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The Central Union Conference

THE first biennial session of the Central Union Conference which convened at Omaha, Nebraska, from March 4 to 14, is now in the past. As a season of study of plans for the advancement of the work, I consider it the most valuable season we have spent together since the Central Union Conference was organized.

Very careful study was given to the present stage of our work. All were especially impressed with the shortness of time, the multiplication of the delusions about us, and the need of a careful study of the truth, that we may not be entrapped by the devices of Satan when he shall deceive, if possible, the very elect.

A series of Bible studies designed to point out the dangers that now confront us, and to prepare us to meet successfully impending issues, was conducted by Elders Daniells and Prescott, and the instruction given was very much appreciated.

Sabbath, March 12, was a day of great blessing to the cause in the Central Union Conference. After the morning discourse by Elder Prescott, showing how a union with Christ is the Christian's only hope in the times of trial

before us, the call was made for all who wished to surrender fully for service to come forward. This call was responded to by the ministers who came forward in a body, with weeping, and sought the Lord most earnestly. Almost the whole congregation then followed, and it was a touching sight to see fathers and mothers, with their children, coming together to present themselves before the Lord for a new consecration to His work. The Holy Spirit fell in sweet refreshing, tendering all hearts, and witnessing to the consecration of all to the Master to labor in His cause till His coming.

We expect to see the work go with greater power in the Central Union Conference in the future. We most sincerely hope that the same spirit of consecration will take possession of our people throughout the field, and that with one heart and one soul we shall devote ourselves to giving the message to the utmost of our powers till the Master comes.

R. C. PORTER.

President's Address

THE Central Union Conference was organized at Topeka, Kansas, April 19, 1902, delegates being present from the Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado conferences.

It is not possible for me to render an accurate account of what has been accomplished in the Central Union Conference since the time of its organization, as I have failed to receive proper data for compiling anything like a complete report.

During the year 1902 the state and local camp-meetings were quite well attended, and many persons were converted and baptized. Also in some of the conferences quite a number

of churches were raised up. During the year 1903 all the state camp-meetings were well attended except the Iowa camp-meeting, which was held during the time of the severe floods, when transportation was almost impossible. At some of these camp meetings the attendance on the part of those not of our faith was large, and many gave their hearts to God and were baptized. In some of the conferences quite a number of churches have been organized, as will be shown by the reports of their respective presidents.

The canvassing work has received favorable consideration in all the conferences, and, as a result, agents have been encouraged to enter the canvassing field to stay by the work.

In the year 1902 quite an aggressive campaign was carried forward in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons," which resulted in greatly reducing the indebtedness of Union College. In all, its indebtedness has been reduced about \$50,000. But it is with sadness that I report that the interest of our people in the sale of "Object Lessons" seems to have nearly or quite fully died out, and at present there is not enough money being raised from the sale of the book to meet the interest on the present indebtedness of the College. The "Object Lessons" work should receive consideration at this conference. Union College has, under the blessing of God, accomplished a grand work in fitting young people for workers in the cause of God, as will be shown by the report of Eld. L. A. Hoopes, President of the institution.

The Special Course that has just closed is undoubtedly one of the most successful in its history. During the week of prayer there was quite a religious awakening among the students, and many of them for the first time gave their hearts to God.

Since the organization of the Central Union Conference an industrial school has been established at Stuart, Iowa, which has at present an attendance of about eighty students. The Lord has blessed the labors of the consecrated teachers there, and many of the students, under the blessing of the Lord, have been converted.

The church school work has received much consideration. Most of the conferences now have many successful schools in operation, and there is a growing sentiment among our churches in favor of this branch of the work. The present demand for church schools is so great that a sufficient number of teachers can-

not be secured with which to supply the demand. As the result of the church school work, many of the young people have given their hearts to God. Thus the Lord is manifesting His approval of this branch of the work. Prof. Floyd Bralliar, Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference, will no doubt present some interesting items concerning the progress of the church school work in the Central Union Conference since the time of its organization.

The sanitarium work in this conference has also been prospered, although for some time this line of our denominational work has been passing through a crucial test, owing to the controversy that has arisen as to the proper relationship of this branch of the work to the denomination.

For the past two years, during the summer months the Colorado Sanitarium has had quite a large patronage, and its receipts have enabled the Board of Management to somewhat liquidate its indebtedness. Quite a number of nurses have been trained in that institution who are now actively engaged in medical missionary work.

The Nebraska Sanitarium has met with a fair degree of prosperity, having been able fully to meet its running expenses, and add to the facilities. This institution has also trained many young people for medical missionary work.

The Iowa Sanitarium has also been prospered, having had a fair patronage, and has been able to liquidate its indebtedness to some extent. This institution has also trained many young people as missionary nurses.

All of the food factories in the Central Union Conference have an increasing trade, and therefore are doing well financially.

I would suggest that the matter of organizing the medical work in this Union Conference, making it a part of the evangelical work, be considered by this conference.

In the year 1902 Elder Gellert was supported by the Central Union Conference in St. Louis, in the interest of the German work. During the summer of 1902 the following German laborers were supported in that city by this conference: Elders J. W. Westphal, A. A. Meyer, and Bro. H. Meyer. Eld. Geo. W. Brown has been supported for one year in Mexico.

After the burning of the Review and Herald Publishing House, the publication of the three foreign papers was transferred to College

View, Neb., and the Central Union Conference agreed to pay the salaries of the three foreign editors for one year, which it has done.

All of our state conferences and tract societies are in a good condition financially. In fact, every branch of the work seems to have been blessed of God, for which we praise His name.

Our sincere desire is that as individuals and as conferences we may in the future so relate ourselves to God and to His work that we may be assured of His blessing in the future in all our work in this Union Conference.

E. T. RUSSELL.

Minutes of the First Biennial Session of the Central Union Conference Held at Omaha, Neb., March 4-14, 1904

THE first biennial session of the Central Union Conference convened in Germania Hall, Omaha, Neb., March 4 14, 1904.

In the absence of the secretary, L. A. Hoopes, C. W. Smouse, of Iowa, was chosen secretary pro tem.

Delegates present: Kansas, 29; Colorado, 13; Iowa, 36; Nebraska, 28; Missouri, 14; delegates at large, 6; total 126.

Elder Russell gave a very encouraging report of the work done in the Central Union Conference since its organization. (See report elsewhere in this number.)

Elder A. G. Daniells gave an interesting talk in regard to the different union conferences he had lately attended.

Reports from the state conference presidents of Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Missouri were presented before the conference.

Papers were also read on "Benefits of the Christian Teacher," by B. E. Huffman; "Difference between Worldly Education and Christian Education," by C. R. Kite; "Church School Work in the Central Union Conference," by Floyd Bralliar; "Sabbath-school Work," by Mrs. Belle Emerson, Mrs. Flora Watson, Miss Alice Teeple, and W. S. Cruzan; "Religious Liberty Work," by W. A. Colcord; "Young People's Work," by M. E. Kern; "Work in St. Louis," by R. C. Porter; "Canvassing Work," by C. W. Hardesty and F. E. Fairchild; "How Can Our Medical Work be Strengthened," by E. T. Russell.

Prof. W. W. Prescott spoke on the "Progress of the Work in Washington."

Elder Daniells introduced the matter of establishing treatment rooms in Washington, D. C. After a candid consideration of the question, the following motion was carried unanimously:—

That the Central Union Conference now assembled approve of the proposition to lease the property in question at a rental of \$250 per month.

Eld. J. E. White gave a very interesting talk in regard to the work in the South, emphasizing the fact that for every mission school established a church had been organized. A collection of \$69.13 was taken for the benefit of the Southern Missionary Society.

Committees Appointed

The Conference voted that an advisory committee be selected to choose the regular committees for the session; and that this committee be composed of the President of the Central Union Conference, the presidents of the local conferences, and two members from each conference; these members to be chosen by the delegation from the conference they represent. This committee was selected and submitted the following report which was adopted:—

Committee on Nominations: S. F. Svensson, J. H. Kraft, E. A. Merrill, J. J. Graf, N. B. Emerson.

Committee on Plans: J. O. Beard, Floyd Bralliar, W. S. Cruzan, F. M. Wilcox, J. H. Wheeler, B. E. Huffman, Dr. W. W. Hills, J. E. Colloran, Jas. Cochran, C. McReynolds, C. W. Hardesty, Dr. W. A. George.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials: A. T. Robinson, L. F. Starr, W. T. Millman, R. C. Porter, G. F. Watson.

Committee on Distribution of Labor: The Union Conference President, and the local conference presidents.

Committee on Revision of Constitution: L. A. Hoopes, R. C. Porter, A. T. Robinson, A. G. Daniells.

These committees submitted reports which were adopted as found on the following pages.

Report of Committee on Plans

"WHEREAS, True medical missionary work is an essential principle of the gospel as set forth in the three-fold message of Revelation 14; and—

WHEREAS, We have been repeatedly counseled by the spirit of prophecy, that medical

missionary work should not be separated from the gospel work of the conference, the church, and the people; therefore, WE RECOMMEND:—

1. That this branch of our work be made the medical missionary department of our conference organization.

2. That the medical missionary work in all its features receive the same fostering care and financial support from the conference organization, churches, and people that is given to other branches of our work.

3. That the general advisory and administrative work of this department in the Union and state conferences be placed in the hands of the proper committee of suitable size and experience to properly develop the medical work.

4. That the real estate and personal property of the medical institutions created and supported by conferences be held in trust for said conferences by legal corporation created by the conferences, and that the trustees of said corporation have the executive management of the institutions belonging to the corporation of which they are trustees.

5. That the constituency of departments and executive committee aforementioned, shall be elected by the conferences in session.

6. That nine persons shall be elected by this conference to be the advisory committee of the medical department of the Central Union Conference.

Because of the intensity that is taking possession of all the affairs of this world, and, because Satan is putting forth his most cunning and deceptive delusions,—

7. We urge upon our ministers a more diligent and thorough study of their Bibles, together with the Testimonies, and a greater boldness as watchmen over the fold of God.

WHEREAS, The "Story of Joseph" has been set apart for the aid of mission school work in the South, which is one of our most important and most needy missionary enterprises; therefore, WE RECOMMEND,

8. That the Central Union Conference join in the campaign for the sale of this book, helping to make the sales the present season reach the 100,000 mark if possible.

WHEREAS, God has spoken to us in no uncertain words concerning the organization of our young people for work, and

WHEREAS, We have, as yet, hardly begun this work, WE RECOMMEND,

9. That the young people's work be made a department of each conference, and of the Central Union Conference.

10. That the persons chosen to labor in these departments, as far as possible, give their en-

tire time to work in the fields with the young people.

11. That an institute be held as soon as practicable in which workers in this line, and others who are especially interested shall study this question, that the work may be carried forward harmoniously.

WHEREAS, Much of the work for the young people has led to a drawing apart of parents and children, we would therefore recommend that in all this work much care should be taken to fulfil Mal. 4: 5, 6.

12. That each conference in the Central Union be asked to encourage worthy persons to enter the canvassing field to make it a life work, and, when necessary, proper financial help be granted in fitting persons for this important work.

In view of the instruction of the Testimonies respecting the distribution of our literature,—

13. We urge all our ministers to carry a good assortment of books and tracts, and to make an earnest effort to place them in the hands of the people in every place.

WHEREAS, Much more can be accomplished by regular work than by spasmodic action, therefore, WE RECOMMEND,

14. That all our people be urged to set apart a specific amount of their time each week for missionary work.

15. That our ministry and other conference workers be asked to unite in an earnest effort to place a copy of the Testimonies, Vol. 8, in the hands of all our people, and as a further means of accomplishing this work, someone be selected in each church to diligently canvass its members for this forth-coming volume.

16. That an educational advisory board for the Central Union Conference be established, composed as follows:—

The Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference, the President of Union College, the educational superintendents of each local conference, Vice-President of the Central Union Conference, and the doctor in charge of the Iowa Sanitarium.

17. That we recognize the Kansas Sanitarium at Wichita as a regularly organized denominational institution, and that we welcome it as a member of this Union Conference, and accord it representation therein.

18. That the management of the Scandinavian and German work be left to the local conferences, and that such general help as may be needed shall be provided by consultation between the committees of the Central Union Conference and the local conferences.

19. That a committee of three shall be appointed by the Central Union Conference Committee to consider the advisability of arranging

a series of Bible Readings, covering the points of present truth for use in house to house work; and, if it shall be thought best, this committee with the Central Union Conference Committee shall arrange for publishing these readings.

20. That immediately after the close of this Conference, the proceedings of this session, with such synopsis of sermons as may be deemed advisable, together with statements, reports of Conferences, institutions, etc., be published in one special number of THE CENTRAL ADVANCE.

21. That we endorse the action of the Central Union Conference in donating \$1,200 of its funds now on hand to the Southwestern Union Conference, and we request that the larger portion of this amount be used by the executive committee of the Southwestern Union Conference toward building up the work in Arkansas.

22. That the Central Union Conference furnish a 30 x 50 foot field tent for the work in Scotland, and that the Conference committee procure the tent and ship it to them.

WHEREAS, Other and cheaper song books are taking the place of our church hymnal in many of our new churches, Therefore

23. RESOLVED, That this conference request the printing and publishing of a cheap and complete edition of our regular church hymnal that can be sold as cheap as possible.

In view of the importance of reviving and keeping up the interest of our religious liberty work,

24. WE RECOMMEND, That attention be given this question at our camp-meetings.

25. That our workers, our church officers, and our people generally be urged to give the time, thought, and consideration to this subject which its importance demands, and labor, in harmony with general plans which may be laid by the General Conference, or the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference under the direction of the General Conference Committee, for the dissemination of religious liberty principles.

26. That religious liberty institutes or conventions be held in different places, as arrangements can be made for them, for studying the principles of religious liberty, awakening an interest in the subject, and laying and carrying out plans for the furtherance of the work.

27. That suitable literature bearing on this subject, especially in the form of small, inexpensive leaflets, be freely circulated.

28. That one general collection be taken up each year for the carrying on of this work.

29. We request that the Colorado Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association at its next regular meeting take such steps by amendment of its charter or otherwise as shall make the constituency of said Association the dele-

gates of the Central Union Conference, thus placing the ownership, control, and direction of the Colorado Sanitarium in the hands of this Conference.

30. We request the Nebraska Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, and the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association of Battle Creek, Michigan, to make such changes in the legal corporation of the Nebraska Sanitarium and Benevolent Association as will disconnect the Nebraska Sanitarium, located at College View, Neb., from all legal connection with the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and place the ownership, control, and direction of the institution and all that pertains to it entirely in the hands of the Nebraska Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, or some other corporation created by the Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

31. That the chair appoint a committee of three to consider the question of the young people's work, and report to the Conference. Said committee was named as follows: C. R. Kite, B. E. Huffman, R. C. Porter.

32. That the Conference extend its sincere thanks to the Omaha church for the many favors we have received during our stay in the city. Also that we extend our thanks to the press of Omaha for their favorable notice and reports of our meetings which have appeared in their columns. And to the janitor for his kindness, and many efforts to make us comfortable.

Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution

WE RECOMMEND, That Art. 4, Sec. 2 (a) substitute the word *chosen* for *determined*.

Art. 6, Sec. 1. For the words "In at least two denominational papers," substitute the words, *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

Art. 9. Change "three-fourths" to *two-thirds*.

By-Laws, Sec. 5, Auditing Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually six persons, not in the employ of the Central Union Conference, who, with the Executive Committee, shall constitute an auditing committee for auditing all accounts against the Central Union Conference.

Financial Report of Central Union Conference

RECEIPTS from April 10, 1902, the time the Conference was formed, to July 1, 1903, the time the books were turned over to the present treasurer. There was collected in all during this time \$41,865.98 as follows:—

	Tithe	Second Tithe	Annual Offerings	Missions
Colorado	\$1,265.59		\$667.71	\$2,959.52
Iowa	2,805.24		1,355.15	6,681.92
Kansas	2,339.87	1,744.32	835.31	6,294.52
Missouri	1,244.51		956.24	2,807.07
Nebraska	2,427.60	2,140.73	1,238.75	4,101.93
Total	\$10,082.81	\$3,885.05	\$5,053.16	\$22,844.96

Collection from July 1, 1903 to March 1, 1904, \$33,780.26, as follows:—

	Tithe	Second Tithe	Annual Offerings	Missions
Colorado	\$1,868.00		\$1,176.00	\$2,738.76
Iowa	1,768.24		2,144.03	3,876.87
Kansas	1,189.18		1,297.91	2,913.84
Missouri	882.47		670.00	1,013.18
Nebraska	1,881.07	\$1,165.73	1,750.10	4,531.20
Misc'l. Tithe	53.61			
Nordyke	2,890.97			
Total	\$10,502.64	\$1,165.73	\$7,038.04	\$15,073.85

Total collection from all funds since the Conference was organized to March 1, '04, \$75,646.24.

Amount of tithe in treasury, March 1, 1904, \$3,459.99.

J. SUTHERLAND,
Treasurer.

Tithe turned over to Mr. Nordyke by Northwestern Union Conference per J. Sutherland, June 30, 1902, \$527.50.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Central Union Conference and find them correct, and in accordance with above statement.

L. E. KOON,
Auditor.

Report of Publishing Committee

THE Publishing Committee of the General Conference met and formulated plans during, and in connection with, the Central Union Conference. That part of their report referring to the International Publishing Association was considered by the Conference, and unanimously adopted as follows:—

1. That it be the privilege of the International Publishing Association to fill all orders it receives for foreign tracts and pamphlets.

2. That in common with other publishing houses, the International Publishing Association fill retail orders for all its publications secured as a result of its advertising.

3. That it be their privilege to offer for sale at reduced prices such of their publications as are imperfect, out of date, or unsalable for lack of variety of bindings.

4. That the Association by every means at its command encourage and build up the circulation of its publications in all our conferences, in harmony with the working plans of these conferences.

5. That in recognition of the fact that the Association must have some definite territory for the training and development of workers, that near-by conferences be invited to turn over to the exclusive control of the Association a certain portion of their territory containing a large proportion of foreign population.

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

1. WE RECOMMEND, That commencing about Nov. 1, 1904, one month be set aside in an especial manner for missionary effort by our churches. That this be introduced by simultaneous missionary conventions in all the churches.

2. That special literature be prepared to introduce the campaign, which shall be followed by a judicious use of our general literature, and that our people be encouraged to lay aside their regular employment as far as consistent during this time, and give their best energy to this work.

PRICES AND DISCOUNTS

3. That we invite conference officers, and particularly missionary secretaries and state agents to unite with us in earnest efforts to train our church members everywhere to circulate small literature.

4. That the following books and such others as may be agreed upon in each union conference be set apart at a 40 per cent discount for their use:—

Education, Mount of Blessing, Things Foretold, Steps to Christ, Power for Witnessing, Daniel (paper,) Revelation (paper,) Great Nations of To-day, Sunshine at Home, Vegetarian Cook Book, Cobblestones (without illustrations—trade edition.)

5. That other small books be reserved for the use of regular agents, and that territory for their sale be arranged with the state agents.

6. That our Tract Societies allow a uniform discount of 25 per cent to our people on all subscription books.

7. That all 40 per cent books designed and set apart for resident canvassers be sold at retail prices.

Report of Educational Committee

1. WE RECOMMEND that the support of the church schools should recognize the following principles:—

(a) The prime responsibility for the education of children rests with the parents.

(b) The church should co-operate with the parents in bearing the responsibility.

(c) The conference should co-operate with the church.

2. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND, That tuition, or such other plan as may best

meet the needs of the local school be the basis of securing the funds for the support of the teacher. That a church fund be raised to supplement the tuition. That a conference fund be raised to supplement the tuition and church fund.

3. That to make the church school work a success, we recognize the necessity of a corps of experienced, God-fearing, devoted teachers, and recommend that every effort possible be put forth to develop such a class of teachers.

WHEREAS, The success of our church school depends not only upon the character of the teacher, but upon the length of term the children are under her influence, Therefore,

4. WE RECOMMEND, That our conferences make an effort to maintain each school for as many months each year as consistent with the church in which established, and that all conference employees use their influence to establish such schools where needed.

5. That one or more teachers' training schools be conducted during the summer of 1904, and that said school be under the direction of the Educational Advisory Board, who shall arrange for the time, place, length of term, and employment of teachers. The expense of said school to be met as shall be provided by the Central Union Conference Committee and Educational Advisory Board.

Report of Medical Missionary Board

TERRITORY: The field of the Central Union Conference.

Duties: To aid in advancing all the medical missionary interests in the Central Union Conference.

Relationship: To the Central Union Conference, departmental and administrative; that is to say, the Medical Missionary Board is responsible to the Union Conference for doing the work of the conference in the Medical Missionary Department; to local medical boards, institutions, and enterprises, advisory and co-operative.

1. WE RECOMMEND, That this branch of our organized work shall be designated as follows. The Medical Missionary Department of the Central Union Conference.

WHEREAS, The Medical Missionary Department will require funds to meet the expenses of postage, stationery, traveling, salaries, providing literature, etc., therefore,—

2. We request the Central Union Conference to provide what may be deemed best from the regular funds or from special offerings taken for this work.

3. That a standing committee of four be ap-

pointed to provide suitable literature for the Medical Missionary work of the Central Union Conference.

WHEREAS, There is a great need on the part of our people, and the world as well, of fuller knowledge of the truths of healthful living, therefore,—

4. WE RECOMMEND, That there be inaugurated a vigorous health and temperance campaign throughout the Central Union Conference—

(a) By the circulation of efficient, up-to-date health and temperance literature.

(b) By encouraging those conducting sanitariums, treatment rooms, hygienic restaurants, and food stores to continually endeavor to make their work truly educational gospel enterprises.

(c) By aiding in making all our sanitariums, treatment rooms, hygienic restaurants, and food stores centers for the circulation of our health and temperance literature.

(d) By encouraging our physicians and nurses who are doing independent, self-supporting medical missionary work to make their work evangelical, and to be active in circulating our health and temperance reading matter.

(e) By inviting all our ministers to unite heartily in this campaign by preaching more frequently on health and temperance subjects, and encouraging all our churches to engage in this work.

(f) By holding annual conventions for all our physicians, nurses, and medical missionary workers, where practical questions on all phases of medical missionary work may be considered, and plans of work laid.

(g) By conducting schools of health as opportunities may make it advisable.

5. RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this committee that articles be regularly published in the ADVANCE, also in the state papers, in the interest of the medical missionary forward movement, calling attention to appropriate articles in the *Good Health*, *Medical Missionary*, *Pacific Health Journal*, and *Life Boat*, also to new books for use in active medical missionary work.

6. That our people be encouraged to utilize these medical missionary and health publications as they may be able, in their homes, and in doing self-supporting missionary work.

7. That provision be made for systematic instruction in medical missionary work, including simple treatments, hygiene, physical culture, and dietetics, at all general gatherings of workers, as far as consistent.

8. That the local conferences and institutions be invited to consider the advisability of sharing the expense of sending out well trained workers, who shall organize schools of health among the churches, and devote a portion of their time to the sale of health literature in their territory.

Report of Committee on Distribution of Labor

1. WE RECOMMEND, That Eld. A. R. Ogden and wife labor in the Mexican work in the Colorado Conference, and that the Central Union Conference make an appropriation of \$600 toward the expenses of the Mexican work.

2. That John Wallenkampf be invited to make Kansas his field of labor.

In view of the fact that Frank Jencks has resigned his position as state agent in the Kansas Conference in order to enter regular canvassing work,

3. That C. W. Hardesty be invited to take the state agency in Kansas.

4. That Eld. G. O. States be recommended to make the Missouri Conference his field of labor.

5. That Eld. A. P. Heacock make Colorado his field of labor.

6. That Eld. H. K. Willis make Kansas his field of labor.

7. That Eld. A. E. Johnson labor in the Iowa Conference.

8. That Eld. G. G. Rupert be invited to labor in the Missouri Conference.

9. That Eld. J. J. Graf be invited to visit St. Louis and spend some time in the interest of the German work, under the direction of the Union Conference Committee.

Having been informed that in the province of Alberta there are from fifty to sixty thousand Scandinavians, and a large immigration to that country of these nationalities every year, and having several brethren living there already, being desirous that a minister should be sent there who can proclaim the truth in their own languages, and knowing from experience that in a new country there are great opportunities for missionary work, WE RECOMMEND,

10. That Eld. A. C. Anderson, of Nebraska, go there as soon as arrangements can be made.

11. That all further necessary changes be referred for adjustment to the Central Union Conference Committee.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Licenses

For credentials: E. T. Russell, L. A. Hoopes, L. Johnson, F. H. Westphal, W. A. Colcord, J. H. Morrison.

For ministerial license: Theodore Valentiner, A. Swedberg, C. A. Thorp, P. E. Berthelsen, M. E. Kern, Dr. W. A. George.

For missionary license: L. E. Koon, J. Sutherland, Katie Coleman, Carrie Segebartt, Vera Thompson, D. D. Rees, H. A. Morrison, M. W. Newton, Miss Winifred Peebles, E. C. Kellogg,

E. E. Gardner, M. H. Serns, Miss Roberta Andrews, Miss Genevieve Johnson.

Report of Committee on Nominations

For President, E. T. Russell; Vice-President, R. C. Porter; Secretary, L. A. Hoopes; Treasurer, J. Sutherland; Auditor, L. E. Koon; Educational Secretary, B. E. Huffman.

Members of Medical Missionary Committee: Dr. J. E. Colloran, D. R. Callahan, F. M. Wilcox, Dr. G. A. Droll, L. F. Starr, W. S. Cruzan, Dr. H. Rand, Dr. W. A. George, L. C. Christofferson.

Trustees: E. T. Russell, L. A. Hoopes, A. T. Robinson, Theo. Valentiner, J. Sutherland.

Executive Committee: President and Vice-President of the Central Union Conference, the presidents of the Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Missouri conferences, President of Union College, General Canvassing Agent of the Central Union Conference, Manager of the Pacific Press Branch at Kansas City, Manager of the International Publishing Association, W. A. George, B. E. Huffman.

Representative on General Conference Book Committee: A. T. Robinson.

Field Secretary of young people's work, M. E. Kern.

Union College Board of Managers: E. T. Russell, L. A. Hoopes, A. Swedberg, M. E. Kern, W. R. Sutherland, and the presidents of the Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and Missouri conferences.

That the office of General Canvassing Agent for the Central Union Conference be filled by the Executive Committee as conditions may demand.

Committee on manual for young people's work: M. E. Kern, Luther Warren, E. T. Russell, A. T. Robinson, Floyd Bralliar.

Conference adjourned sine die.

E. T. RUSSELL,

C. W. SMOUSE,

Chairman.

Sec. Pro Tem.

Central Union Conference Association

THE first legal meeting of the Central Union Conference Association was called at 9:30 A. M., March 8.

On motion the committee on nominations for the Central Union Conference was authorized to report the names of the trustees for the Cen-

tral Union Conference Association. Meeting
adjourned.

E. T. RUSSELL,
Chairman.

C. W. SMOUSE,
Sec'y Pro tem.

**Council on Young People's Work, Held at
College View, Neb., March 14, 15**

IN harmony with the recommendation of the Central Union Conference held at Omaha, Neb., a council of the leaders of the young people's work in the different states of the Central Union Conference was called to convene at College View immediately at the close of the Union Conference.

Elder Luther Warren led out in the discussion of this work. The following topics were considered: Organization and Membership, Work in Which Young People Can Engage, How Can Suitable Leaders be Secured, Young People's Meetings. Elder Warren stated that he believed the organization called for by the Testimonies included only a small per cent of our people, as the call is addressed to those "who really love Jesus;" second, that the object of the young people's society should ever be kept in mind; namely, that of soul-saving; third, that the meetings of the young people's society are principally for the purpose of prayer for definite results in the work of soul saving; fourth, that the organization of the young people's work does not mean that a large number of young people's meetings, separate from the meetings of the older members of the church shall be held, but that the reports of the work will come in the regular missionary meetings.

Elder Porter spoke of his appreciation of the thoughts brought out, and that the young people's work did not at first call for a large outlay of means in supplying work for them to do, but that they were to receive a training right in their own churches.

The question was asked, "How can we get our people to understand what we want them to do?" Elder Warren replied, "We must have leaders to go to the church and work for the young people, directing and pointing out the work that can be done."

Eld. B. E. Huffman said that it had been his mind for some time not to organize large societies, but to get the individuals to work. Sister Emerson spoke along the same line. Before the meeting closed every one of the thirty-

three present spoke of their courage and determination for the work of the Master. A committee of five was appointed to shape the policy for the young people's work for the Central Union Conference. The following persons were named: B. E. Huffman, C. R. Kite, R. C. Porter, Luther Warren, Mrs. Belle Emerson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

1. WE RECOMMEND, That organizations of young people's societies shall consist of bands of two or three children or young people "who really love Jesus."

2. That it is the desire of this body to ask the College Board to arrange for a young people's convention to be held at the close of Union College school year, continuing over two Sabbaths.

3. That we ask the President of the Union Conference to arrange for a meeting of the presidents of the state conferences, together with Elders Luther Warren, J. H. Morrison, C. A. Washburn, C. R. Kite, and M. E. Kern, and the educational secretaries of the conferences, and those in charge of the young people's work, to arrange for united plans for work between now and the convention.

Elder Warren explained that those "who really love Jesus" meant those who knew Christ to be a personal Savior. The principal difficulty in carrying out these plans suggested for our young people in the smaller churches is the matter of leaders. There is a great tendency to drop back, and not continue the work started.

This work was discussed at length by Elders Robinson, Johnson, Washburn, Morrison, Watson, Porter, Kite, McReynolds, and others, after which the report was adopted.

Report of the Iowa Conference

I AM glad to report that the outlook in Iowa is favorable for doing a good work toward hastening the coming of our Lord. Facts and figures will show that there has been some increase in different lines of the work in our Conference.

The past two years have been very unfavorable to our brethren living in rural districts, these having been the most unpropitious seasons since 1854. Especially did the past year exceed, in storm and flood, any previous year. This, of course, has crippled our finances to some extent. However, the receipts of last year were better than those of the preceding year.

GROWTH OF THE WORK

Six local camp-meetings and seventeen general meetings have been held during the biennial period just closed. Seven hundred and twenty-seven are reported to have embraced the truth during this time. Of this number four hundred and seventy-seven have united with the church.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

There is a great work to be done for our children and youth before the over-flowing scourge shall come upon the inhabitants of earth. Those who are faithful Israelites indeed will gather in the children and youth and give them the word of God, which is the foundation of all education. Doubtless nearly all present are familiar with the efforts put forth by our Conference to establish an industrial school, which at present has an enrollment of eighty-five. The number of church schools is sixteen.

THE CANVASSING WORK

From advance sheets of Vol. 8, of the Testimonies, we read: "I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success." We are thankful for these statements and are working to revive this branch of the cause. A number of men are planning to take up this work in the near future. The "Object Lessons" campaign has proved a great blessing to the brethren and sisters throughout the conference. The following report shows the number of books sold:—

Subscription book sales	\$6,000.00
Other Books and Periodicals	18,432.79
Total	\$24,432.79
Christ's Object Lessons	10,450.32
Total during 1902 and 1903	\$34,883.11

WORKERS WHO HAVE GONE TO OTHER FIELDS

Remembering the forcible statement by the Great Teacher, that "this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come," we have tried to send forth laborers into the harvest field. The field is the world, and the work is one everywhere. We should have a deep interest in the field, both in the South and in those lands where the gospel of the kingdom has not yet been proclaimed. Seventeen of our workers have gone to other fields. Among those whom we might mention are: A. Helen Wilcox, to India; Brother and

Sister E. H. Wilbur, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Selmon, and Carrie Ericksen, to China; and Carl Jensen and wife, and Sister Asa, to England. Five of the seventeen just mentioned have entered the Southern field. Twelve workers in other fields have received help or support from the Iowa Conference since the last meeting of the Union Conference. The number now being supported is three.

FINANCE

The tithe received during the biennial period amounts to \$58,712.05, which is an average of \$8.63 per capita per annum. Total tithe sent to Union Conference, \$5,448.24.

The following contributions have been received during the years 1902 and 1903:—

For Foreign Missions	
Tithe Foreign Work	\$3,700.00
Annual Offerings	3,499.94
First Day Offerings	3,302.86
Foreign Miss. Gen. C. Fund	1,632.38
S. S. Donations Rec'd.	2,664.77
China Fund	891.47
Christiana Pub. House	1,155.11
English Sanitarium	267.28
Fund for France	409.29
Col. for Australia	712.10
Total	\$18,235.10
For Work in the United States	
Workers Supported in Other Fields	\$4,000.00
Southern Missions	317.22
Miss. Acre Fund	319.54
Haskell Home	974.79
Endowed Bed	339.37
Spec. Scand. Papers	185.71
Wash. Church and Work	504.68
Southern Pub. Ass'n.	285.32
Southern Col. Work	96.55
Graysville San. Col.	263.81
Union Col. Press	151.60
International Pub. House	43.35
Don. for Blind	46.52
Don. for Iowa Ind. School	2,150.00
Life Boat Work	6.36
Religious Liberty Work	2.00
Gen. Conf.	3.20
Total	\$9,690.02
Foreign Miss. Total	18,235.10
Grand Total	\$27,925.32

There are a number of other items that might be added to this list, which would bring the aggregate up to about \$46,000, but I do not have these items at hand, so will be obliged to omit them.

We have given some study to the rise and progress of this people. In the early history of the message there was a power, a consecration,

a devotion to God, a separation from the world, and a spirit of self denial manifested by the pioneers that was commendable; the same characteristics should follow this work to the end, and the solemn appeals made by inspiration to awake! awake! should be heeded by us upon whom such sacred and solemn responsibilities rest.

L. F. STARR.

Report of the Missouri Conference

THE area of the Missouri Conference is 68,735 square miles, and the population is 3,106,665, which is quite a large proportion of the entire population of the Union Conference.

We have forty-six churches, with a membership of 1,500. This includes about two hundred and fifty members who are not now in the state. We also have ten unorganized companies with a membership of one hundred and fifty, and about one hundred and seventy-five isolated Sabbath-keepers, making a total of about eight-hundred Sabbath-keepers.

Our Sabbath-schools number fifty-nine, with a membership of fourteen hundred.

Last year nine church schools were conducted; this year twelve, with a membership of two hundred and thirty-four pupils.

There are thirty-one church buildings now erected, six having been erected during the last two years, including the one erected at Kansas City. This last cost \$7,600. Kansas City being the headquarters of the Conference, we felt justified in erecting a larger building there than we otherwise would have built.

There are twelve ministers in the Conference holding credentials, three licentiates, fourteen licensed missionaries and Bible workers, and eighteen canvassers. This makes a total of forty-seven laborers in the field, including the church school teachers. Twenty-six of these are on the Conference pay roll.

Funds Received	
Tithe for the year 1902	\$11,062.00
" " 1903	12,327.20
Total	\$23,389.20
Tithes appropriated to other fields outside of	
the Conference, besides the funds that passed	
through the regular channels,	\$325.00
Annual offerings	1,698 00
Weekly offerings to foreign missions	707.48
Miscellaneous offerings, including donations	
to the work at Washington	5,022.01
Sabbath-school offerings to foreign missions	920.68
Total	\$8,673.17

The total value of book sales during the two years is \$15,427.00. We distributed something over fifteen thousand copies of the special issue of the *Signs*. When the question of closing the St. Louis fair on Sunday was being agitated, we distributed sixteen thousand of the "World's Fair" tract.

In Rolla, one of our brethren was arrested three times for keeping his store open on Sunday. He secured a lot of the "World's Fair" tracts and distributed them, with the result that some of the aldermen changed their mind on the matter of Sunday enforcement, and the mayor declared all of the business houses open on Sunday. He desired to make the Sunday closing ordinance as obnoxious to the public as he could. We placed a tent in the town, and held a series of meetings. Many of the leading public men took quite an interest in the meetings, and fifteen persons took hold of the truth.

Eight churches were taken into the Conference during the two years since our last Union Conference session, and one worker has been placed in the field to revive the "Object Lesson" work among the churches. R. C. PORTER.

Report of the Kansas Conference

It affords some pleasure to submit a brief summary of the present standing of the Kansas Conference, and the work done since the last biennial conference, a period of twenty-three months.

Kansas contains 82,080 square miles, and has a population of one-half million. The Conference consists at present of eighty-seven churches, with an actual membership of 2,600. Besides these there are ten organized companies, with one hundred and nine members, and about two hundred and twenty-five isolated Sabbath-keepers, making a total of a little more than 2,900 Sabbath-keepers in the state.

There are forty church buildings, which, with the appurtenances thereto, are worth \$31,000. Fourteen new churches, with a membership of 271, have been organized and added to the conference, during the last two years, while 290 or more have been added by work done in the churches. This does not include all of those baptised at camp-meetings, so that it is safe to say there has been a total of 600 additions.

There are forty-six workers in the employ of the Conference. There are sixteen ordained min-

isters, including Elder Ogden, recently returned from South America; seven licentiates; fourteen Bible workers; three medical missionaries; four hands in the office; the State Agent; and the Sabbath-school Secretary. Besides these, there are seventeen church school teachers, and at least five other medical missionaries who are supported by the Sanitarium work at Wichita. And besides these there are about twenty faithful canvassers, who are also Conference workers, but self-supporting laborers, and one self-supporting licensed preacher. Nine laborers have gone from the Conference, five to foreign fields; Elder Knight and wife to Central America; Elder Beeson to Manitoba; and A. E. Bates and W. A. Shaffer to England.

Six camp-meetings have been held. One at Humboldt, with labor preceding and following, resulting in the organization of a church and the erection of a church building; one at Junction City, with some labor preceding, and followed by several months' work by Brother Johnson, where has been established a small company; one at Cherokee, where a company was raised up; and one at Newton, with labor following, which has resulted in adding eighteen members to the church.

CHURCH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

This work has been taken hold of with gratifying confidence, by a good many churches, and pursued with vim by the faithful and constant efforts of our school superintendent. We have this year fifteen schools, with 326 pupils enrolled. We will leave farther reports of this department to the superintendent.

THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

This branch of the work has received a share of attention. Efforts were made in Topeka and Kinsley, by private parties, who received the full moral support of the Conference, and were quite successful for a time.

A little less than two years ago, two nurses were sent by the Nebraska Sanitarium to Wichita, and began true medical missionary work, by going from house to house, seeking those who needed help. The following August a house of eight rooms was rented and fitted up with very meager appliances, for treatment rooms, restaurant work, and sale of health foods. The work has made steady growth. A physician was employed more than a year ago. The records show business done from Jan. 1, 1903, to Jan. 1904, amounting to \$7,000. Since the

latter date we have rented an additional twelve-room house, and nearly doubled our facilities. The house was filled with patients by the time it was ready. The Institution has been able at the end of each month to pay all bills due; and to-day has no debt. This is largely due to the careful management of Brother and Sister Christofferson and the hearty co-operation of the physicians and helpers. The real interest on the part of the citizens of Wichita in the principles taught and practiced in our sanitariums is shown by the fact that the city proposes to place in our hands this spring the deed to a beautiful site of twenty acres, selected by our Board, which is now purchased at a cost of \$3,000, and \$3,000 in cash, besides \$2,000 more in October and \$2,000 the first of next February, or a total donation of \$10,000 with no hold on the Institute whatever reserved. But what is more to be prized in value than the \$10,000 is the moral support and sentiment of the people. This last is what makes Wichita one of the most favorable points in the United States for the establishment of a permanent sanitarium. And since there is no other institution of this kind between College View and Keene, Texas, a distance of 750 miles, this is a very favorable place from the standpoint of location. It should be an institution of modest size. We solicit the interest and watch-care of the Central Union Conference in its behalf.

THE CANVASSING WORK

The Kansas Conference has ever stood as champion of the canvassing work, and her interest is the same to-day and "much more abundant." One of the largest and most successful institutes ever held in the state was held at Hutchinson last March. It was attended by nearly forty persons, most of whom went out and did faithful work, and a large per cent were successful. The institute cost the missionary department nearly \$400 in railroad fare and board, but it paid even as a financial enterprise, and we are sure it more than doubly paid in the distribution of our books and in the development of our work and of workers. A like effort is planned to begin the sixteenth of the present month. The value of books sold by the canvassers is \$13,726.61. The canvassing work is not dead, neither is it a back number, only so far as it is rendered thus by a lack of zeal and real faith in the message.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

A good degree of progress has been made in this branch of the work, quite a general increase of interest has been secured in most of our Sabbath-schools, as is seen by the steady increase in the contributions for the advancement of the work. Sister Emerson, our Sabbath-school Secretary, has conducted quite a number of conventions, and has sent out programs for many more, which she was not able to attend. This has proved a great blessing to our schools.

AN UNFAVORABLE COMPARISON

While some fruit has appeared in all lines of the work, yet the total results are woefully small and far from being satisfactory. A comparison of the present with the records of ten years ago reveals a remarkable change. In 1894 and 1895, with not more than two-thirds as many workers, there were organized and admitted into the Conference, twenty-four new churches, which, with the additions to the other churches, resulted in a total addition of nearly 900 members. This was in the days of great droughts in Kansas. People were poor, money was scarce, and wages small; yet nearly three times as many books were sold in those two years as have been the last two. Our tithes then amounted to only \$12,000 per year instead of \$20,000 or more as it is now. Oh, give us back the zeal, the faith, the courage of those days, and let us return to the activity and vital life of former times. I am constrained to say, by His grace we will return and work like men who know they have a message from God.

FINANCES

The financial report for the last six months for 1903 shows a gratifying increase in all contributions. The tithes for January and February just passed shows an increase over those of the same month last year of twenty-three per cent. We find a ready response from our people to support any enterprise for the advancement of the cause, as long as we adhere to the admonition of the Scripture, "Owe no man anything," and that of the Testimonies, "Shun debt as you would shun the leprosy."

The tithes received from April 1, 1902 to Feb. 29, 1904, a period of twenty-two months, amounted to \$35,329.48

The various offerings and tithes sent outside the Conference were as follows:—

Annual Offerings for twenty months	\$2,891.65
Weekly Offerings	1,756.81
Miscellaneous donations	5,575.00
Sabbath-school offerings to missions	1,624.47
Tithe sent outside of Conference	5,008.53

Total sent out of Conference \$16,856.46

"OBJECT LESSONS" WORK

This work is slowly progressing. A recent effort in setting apart one day for all to sell at least one book or more resulted well, and we were able to send to Union College \$700 last week. We are by no means discouraged, but are ready to press onward, and we pray for greater zeal and more life, even that degree which the importance of our message demands.

C. McREYNOLDS.

Report of Nebraska Conference

My report will be necessarily somewhat fragmentary, owing to the fact that I have been connected with the work of the Conference during only the past nine months.

The territory of the Nebraska Conference comprises the states of Nebraska and Wyoming, and the five counties in the southwestern part of South Dakota, known as the Black Hills. Not reckoning the territory in South Dakota, the conference comprises 175,400 square miles, with a population of 1,161,070, giving less than seven persons to the square mile.

The number of churches reporting is sixty, being one church to each 1,935 inhabitants. The reported church membership is 2,680, making one church member to each 430 persons. The organized Sabbath-schools are one hundred, with a membership of 2,089.

LABORERS

There has been during the Union Conference term an average of twelve ordained ministers in the field, eight licentiates, eleven Bible workers, eight colporters, and an average of about twenty canvassers. Seven new churches have been raised up, and several old churches have been revived. While no accurate record has been kept of the number of persons brought into the truth, it appears from the data at hand that about four hundred have embraced the Sabbath during the biennial term.

FIELD WORK

Of the work done in the field, I can speak only of what has been attempted during the current conference year. A local camp-meeting was held at Hot Springs, South Dakota, during the latter part of June, which was productive of good results in that portion of the field. Four tents were run during the past summer, which is about the average number that have been in the field during the two years.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

The first organized effort in this line of the work was in 1901. In 1903 we had 12 schools in operation, with an enrolment of 128. The present number of schools is 25, with an enrolment of 308. Many encouraging reports have come from this line of work. Quite a good portion of the children in attendance have been converted.

THE SPECIAL "SIGNS" MOVEMENT

The circulation of the Capital and Labor issue of the *Signs* was taken hold of with considerable energy throughout the Conference. At first 15,000 copies were ordered by the Tract Society. This number was increased until about the 30,000 limit was reached, and every copy, so far as we have learned, has been sold. Many received a great blessing in this work.

Our Conference is organized into districts, there being seven districts, with a superintendent in each, with whom are associated a good corps of workers.

Tithe received for the two years ending June 30, 1903	\$46,084.79
First tithe paid to the Union Conf.	4,607.47
Second tithe " " " " " "	4,147.72
Donations from tithe fund for work outside the Conference	
Scandinavia	2,250.00
Southwestern Union Conference	2,500.00
Mexico	100.00
South Africa	500.00
Bible Teacher in Union College	1,458.00
Miscellaneous	139.00
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	\$6,947.00
Other funds donated	
Foreign missions	\$5,259.64
Annual Offerings	3,153.41
First Day Offerings	662.05
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	\$9,075.10

This makes a grand total of donations to foreign work of \$16,022.10, not including first and second tithes.

The book sales for this biennial period amount to \$16,997.78. A. T. ROBINSON.

Better Use for His Head

THOMAS A. EDISON, the great inventor and electrician, on being asked once by Miss Frances E. Williard what led him to become a total abstainer, said, "I think it was because I had better use for my head."

Work among the Wealthy

WE are planning to place the "Desire of Ages" in the homes of the well-to-do people. Although not yet ready to ask for workers from all sections of our territory to volunteer, we will explain briefly the plan.

A very fine edition of the "Desire of Ages" has been printed on heavy paper, with wide margin, and bound in twenty-five parts with heavy paper covers. All the full-page illustrations are beautifully colored, and ten extra illustrations have been prepared particularly for this edition. The price of these parts is 25 cents each, or \$6.25 for the entire set. The prospectus is a very thin book, and may be carried in a pocket especially prepared for it, by the gentlemen, or in a music roll by the ladies.

The solicitor secures the orders, and turns them in to the manager of the company canvassing (these workers always form into companies), who delivers them, four at first delivery, and two every two weeks subsequently. He, of course, collects as he delivers. After from four to ten parts have been delivered, the solicitor receives his full commission.

After having delivered a few parts, the deliverer solicits binding orders. Our experience thus far indicates that about seventy-five per cent of the orders will be bound. We anticipate this by binding up volumes beforehand, so that there may be no delay in delivery.

After bound volumes have been delivered, the parts are taken up and delivered to other customers. One great advantage in this plan is the continued visits of a Christian deliverer to each family from whom an order has been taken.

This work has been going on very successfully for several months in Kansas City, and I had the pleasure of meeting a number of times, with those engaged in it. I am convinced that it is opening a new epoch in our book work, and sincerely hope we may introduce the plan in other places this coming season.

A letter received from the manager of the company in Kansas City says he had a few days before arranged with one of their customers, who is interested in the truth, to receive Bible readings from a sister. The lady is very much interested, and as she was taking up so much of his time from delivery, he asked her if she would not like to study the subject they had been talking over, and she was delighted to accept the offer. She is a dissatisfied Catholic.

One of the brethren connected with the company took an order from the manager of a wholesale house in the city. The manager of our workers delivered the set complete, bound in half morocco. The daughter of the purchaser studied her Sunday school lessons from it, and in answer to questions asked, quoted from "Desire of Ages." The teacher wanted to know where she got her information, and she replied, "From Desire of Ages." This teacher then sent in his order for the work.

We have seven now engaged in this work in Kansas City, and several others expect to join early in the spring. The deliveries have thus far been successful. H. H. HALL.

Omaha Training School

WE plan to hold a series of meetings in Omaha, Neb., beginning March 20. A training school for workers will be held at the same time. Part of the day will be given to classes and study, and a part to actual field work in all lines. Hundreds of our people must have a speedy training to have a part in warning the cities of their coming doom. Is God calling you to some part in this work? If you are interested in this matter, write at once to either A. T. Robinson, 1505 E St., Lincoln, Nebraska, Luther Warren, or C. R. Kite, Omaha, Neb.

Obituary

BUXTON—Died at her home in Chanute, Kansas, on the 2nd day of March, 1904, Mrs. L. E. Buxton, aged 64 years and 11 months. Sister Buxton was born in Franklin Co., Penn., February 3, 1839. In early childhood she moved with her parents to Carroll Co., Illinois, where she was united in marriage to Bro. Henry G. Buxton. She, with her companion, embraced the Third Angel's Message about 40 years ago, and shortly after her husband entered the ministry, and remained faithful until the day of his death. Sister Buxton has since endeavored to hold up the light of truth, and she died with a bright hope of a life beyond this veil of tears. She leaves two sons and one daughter, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and several grand-children to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text, 2 Sam. 14:14.

R. W. PARMELE.

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News and Notes

Twenty-five persons are now selling the *Life Boat* in St. Louis.

A successful term of school closed March 14 at Wellington, Kan.

The Religious Liberty offering taken up the last Sabbath at the Central Union Conference amounted to \$26.16.

Eld. G. F. Watson gave a special invitation to the Central Union Conference to meet in Denver two years hence.

Eld. G. F. Watson gave a stirring and cheering discourse at College View last Sabbath on the gospel message soon to be closed.

Following the Central Union Conference at Omaha, the Union Conference Committee has held a number of meetings at College View.

The church school at Leavenworth, Kan., has been closed on account of the illness of the teacher, Mrs. S. E. Surber, and some of the pupils.

On account of a serious attack of influenza, Elder Hoopes was unable to attend the Central Union Conference. He is, however, able to be about again.

The officers of the General Conference have requested Eld. Allen Moon and the editor of the CENTRAL ADVANCE to connect with the work in Washington to engage especially in religious liberty work.

The donation to the Religious Liberty work at College View, March 12, was \$26.60. The ten-cent a-week offering the same day amounted to \$12.78. The weekly offering to missions the following Sabbath was \$21.10.

"The Seven Seals and the Seven Churches" is the title of a pamphlet just issued as Bible Students' Library No. 184. This pamphlet will be a most excellent help in the study of the next quarter's Sabbath-school lessons. Price ten cents. Order of your tract society.

During the past eight months the College View church has given nearly six hundred dollars to foreign missions in the little ten-cent-a-week envelopes. This is mentioned, not because the church has done more than it ought, but to show the value of practical, systematic giving, and to encourage all our churches that have not already done so to adopt the plan.

A Sabbath-school of fourteen members was organized at Wayne, Neb., Sabbath, March 12.

The Union College Board has just had its annual meeting at College View, planning and arranging matters for another school year. The question of giving more attention to agriculture, in harmony with the instruction which has been given, received considerable attention, and it has been decided to open up a regular term of school, in order that students, who desire, may remain and receive instruction in this line when agriculture is carried on.

Bro. Arnold Martin, a practical farmer and horticulturist, from DuBois, Neb., spoke to the students of Union College Thursday morning, March 17, on farming, emphasizing especially the advantages of living on and owning a small piece of land, and of cultivating this intensely and intelligently, rather than a large place loosely and without practical knowledge. Brother Martin has been engaged to connect with the College. He expects to arrange to do this at once.

The report of the Central Union Conference given in this number is a summary of the business done rather than a consecutive report of the work done from day to day; and it presents only those actions which were actually adopted and agreed upon, rather than every item that came before the Conference whether adopted or not. Some of the papers on various topics which were read before the Conference may appear in a future number. The studies given by Prof. Prescott during the Conference will probably appear in the *Review*.

On Both Knees

WILLIAM DAWSON once told the following story to illustrate how humble the soul must be before it can find peace:—

At a revival meeting a little lad, who was used to Methodist ways, went home to his mother, and said:—

"Mother, John So-and-so is under conviction and seeking for peace, but he will not find it to-night, mother."

"Why, William?" said she.

"Because he is only down on one knee, mother, and will never get peace until he is down on both knees."

Until conviction of sin brings us down on both knees, until we are completely humbled, until we have no hope left in ourselves, we cannot find peace.