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## OUT OF TOUCH WITH YOUR LORD

Only a smile, yes, only a smile,  
That a woman o'erburdened with grief  
Expected from you; 'twould have given relief,  
For her heart ached sore the while,  
But weary and cheerless, she went away,  
Because as it happened that very day,  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a word, yes, only a word,  
That the Spirit's small voice whispered, "Speak,"  
But the worker passed onward unblessed and weak,  
Whom you were meant to have stirred  
To courage, devotion and love anew,  
Because when the message came to you,  
You were out of touch with the Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note,  
To a friend in a distant land;  
The Spirit said, "Write," but then you had planned  
Some different work, and you thought  
It mattered little. You did not know  
'Twould have saved a soul from sin and woe—  
You were out of touch with the Lord.

Only a song, yes, only a song,  
That the Spirit said, "Sing tonight;  
Thy voice is thy Master's by purchased right,"  
But you thought, "Mid this motley throng,  
I care not to sing of the City of God;"  
And the heart that your words might have reached,  
grew cold—  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day,  
But oh! can you guess, my friend,  
Where the influence reaches and where it will end,  
Of the hours that were frittered away?  
The Master's command is, "Abide in Me;"  
And fruitless and vain will your service be  
If out of touch with the Lord.

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## Editorial

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF UNION COLLEGE

(Concluded)

#### THE DEDICATION

On April 10, 1890, ground was broken for the main College building, and on May 3 the first stone was laid. There were many difficulties in the way, but all were overcome, and the buildings were ready for dedication Sept. 24, 1891. On that occasion the chapel, with a seating capacity of five hundred, was filled to overflowing with citizens from Lincoln, College View, and surrounding country. Elder O. A. Olsen, President of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, presided, and opened the exercises with prayer. Prof. Wm. P. Aylesworth, of Cotner University, conducted the scripture reading. W. C. Sisley presented to the trustees the keys of the College buildings, accompanying the presentation with a history of the work of building. A. R. Henry, on the part of the Trustees, received the keys, and responded in an appropriate address. The chief address of the occasion was delivered by Prof. W. W.

Prescott, the first President of Union College. In this address he emphasized the three leading features of Christian education as consisting of the study of God's word in the revelation of the Bible, the study of His works in nature, and the study of His dealings with men and nations as revealed in history. Chancellor James H. Canfield, of the University of Nebraska, followed with an appropriate speech of welcome delivered in his happiest manner. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Uriah Smith, editor of the *Review and Herald*, Battle Creek, Michigan; and the benediction was pronounced by Elder W. B. White, President of the Nebraska Conference.

#### FIRST BOARD AND FACULTY

The first Board of Managers and the first Faculty of Union College were as follows: Board of Managers: A. R. Henry, President; W. C. Sisley, Secretary; W. B. White; J. P. Gardiner; J. H. Morrison; A. J. Breed; W. W. Prescott. Faculty: William W. Prescott, President; James W. Loughhead, Principal; Charles C. Lewis, Higher English and Hebrew; E. L. Stewart, Mathematics; John A. Hobbs, Biblical History and Literature (Died the day before school opened); C. Walter Irwin, Greek and Latin Languages; George A. Droll, Natural Sciences; Joel C. Rogers, General History; O. A. Johnson, Scandinavian Department;

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PRESIDENTS OF UNION COLLEGE TO DATE

William W. Prescott, 1891—2; James W. Loughhead, 1893—5; Eli B. Miller, 1896; N. W. Kauble, 1897; W. T. Bland, 1898—1900; Lewis A. Hoopes, 1901—1903; Charles C. Lewis, 1904—

A SAD FAREWELL!

We have received from Dr. Julian P. Thomas, "Food Specialist," of New York City, the following sad letter:—

"My dear Friend:—

"In saying good-by to you I inclose some airship and balloon photographs which I hope you will accept and remember me by. Really, I am very sorry to take your name out of my file, but I am compelled to do so as you will not pay any attention to my various letters. I wish to cure you. You will not let me. You are ruining your own life; my life is a success because I am filled with vitality.

"Yours for health,

"Julian P. Thomas, M. D.

"P. S.—If you are interested return

the diagnosis blank. See what I have done for others."

We are disconsolate. We glanced at the genial Doctor's "various letters," but did not recognize their importance. How oft it is thus! We awaken to the value of an opportunity only to realize that it is gone forever. Our would-be benefactor has taken his departure. If there had been any doubt in regard to his intentions that doubt is dispelled by the balloon "photographs," which show him in the basket just before the ropes were cut which held him down to the earth. And now he is really gone, but where? Floating perchance in the cold, unfriendly space about the moon. Oh Doctor! Doctor! how could you leave us to our cruel fate? Come back to us once more, thou alleviator of pain, thou curer of the ills to which the flesh is heir! We did not mean to slight thy kind epistles. Careless we were, we own. Twenty years of perfect health, with scarce an ache or pain, lulled us into fond security, and led us to regard too lightly thy friendly proffers of well-meaning aid. But now we see our fault, and call to mind our mortal nature. We, too, are subject to disease. Nay, we could almost wish we were a little sick, if thereby we might share a measure of that "vitality" which fills thy life and renders it so soaring a success.

## General Articles

### "CRUTCHING"

"Crutching" is next of kin to "Cribbing." Read this:—

"Dear Sir: I have a question for debate,—Resolved, That the commercial methods of Japan are a menace to the rest of the world powers. I am not informed as to what Japan's commercial methods are and would be pleased to have your views on the subject. I have the negative side of the question.

"Yours respectfully, X."

He is after a "crutch." Without one he cannot look tall, yet itches to be thought tall. Fraud taints his motive. He is no victim of misinformation. He knows. He would not like, in the debate, to have his intimates aware how unoriginal his part in it is. He can stand undeserved applause. He even plans for such. How pitiable!

Meanness of this sort is shockingly

common. The writer receives weekly a number of letters like X's, not merely from high school pupils; college students write most of them. Lacking the resolution to study subjects and master sources with their own powers, debate the best they can and accept such praise or criticism as honest effort would earn, they go about to win and wear false honors. The pity of it!

Authorities can be properly used in either of three ways:

1. By quoting them, with clear notice, in words or by quotation marks, that the matter is not your own. 2. In the way of abstracts, resumes, or summaries, giving the substance of their views or thoughts, with credit therefor, in your own language. 3. By mastering said views or thoughts, melting them in your own mental crucible and running them off in your own mental moulds. This thoroughly done, the thoughts are yours as truly as they are the author's.

How can I be sure, in a case where I began with another's matter, that this melting and moulding process has been gone through so that the stuff is now mine? Though a sincere person is rarely in doubt upon an issue of this nature, criteria can be named that might help one decide should uncertainty really arise.

If the thought as it shapes itself in my mind retains much of the other man's language it is not yet fully mine, and if I give it out as mine I am "crutching" or "cribbing." The same is true if, supposing all the language my own, I to any extent follow the other man's order of thought. If thinking is original it will insist that its order and its language-uniform be also original.—*Chancellor E. Benj. Andrews, in The University Journal.*

Your character cannot be essentially injured except by yourself.—*Steven Allen.*

## LETTER FROM GEORGE H. SKINNER

TO THE EDUCATIONAL MESSENGER:—

Five years have passed away since I left Union College, but oft do my thoughts revert to the pleasant years spent in school.

Having entered the Conference work in the state of Iowa soon after leaving school, I was called with others to go to Washington, D. C., and from there to the Province of Quebec, Canada.

Our first field of labor was in the city of Montreal, the metropolis of Canada, a city of about four hundred thousand. Almost every phase of life seemed to wear a different aspect upon our first arrival.

The French Catholic element predominates throughout the province. French customs and laws prevail and progress is slow, as is true of most Catholic countries.

The political views of the people generally are quite liberal; but religiously they are bigoted and narrow. Fear and superstition hold the Catholics to the authority of church and priest. Pride and popularity bind the Protestants to their creed and clergy.

Education, which is the greatest factor in the progress of either individual or state, is divided, and Catholics are taught in their own schools, their own dogmas and traditions. Protestants in many places are so few and scattered that schools for them cannot be maintained. Many grow up knowing very little except that which may be picked up. By far the greatest per-cent of teachers are not qualified and do not even hold a diploma.

The condition of the soil and climate makes farming almost impossible, dairying being the chief industry of this province. Making sugar and syrup is quite an industry at this time of the year, March and April. The "sugar bush" is as much a part of the farm here as the "corn field" in the West.

The great forests are now broken by

clearings, and yet timber abounds upon every side with deer, fox, coon, bear, and other animals. Lumbering is the great occupation for the strong, sturdy Canadian through the long winter months.

Natural resources and beautiful scenery of streams and lakes overhung with verdure, mountains covered with pine, spruce, and hemlock, great rocks and rustic rail fences, with here and there a log house more than compensate for the drawbacks.

The message for to-day should be of greatest interest to the people of Canada. Prior to 1844 Eld. Hutchinson published a paper in Montreal, called *The Voice of Elijah*, upon the Advent message. From that time the other messages followed until to-day the third and last is being proclaimed.

There are about two hundred believers with five or six churches, and three ministers at the present time. There is also a small Sanitarium in operation and two schools with fair attendance. Quebec needs young people of education to give life and strength to the work.

Greetings to all the students of Union College and a prayer that some one will plan on this field for future labor.

I am yours for the Master's work,  
*North Hatley, P. Q., Box 212.*

#### WHAT I FOUND IN THE SOUTH-

ERN FIELD

R. W. PARMELE.

(Continued)

I cannot speak from personal observation concerning the Huntsville school, as I have not yet visited it. But at the Graysville meeting we were favored with a report of it by the principal, W. J. Blake. During the past year the enrolment has been the largest that the school has yet enjoyed. Because of the very serious fire, in which one student lost his life, the school has been some-

what crippled, but the work is still prospering. Three new buildings are being erected to take the place of the one destroyed.

The need of a Sanitarium, and the installation of a small printing plant to be operated in connection with the school was presented. This school being for the training of colored workers, it would certainly be very advantageous to add these facilities. While colored workers could not work successfully in evangelical lines for the white people, as nurses they would be much in demand. Thus a wider field of usefulness would be opened to the students, were a nurses' training course offered.

Thirteen years ago I made a visit to Atlanta, Ga. The *Review and Herald* then had a branch office there in a building owned by themselves. The following incident will serve to suggest the locality in which this building is located:

Elder S. H. Lane, now deceased, told me at that time how he secured the lots for the building. Finding a beautiful plat of ground in a nice part of the city, he asked a colored man who owned the lots. The man replied, "Marsa Grant, sah." Being asked if Mr. Grant would sell them, he replied, "No sah, no sah, He wont sell dem lots to culled people, He wont sell dem to low down white trash. He wont sell dem to nobody but bon-ton white people who's mighty wealthy." Elder Lane replied, "I'm his man." With all the politeness at his command, the colored man then announced the location of Mr. Grant, President of one of the leading southern railways. Upon being visited by Elder Lane, Mr. Grant took an active interest in our work and the property was secured.

While the Graysville meeting was in session, we learned that this building is now used as a Sanitarium, with a growing patronage. Its needs were presented. \$3,750 of the \$150,000 fund is

to be given to this institution. The city of Atlanta is of sufficient importance to entitle it to much more consideration but it seems impossible to do so now.

(To be continued)

## THE CANVASSERS' BAND OF UNION COLLEGE

E. MAX TRUMMER

As we are nearing the close of another year of school at "Old Union" and with it the opening of another summer's campaign for the student canvassers, it will no doubt be interesting to many, to know how the band is progressing.

We are thankful, first of all, for the many blessings of God, which have attended our efforts ever since we organized. And we feel our need of His guidance more and more as we near the time when we shall put in practice the instruction and counsel received.

With a membership of about seventy, fifteen of whom were out in the field last summer, we have endeavored to get hold of the very best ways and means of placing our truth-laden books in the homes of the people.

We have studied such topics as: The importance of evangelistic canvassing; what we should be as such workers; the exalted position of this work as a pioneer of this message of mercy to a dying world; the unequalled fitting up of our young people in this work for other branches of work in this message; the educational and scientific advantages received from it, and many more.

How far reaching our work and influence will be, as scores of our young people take hold of the scholarship plan, cannot be estimated. It will not only enable us to take our courses of study but it will arouse the young people at home to see that they can get an education, too, if they will only improve the splendid opportunities before them. It will help them to see that our books are being sold more now than ever be-

fore. Thus they will fall in line and supply the missing links. This will add materially to the number of students from year to year. Only the record above will tell how many fold has been the harvest. Are there not many more dear young people who will join us in this blessed work? Christ is calling for volunteers in this work, in language like this: "Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men and women who will work without having their way smoothed, and every obstacle removed." Again Christ calls for young men who will volunteer to carry the truth to the world. Men of spiritual stamina are wanted, men who are able to find work close at hand because they are looking for it." "Young men are wanted, who are men of understanding, who appreciate the intellectual faculties that God has given them, and who cultivate these faculties with the utmost care."—*Manual for Canvassers*, pp. 21, 17.

On page forty are these words: "Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work."

The expression, "Where there is one canvasser now there ought to be one hundred," is familiar to some of us. But this will have more meaning as we compare in with the scripture found in Luke 15:4-7. In this parable ninety and nine were safe; only one was without the fold. In the above statement it is vice versa. Only one is in his place, toiling faithfully, perseveringly, at the front in battle. Where are the ninety and nine? On the farm and engaged in the various callings of life, but outside of the vineyard of our heavenly Husbandman, leaving the harvest of heaven to suffer. Shall we not listen to the call of the Master? "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isa. 6:8. Jesus will not let us go alone. No he will go with us. "The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the

canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker."—*Manual*, p. 38.

At the present the band is divided into classes studying the different books. "Great Controversy" is our leader, with a class of twenty-eight; "Bible Readings" has eight. Then comes "Daniel and Revelation" with five; "Desire of Ages" with two; "Heralds of the Morning" with seven; and a class of six in the new book "Home and Health." We thank Jesus, the "Cheifworker," for so many earnest workers.

One hour each week is spent in devotional exercises, the other two in reciting lessons on the books and drilling in giving the canvass, leaving the technical side from now on until the convention, when we shall have with us some of the leading bookmen in the denomination. We believe this will be the best canvassers, convention ever

held at Union College. The last few years have demonstrated that the outlook is bright before us. Come, dear young people, let us enlist for service till Jesus comes. We are the youth on which He is counting to finish this work. Jesus is counting on you and me.

When the storm clouds shall clash together, when men will be bereaved of their families, and lose their homes, what will you, what could you say if some should ask you, "Why did you not tell us about it?" These dear souls belong to Jesus.

Let us say, "Here am I, send me," and labor joyfully. It will only last a little while longer. Soon Jesus will welcome us home. The clear, blue sky appears soon after the storm; the still waters are just beyond the turbid falls; the green pastures just over the steep hills; Canaan just across the Jordan.

## Church School Work

### THE BOY THAT CAN

I wonder who will take the time  
To do the extra things,  
The little in-between-ities,  
Which all the big work brings?

The boy who fills his measure full  
And works by rule and plan—  
When one must give an extra lift,  
He's just the boy that can.

When life's occasions loudly call  
For efforts strange and new,  
Who will have the courage wise  
The untried things to do?

The boy who sticks to common tasks,  
Who's always in the van,  
When one must meet emergencies,  
He's just the boy that can.

—*Julia H. Johnston.*

### EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The child is the central figure in all educational systems; . . . The teacher is the moulder, builder, and architect of his own school. As his conception of education grows and expands daily, so will his workmanship become more perfect and symmetrical. Such high trusts demand consummate skill, rare tact, cultivated taste, and unerring judgment. Earnest, diligent, enthusiastic, and soul inspiring, the true teacher is always a learner.

Every child is a problem to be studied, interpreted and understood rightly. A mere lad is not qualified to preside as a judge in our civil or criminal courts to meet out justice to the people. The judge is a man, learned, or supposed to be learned, in the law. The minister

whose work is a high and sacred one, must keep abreast with those vital issues which will bear directly upon men's present and future happiness. How much more important, then, is it that the teacher should have that profitable knowledge that study and experience can give! The teacher, owing to the relation he sustains to his pupils, is judge, physician, minister, and teacher, all centered in one individual. These sacred trusts are committed to his care.

#### HUMAN TEMPERAMENTS

At a glance an experienced physiologist can tell whether the blood producing, the blood circulating, or the nervous system, predominates in any particular person that may come before him or may be accurately described to him; or he can determine with nice discrimination the relation that these systems bear to one another. Such a knowledge is acquired by observation, experience, and reflection. In the art of healing this knowledge is an essential element. Experienced stockmen will select from a large drove of cattle or horses those animals having peculiar qualities and dispositions. Those judging of animal nature seldom or never make mistakes. Visible differences exist in the fiber or strength of the various kinds of wood that lumbermen well understand. They know what strain or pressure each will sustain, and what weight it will support. Should the teacher's knowledge of those under his care be any the less accurate? Should it not be more so? True; but how can this professional knowledge be acquired? Ans.—By the teachers studying the temperaments of living people, closely, carefully, and intelligently until they can tell in an instant the prevailing temperament or combination of temperaments of any child.

The mind is a unit. It manifests its activity in various directions. A distinct kind of mind energy is called a

faculty of the mind, consequently there are as many faculties of the mind as it has distinct kinds of activity. In like manner the body is one organism constructed on temperamental conditions. The manner of their combination produces tendencies either to mental activity or sluggishness, causing all those varieties in human nature that we observe. When the intellect, sensibility, or will prevail, there is found a corresponding temperamental development, which exerts a controlling influence and shapes and colors the whole character of the possessor. He lives and acts in harmony with his nature. Teachers with eyes, ears, good sense, and inclined to study, can tell what tendencies prevail in the pupils they are called upon to teach. This is justly regarded the key to eminent success. The child in whom the nervous temperament predominates certainly requires different incentives, both in instruction and management, from the one whose temperament is bilious or sanguine or a combination of them.

A word or a smile to one child may be more repellent or attractive than a whipping or a valuable gift to another. A teacher who is a correct judge of human nature knows how to adapt instruction to the capacity of learners. From the very first day that the child of a highly wrought organism enters school, the intelligent teacher feels a deep solicitude for him and advises out-door exercise, frequent rest from study, early bedtime and refreshing sleep. The studious boy, having a compact organism, capacious lung power, and good digestion, needs to work off his superabundant energy in various directions. The school house may be either a prison or a palace to him, depending upon how he is put into it and kept there.

Nervous children, if placed under a calm, self-possessed teacher, one that does not fret and worry and fidget, will

become studious. He will teach them to avoid any excitants that would otherwise strain their nerves to the highest pitch. The teacher who cannot adapt himself to his pupils and who fails to

acquire a firm grasp on their affections by holding in check vicious tendencies and unfolding the better ones, will not succeed in making them useful and honorable members of society.—*Selected.*

## Reading for Improvement

### "THE GREAT SECOND ADVENT MOVEMENT"

#### LESSON III

#### *Chapters XIII-XVII*

1. How do the tokens of divine guidance in behalf of the Advent believers since 1844 compare with the way the Lord manifested Himself in behalf of Israel when in Egypt?

2. Notice how the Spirit of Prophecy was placed in the church, and the special work it did.

3. What do you understand by the "shut door"?

4. What fanatical views were held immediately after Oct. 22, 1844, and how did the Spirit of Prophecy affect the situation?

5. Name five of the strongest reasons why you believe the visions Sister White had and has now are from the Lord.

6. At what time and through whom was the Sabbath question brought to the Advent believers?

7. Under what conditions were the first books on the Sabbath question produced? By whom?

8. Relate some of the experiences that show the spirit of sacrifice, and draw comparisons with conditions existing to-day.

9. Tell how, when, where and by whom the first denominational paper was printed.

### BIBLE FOOTLIGHTS

"Bible Footlights for the Pilgrim's Path" is a new book by Elder W. H. Granger, author of the "Family Bible Teacher." Those who are familiar with the "Bible Teacher" and know the avidity with which thoughtful readers have studied these lessons wherever they have been properly introduced, will be delighted to know that Elder Granger has brought out this valuable book.

It is truly a mine of spiritual information to all who wish help in studying the scriptures. It will doubtless find a ready sale wherever presented, and will certainly lead thinking people to a good understanding of the gospel for the last days. It plainly sets forth the true Bible teaching on all important doctrines, and also presents the fulfillment of many prophecies as evidence to show what will be the future of the nations and religions of this earth, and what the nature and nearness of Christ's second advent.

All the great doctrinal topics which distinguished God's commandment-keeping people from the nominal believers in Christianity, are carefully and candidly presented for the interested seeker for truth. It will please, interest, instruct and win souls for Christ by revealing the beautiful harmony and simplicity of our Father's plans for man.

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## Young People's Work

### THE CHRISTIAN'S INFLUENCE UPON HIS EVERY DAY ASSOCIATES

MARY E. KINNEBURGH

It is almost impossible for us to estimate the power of our influence over others. It is startling when we pause to consider it. There have been times when the single look of an eye has changed destinies. There have been meetings of only a moment which have left their impressions for life or for eternity.

We cannot understand the mystery of influence. We can only think of the Saviour as he traveled from place to place healing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, and blessing the children. His influence was felt by all around him, softening and subduing even the hardest and coarsest heart. He seemed to bring a glimpse of heaven to those buried in moral darkness, and as a plant turns its leaves instinctively to the sunlight so the eager throng turned to the sunshine of his presence. His gentle influence pervaded all, and motley rabble listened while Jesus fed them with the bread of heaven.

Nowhere is the influence of Jesus more clearly shown than in the lives of his twelve apostles. Some of them were rough, ignorant, awkward fishermen, greedy, covetous, over-confident, and boastful, yet the influence of that

three and one-half years' ministry changed them to humble, contrite, faithful followers bold and courageous only for the Master's service.

Like as a rough, unhewn block of marble under the artist's chisel becomes his beautiful thought realized, so these simple fishermen became more like the Christ; for in beholding we become changed. There never has been another such life as Christ's, but to each one of his followers he imparts some of the Christ-like influence, the gentle power of winning souls. That is one thing that Christ expects of his children—that we will let those who are in moral darkness see some of the glimpses of the heavenly such as we ourselves have received.

Christians are as lights set along the pathway of life, to help other souls who are struggling heavenward, so our lights should never flicker or grow dim, but ever be burning bright and clear, filled with the oil of grace and ever trimmed.

Alas for the Christian whose lamp grows dim, and at last flickers and goes out in the darkness. Only will the great judgment day reveal how many poor, sin sick souls, struggling up the pathway of life had fastened their eyes upon that light. A noble ship is fighting its way through the fierce waves in danger of being cast on treacherous rocks by the tempest. The crew keep their eyes

ever on the welcome light shining from the distant light-house.

If the light-house keeper is true to his task the worthy ship may ride safely through the waves to the desired haven. But O the sorrow and the suffering when the great light goes out and the noble ship, after its brave struggle with wind and wave, strikes upon a hidden rock, goes down, and the icy waves cover the ship and all the human souls on board! Terrible as this picture may be yet more terrible is it for the Christian to let his light grow dim and burn out, so that through him souls are sent into moral and spiritual darkness to sink beneath the waves of a great eternity that knows no awakening.

### MISSIONARY LETTERS.

MEADE MAC GUIRE

Of the various lines of missionary work in which we are engaged, that of correspondence is by no means of least importance. Every one who has received an earnest, Christian letter can testify of its potency in turning the channel of his thoughts, and the contents of such a letter may remain in the mind for weeks or months, accomplishing a silent but powerful work in molding the thoughts and purposes of the life.

"The divine love is ever seeking to win our attention by messengers innumerable; now by the appalling storm, again by a summer sunset; now by an awful providence, again by a great joy; at times by stern prophets and teachers, but more often by the gentle human agencies" of which the one we are considering is an excellent example.

A letter written by a follower of Jesus should, like the writer himself, have a definite *purpose* and a definite *character*. To make it more simple we might mention what seems to us should be three of the leading characteristics of a missionary letter.

1. It should bear a message of love.

2. It should breathe a spirit of true refinement, purity and nobility.

3. It should ring with a definite purpose.

And all three should combine in no uncertain manner in emphasizing our solemn relation to the last message now going to the perishing world.

Our object in this article is to point out one simple means by which we may improve in our letter writing and make it more effectual in accomplishing the desired results.

When reading a book, magazine, or periodical, mark the passages that attract your attention and impress you deeply. Have a little book in which to copy them, and then when writing a letter, make use of those which would be appropriate for the occasion. The Testimonies especially abound in gems of spiritual truth which may be used most effectively in this way.

To illustrate the thought, and also the three characteristics mentioned above, we will give a few brief quotations.

1. "The universe is all my Father's house. I am never for a moment lost sight of. Wherever I am, I am like a little child playing outside the door while its mother, unseen, is watching it from the window."—*Roe*.

"Among so many, can He care?  
Can special love be everywhere?  
A myriad homes, a myriad ways—  
And God's eye over every place?"

"I asked, My soul bethought of this:  
In just that very place of His  
Where He hath put and keepeth you,  
God hath no other thing to do."  
—*Whitney*

2. "A great name among men is like letters traced in sand, but a spotless character will endure through all eternity."—*White*.

"Couldst thou in vision see  
Thyself the man God meant,  
Thou never more wouldst be  
The man thou art, content."

3. "A human being opposing God's will is like a ship beating against wind and tide to certain wreck."

"Suppose a doctor should address his patients through a speaking trumpet and hand them his remedies on a very long rod. Death would laugh at his efforts. People can be saved only as Christ saved them. We must go where they are, lay our hands on them, and look sympathy and hope right into their eyes. If Christ's followers would only do this, how many more might be rescued who now seem hopelessly given over to evil."

—Roe.

"Greatly begin; though thou have time  
But for a line, make that line sub-  
lime.

Not failure, but low aim, is crime."

—Browning.

When we write for Jesus' sake the thoughts the Holy Spirit has impressed upon our minds, we may be sure the same Spirit will co-operate with us and will deepen the impression made upon the mind of our friend. Let us pray for God's blessing that we may excel in this and all other lines of missionary effort.

#### "INNOCENT AMUSEMENTS"

The following letter sent by Bro. Meade MacGuire to the young people of Colorado presents a very solemn question, and will be read with interest, I believe, by all.

M. E. K.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE:—

It is now six months since our last campmeeting. A few days ago I received a letter from which I will quote a few words.

"My mind goes back to the campmeeting, when all were asked to stand who would endeavor to bring a soul to Christ before the next campmeeting. I trust the Lord may see fit to use me in bringing this dear soul into the fold."

I wonder if the promise made by the large number who rose has been kept constantly in mind, and has been the greatest purpose of our lives. I know that some have been working earnestly and prayerfully, and that God is blessing their efforts. Many are diligently sowing the precious seed, and they will surely reap if they faint not.

I know you are all watching with deep interest the progress of the Young People's Work in our conference, and praying for its success. We rejoice to see how God has blessed our efforts, and the splendid progress that has been made in this work during the past year.

In visiting the churches and corresponding with scores of young people, I have had special opportunities of observing the plans and snares of the enemy to cripple and weaken this work. I am writing to you, feeling sure that those who are at work and praying for the advancement of the young people will be glad to consider means of thwarting the enemy's purposes and avoiding his snares.

The remark is often made that young people *must* have some amusement and so the attempt is made to provide so-called "innocent amusement." We heartily agree that the children and youth should have pleasure and enjoyable recreation, but we have noticed that the Devil is always on hand with plenty of suggestions about furnishing the "innocent amusement."

I am going to copy for you a little story I read some time ago, also some quotations from the Testimonies on this question of amusements, and I earnestly beg of you, dear young men and women, and especially those who are leaders, to give these thoughts careful and prayerful consideration. The story is entitled

#### HOW ONE GIRL HELPED THE ENEMY

Revival services were in progress. The pastor had labored for two weeks to arouse the church to activity. The interest was steadily rising, and outsiders were beginning to come. Showers of grace were beginning to fall. The Devil was becoming alarmed.

Just then the pastor and the officials and church members, and even the more thoughtful 'sinners' were surprised at the announcement that Miss—, one of the leading members of the Young

People's Society, was to give a party; that numerous invitations had been sent out; and that the young people of the congregation were going to attend.

Many of them did attend. It was an evening of fun and frivolity, well calculated to dispel religious thought and feeling. There were many empty seats at the church that night. The pastor's face was pale, and his eyes betrayed the fact that he had been weeping. The 'faithful ones' looked into each other's faces and mutely expressed their sorrow. Everyone was depressed. The meeting was fruitless. But the devil was more than satisfied. It required a week to recover from the shock which the thoughtless girl had given the revival."

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before our young which they have not anticipated. They are to be brought into the most distressing perplexity. The genuineness of their faith will be proved. They have not been willing to give up the world, but have united with them, have attended picnics and other gatherings of pleasure, flattering themselves that they are engaging in innocent amusement. Yet I was shown THAT IT IS JUST SUCH INDULGENCES THAT SEPARATE THEM FROM GOD, AND MAKE THEM CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. God does not own the pleasure seeker as His follower."—*Test., Vol. I, p. 269.*

"Parties for frivolous, worldly pleasure, gatherings for eating, drinking, and singing, are inspired by a spirit that is from beneath. THEY ARE AN OBLATION TO SATAN.—*Vol. VIII, p. 66.*

"I do not recommend pleasure parties where young people assemble together for mere amusement, to engage in cheap, nonsensical talk, and where loud, boisterous laughter is to be heard. I do not recommend this kind of gathering, where there is a letting down of dignity, and the scene is one of weakness and folly. Many times young men for whom heavenly intelligencies have been waiting in order to number them

as missionaries for God, are drawn into the gatherings for amusement, and are carried away with Satan's fascinations."—*Ib. p. 223.*

"The hours often spent in amusement that refreshes neither body nor soul, should be spent in visiting the poor, the sick, and the suffering, or in seeking to help someone who is in need."—*Vol. VI, p. 276.*

There are many more solemn words of warning and counsel along this line in the Testimonies which we would do well to study and heed.

Again and again I have seen such parties as are here condemned used by Satan as an entering wedge into a young people's society, so effectually crippling the real purpose of the organization that the society had to be broken up. Let us be very careful that we do not foster and encourage a principle which can bring only perplexity and finally disaster to our work.

We are here in this world, NOT TO SEEK FOR A GOOD TIME FOR OURSELVES, BUT TO SEEK AND SAVE THAT WHICH IS LOST. May God help us to be loyal to our calling and our Master.

"Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The day is at hand when the destiny of every soul will be fixed forever. The day of the Lord hastens on apace. The false watchmen are raising the cry, 'All is well;' but the day of God is rapidly approaching. It overtakes the pleasure lover and the sinful man as a thief in the night. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised."—*Special Testimony.*

Let us use great care to avoid everything that will weaken our spiritual and moral powers, and give the enemy the advantage in our lives. In our next letter we may mention some other points on which the enemy is striving to overthrow us.

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## News and Notes

### STUART ACADEMY NOTES

Thousands of berry plants are being shipped by the Academy at present.

Bro. C. W. Hollingsworth of Correctionville, Ia., spent one day of last week at the Academy with his daughter, Effie.

Spring work opened for the Academy farm Sunday, March, 24, and it is progressing nicely. An acre of potatoes and considerable garden have been planted.

Among the students who recently returned to their homes for spring work are, Carl Lienbaum, Walter Caviness, Spurgeon Peterson, Ernest Nelson, Goldie and Carrie Williams.

Bessie Stanfield, of Boone, Iowa, is visiting her sister Emily, one of the senior students of the Academy. She is on her way to Libertyville to teach a spring term of church school.

Prof. Floyd Bralliar was absent from the Academy a few days last week, working in the interest of the church school work in this state, Bessie Stanfield took charge of his classes during that time.

The Academy lawn is being beautified by the planting of some shade trees and other shrubbery.

Bro. A. F. Ferguson, of Stuart, Ia., recently closed a course of meetings twelve miles south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Starr, who have been laboring at Fontanelle, Ia., recently visited the Academy.

### MISCELLANEOUS

James Johnson made a short trip to Omaha last week.

Miss Edith Barbee is at her home at Wakeney, Kansas.

U. E. Owen is teaching church school at Hartington, Neb.

Bruce H. Shaw is now canvassing for "Heralds of the Morning" in Grand Junction, Colo.

Miss Essie Ferguson, who taught the church school at Council Bluffs, Iowa, is now teaching a spring term of two months at Exira, Iowa.

Word comes to us from Pitkin, Colorado, of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pearson. The Messenger extends congratulations.

The Kansas Teachers' Institute will open May 6, and continue six weeks. All who attend, expecting to take up school work this year, will have their railroad fare to and from the institute paid by the conference. Board and room may be secured at \$2.00 per week, \$1.25 of which will be paid by the conference.

The following extract is taken from a letter received from Elder Luther Warren acknowledging receipt of the Messenger, a subscription to which was presented to him by his friends: "Please say 'Thank you' to all who are to blame for this kindness. I shall hope to be able to do something some time to show my appreciation. May God bless the Messenger and all connected with it. Mrs. Warren and I are both sick and letters have been neglected. We are slowly improving and hope to have some place in the work again. These are stirring times. Somebody must be true blue for God. Tell any friends you see that we are of good courage. I hope College View will send a strong army into the field this year."

Clem Benson is looking after his interests in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Crawford have been in Chicago for some time.

Miss Callie Brown is the stenographer at the Kansas Conference Office, Topeka, Kan.

Elder R. C. Porter and wife started Monday, April 1, on their trip to Europe. They will attend the General Conference council to be held in Switzerland.—*Kansas Worker*.

Miss Anna Olson, who lived with Elder N. P. Nelson's family a few years ago, was in College View recently en route from Oklahoma to Wyoming. She will be with Mrs. Ida Nelson-Nethery this summer.

#### NEBRASKA SANITARIUM SIFTINGS

Mrs. Norwood *nee* Katie Lavarie of Maywood, Neb., spent a few days visiting at the Sanitarium recently.

The evening of April 7 marked the end of one epoch and the beginning of another in the history of the class of '07 of the Nebraska Sanitarium. It closed the two-year period of training for their profession with its toils and trials and ushered in a period of unknown length, during which they shall take up the responsibilities incident to their work. As soft strains of music were played by Mrs. Shryock, a body of nurses marched to the front of the church and the eight graduates took their places in the midst of an embankment of flowers and palms. After Prof. C. C. Lewis invoked the blessing and presence of God, the congregation united in singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," which so fittingly expressed the same thought that their motto contained; namely, "Nearer God, Nearer Humanity." This was arched and illuminated above them in their class colors. Prof. E. C. Kellogg delivered the address, followed by a violin solo by Miss Kate Sanborn. In behalf of the class Miss Opal Carner spoke, and Mr. Adam Schmidt then rendered a vocal solo. The class, of which the members were, Opal Carner, Carrie George, Rena Graves, Marie Hough, Anna Johnson, Florence Marrs, Martha Segebartt and Nellie Streeter, were then presented with diplomas by Dr. George, after which the eight sang their class song, "Here Am I, Send Me." Professor Kern pronounced the benediction.

Miss Addie Swartz writes us that she is now engaged in nursing, in Topeka, Kansas.

The Nebraska Sanitarium is installing a new \$3000 Otis electric elevator.

Miss Essie Barber has gone to Edmonton, Alberta, to assist in the sanitarium work at that place.

Miss Maude Carner, who came to attend her sister's graduating exercises, will remain with us for a short time, to assist with the work in the Sanitarium.

Miss Nellie Streeter, who has just completed her Nurses' Course, returned to her home in Petersburg, Neb. After a much needed rest she will resume her work at nursing.

Miss Emilie Johnson has been called home on account of the sickness and death of her sister, Miss Hannah Johnson, who was a graduate nurse of the Nebraska Sanitarium.

Mr. Arnold Kambly, the cook at the Des Moines Sanitarium, and previous to that, cook at the Nebraska Sanitarium, left last week for Switzerland and France to visit his home and relatives.

#### COLORADO SANITARIUM DOINGS

Orrie Carr and John Clarke recently visited in Boulder.

Our Sanitarium recently enjoyed a visit from J. W. and C. A. Dorcas and D. W. Dwier of Iowa. Brother Dorcas was looking up the health food business.

Our Surgical Ward is full at present, and although most of the cases were quite serious, we are glad to report that without exception all are making excellent recoveries.

Mr. Arthur Jones made a short call on friends in Boulder recently. He has a ranch near Wellington, Colorado, and expects to pursue studies in vocal music in Denver, this fall.

Prof. Herbert Owen, who has been laboring for seven years in Spanish Honduras, has given some very interesting illustrated lectures in the Sanitarium parlor, describing the manners and customs of the people of that country, and his efforts for the advancement of the gospel among them.

Mrs. W. B. Davy has been obliged to discontinue her work in the nurses' course at the Colorado Sanitarium. On account of her husband's failure in health, they have moved on to a farm in the mountains. Brother Davy is making rapid improvement.

#### COLLEGE VIEW HAPPENINGS

Miss Neva Buckridge, a last year's student, recently stopped in College View.

The Bank of College View has laid the foundation for a substantial building.

Elder S. Mortensen of Chicago, spent Sabbath, March 30, in College View, and spoke to the Scandinavians in their chapel Sabbath afternoon.

Miss Clara Nelson, a former student of Union College, recently visited friends in College View. Miss Nelson is a graduate of the 1906 Nurses' Class of the Boulder Sanitarium.

Elder Fred Stebbeds and wife of Wisconsin, recently spent a day in College View visiting friends. They were returning to their home after spending some time visiting Mrs. Stebbeds' parents, at Seward, Neb.

Bro. C. C. Jensen, who has been chosen by the Scandinavian brethren to go to Abyssinia, stopped off in College View for a few days of last week. He addressed the students Wednesday morning at the chapel hour, and also the Scandinavian friends the evening of that day.

Miss Mary Kinniburgh left College View April 11, for a short visit with relatives at Tecumseh, Neb. Later she will go to Colorado. For four years Miss Kinniburgh has given efficient service in our church school, but failing health has made this change necessary. Before leaving, the church school pupils made her a cash present of over ten dollars. Her place in school is taken by Mrs. A. J. Beardsley.

After a sojourn of several years in Washington, D. C., as an employee of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, D. K. Nicola stopped in College View a few days while on his way to Minatare, Nebraska, where he expects to make his future home. It seemed quite natural to see "Dee" around the College building once more, where he spent so many years of faithful service as bookkeeper, bookstore clerk, and at other duties.

Mr. Elmer Hough, a former student of Union College, is visiting friends in College View.

Miss Mary Thompson of Guthrie Center, Iowa, recently visited friends in College View.

Dr. C. C. Nicola and wife, of the Melrose (Massachusetts) Sanitarium, are visiting his parents in College View.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Segebart of Argonia, Kan. are spending a few days with their son and daughters in College View.

Miss Lena Hunt, who finished the Literary Course in Union College in 1905, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. W. A. George and Miss Winnie Hunt of College View. Miss Hunt has been spending the winter at Elida, New Mexico.

Misses Louise Scholtz and Etta A. Cornish stopped a few hours in College View on their way east from California, where they have been nursing. They go to South Lancaster, Mass., to join Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell in their work.

#### UNION COLLEGE NOTES

Mr. Eugene Bryant, of University Place, called on his cousin, Miss Olive Boutelle, April 6.

Miss Zelia Griffin, of Fairbury, Neb., visited Miss Nellie Orr at South Hall, last week.

Mrs. Rilla Rentfro has been called to her former home at Sigourney, Iowa, on account of her daughter's illness.

At the close of the Bible School at Leduc, Alberta, Mr. F. L. Hommel and Miss LaRena Carpenter were united in marriage. Miss Carpenter was formerly a student of Union College, and a member of the class of 1901.

Saturday evening, March 30, Prof. J. T. Lees of the State University, gave a stereopticon lecture on, "A Trip Through Greece," in the English chapel. The views were those taken by Prof. M. W. Newton while he and Professor Lees were in Greece five years ago.

Wednesday morning, April 3, a very interesting program was given by the missionary society. The program was given by four students, representing returned missionaries, telling of their experiences in the foreign field. Miss Aural Jordan spoke of Fiji; Mr. Geo. Kiehnhoff, Chili; Miss Hattie Beardsley, Korea, and Mr. Arthur Smith, Madagascar.

Mrs. C. C. Lewis and son Harold recently paid a short visit to friends in Minden, Neb.

Mr. J. A. Krassin, of Waseca, Minn., recently visited his daughters, Clara and Lilla, who are attending Union College.

Owing to the increased number of members, the tennis club has made a new court on the east side of the campus.

Earl Austin has gone to his new home in Colorado. He was accompanied by Chas. Wineland, who has also taken a homestead in Colorado.

Miss Jeanette Hardiman, one of our former teachers, sent a nice donation to our library a few days ago. As a result ten new volumes of history have been ordered.

Hattie Moore, of Lyons, Colo., writes to have her Messenger address changed, and says she is going to Michigan in May, but will be back in the fall to attend Union College.

A trio of Buff Orpingtons sent by the Union College Poultry Yards on a long journey to Salem, New Jersey, brought from Mr. Geo. G. Taylor the following postal card: "The trio of Buff Orpingtons shipped on the 15th reached here in good condition on the 20th. Am much pleased with the same."

It was a merry company of Swedish students that wended its way, on the evening of March 30, to the home of their teacher, Prof. August Anderson. It was a premeditated surprise, as the Professor himself, admits. Elder Mortenson was with them, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Before departing, they presented Professor Anderson with a rocking chair, as a birthday gift and a token of their appreciation of his labors for them.

Mr. Eugene Rowell, one of our students, who has been connected with the Union College printing office for the past two years, was recently called home by a telegram announcing that his father had been killed. No particulars were given. Later a letter from him contains the information that his father was killed by his team's running away down a hill, or died of apoplexy in the wagon before the team ran away. Mr. Rowell has the profound sympathy of the teachers and students of Union College.

Miss Lizzie Segebartt recently left College View for Minatare, Neb.

Louis Hough is practicing dentistry at Portales, near Elida, New Mexico.

Korah Hough, who was in Union College two years ago, is at his home in Lockwood, Mo.

Miss Dagmar Jacobson is enjoying a short visit from her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson's home is in Omaha.

Mr. Walter Rich, a former Union College student, lately from Tekamah, Neb., is visiting his brother, Allen, at College View.

Miss Ruth Fasig is just closing her school at Minatare, Nebraska. She and Lizzie Segebartt are intending to share each other's loneliness this summer, while practicing the art of claim holding.

Union College students will be glad to learn that Miss Blanche Postier reached her home safely in Rochester, Minn. She writes: "I am now rested and feeling well. I am so glad to be here where I can enjoy our spring season, although it is later than yours. I feel just a little lonesome for College View."

The Steckelberg String Quartet of Lincoln, favored the students of Union College with a concert Saturday evening, April 6. The proceeds are to be used in adding to the musical library of the College. The interest of the students in good music was shown by the large number who attended the concert.

We are sad to learn of the death of Mr. Will Kellogg, one of Dr. J. H. Kellogg's adopted sons, who was in Union College five years ago. Though not a Christian when here, he was converted at our Graysville school the year following. He died in Battle Creek, Mich., of heart failure. He had been foreman in the Sanitarium Food Factory for some time.

Saturday night, April 13, the Union College Music Department rendered Mendelssohn's Oratorio, "Elijah," in the College chapel. A large audience listened attentively for almost two hours. The affair is considered a success by all who heard it. Just before the program the members of the chorus presented Mr. Shryock, their director, with a handsome baton, a token of their appreciation of his faithful work in the Choral Society.

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