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SABBATH-SCHOOL

HOW TO MAKE OPENING, CLOSING, AND GENERAL EXERCISES MOST PRO- FITABLE

THERE is no line of work that is carried on among us as a people that is of more importance than our Sabbath-school work, and no line that should be more carefully studied. When the Lord has said that our Sabbath-schools should be one of the greatest instrumentalities in our work, he intends that every exercise from the opening to the closing song should have in view the one object of saving souls. This can be accomplished only by each Sabbath-school leader having an individual walk with the Lord, day by day gaining new inspirations, forming new plans, and receiving new earnestness for the work of the coming Sabbath.

Carefully Laid Plans

Each superintendent should have his plans carefully laid, that is, he should have a real program for the Sabbath-school, even to the selection of the songs. This should vary from week to week. A teacher in the common day schools is not considered worthy of name, if she has not made careful plans for each detail of the work. Then how much more essential is it that leaders in God's work have carefully laid plans?

The opening and closing exercises of the school are of more importance than any other part; that is, the spirit that is brought into the Sabbath-school when it opens will affect the entire school hour, and the spirit with which the school closes, affects not only the members during the week, but also the Sabbath-school for the coming week.

Proper Opening of School

We all know how the real spirit of the school is ruined when the superintendent either rushes in late, hurries forward, and asks, almost out of breath, "Well, what song shall we sing this morning?" Or if the superin-

tendent sits off in a corner visiting until several minutes past time to begin, then rather slowly and deliberately walks up to the front and puts the same question in a languid way. Even the children recognize that there has been no thought nor care beforehand.

The reading of the secretary's report may follow prayer, or be brought in later; but upon the secretary depends the interest in this part of the school. Let her call special attention to some definite facts, such as the number present, the number tardy, amount of donations, the average donations of each class, the number of pennies or nickels or dimes in the collection, which class had the best attendance, the best donations, etc. An extra question or two will be helpful in impressing the report upon the mind. The superintendent may assist the secretary in this.

Another song, more especially perhaps a children's song, in which all heartily join, closes the opening exercises, and the so-called general exercises may follow, or be brought in after the reviews and recitation. There are so many ways to vary these exercises that it will be impossible to tell all; but we shall give a few suggestions. But in every one of these exercises the real needs of the children, the youth, the entire school, should be kept constantly in mind, and never should the giving of the Message be lost sight of. The exercises must be interesting, but God must be at the foundation of all.

Suggestive Exercises

Some brief suggestions are here given for the opening, closing, or general exercises of the school.

1. *Scripture Verses.*—In some schools the roll is called and each member responds with a verse of scripture. It may be alphabetically, or the superintendent may call for the verses which contain some special word, or some promise.

2. *Books of the Bible Learned.*—In one school where there was a great hesitancy in turning to different texts, the whole school started to learn the books of the Bible, and the deepest interest was manifest as the superin-

tendent would call on an old gray-haired man to begin naming, then after a few had been named would turn quickly to one of the smallest children and say, "Go on from there." Then another and another would be called. It was really exciting. One little fellow not three years of age could name all the books of the Old Testament.

3. *Questions on the Blackboard.*—On entering one Sabbath-school I noticed three questions plainly written on the blackboard. I wondered what would be said of them, and soon I learned. The superintendent turned to the blackboard, and then related an experience she had during the week with a young man who did not believe in Christianity. He had asked those questions of others, and some she was unable to answer with scripture texts. The members were asked to write the questions down and come prepared to answer each question with the best text they could find in the Bible. These texts were to be learned, also where they were found. This was taken up with enthusiasm. Also short "Testimony" studies can be carried on in the same way with much interest and great profit.

4. *New Songs for Children.*—It might be helpful to read over carefully the words of a song, calling attention to the beautiful thought, and telling the spirit in which it should be sung.

5. *Bible Stories told in Narrative.*—Often the simple Bible stories told in a natural, easy manner, yet with earnestness, will impress the minds of children more than anything else. Sometimes the children may be asked to tell these stories. This interests not only children but older members as well.

6. *Recitations.*—In one school after having an interesting Sabbath-school lesson on Samuel, one of the converted young people recited that beautiful poem, "The Child Samuel." The room was quiet, even the smallest child listened intently. And not one would forget the picture of that child of tender years answering the calls of God.

7. *Chalk Talks.*—This is a subject upon which too much cannot be said. Every one knows the value of pic-

tures in impressing lessons upon the minds of both children and older ones. There are many who are afraid to trust themselves with a piece of chalk while talking. Such might make a light outline on a large sheet of manilla paper or rough wrapping paper, and then, while talking, go over these outlines with black or colored crayons (those most appropriate for the picture or most pleasing to the children), thus holding their attention while drawing, and doubly impressing the lesson.

8. *Mission Fields*.—Each month there are mission field studies in the *Worker*. These can be made very interesting to all. Then, too, the Sabbath-school ought to know the mission fields. The studies on these fields ought to inspire every member of the school with a desire to begin at once doing active service for God. A missionary map of the world is of untold value in these studies. Even the children get a definite knowledge of the fields. The following Sabbath a short review of the field may be conducted in the form of one minute talks.

9. *Letters from different missionaries may be read with profit.*

10. *Denominational History and Early Pioneer Work*.—Our young people can not get too thorough an understanding of God's wonderful leading in the raising up of this people, neither can the great sacrifices of these workers be too strongly impressed upon their minds. Biographies of these early pioneers can also be given in narrative.

11. *Lives of reformers and lessons they teach.*

12. *Definite Plans for Missionary Work*.—A few minutes devoted to making plans for children,—missionary gardens, selling papers, selling pop-corn in dainty sacks wherein is enclosed a tract on some special phase of this truth,—making little articles that can be sold, etc. There are so many ways to encourage children in missionary work.

13. *Special Days; Temperance Work*.—Let the songs, special exercises, etc., impress the need of temperance on the children.

13. *Memory Verse Drills.*

14. *Definite Motto Each Quarter*.—In some schools the following mottoes have been helpful. On a large white mounting board was printed:—

Our Aim

On time.
With Own Bibles.
With Studied Lessons.
With Liberal Donations.
Every Member Present.

Our Motto

If every member of the class
Were just like me,
What kind of a class
Would our class be?

Then in the selection of songs there should be great care. Appropriate songs should be selected; some may bear on the lessons, some on the general exercises, but all should be sung with spirit.

There must be no haphazard work in any of this, but careful planning. The Lord has said, "The leaders in our schools should be men and women of quick intuition, who have the Spirit of God to aid them in reading character, who have managing ability, who can understand different phases of character, and display tact and wisdom in dealing with varied minds."

PEARL G. HALLECK.

TO A YOUNG MAN

THERE is nothing so becoming a young man as to go out into the world with clear convictions. He will be met at the start, and he will find them all along the way, by problems that require for their right solution clear ideas and sound principles.

Alas, so many fail to see the necessity of this. They go out with desires, ambitions, personal purposes; but above these, and controlling them, there is no regnant impulse to do exactly the thing that is right. They trust this to circumstances. They relegate this to policy. And when the climax comes they are very apt to do the wrong thing, because they have no convictions to guide them.

This should not be. Every young man should go out into life with right ideals, by which he should stand if he had to die for them. That is heroism. That is manhood. That means straight, clean, upright living, which ought to be the purpose of every young man.

The problem is by no means complicated. The road is plain and clear. A man need not stand and argue long, which way to take. From four words, a man can deduce a rule for solving every problem that may come to him on his way. These are purity, reverence, temperance and honesty. They are the builders of character, and whoever is imbued by the principles they imply is a success in life, even if he does not wear the badges of worldly prosperity.

The very first thing a young man should do, in going out into real life, is to create for himself ideals that illustrate these virtues, and utilize them everywhere, all the time. No wonder there is so much complaint, discouragement and regret. Life is a poor thing without them. It may wear kid gloves and run an automobile, but it is a beggarly thing without them.—*Editorial in Ohio State Journal.*

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

"EDUCATE, educate, educate" is the Master's word for our young people. Educate for what? *To know God and make him known; to give the Advent Message to all the world in this generation.* We have a great work; we must quickly prepare for it.

From every quarter has come a hearty response to the resolution passed at the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention this summer, that our young people everywhere should qualify themselves to pass an examination in the cardinal truths of the Third Angel's Message, and in denominational history. These are essentials in our education for this work.

During the first week in March, 1908, an examination will be given to all our young people who desire it. This examination will be conducted by the church elder or some one appointed by him, from questions sent out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. The papers will be examined and the Certificates granted by the missionary volunteer secretary of each conference. The examination in Bible doctrines will be based this year on the present series of Sabbath-school lessons, "A Synopsis of Present Truth," the special Bible Reading Series of the *Signs*, commencing October 30; and "Our Truth" number of the *Instructor*. The first we should study; the second and third we should study and circulate.

"The Great Second Advent Movement," by Elder Loughborough, will be the basis for the examination in denominational history.

Let all our young people get ready for this examination, and let our first report of Membership of Attainment be as nearly equal to our Society membership as possible.

M. E. KERN,

Chairman Gen. Conf. Mis. Vol. Dept.

HE CAN WHO THINKS HE CAN

WHAT would you think of a young man, ambitious to become a lawyer, who should surround himself with a medical atmosphere and spend his time reading medical books? Do you think he would ever become a great lawyer by following such a course? No, he must put himself into a law atmosphere, where he can absorb it and be steeped in it until he is attuned to the legal note. He must be grafted into the legal tree so that he can feel its sap circulate through him.

How long would it take a young man to become successful who puts himself into an atmosphere of failure and remains in it until he is soaked to saturation with the idea? How long would it take a man who depreciates himself, talks of failure, thinks of failure, walks like a failure and dresses like a failure—who is always complaining of the insurmountable difficulties in his way, and whose every step is on the road to failure—how long would it take him to arrive at the success goal? Would anyone believe in him or expect him to win?

The majority of failures began to deteriorate by doubting or depreciating themselves, or by losing confidence in their own ability, says a writer in *Success*. The moment you harbor doubt and begin to lose faith in yourself, you capitulate to the enemy. Every time you acknowledge weakness, inefficiency, or lack of ability, you weaken your self-confidence, and that is to undermine the very foundation of all achievement.

So long as you carry around a failure atmosphere, and radiate doubt and discouragement, you will be a failure. Turn about face, cut off all the current of failure thoughts, of discouraged thoughts. Boldly face your goal with a stout heart and a determined endeavor, and you will find that things will change for you; but you must see a new world before you can live in it. *It is to what you see, to what you believe, to what you struggle incessantly to attain, that you will approximate!*

Jackson

DEAR BROTHER: The Lord is blessing me in so many ways that I do not know just how to put it into words. However, I will tell one of my experiences.

I started up a hollow in which a number of poor families were living, and took an order in every house but one. When I got to the last house, I took three orders.

I started back and on passing a house in which I had taken an order, a man stopped me and said he heard that I had a good book, and gave me an order. I was invited in to dinner by the man of the house. I was asked a few questions, and the Lord answered them through me with such power that they said they had never heard such things before. Then we had prayer and I left. I took eighteen orders that day.

Pray for me that God may use me to bring souls into the truth. Your brother in the truth,

E. J. C. SHARP.

WITH THE WORKERS

St. John, N. B.

WELCOME VISITOR: It has been quite a long time since I have written for your columns, but will now endeavor to speak once more to my many friends in Ohio.

We have been here almost seven months, and from the first to the present time have been pleased that we came, as we are needed at this place. We are persuaded to believe that God will point out the way if we will only respond.

We have a membership of fifty-three at St. John. Two have been added since our coming, and seven more have expressed a desire to unite with us. A goodly number with whom we are holding Bible readings are very much interested. In many of our churches in the States, the sisters seem to be in the majority—but this is not so in St. John. It is more equally divided.

Brother Livingstone, a native laborer, is with me for the winter. Our work will consist of visiting and canvassing during the day, and holding Bible readings in the homes of the people in the evening.

We hold a public service every Sunday evening in Foresters' Hall, situated in the center of the city. The interest has increased until the hall is well filled. Our collections so far have twice paid the hall rent. Considering the rigid Sunday law, we feel like congratulating ourselves, and thank God for the success of the work so far. I have sold twenty-five "Christ's Object Lessons" and a few "Daniel and Revelation."

This is a quiet place on Sunday,—no trains run at all, all stores are closed, except drug stores; no cigars, soda water, or candy can be bought.

Services in all churches begin at 7 P. M. the year around. During the summer months the meetings are over before sundown, so it is truly a Sunday service.

During our general meeting Elder D. E. Lindsey, president of the Quebec Conference, Elder Thurston, and Professor Griggs stopped with us, and it seemed like home indeed to have the company of these tried servants of the Lord.

The cost of living is very high. Flour is \$7.20 a barrel; potatoes, sixty-five cents a bushel; butter, thirty-five cents a pound; and eggs, thirty cents a dozen. This is not a farming country; and as the ocean liners make the bay here their winter quarters on account of the high tide

(thirty feet), and it takes so much to supply them, we must pay the price or do without. Goods from the States pay a duty of thirty-five per cent. We are glad to read the VISITOR and would be pleased to read articles from all of our Ohio friends.

With love to all our Christian friends, your brother in Christ,
J. O. MILLER.

We can all appreciate Brother Miller's remarks on the cost of the necessities of life. This is but another indication of the signs of the times. While some of us do live in farming districts, we find the prices run pretty much the same, as city prices are the general rule. Flour is \$6.50 a barrel; potatoes \$1.00 to \$1.25 a bushel; butter twenty-six to thirty cents a pound, and eggs thirty cents a dozen. Perhaps these prices may assist us in adopting the bill of fare the Lord has said we must adopt, of necessity, a little farther on in the Message. The Lord has promised that the bread and water of the faithful shall be sure.—ED.

Zanesville

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: I promised you last month that I would try to report my work every month, let it be little or much.

I have been carrying on my usual work visiting from house to house, handling *Life and Health* as an entering wedge. I found it very hard to get into the houses to hold Bible readings. Therefore I use the printed page to warn the people of the soon coming of Jesus. I have been holding meetings every two weeks in the Rechabite Hall with a very good outside interest.

We held our quarterly meeting October 12. Three united with the church on profession of faith. The Trinway sisters came down and joined with us in the exercises of the day. Also the new converts from Axline who have recently accepted the truth under the faithful efforts of brethren Fairchild and Marietta.

We were all made to feel the presence, and power of God in each service. One dear brother who recently has decided to obey the commandments of God, finds a great deal of opposition in his home. But he is proving faithful, and I believe he will come off victorious.

I am of good courage in the Message, and am sure that Jesus is soon to come and take his faithful ones home. I am praying daily for each faithful servant of Jesus that he may make them a power for good. May God bless his cause in Ohio is the prayer of your brother in Christ,

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MRS. STEINBAUGH, and daughter have gone for a visit with relatives and friends in Indiana.

MRS. U. E. WHITEIS, of Columbus, O., has rented property in Academia, and will reside here while her son attends College.

WE trust that the special numbers of the *Signs and Watchman* may be freely circulated. Now is the time to scatter these silent messengers like the leaves of autumn.

WE are glad to say that three-fourths of the Sabbath-school secretaries have sent in their reports. Nearly all our large schools are among the one-fourth yet to be heard from. We would be so pleased and helped to receive these this week. Why can it not be possible?

ELDERS H. H. BURKHOLDER and C. T. Redfield spent Sabbath, October 6, with the Powell church. The ordinances were celebrated, and a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord was enjoyed by all present. The church building has been recently treated to a new coat of paint which adds very much to its appearance.

SISTER ANNA RICE, a Bible worker in Columbus, writes as follows, "Sister Gadd, who is in poor health, desires to find a permanent home for her little son who is ten years old. She can no longer take care of him, and would like to place him in a good Seventh-day Adventist home." The boy is staying with Brother S. M. Seibert while his mother is in the hospital, and any one who can fulfil Matt. 25:35-40 in this case should address Mrs. Gadd, care of S. M. Seibert, 1529 Walsh Ave., Columbus, O.

MRS. WILLIAM RICHARDS, of Findlay, sister of Mrs. E. E. Mackin, of Lima, is very sick with typhoid fever. We hope the VISITOR readers will remember Sister Richards in their devotions.

LATER.—We are glad to know that Sister Richards is improving and will get along alright.

QUITE a number of subscriptions for the WELCOME VISITOR expired October 1, and others will expire November 1. These either have been or will be sent the blue pencil mark. We have concluded to be unusually generous, and date all subscriptions, whether renewals or new subscriptions, to Jan. 1, 1909. Send in your subscription immediately.

WE desire to call special attention to the article on "How to Make Opening, Closing and General Exercises in the Sabbath-school Most Profitable." This paper was read at the Convention held on the College campus last July. We earnestly ask all our Sabbath-school workers and young people to procure this excellent pamphlet which contains a full account of what was said and done at that time, and give it a careful and prayerful study.

THE Test Questions for the use of intermediate and primary teachers will be given in the December *Sabbath-school Worker*, and thereafter once a quarter. These are to form the basis for written examinations. Teachers not taking the *Worker* will thus deprive the children they teach of the drill other children are getting. Let every friend of the children encourage every teacher to use the help offered in the *Worker*. The *Worker* in every English-speaking school is an ideal possible to reach.

IT is with deep regret we mention the disastrous fire that occurred at Union College, Sunday evening, October 6. The College had opened with the most encouraging outlook in the last ten years. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, and the destruction of the heating, lighting, and industries departments, besides the cellar storage and some students' rooms, will prove a very great inconvenience to all concerned. However, while we sympathize with those in charge of the College, we earnestly hope and pray that the brethren in that district will remember the admonition, "Bear ye one another's burdens," and come to their assistance. We all need to walk so carefully before the Lord, that when these calamities come upon us we may know it is not because of anything that is not in harmony with his will.

A FORMER STUDENT

BROTHER HARVEY SHROCK, who has been visiting for a little more than a week with his grandmother and sister of Ligonier, Ind., left last Thursday for Washington, D. C., with the intention of entering the Foreign Missions Seminary. He will take such a course as will best fit him for work in China.—*The Wisconsin Reporter*.

Brother Shrock was a student of Mount Vernon Academy for several years, and his Ohio friends are glad to wish him abundant success.

Mount Vernon Academy has its representatives in nearly all countries, and our prayer is that Mount Vernon College will continue to add to the list of workers in the needy places of the Master's vineyard.—ED.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Oct. 11, 1907.)

Mary Hubble, Perry Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 14½ hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$7; total, \$22.

A. L. Bassler,* Richland Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 64 hours; value of orders, \$50; helps, \$18.25; total, \$68.25.

Florence Carter, Perry Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 15½ hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$3.25; total, \$18.25.

E. J. C. Sharp, Scioto Co.—Bible Footlights: 37 hours; value of orders, \$56.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 16 hours; value of orders, \$18; helps, \$3.75; total, \$21.75; deliveries, \$1.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 37 hours; value of orders, \$27.50

Bertha Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 6 hours; value of orders, \$4; helps, \$.75; total, \$4.75; deliveries, \$1.

Mrs. Carrie Rankin, Cleveland.—Coming King: 10½ hours; value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$.75; total, \$9.25; deliveries, \$6.

Mary E. McClure, Muskingum Co.—Coming King: 11 hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$4.75; total, \$5.75.

Fannie Stevens, Newburg.—Coming King: 8 hours; value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$.75; total, \$13.25.

Total value of orders.....\$207.50
Total value of helps 39.25

Grand total.....\$246.75

Total deliveries.....\$ 8.00

*Three weeks.