

Progress of the Cause.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."
—Ps. 126: 6.

GO WORK.

BY O. W. W.

O, HIDE not thy talent; go use it with care.
Secure for the Master the usury fair;
Go spread for the Saviour his message abroad.
Go earnestly, bravely—so teacheth his word.

The harvest is white, but the laborers few.
"Go work in my vineyard;" He says this to you.
Go gather the lonely ones, wandering by night,
The erring ones turn into paths that are right.

The reward is in readiness, linger no more;
Go work for the Master who stands at the door.
Go help right the wrongs, go lighten the woe,
And soon the blest joy of the Lord you shall know.

WISCONSIN.

VICTORY AND LYNXVILLE.—After getting the foundation laid for the church building at Star, the snow came on, and we had to stop work. I visited the Victory church, and held meetings there for three weeks. As a result, twelve took their stand for the truth. The amount of \$250 was raised, in work and in money, to build a church at this place. From there I went to Lynxville, where Brn. Shreve and Wane had held some Bible readings. I held meetings there for three and a half weeks. The last evening I answered thirty-eight questions handed in by Catholics and Protestants. As a result of the meetings, twenty-three signed the covenant, and quite a number more soon will. Bro. Shreve was with me in the last part of the meetings, and gave good assistance. He will remain and work up the missionary interest. I shall return early in March, and complete the work. ROBERT J. WHITE.
Feb. 23.

MINNESOTA.

WINONA.—The work at Winona has been richly blessed in the past, and still it is onward, among both Germans and Americans, for which we are truly thankful. I expect to leave for a new field in a few days, and then for awhile there will be no workers here, and the brethren and sisters will have to do the best they can, not only to help themselves, but others also. May the Lord richly bless them.

A short time ago I held a discussion at Garden City with a Disciple minister, on the Sunday and law question. The Lord gave freedom in maintaining the truth. One good brother took a firm stand for the truth, and we hope for more. From different places we learn of tokens of God's Spirit moving upon hearts to accept the truth.

Two of our German brethren were brought before the Justice the other day for working on Sunday, but they were discharged, and the accusers had to pay the costs. The spirit of the dragon is abroad in the land, and it only wants opportunity to make its power felt. Let us be where the mighty power of God can shield us in the time of trouble.

W. B. HILL.

COLORADO.

DENVER.—A two weeks' revival meeting has just closed at Denver, and we have truly had a blessed meeting. Feeling the need of God's blessing on this large church, we moved out in faith, claiming the fulfillment of his promises to those who sought him with their whole hearts. God came near to this church, and a large number felt the gracious influences of his Spirit. Quite a goodly number of the members attended the meetings from the beginning to the end, and many testified that they had never before understood so well the love of God, nor his willingness to bless. I have no doubt that God is preparing his people, who earnestly desire his blessing, for the pouring out of the latter rain. Personally, I can say I never enjoyed a meeting more than this one, and never felt greater courage to go forward.

Several meetings of instruction on the relation of church and state and on the Blair bills, were held. I have lectured on these subjects in several different towns, and now go to the western part of the State to spend several weeks in speaking on the same subjects at different county seats. I trust God may arouse his people in Colorado to realize

the solemnity of the time in which we are now living.

E. H. GATES.

ILLINOIS.

DU QUOIN, WEST SALEM, ETC.—In the early part of December, I held a few meetings in Du Quoin, Ill. The church here was encouraged to take advance steps in the divine life, and to labor more earnestly for the cause of God in that city. Arrangements were made to hold Bible readings and to canvass for our works. Two persons united with the church during the meetings. I spent the week of prayer at West Salem. It was a profitable occasion. The church determined to live nearer to God, and to do more to sustain his work. As an evidence of this, over sixty dollars was donated as Christmas offerings, being about fifty per cent more than last year.

I find the brethren and sisters in this district, in general, faithful in paying tithes and in attending the worship of God. They also seem to be trying to live out the reforms that should characterize those who are preparing for translation. All are anxious that a camp-meeting be held here next summer.

I am thankful for the blessing of God that has attended my labors here, and mean to prosecute this important work with renewed diligence, endeavoring to realize the urgency of these solemn times.

J. SISLEY.

TENNESSEE.

SPRINGVILLE AND LANE.—I held meetings at Springville from Feb. 1 to 8; and although this is one of the oldest churches in the State, the interest to hear upon the stirring issues of the present hour was never better. Two united with the church,—one by vote and the other by baptism. May it ever be the earnest endeavor of this church to hold the light up higher. The sum of \$51.50 was raised to apply on the tent fund. I left this company in harmony and peace among themselves.

From Feb. 11 to 20, I labored at Lane. This is a small church, but, notwithstanding, Satan's wrath has been moved against them, and manifested itself in the production of the clannish decree noticed in a REVIEW of recent date. This was doubtless in consequence of two prominent citizens' having recently embraced the truth. After a lecture on the Blair Amendment, one of the leaders of the movement against our people, signed the petition against the Amendment. I am more and more convinced that the people need only to be informed as to the real nature of such bills, to lead them to work for their defeat. The company at Lane meet each Sabbath, and seem to be seeking a nearness to God hitherto unexperienced by them. There seem to be good prospects that they will have a church building by next fall.

E. E. MARVIN.

LOUISIANA.

MORROWS AND BAYOU ROUGE.—For the last few weeks I have been holding meetings within a few miles of Morrows. One man here has been keeping the Sabbath for about two years, and has distributed some reading-matter, which seemed to have a good effect upon the minds of the people. By corresponding with this brother, I learned that there was an interest to hear the truth, and I began meetings near his home Jan. 30. It was quite rainy and muddy at that time, but the interest seemed good. Services were held part of the time in a school-house, and at other times in private houses. One lady has promised to keep the Sabbath, as a result of the meetings, and many others acknowledge the truth, for whom we have hopes.

By earnest request, I began meetings Feb. 18, at a point called Bayou Rouge, only a few miles from the place above mentioned. Here we are favored with the use of a house of worship belonging to the Christian Church. The attendance and interest have increased from the first, and the Lord has inclined many toward the truth. The claims of the law and the Sabbath have been partly presented, and a number seem almost persuaded to obey. I want to follow up the work at these points till the interest is fully developed, and I trust that many may embrace the truth.

I am receiving calls to labor at other points, and will fill them as soon as the work here is established as a nucleus around which to labor. It takes time to bring the people to a decision, but there is an intelligent class attending the meetings, and I trust to see a good work accomplished. Considerable reading-matter has been given away, and about five dol-

lars in donations has been received. The petitions are presented at every place, and signatures received quite freely. I am glad to report that the work seems now to be opening up more favorably than at any time since I came to this State. To the Lord be all the praise. I trust that he will guide us in the path of duty.

B. F. PURDHAM.

Feb. 23.

KANSAS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.—Since returning from the General Conference, I have labored at the following places. At Neodesha, I preached four discourses, and visited the new friends in the faith, to the apparent encouragement of all; and also met an attack of a Disciple minister upon the truth. The Lord so overruled that the result was clearly for the glory of his name. I then spent some time with the churches at Altoona and Yates Center. Nov. 29 to Dec. 3, I assisted Bro. J. F. Rousseau in meetings at Ottawa. The Lord came very near, and since that time a good work has been accomplished there.

Dec. 4-18, I was at Palermo, where I held sixteen meetings, preaching twelve times. I also made a visit to Emporia during this time. The church was much encouraged. Two were converted and baptized, and an interest was manifested by others. This church takes time to worship God. They hold their weekly prayer-meeting at 2 p. m., and some come five miles to attend. This is as it should be, and may others do likewise. The Christmas donation was \$100, and quite a sum was raised for the German school in Milwaukee, Wis.

I spent a part of the week of prayer with the Altoona church, and by the help of God, more of a spirit of consecration was aroused than has been witnessed there for many months. Jan. 2-7, I spent with the Topeka church, in company with Brn. Sharp, Hall, and Gregory. A good work which had begun during the week of prayer was continued, and the church was much encouraged. Sabbath, Jan. 12, I spent at Neodesha, with Bro. Stebbins, where I baptized five. To God be all the praise.

I am now attending the special course at Battle Creek College.

C. Mc REYNOLDS.

ARKANSAS.

The following extracts from letters received during the last few weeks will give our people some idea of the progress of the work in this State, and show how the hand of God is leading out before us.

One lady from Hot Springs County, whose subscription for "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" the canvasser used a good deal of persuasion to obtain, and to whom he had considerable difficulty in making the delivery of the book, now writes: "I thank you for being so persistent with me, and pray that the Lord may reward you for your trouble. . . I wanted the book as soon as I saw it; but Satan tried to make me believe it was false." She is now rejoicing in the truths it taught her. From Sebastian County, where a company canvassed last fall, one man writes that he is now a "full-fledged Seventh-day Adventist," and is so thankful to the one who brought him the truth. Another writes that his "wife is ready and wants to keep the Sabbath," but he is thinking to wait until they can receive more light. The interest in this county to hear has been so aroused that it seems duty to send a tent there the coming summer.

A letter from Sharp County, bearing date of Jan. 27, says: "It was the *Signs of the Times* which showed me about the Sabbath of God. I belong to the Adventist Church (first day), and a few weeks ago I began preaching to the people here of the soon coming of Jesus, and warning them of the doctrine of the papacy,—in short, the third angel's message; and now there are five of them keeping the Sabbath." Some missionary is reaping fruits from the circulation of the *Signs*, that he knows not of. These people have not seen a Seventh-day Adventist as yet, and still they are rejoicing in the truth.

A sister in Bradley County, in the southern part of the State, writes that she has been holding Bible readings and circulating reading-matter until a deep interest is aroused to hear the word preached. Homes are offered to the minister who will come there, a house of worship is ready, and they desire some one to come immediately. She says that "June would probably be the best time, but it seems a long while to wait." A brother in Carroll County reports six or eight new ones keeping the

Sabbath. They hold regular Sabbath meetings, have a room provided, and are pleading for ministerial help.

In Howard County a wide interest has been aroused by missionary work done by one family. A large church and commodious accommodations are offered; letter after letter has been received, urging for a minister to come. Another brother writes from Madison County that a deep interest has been aroused by missionary labor, and thinks it essential that a tent be pitched there during the summer. In Fulton County a brother writes that an interest has been aroused, and thinks that a "discussion" is all that will satisfy the people, as many are awaiting it before making their decision on the Sabbath question.

Many other private letters of encouragement and discouragement have been received, many of them pleading for the visit of the ministry to homes or neighborhoods. Surely the Lord has sent his angels on in advance of us. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Again the threatened clouds of persecution that darkened our State two years ago hang over us, and steps must be taken to ward off the danger.

Our canvassers in Faulkner County have had good success, considering the season, some of them having delivered 100 per cent of their orders. New companies are being formed at at least two other points, where we hope soon to have churches organized.

And now, will not our brethren and sisters rally to duty, and unite in sharing the burden that has to be lifted, and help to reap the golden harvest of precious souls that are hungering and thirsting after truth in the State of Arkansas?

J. P. HENDERSON.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Our excellent State meeting held here Feb. 21-26, is in the past. There was a general turn-out from all parts of the State, and a desire was manifested to receive all the benefit possible from the meeting. All seemed to feel very grateful for the labors of sister White, Bro. A. T. Jones, and others from other States, at this meeting. The Lord seemed to send the very message needed, and I think I never witnessed greater appreciation on the part of a congregation than was manifested here for the solemn words of encouragement and admonition spoken by God's tried servant. Sister White spoke seven times in two days and a half, and yet she seemed to be refreshed, as well as those who were so much strengthened by her testimony. The business sessions were very profitably employed in considering the various branches of the cause, such as the Sabbath-school, canvassing, tract society, foreign missions, ministerial labor, etc. We were also highly favored by two discourses from Eld. A. T. Jones upon the present phase of the Sunday movement. Seldom have people felt a greater degree of courage in their hearts than that with which all the brethren and sisters left this meeting for their homes. We all felt that we had had a rich foretaste of the joy of the heavenly meeting.

We are encouraged at the progress of our work here in the mission. Although the work seems to start slowly, we see evidences that there is a deepening interest in the truth among many families. Quite a number of these now attend services at our church. Our Wednesday evening missionary meetings have been interesting and well attended. Five are now engaged in giving Bible readings, and as many more are canvassing for our good books in the city. More than twenty have sometimes attended a single reading, and all seemed interested. Our courage is strong in God and in his truth.

March 4.

W. C. WALES.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

I STATED in my last report that I believed the "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" is just the book for the times, and ought to be scattered everywhere. I am more than ever convinced that our brethren and sisters can do no better work than in selling this book, thus getting it into the homes of the people. To illustrate what it will do, I will mention one case in my experience.

A lady here in Denver who knew nothing of the truths of the third angel's message bought a book of me and read it; and as a result, she is established on every point of present truth, and has offered herself for baptism and admission into the church. She has laid off her jewelry, etc. She is also filled

with the missionary spirit, and is doing all she can to get the truth before others. When she received the truth, she saw that she had no use for her jewelry, as the Bible forbids the wearing of gold, and other things simply for ornament. So she sold such things in her possession, and is purchasing "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and sending them to her relatives and friends in Iowa, her former home. We cannot tell all the good that may come from the book first placed in her hands. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11: 6.

GEO. W. ANGLEBARGER.

DEBATE AT WINONA, MINN.

FROM Jan. 28-30, I visited the church at Winona, and at the same time attended a debate on the immortality question, which was to take place on the 29th, between Mr. Bush, the German Presbyterian clergyman, and some minister of our faith. I was glad to find quite a company of Sabbath-keepers here, and a neat little church-building, which was well filled. The coming debate seemed to create quite a stir. According to previous arrangements, each side was to choose three judges and they a seventh; thus, much depended upon this seventh man's being one who would judge according to the arguments, and not from personal convictions. As Prof. Holzinger, of the State Normal school, had been recommended to us, we waited upon him, to learn whether he would accept; but we never asked him about his personal views. He consented, and was, when proposed, unanimously chosen. Each speaker was to have the floor three times, Mr. Bush affirming that the soul was spirit, and therefore immortal; I, the contrary.

When we neared the Chamber of Commerce, the place of debate, we met people going away, the hall being already packed to its utmost capacity, and many standing up. Mr. B. tried from the very outset to get the feelings of the audience aroused against me; and when I spoke, I was several times interrupted. In his second speech he made light of the passages I had quoted, representing them as my own words, so when I answered again, I tried to make the statement that not I had said so, but the Bible. But I was only able to get my sentence half finished, for I was stopped by an immense uproar, and a hundred voices cried out: "You're a liar." For a while it seemed almost impossible to quell the uproar; but finally Prof. Holzinger succeeded in restoring order, and I went on, unmolested. Our opponents having failed in their attempt to break me down, they tried to hinder the rendering of a decision, by claiming that Prof. H. had been previously sounded. Then they went still farther, by inserting in the Winona daily *Herald* of Jan. 30 quite an article, full of misrepresentations. To this Prof. H. replied in the next number as follows:—

There was no verbal or written agreement ever made, whether the seventh judge could or could not be first asked whether he would serve. As a proof: Rev. Bush's judges waited upon Mr. J. Leicht, and asked him to act as the seventh judge. They now object to me because these parties spoke to me about it. They simply asked me whether I would serve, and did not sound me. I never stated to anybody how I stood on this question until yesterday, when I told Mr. Conradi's judges that I did not agree with them, but that Mr. Conradi had treated the matter in a most generous way, keeping his pledge to discuss the matter in a fair way, which Mr. Bush did not do. Mr. C. had the best of the argument by all odds. I am capable of distinguishing between my prejudice and an argument. The audience did not treat Mr. C. fairly at all.

The next evening after the debate I spoke in our church to a crowded house, on the Christian's hope; and letters since received show that the word spoken was not in vain. A Methodist writes that since he heard the debate and the sermon, he has a different opinion of the Adventists. He states that the Lutheran pastor and also the Methodist minister spoke on the same subject the week following, but that, especially among the Methodists, it has only influenced the people to show more decidedly on which side they stand. One of our brethren writes that the interest to hear is greater than ever before, and that two have since begun to obey.

While I am no lover of debates, and this has been really my first, yet I feel grateful to God for the results gained, and I hope that still others may by it be led to see the light of present truth.

L. R. CONRADI.

ARKANSAS TRACT SOCIETY.

Report for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1888.

No of members.....	114
" reports returned.....	46
" members added.....	3
" " dismissed.....	9
" letters written.....	178
" " received.....	130
" missionary visits.....	1,358
" Bible readings held.....	59
" persons attending readings.....	174
" periodicals taken.....	191
" periodicals distributed.....	1,863
" pp. books and tracts sold.....	316,789
" " " loaned.....	10,139
" " " given away.....	3,852

Cash received on Christmas offerings, \$77.28; on first-day offerings, \$6.04; on fourth-Sabbath donations, \$10.69; on periodicals, \$64.26; on subscription books, \$376.38; on other book sales, \$114.30.

W. G. SMITH, Sec.

TENNESSEE TRACT SOCIETY.

No. of members.....	78
" reports returned.....	54
" members added.....	4
" letters written.....	54
" " received.....	22
" missionary visits made.....	158
" Bible readings held.....	14
" persons attending readings.....	52
" subscriptions obtained.....	6
" periodicals distributed.....	1,287
" pp. books and tracts sold.....	377,855
" " " " loaned.....	744
" " " " given away.....	8,137

Cash received on books, tracts, and periodicals, \$531.50; on fourth-Sabbath donations, \$3.60; on membership and special donations, \$13.41; on first-day offerings, \$6.32.

J. H. DORTCH, Sec.

COLORADO CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

As all of our brethren in Colorado will be glad to hear the result of the Christmas exercises in our State, I will make the following report of the amounts received from the different churches and scattered brethren, in addition to a partial report that I made some time ago. The report has been delayed thus long in order to make a full report.

Boulder, - - - - -	\$112 40
Berthoud, - - - - -	15 00
Denver, - - - - -	129 86
Delta, - - - - -	3 20
Fort Collins, - - - - -	12 20
Hillsborough, - - - - -	16 21
Longmont, - - - - -	10 85
Pueblo, - - - - -	35 10
Silver Cliff, - - - - -	26 61
Saguache, - - - - -	32 00
Scattered brethren, - - - - -	12 33

Total, \$405 76

I have not heard from all the elders of these churches in regard to the meetings during the week of prayer, but from those who have reported, I learn that the meetings were good; and in some of these churches I know personally that this was the case. Some of the brethren said that the meetings were the best they had ever attended.

E. H. GATES.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN MINNESOTA.

We think good results have followed the observance of the week of prayer in this Conference. The program prepared was generally carried out in all the churches. Some report that it created new enthusiasm in the missionary work. In others it led to more union, and caused the brethren and sisters to draw together in more perfect harmony. Some expressed themselves as enjoying more of the blessing of God during this season than for years in the past. A few cases were reported where a revival spirit was present, leading to conversions. Some not of our faith began the observance of the Sabbath.

At St. Paul and Minneapolis the season was one of special interest. The meetings were well attended, and a deep interest prevailed. At Minneapolis quite a number of young people, most of them students of our school, who had never before made a profession, gave their hearts to God; while many who had been long in the way were much encouraged. We believe that permanent good was done in these places, and all over the State. We know that many, while seeking the Lord for themselves and the work at home, did not forget the