uniformity pervading the entire vegetable kingdom. "Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries; either a vine figs?" No, the divine law of harmony would thus be destroyed.

When "the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy," this divine harmony reigned in the hearts of all the beings that God had created. He never made two beings exactly alike, but it was his purpose that to all eternity there should be perfect unity and harmony among all created intelligences. Through sin this harmony has been broken. Satan, the author of sin, is the

author of confusion, strife, and disorder.

God made man in his own image and likeness. Satan sought to destroy the handiwork of the Creator by implanting his own image in the human heart. The divine purpose in the plan of redemption is the restoration of the image of God in the soul. We are told that this is the divine plan in Christian education. Since this plan is to bring man back into a state of unity and harmony, without destroying his individuality, is it not perfectly reasonable to suppose that there would be unity, uniformity with diversity, in the different parts of God's work in this world? Let us see if we do not find this principle clearly taught in the Bible.

QUES. Has God bestowed different gifts upon His church?

ANS. "Now there are diversities of gifts." I Cor. 12:4.

QUES. What controls in the exercise of these different gifts?

ANS. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." Id.

QUES. Are there different departments of the Lord's work?

ANS. "And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord." I Cor. 12:5.

QUES. Are there different plans and methods in the carrying forward of these different departments?

ANS. "And there are diversities of workings." I Cor. 12:6.

QUES. Through how many of these different plans does God work?

ANS. "But the same God who worketh all things in all." Id.

QUES. To how many of God's workers, and for what purpose is the Spirit given?

ANS. "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal." I Cor. 12:7. (Please read verses 8 to 10 as illustration.)

QUES. How many of these different workers are used by the Holy Spirit?

ANS. "But all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will." I Cor. 12:11.

QUES. What is the church declared to be?

ANS. "For His body's sake, which is the church." Col. 1:24.

QUES. Who is the head of the church?

ANS. "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him, who is the head, even Christ." Eph. 4:15.

QUES. How is the Lord's ideal of unity in the church illustrated?

ANS. "From whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love." Eph. 4:16.

QUES. What constitutes the main body?

ANS. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For the body is not one member, but many." I Cor. 12:12, 14.

QUES. How important a place does the most humble member of the church occupy?

ANS. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof." I Cor. 12:27.

QUES. Who assigns to each member in the church the particular place he has to fill?

ANS. "But now hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him." I Cor. 12:18.

QUES. When one worker in the church aspires to the position of a fellow-worker, how is his course illustrated?

ANS. "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" I Cor. 12:15, 16.

QUES. What is an inspired assurance that each one will find his proper place?

ANS. "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him

before great men." Prov. 18:16.

QUES. What alone can bring the church into a state of true fellowship?

ANS. "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit." I Cor. 12:13.

NOTE: The writer some time ago occupied a seat in a train with a Methodist minister. During a friendly conversation, the minister inquired from what denomination the converts to the Seventh-day Adventist faith largely come. On being informed that they come from all denominations, as well as those not belonging to any church, he remarked, "I can see how you people would be united on one point, that is the Sabbath, but you must be an immensely divided people on other points of faith." We know by experience that those who are baptized into the spirit of the third angel's message are brought into the unity of the faith on all fundamental points of doctrine as well as of practice.

QUES. To what position are we called as workers in the cause of God?

ANS. "No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier." II Tim. 2:4.

QUES. Does this suggest the idea of each one working independently, without reference to plans of organization?

QUES. As soldiers are we called to have an easy time?

ANS. "Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." II Tim. 2:3.

QUES. What must a body of soldiers have as an assurance of success?

ANS. Leaders.

QUES. What kind of leaders are now bidding for a following?

ANS. "For they that lead this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isa. 9:16.

QUES. Of what did the children of Issachar have understanding?

ANS. "And of the children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." I Chron. 12:32.

QUES. Has God a people in the world now who have understanding of the times?

ANS. "And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of sleep; for now

is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed." Rom. 13:11.

QUES. What did an understanding of the times enable the children of Issachar to know?

ANS. "To know what Israel ought to do." I Chron. 12:32.

QUES. Does an understanding of the times now enable God's people to know what to do in this time?

ANS. "The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rom. 13:12.

QUES. How many heads or leaders did the children of Issachar have?

ANS. "The heads of them were two hundred." I Chron. 12:32

QUES. How many followed their lead?

ANS. "And all their brethren were at their commandment." Id.

QUES. What are two special causes for thanksgiving in the church?

ANS. "For that the leaders took the lead in Israel, for that the people offered themselves willingly, Bless ye Jehovah." Judges 5:9.

QUES. What characterized the men of war who came to Hebron to make David king?

ANS. "All those men of war that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel." I Chron. 12:38.

QUES. What is a hindrance to the soldiers of the Lord's army thus keeping rank?

ANS. "Such as went forth to battle, except in war with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart." I Chron. 12:33.

QUES. Did David recognize the principle that the leaders of different rank should counsel together?

ANS. "And David counselled with the captains of thousands and hundreds, even with every leader." I Chron. 13:1.

QUES. Of what time is it promised that the Lord's people shall offer themselves willingly?

ANS. "Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power, in holy array." Ps. 110:3.

"Most willing will be thy people in the day of thy power."—Spurriel's Translation.

Note: All quotations except two are from the Revised Version.

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How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened.

LATIN UNION SCHOOL

We are glad to note that the fund is growing. We trust by another week it will have reached one hundred dollars. All readers of the MESSENGER are invited to send for the envelopes and pass them to their friends. We shall need the help of all the loyal students of Union College in order to raise the five hundred dollars which is expected from our school.

Envelope	Name	Amount
	Previously Reported	\$79.00
No. 56,	Josephine Schee,	1.00
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No. 168,	G. W. Stahl,	1.00
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No. 125,	W. F. Hardt,	1.00
No. 101,	L. E. Westermeyer,	1.00
No. 142,	Esther Bergquist,	1.00
No. 147,	Agatha Johnson,	1.00
No. 170,	O. J. Graf,	1.00
No. 25,	Lora Clement,	1.00
No. 171,	M. S. Reppe,	1.00
Total		\$92.00

THE TAMIL SABBATH KEEPERS

We are much pleased to receive a letter from Elder J. S. James, containing nearly a dozen photographs of the Tamil-speaking Sabbath-keepers in India who have just been visited by Elders Shaw, James and Enoch. Brother James will be remembered by the students of Union College as having taken a leading part in the canvassers' institute two years ago. We are sure our students would take delight in responding to his call for means with which to publish tracts, but at present they are bending under the load of five hundred dollars which they are trying to raise for the Latin Union Training School. After this work is accomplished, we are sure they will take pleasure in helping the people in India. We quote a few extracts from Brother James' letter.

"I wish I could express to you the feelings that came to us of the overwhelming task that had been placed upon us to lead these people out into the full knowledge of the truth. They received us very cordially, and did everything to make us know they were willing to be taught. It is hard for you to realize what this opening means to us. As a usual thing it takes years and years of hard labor and sacrifice to get an opening in the midst of heathenism, so we can proceed free-handed to teach and instruct as we like. Many denominations

ations have labored in India for a score of years and have only been able to reach the members of the lower castes, and that in very limited numbers. But here we are given a free hand in a work that has been established for over fifty years, and among a class of natives that are from a caste that is second to the highest in India. They have come a long way out of heathenism, but there is a great work to be done for them still.

"In the Tinnevely district there are between 1200 and 1500 of these people. Four hundred are in Ceylon, and a company are at Tanjore. Since we returned home, I received a letter from the company in Ceylon, asking that we write to them and send them some literature. I have been getting out some tracts the past summer upon the principal phases of the truth, and the situation is such now that we will have to follow it up with a number of works adapted to teach these people the truth in their own language. This is our great need at the present time, and we have no funds to meet it. I will send you a sample copy of what we have out already. It costs about sixty Rupees (twenty dollars) to get out a 3,000 edition of the larger size tract. I wish you could do something among the students to raise a little money to establish a literature fund for the Tamil work in Southern India.

"Elder Geo. F. Enoch and family are with me now and will take up the study of Tamil with a view to working among these people. We are thinking of moving down among them in a short time. They have offered us two acres of land to build on, and will follow that up by other assistance when we come.

"I am glad to know that Union College is so well attended this year. I would like to be there and look into their faces while I tell them of the work in India and the fields that must be occupied by those who are now preparing for service. God has a great work before us in this dark land. Other nations must be warned besides the Tamil. Here at our very doors are 20,000,000 Tegulu people, 16,000,000 Kanarese, 6,000,000 Malayalam and 2,000,000 Singhalese, and for all these people there is not a single page of our literature printed nor a single man or woman learning their language so they may labor for them. Until Brother Enoch came, I was the only man preparing to

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work for 16,000,000 Tamil people. How is that for sixteen to one? If we can get help to educate and train some of the people who have now fallen into our hands, we will soon have a large force of native workers to carry this message to the Tamil people.

REPORT OF COLLEGE VIEW SABBATH-SCHOOLS

FEB. 8, 1908

WINNIE P. HUNT

About five months ago a report of the College View Sabbath-schools was given, and it is encouraging to know that the interest in the excellent lessons we are now studying has not decreased, but is still growing as is shown by the following reports.

The secretary writes concerning the Sabbath-school held at the College, "The Union College Orchestra does excellent service in rendering the music of hymns sung by the school. There is an earnest spirit manifested by all and excellent work is being done." Although the attendance and donation were lower for this Sabbath, being 152 and \$3.55, they are still above the record one year before, when the attendance was ninety-nine, giving a donation of \$2.36. Of this school Elder S. M. Butler is superintendent and E. C. Rowell is secretary.

The secretary of the German Sabbath-school in closing her report expresses the desire of each of the seventy-five who attended this school when she writes, "May God help that this lesson may lead us to search our hearts and renew our consecration to the Lord, that we may gain a Christian experience in the Bible truth that will enable us to stand in the time of trouble and then to be found among the 144,000 who receive the seal of God." A donation of \$3.36 was received. Herman Neuman is superintendent and Louise Scholz, secretary.

The attendance of the Scandinavian school has doubled in the

intervening time, being fifty on September 21, 1907 and 109 on this Sabbath. The donation was \$3.87. This increase is the result of earnest work on the part of the superintendent, James Johnson, and of the secretary, Esther Bergquist, and of each member of the school; for without work and co-operation little can be accomplished.

Thirty-one patients and helpers met in the Sanitarium Sabbath-school, where Ethel Jones was superintendent and Lou Trease, secretary. They joined in singing "Crown Him Lord of All," after which several different members of the school repeated the verses giving the Three Angels' Messages. A marked interest is manifested by some of the patients in the principles underlying our denomination, which are being considered in the current Sabbath-school lessons. The donation was \$1.36.

A short song service was held to open the Sabbath-school at the church. After the usual opening numbers and a short talk by D. U. Hale, President of the Missouri Conference, eight Juniors sang a song entitled, "Life Time is Working Time." The attendance was 381, who gave a donation of \$9.24.

The total attendance at the College View Sabbath-schools was 744, thirteen more than were reported for Sabbath, September 21, while the donation, \$21.39, was but \$0.53 less than the reported donation for that day. This is encouraging, for it is a fact that it is a problem to keep the attendance and donation from materially decreasing during the winter months. As we pray for the Sabbath-schools scattered over the world wide harvest field let us remember this large school especially, that it may fulfil the grand object of the Sabbath-school.

"Nothing can be produced from nothing; he who has laid up no material can produce no combinations."

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News and Notes.

Earl Rentfro has been in Sigourney, Iowa on business.

The Church Sabbath-school is favored with the help of several members of the College Orchestra.

The Philalathean Literary Society gave a national program in the chapel Saturday evening, February 22.

Inez Dow, who has been teaching at Tekamah, Neb., has been at home on account of sickness. She hopes to be able to resume her work in a short time.

Several of the students are returning to their homes at the close of the winter term. We would mention Robert Smith, Chris and Hans Thompson, R. C. Kasten, Melvin Shidler, Hans and Ernest Rasmussen, and William Hansen.

Elder and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, of Crawford, Neb., were called to College View the first of the week. Their daughter Gladys underwent a surgical operation at the Nebraska Sanitarium, but is now improving.

The First Year Latin class spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Miss Eva Kern, February 25. An entertaining program was enjoyed. Recitations and an address were rendered in Latin, and a paper was read on the language, customs, and history of the people speaking the language.

On coming into chapel on Monday morning, the students' curiosity was aroused by seeing arranged above the platform a line of flags of various countries. Norway, Denmark, Germany, France, China, Japan, Chili, Bolivia, Ecuador, Switzerland, Mexico, Russia, Portugal, Italy, Hayti, and Turkey were represented. In a talk by Professor Kern we were told that these flags were sent to us by our missionaries in those countries. He emphasized the fact that although the truth is going "into all the world," there are yet millions of people who have never heard the gospel and who are hungering for it. Professor Graf then spoke of "Old Glory" which occupied the highest and central place. It is the property of the College, purchased by permission of the faculty, and is "six feet long, four feet wide and all silk." Professor Graf exhorted us to true patriotism, and said that the flags would remain in the chapel as a continual reminder of our responsibility to those peoples who sit in darkness. The program closed with a mixed chorus, "The Missionary Volunteer's Rally Song," the words of which were written by Miss Matilda Erickson.

Melissa Beeson visited friends in College View on her return to Omaha from the Nebraska Conference held at Hastings.

We are glad to note that the most of the Missionary Bands are still in progress and doing good work, in spite of the drain which the Canvassing Bands have made upon their membership.

Dr. Rockwell, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, spoke to the Medical Missionary Band on the subject of smallpox. The causes and nature of the disease were clearly explained, also its cure and prevention.

D. B. Swartwout, who has resided in College View since 1894, died at his home in the village Thursday morning, February 20. Mr. Swartwout was ninety-one years old. The funeral was held at the residence Friday forenoon.

Three hundred and fifty-two students have been enrolled in the church schools of Nebraska the past year. About fifty-seven of these are above the seventh grade and are planning to take the examinations given by the Central Union Conference for completing subjects. The school terms have been lengthened, on the average, about a month, and the salary has been raised almost two dollars a month, as compared with last year.

I am just starting for North Dakota to work among the young people and would like to have the MESSENGER follow me by way of Harvey, N. Dak. I am glad it comes every week now, for in that way it keeps us in better touch with the school. I am enjoying my work in the field very much and pray that soon many more young people may come out into the field and help to finish up the work.—J. F. Simon.

During the Wednesday morning chapel hour the Christian Teachers' Band rendered an interesting and instructive program on true and false education. Miss Peck read a paper on the importance of true education. Miss Winifred Collins gave a synopsis of the popular opinions of creation and man as taught in the schools of the world. Miss Inez Hoiland followed this by presenting the subject in the light of inspiration. The testimony of the scriptures reveals the falsity of such human inventions as the Nebular Hypothesis, Evolution, etc. The program was closed by the selection "Creation," sung by a ladies' quartet.

The friends of Miss Blanche Postier, who were with her in College last year, will be glad to know that she is teaching a church school at Brainerd, Minn. January 21 she closed the fifth month of her school. Sixteen students have been enrolled since the beginning of the new year. Six of these left the public school to attend the church school. Several weeks ago they formed a "Gospel Working Band," with the motto, "Progress." She says that the band meetings are counted, the happiest hours of the school. Thinking the best way to obtain definite results from the study of how to become missionaries was to go to work, they elected a president, secretary and treasurer. Meetings are held every Friday afternoon. At the roll call members respond with a penny each that they have earned during the week. Two hundred twenty-five pages of literature have been mailed. She is of good courage in her work and desires to continue further in her Master's service.

C. L. Benson has returned to his work in Minneapolis, Minn.

George Swift, of Gothenberg, Neb., has been visiting his son Leslie, who is a student in Union College.

Walter Deming, of South Bend, Neb., was in College View last week. He is a former Union College student.

Senius Ottosen, brother of Dr. Ottosen of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, Denmark, and a cousin of Mrs. P. E. Berthelsen, is taking work in the College.

Wednesday evening, February 19, sixty of the Danish-Norwegian students met at the home of Professor Berthelsen and spent a very pleasant evening together.

At the recent Board meeting it was voted that Bernhard Petersen, who is now studying in Denmark, should assist in the Danish-Norwegian Department of the College next year.

Harman W. Ellsworth writes from Rushville, Neb., that he is at home and has been sick. He expects to work at home until July, and will then enter the canvassing field. He expresses thankfulness for the kindness manifested toward him during his short stay in school.

Elder Meade MacGuire, Secretary of the Young People's Department of the Central Union Conference, was in College View the first of the week. He has now gone to visit the churches in Missouri in the interest of the young people's work.

Anyone who wants to build up a good farm would do well to correspond with Box 6, College View, Nebraska. About 160 acres of unimproved land in northeast Texas which may be bought for only five dollars per acre cash.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the receipt from M. M. Johnson, of Clay Center, Neb., of a new Old Trusty incubator to replace the one that was destroyed by fire. The Old Trusty is always reliable. Mr. Johnson writes, "Business is good now, better than I looked for, and I believe will go considerably ahead of last season."

Hon. J. P. Evans, a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and a former student of Union College, recently wrote for a certificate of his grades in school. In acknowledging their receipt, he wrote, "There is a bill now pending in the legislature with some urgent supporters tending to compel Sunday worship throughout this state, and I take this opportunity to say to you that I have opposed, and will oppose such a bill to its defeat, though I am not a member of your church, or any other, but will do it knowing what I do about your school and your people. Furnish me with some data on this subject." We at once wrote to Elder Andrew Nelson, President of the Oklahoma Conference, requesting him to furnish Mr. Evans with religious liberty literature. Perhaps he did not find it possible to reply immediately, and so Mr. Evans wrote again, urgently asking for literature, since the bill was coming up for debate soon. This experience illustrates the importance of the work of supplying our legislators throughout the land with religious liberty literature, and also furnishes a sample of the favorable influences of our school work.