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WILL IT PAY.

The world is bidding for men, women and the youth. It has the work, it has the money and it has the pleasure, and all this will it give to those who will serve. Offers are hung out on every hand, calling young and old to serve for "that which perisheth." But you are ready to ask, is it wrong to work? Let the pen of inspiration answer. If any would not work, neither should he eat. Then if it is not wrong to work, is it wrong to work for money? God did not say money is the root of all evil, but "the love of money is the root of all evil."

It is right to earn money when we can earn it without disobeying God to do so. The world so controls the work, and means that is paid out for labor, that it is becoming more and more difficult for the man who loves God and keeps his commandments, to find a place where he can earn that which will keep the wolf from the door. Thus, many are saying, will it pay for me to struggle along, living in obedience to the commands of God with so little of this world's goods, while the world is bidding for my brain and time? Come with me, dear reader, and let us look into the great storehouse of God, and see what we can find. Listen to these words: "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the

riches of many wicked. * * * The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever." Speaking of the commandments he says: "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold, and in keeping of them there is great reward."

Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him? "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Will it pay? G. F. WATSON.

KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

Jude writes to the beloved in Christ:—"Keep yourselves in the love of God." v. 21. This is the only safe place for a child of God. Upon the strength of the ship depends the safety of the passengers. A poor ship is liable to founder in any storm; a good ship will breast the billows of the sea. There are many ships to-day which claim heaven as their destination; but only one will reach that place and that is the love of God. No matter how good the ship may be, and how safe it is for passengers, it cannot save the passenger unless he remains on it. If he jumps overboard he is lost in spite of the good ship. The love of God is the ark of safety; it has been tried and found perfect. It is the only ship that can cross life's tempestuous sea and land us safe on "heaven's peaceful shore," but we must remain on it.

"Being rooted and grounded in love" is another divine injunction. The prophetic watchman directs our attention to the fact that in the last days the "love of many shall wax cold." This means to be crippled in

spiritual growth. Love is the element, the ground in which we are to grow, and when the soul becomes destitute of that element, it is gradually dwarfed and crippled.

To be rooted and grounded in love is a condition of happiness and blessing to the soul. It not only brings peace when everything around us runs smoothly according to our wishes, but also when everything goes against us. It is a condition in which we can rest composedly and unwaveringly in the adversities of life and exclaim with the Apostle, "Let us also rejoice in our tribulation." For those who are in the love of God there is no danger of trials and difficulties doing them any harm, but the very opposite is true. The essential element of Christianity is not so much "good feeling" as "good will." It is the will that voluntarily subordinates itself to the will of Christ, that fights the good fight, and overcomes. It is not in the shining leaves nor the swaying branches that the strength of the sturdy oak is found, but in the deep roots fastening themselves in the soil, bringing trunk and twig into life growing connection with the earth—a connection kept up whether the atmosphere be calm or tempestuous, dark or radiant, frozen as in January or fiercely hot as in July. Our Christianity does not depend upon feeling, but is strongest when the soul lives by faith, not by feeling or sight. Faith will sooner or later bring feeling, but it is the faith that works by love in which the soul lives and grows whether there be good or bad feeling, or no feeling at all.

The love of God at work in the soul is a fact, a force, and an active principle, a root that holds on whether it has joy or sorrow, elation or depression; a force that steadily pushes forward and keeps the eye stayed upon Him who said, "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love

one another, as I have loved you; that ye also love one another." That changes us into "the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord." S. F. SVENSSON.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK.

Since coming from St. Louis, I have given some time to the study of religious liberty work, and how we can engage in it in a practical way the present winter. Dr. Craft, of Washington, D. C., recently spent two days in this city, speaking of the reforms necessary in successfully advocating a world's fair from a moral standpoint. Many of his suggestions were excellent, but very insidiously he brought in as chief among the needed reforms, the Sunday closing of the exposition. He boasted that the reform bureau which he represented had already secured an act of Congress, closing the St. Louis Exposition on Sunday, and that he had the honor of drafting the bill. He said also that they had successfully conducted through Congress fifteen other acts during the last four years.

The fact that so much success had attended their engineering of reform legislation seemed to give new inspiration to their work. One feature upon which I noticed that he builded with much confidence was the fact that President Roosevelt was in sympathy with their reform work.

How significantly all these items show that we are living in the closing events of unfulfilled prophecy! They are planning to make the present winter a season of special education along Sunday-closing lines by sending out literature for free distribution all over the country in defense of the Sunday-closing act of the Louisiana purchase exposition and other reforms.

Now what are we going to do at this time? A word to the wise is sufficient. It needs no argument to convince those who are loyal to the message that we now have opportunity to educate the people upon the principles of religious liberty. Shall we be awake to our opportunities or allow the people to go unwarned into the deceptive trap of religious liberty? The third angel's message is in the world to meet this very issue. We are here to proclaim it. This winter will be an opportune time to distribute literature that will educate the people. Ask your Tract Society officers for a list of suitable tracts and send in your order and prepare for work at once, and the Lord will bless you in the proclamation of the message. R. C. PORTER.

FIELD REPORTS.

Roswell, N. M.

Our *Signs* club came this week on Wednesday and in two days I have taken eighteen three months' orders, and given three Bible readings. We are having our tract envelope printed and will begin the tract work Monday. We pray for good results. Unite with us. MILO WARFLE.

Florence.

We had good meetings during the week of prayer, and truly felt the presence of the Lord in our midst. The free will offerings amounted to \$12.55, although our people are poor; and there is still more to come in.

We feel encouraged to press onward. We enjoyed a few days service with Brother Wilson of Pueblo. Truly we can say, the Lord is good, for He hath greatly blessed us.

MATTIE A. MOORE, Clerk.

Wray.

We held our regular quarterly meeting and celebrated the ordinances, thus pledging ourselves to help one another to tread the narrow path, and renewing our vows to labor for perishing souls for whom Christ shed His precious blood. The Lord gave us a rich blessing.

The week of prayer was a feast of good things. All received much encouragement to go forward and stand firm for the Master. Remember this little company at the throne of grace.

MRS. ANNA MORTON, Clerk.

Alamosa and Bowen.

On our arrival in the valley we found help sadly needed on all sides. We feel that this part of the vineyard has been neglected, hence the reason we have stayed longer than we expected to. Our audiences have grown both in number and interest from the first. Three souls have taken their stand for Christ and several others are in the valley of decision. The baptismal service is set for Sunday, the 26th inst. Tomorrow (Sabbath, the 18th,) we expect so devote the day to the study of the Sabbath-school work in Alamosa.

The Lord willing, we will commence a series of meetings in Monte Vista on Sunday night.

MALCOLM MACKINTOSH.

Longmont.

We enjoyed the week of prayer meetings so much and I am confident

each one who was able to attend at all has been benefited. Their zeal and courage are revived and refreshed, and we are determined to keep the spirit of God with us that has come to us afresh at this time, and thus be able to show forth the goodness of God.

We very much appreciated the faithful labor of Dr. Hills among us. We celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house and all present took part heartily, and the spirit of the loving Jesus drew us nearer together.

Our church officers for the year 1902, were elected by ballot.

ELIZABETH NICKS.

La Veta.

My first visit to the above named place was Jan. 3-6, 1902. During this time six sermons were preached, besides other meetings. For years this little company of worshipers was driven from place to place, having none of their own in which to hold their meetings. But by the blessing of the dear Lord, they gave to His service, Jan. 5, a neat little church house, free of debt. I do not remember of ever meeting a company more thankful than this church for a place of their own in which to worship.

My short stay with them was a pleasant one, and I hope to return some time when I can stay longer.

May the great God bless them much.

G. F. WATSON.

Greeley.

Doubtless you will be pleased to hear a word from Greeley. Our quarterly meeting was held at the appointed time. Nearly forty were present. Having no place of worship we met at a private residence which has always been open for our meetings. We elected our officers for the coming year and also celebrated the ordinances. During the past year there has been distributed many thousand pages of tracts and papers which showed a rising and going forward to victory on the part of the church.

I think the readings during the week of prayer had something to do with the increased interest in our meeting at this time, which was a stimulus to our people to face another year's work with renewed vigor and courage.

WM. H. BROWN.

Victor.

The work in Victor is onward. We had excellent meetings during the week of prayer and the Lord came very near to His little flock. We were glad to

have Bro. and Sister Hills of Villa Grove with us a part of the time. We all received of the spirit of the readings and are anxious to practice their teachings. They were timely and should stir us to action as never before, for our time in which to work is very short. May we all arise and gird on the armor anew, run with patience the whole race and receive the overcomer's reward.

We have an interesting Sabbath-school of twenty-seven members. One little boy in our Sabbath-school is doing good missionary work by selling the *Signs*. The profit he makes on the papers he sends for missionary work in far-away India. When we took up the offerings on Dec. 28, he gave 93 cents for India and his little sister gave 10 cents. These children are aged 13 and 6. It would be a great encouragement to the little company here if, when our ministering brethren visit Cripple Creek, they would make us a call.

I am giving Bible readings to a number who are much interested, and some are asking us to come and study the Bible with them. We need your prayers. MINNIE T. PROCTOR.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

The Best Help.

"What can I do to make our Sabbath-school better?" asks a superintendent. "How shall I get my class interested in the lesson?" asks a teacher. "How may I learn to do efficient work?" asks the inexperienced worker. "What shall I do for our unconverted young people and children?" asks a chorus of voices.

Many persons have tried to answer these questions. Skillful and wise teachers have written many books of methods. Superior to them all is the little volume which has been compiled from the Testimonies relating to Sabbath-school work. What is there said of the object of Sabbath-school and qualifications of officers and teachers; of the study of the lesson; of the use of helps in teaching; of the treatment of wayward pupils; of methods and plans of work; all that is there said upon these and other vital topics, reveal the mind of the spirit of God, and can be followed successfully.

This book should be studied, not merely read. As an aid in this study a few leading questions on the book are sent out each month to your Conference Sabbath-school Secretary. It is expected that this worker will pro-

vide each school with a copy of the questions which direct in the month's study, and is suggested that a few minutes of the teachers' meeting might very appropriately be spent in this study. Where this is not practicable, other plans may be devised. We know of no better way to help our schools than to encourage the careful study of this book. If this were done in all our schools, there would be a coming-up of the Sabbath-school work, such as we have not yet known.

How sad it is that it must be said of us, "There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God." It is certainly a poor show of zeal in the service of God when we can pass by unheeded, un-studied, perhaps unread, such instruction as is here given us in the Sabbath-school work.

The price of the book places it within the reach of every family. It is only 25 cents in the cloth binding, and 35 cents in the leather. If any school has not been receiving the questions on the book, address the Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department in your State, or the undersigned, at 705 Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn. MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

"The eye of the mind needs to be educated, or the child will find pleasure in beholding evil."

"Teachers must love the children because they are the younger members of the Lord's family. The Lord will inquire of them as of the parents, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

"Special talent should be given to the education of the little ones. Many can put the crib high and give food to the sheep; but it is a more difficult matter to put the crib low and feed the lambs. This is the lesson which primary teachers need to learn."

Instruction to Secretaries.

We are having considerable trouble of late with the quarterly Sabbath-school reports, and we wish to urge upon the secretaries the importance of making out absolutely correct reports. We make a few suggestions, which, if carefully followed, will save much time and trouble.

Read the financial report blank carefully. The first line is for "total contributions;" place here the sum of all money received from every source. On the next line the amount paid out for expense for the quarter. Do not omit this, please, as we want to know how much it costs to run the school

for the quarter. On the next two lines place the amount for missions and Orphans home as stated. The amount for missions, is the sum remaining after subtracting from the total contributions all other donations and the amount paid out for expense. On the fifth line place all other receipts. In the last line place again the sum of all money received. Make the report in duplicate and give a copy to the Church treasurer to be forwarded with the money to the Conference treasurer.

Turn the money over to the Church treasurer and have him fill out the receipt under the financial report. Send the other report to Mrs. Flora Watson, 1112 So. 11th St., Denver. Do not send her the money with the report, but pay that to the Church treasurer.

In small schools where there is no Church treasurer, send the money direct to the State treasurer, Mrs. Bertie L. Herrell, 1112 So. 11th St. Denver. H.

For Individual Missionary Work.

We understand that a recent ruling of the Postoffice Department prevents our churches from mailing papers to their readers at pound rates. If there were no other plan which could be adopted to remove this difficulty, it would be a serious obstacle to missionary effort in the remailing of the *Sentinel*—the work which so many of our people have been doing for years. This good work certainly must be done, and in order that it may, we suggest the following plan:

Where a club of five or more *Sentinels* is taken, we will mail each of these magazines to addresses which the church (or individuals) may furnish us, at the rate of 20 cents for three months, and the addresses can be changed every three months if desired.

So for \$20 per quarter a church could have 100 copies of the *Sentinel* sent three months to 100 different addresses, and we will do all the work of mailing. Then the next quarter the 100 copies could be sent to 100 new addresses. On the same basis, if a person or a church can only afford five copies, we will mail them to the addresses they may furnish, three months for \$1.

It is, of course, expected that the correspondence with these individuals will be kept up by the members of the churches just the same as though they were mailing the papers each month. What a field there is for this kind of work! Who can use 100 copies or less? Shall we not have 100 churches who will send us lists of 100 names to

whom the *Sentinel* shall be sent for the next three months? How many names will you furnish and pay for the papers to be sent to them?

Address the SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY, 11 W. 20th St., New York City.

A "Sunday" Number.

Such might the January *Sentinel of Christian Liberty* be called, for nearly the whole of it is devoted to a consideration of vital phases of the question of Sunday enforcement. Owing to the present agitation in New York City, a great deal is being said just now with regard to Sunday legislation and the minds of the people everywhere throughout the country are turning to the subject. The Sunday movement is a growing movement, a deep movement, and now is the opportune time to place the *Sentinel* in the hands of the people. The January *Sentinel* is larger than usual, 72 pages being filled with this and other matter of serious import.

The reason people are lead into supporting this movement is from lack of knowledge of its nature. Who will give them the right kind of education, by placing proper reading matter in their hands? How many copies of the January *Sentinel* can you use? It is neat, attractive and should have a circulation of 100,000 copies. Special price on this number, \$5 per 100. Write the Colo. Tract Society immediately and tell them how many copies you will use.

To S. S. Secretaries and Librarians.

Please do not ask the State society to change the address of your club of papers. Simply drop a card to the publishers asking that the address be changed from the *old* to the *new* name. *Be sure* to give the *old* as well as the *new* address. We are asked several times a week to change addresses on clubs of S. S. papers, and we cannot continue to do this.

We order these papers simply as an accommodation to our local schools and spend much postage in ordering, and cannot afford to change addresses every few weeks for every school in the Conference.

Do not glance at this notice and then give it no more thought. Preserve it, carry out its instruction, and pass it on to your successor.

Colo. Tract Society.

The date of the dedication of the Salida church has been postponed from the 18th to the 26th.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder Watson goes to Montrose this week to begin a series of meetings.

Brother French is teaching the church-school at Crawford.

Dr. Hills has been spending a few days at Fort Collins and other northern churches.

Elder Ziegler and Dr. Hills expect to conduct the dedicatory services of the Salida church next Sabbath.

Elder L. A. Spring and wife expect to go to Grand Junction this week to begin work in that place.

Subscriptions for ECHOES are always in place. They never become a back number or grow stale at the office of publication.

The infant daughter of Bro. and Sister Haney was buried last Sabbath. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Richards in the Denver church.

A blue cross on your ECHOES wrapper indicates that it is time for you to renew your subscription. Send in your renewal as soon as the first blue cross appears.

Sunday evening services are held each week in the Denver church, Elder Richards having charge. We are glad to see some who are not of our faith, attending these meetings.

Elder Watson was present with the Denver church the last two Sabbaths and spoke to the large congregation assembled. His subject last Sabbath was "Justification by Faith."

Brother Bates returned from his short visit to the Indian Territory last week. He spent a few hours in Denver and then proceeded to his field of labor at Pueblo, stopping at Colorado Springs over the Sabbath.

The latest improvement at the Colo. Tract Society, in the way of office fixtures, is a telephone. This article has been long needed, and greatly facilitates the work. Our 'phone number is 662 Pink. Preserve the number for future reference.

Since the last issue we have received eighteen subscriptions to the ECHOES. Some of these are renewals and others are new subscriptions. There are still many delinquents who have not yet renewed. Shall we drop these from our list?

One sister who renewed her subscription to the ECHOES this week said:

"I can't see how any Seventh-day Adventist can get along without it. I look for its coming as a dear friend that can tell me all about the dear workers in the field."

Are you studying the Testimonies on Sabbath school work? If not, will you not order a copy of this little book and begin its study? The instruction you receive from it will better fit you for a Sabbath-school worker, and a more able worker in any branch of the work.

The *Life Boat* is an excellent little journal to use in jail and rescue work. Every church ought to have a club for missionary work. What is being done in your locality for these poor unfortunate prisoners? Are you trying to rescue them from the path of sin? If not, can you tell why?

Brother B. R. Nordyke, manager of the Kansas City branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Co., called at the office last week for a short visit. We were glad indeed to meet him again and to receive his counsel with reference to the work. He is now in Oakland, Cal., at the home office of the Pacific Press.

For Reading Rack.

Wanted—Clean copies of the *Signs, Review, Sentinel* and *Good Health* for public reading rack. We very much desire this as our supply is too short to meet the demand.

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