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Editorial

Live Day by Day

I wonder how many of us "made resolutions" at the beginning of the new year? Now it is January 6th, and how many of them have been broken?

Probably not one of us continually reaches the height to which he attains. Yet I believe we all try. We all have different ways, however, of trying to do our best, or of reaching our standard.

I have always disliked the idea some people have that the height of attainment is one tall peak, which, once reached, is a permanent residence for them. With me it is a long row of little peaks, which must be passed over and over, time and again. One peak, for instance, is faithfulness in "domestic work," another, self control in the face of temptations to do a little "sluffing" in school work, and another, to keep from giving free criticism. It is in these and other little things that we must watch continually, and resolutions to do the little daily duties of deed and thought, are the ones we may make with a degree of assurance that we will not fail in keeping them.

Remembrance of the fact that "every day is a fresh beginning," is the greatest help we have for keeping resolutions, and makes all time a time of resolution-making.

E. L. S.



"Guard thy weak points."

An Invitation

In exchange for copies of the MESSENGER, there comes to us a long list of papers, among which are most of our denominational papers, including the college papers from our different educational institutions, and the state papers from the different states in the Central Union Conference, such as the *Nebraska Reporter*, *Kansas Worker*, and *Northern Union Reaper*. We receive also quite a number of bright high school and college papers.

Now we on the staff do not want to be selfish with these papers which it is our privilege regularly to receive. We are sure they are of as much interest to our readers as they are to us. We keep them on file in alphabetical order, in a little room above the President's office. You are welcome to come in and read them at your convenience, provided of course, we are not having a staff meeting.

We ask only that you keep the papers you use in good condition, and return them to the right hooks, in the correct order (as to dates) immediately after you finish reading them. E. L. S.



Character is bounded on the north by sobriety, on the east by integrity, on the south by industry, and on the west by gentleness.—*Frances E. Willard*.



"If a man does, day by day, ever the best he can by the light he has, he has no need to fear, no need to regret, no need to worry."



On the great clock of time there is but one word—NOW!

The First Holiday Event

On the evening of our first day of vacation, Thursday, Dec. 23d, the students enjoyed a regular old fashioned maple sugar party and general good time in the basement of South Hall.

Mr. Osbert Ward, our Vermont student, receives large orders of maple syrup from his brother, who has a large sugar camp in Vermont. Mr. Ward spent Thursday afternoon boiling down the syrup and collecting dish pans of snow, and, when the proper time came, he poured the former into the latter, and then we students went for it with forks and hungry mouths. Many of us had never seen any "maple-snow" before, and Mr. Ward enjoyed laughing at us because of the way we tried to mix the syrup and snow, after the syrup had hardened. After we reached the stage when we began to eat snow, instead of candy—a sure sign we had had plenty—we went into the dining-room and enjoyed some exercises until the warning blink of the lights, when we rather reluctantly stopped playing and replaced furniture, washed dishes, and cleaned up in general.

Mr. Ward deserves a hearty vote of thanks for making it possible for us to have such a pleasant evening.



Mathematical Seminars

The Mathematical Seminars will give the following program next Saturday night, January 8th, at 7:00 P. M., in Professor Buxton's room.

Symmetry, Central and Axial, Blanche Noble; The Prismatoid Formula, E. C. Blue; Loci of Points in Elementary and Plane Geometry, Reu E. Hoen; The Theory of Limits, J. L. Jones; Solution of Simultaneous Equations by Determinants, Professor Kellogg.



"We make time for duties we love."

Eden-Smith

The wedding of Marie Christine Eden and Clarence Dunbar Smith occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilken Eden, in Talmage, Nebr., on the evening of Dec. 28th, 1909. Elder Russell officiated. Miss Ada Madison played Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride and groom were preceded by Mr. and Mrs. E. Christian Eden, and attended by Miss Annie Laurie McCutchen and Mr. Ralph Smith, a brother of the groom. They went the next day to live at Dunbar, Nebr., with Mr. Smith's mother, in the fine old home place, built by John Dunbar, for whom the place was named. Both of them have a very wide circle of warm friends who join the MESSENGER in wishing them unnumbered happinesses.

Those attending the wedding from College View were Misses McCutchen, Madison, Hardesty, Streeter, Parker, Teesdale, Canfield, and Odgen, and Mr. R. S. Irvine.



Band Concert

The Union College Band under the leadership of J. L. Crouse, rendered the following excellent program to a large audience in the College chapel, on Saturday evening, January 1st.

March, "Independencia," R. B. Hall; Waltz, "Happy Thought," G. A. Berkeley; Reading, O. Ward; Overture, "The Gilded Bond," L. P. Laurendeau; Baritone Solo, "In the Deep Cellar," Kroepsch, C. L. Herzer; "Magnificent," arr. by M. C. Meyrelles; Reading, D. E. Huffman; Waltz, "Wedding of the Winds," J. T. Hall; Violin Solo, Mr. Engle; Sextette from "Lucia," Donizetti; March, "Indiana State Band," O. R. Farrar.



"Our wills are ours to make them God's."



General Articles

How Messenger Copy is Made

It may be of some interest to the readers of this paper to know how what they read is manufactured. Very few of our gentle readers have any idea of the process through which the author must go before he can present them the delights of the printed page. It seems a very simple thing to write the few articles that appear in the MESSENGER from time to time, but on the contrary, the opposite is true. The Muses are very hard to win and many a time writers have gone for weeks without so much as even getting a glimpse of them, and yet the MESSENGER had to go on just the same, and it had to have copy. If any think that under these circumstances it is easy to produce anything printable, let alone readable, they have the liberty to try. Even now when I sat down to furnish my quota of "copy" for this issue, I could not find a single one of the Muses, though there are several. It being vacation time, I suppose they thought that they had a perfect right to go away on a "lark" and probably they had, but it left me in a bad plight.

I had intended to write something really worth your reading, but when the Muse proves refractory what can a person do? She was not to be bribed by any sort of means, so I have to resort to the subterfuge of disclosing her character in the paper. I don't know how amenable she will prove under this sort of treatment but at any rate it will hurt nothing to try.

If she would only confine her pranks to certain times and occasions matters would not be so bad; but when she is likely to leave you right in the midst of

a sentence just at the middle of your little rhapsody, the sensation is anything but pleasant, and you feel yourself very lucky if you get through without having to take several trips to her sylvan haunts to beg her pardon. Now, in the happy days gone by when poets were the fashion, I suppose there was nothing that was quite so inspiring to them as this run to the sylvan retreat; but in these busy times the man that writes for the MESSENGER wants a Muse that will stay at home and be ready with her inspiration as soon as he sits down at the machine to write. It is a part of the rush of the day, and the Muse seems to me to show lack of adaptability in not being able or willing to accustom herself to the new method of procedure.

But before I close I wish to say a few words to mollify the anger of the rightly indignant goddess. What right after all have mortals to quibble with the gods about their doings? From of old the Muse has been won by wooing, and who shall compel her to change her manner and come for gold? I don't blame her so much after all for running away from the closeness of stuffy rooms and noisy typewriters. The spirit of poetry and art can not be bribed in modern ways. The dearest things of life can not be bought with gold, neither do they come for the asking. They must be sought for diligently in the out-of-the-way places. The real treasures of life are still to be found in the quiet retreat of sequestered places where we are shut out from the world and shut in with God.

R. N. S.



"You may judge a man by his looks, but often your judgment shows that you are a judge who should be impeached."

I have a thousand times more respect for a respectful man who is not respectable, than for a respectable man who is not respectful.—*Ardmore Statesman.*

Confide in the Infinite

J. W. FIELD

"When God shall leave unfinished,
incomplete,
A single flake in the whirl of snow,
A single feature in the airy wing
On which the butterfly floats to
and fro,
A single vein in the summer's leaf,
□ A single drop of water in the sea,
Then—not before—doubt that His
perfect plan
Within the humblest life fulfilled
can be."

"A single flake," though it fall only to be tossed and blown in a whirl of snow and sink unseen, can yet not fall unfinished or incomplete. It is moulded after the pattern of a purpose. A flake of snow, the vein of a leaf, the wing of a butterfly; one vanishing in a day, another in one brief summer, and the third floating upon the breeze but for a little span—if these are being fashioned every passing moment with such care and precision, how much more are our lives being hewn and squared by the great Designer?

Every event of life is filled with meaning; purpose underlies every occurrence. We can not always guide or understand them, but the threads are in the hands of the Infinite, and He is weaving nothing into our lives that is not in accordance with some great purpose.

Who would stop the shuttle or rearrange the threads? Surely not man, who sees all God's work so filled with beneficent design! But how much better is man than the works of Nature! "How much better are ye than they?" saith the Saviour.

But so many things in our lives are hard to bear. They seem against us. They hedge us in. They defeat our plans. Whence come our sorrows and disappointments, and how are they to be borne?

First, we must know that not one thread is woven into our lives unless it be in harmony with a great purpose. Second,

we must confide in this knowledge. But the question may arise, how can we confide? We do not understand. No, we may not understand, but we can confide.

The child's life is filled with perplexities. He can not understand. Some one is continually upsetting his plans. He wakes some morning with a fever. His mother notices it at once, but he thinks only of the romp across the meadow with his comrades. His mother says no, and he can not understand. The child with his broken and incomplete experience, sees only the momentary pleasure, while his mother with a wider experience sees many days in place of one, and life and health instead of pleasure.

But our experience, like the child's, is immeasurably broken, fragmentary, and incomplete. God's purpose is eternal; man has known but a few fleeting days. Shall he stop and question, or say, "I do not understand?" We are being fitted and squared for the enjoyment of the universe, and our life has not reached beyond the mere atom of our world. What meaning then has our questioning? None whatever.

To our experience the sun seems to rise and set and make its daily march across the heavens. But our experience is immeasurably circumvened—confined to a point. If we could but be stationed in space we would not see the rising and setting of the sun, but the majestic revolution of our earth upon its axis. Stationed still further out we would see the meaning of the year as we beheld the earth swing around the sun. At a yet higher sphere we would see our sun not as a stationary body but as a wanderer drifting with rapid velocity among the other stars.

Who with experience so hopelessly confined to infinitesimal radius has heart to question the purpose of his Maker as He endeavors to work out His plan, and who dares to think or utter that mean-

ingless phrase,—“I do not understand?”

Confide in the Infinite and some day all will be plain.



The Dangers of Success

EUNICE CRAWFORD

Success is the attainment of our ideals, —those ideals “which in our inmost soul we accept as alone worthy.” There are various ways of looking at and measuring success because of our varying standards of ideals. Each one sees it from his own standpoint of thought.

To the man of business, success means to achieve honor and a high position in his line of work, and to acquire at least a comfortable fortune.

The scholar seeks to gain distinction and fame by intellectual attainments, and to enrich the world by some product of his study and research. He desires to make for himself a name which shall live after him.

But the Christian has higher ideals, greater aims. Looking by the eye of faith beyond earthly things, he recognizes the truest meaning of success to be, “Learning life’s great lesson of unselfish service.” To make his life count for the highest good of humanity; to perfect the image of God in his own heart; and to see souls uplifted from sin and degradation as the result of his labors—this is his ideal of life. And in so far as he attains to this ideal he is successful.

But while success in any line brings a pleasing sense of satisfaction, dangers follow in its train. They come primarily as a result of the high position which is usually gained by the successful man; also because of the knowledge that his abilities are highly regarded by his fellow men.

Some one has said, “No one can stand upon a lofty height without danger. As the tempest that leaves unharmed the flowers of the valley, uproots

the tree upon the mountain top, so do fierce temptations that leave untouched the lowly in life, assail those who stand in the world’s high places of success and honor.”

Temptations, never before felt, hurl themselves upon him with crushing force. Like a ship on the stormy ocean, he is tossed and buffeted on every side. If his anchor holds, well and good, but if it breaks, or if, perchance, he has no anchor, the result will be sad indeed.

Often he is intoxicated, as it were, by the knowledge of the power which he possesses.

The spirit of self exaltation creeps in. Gradually comes a feeling of self-sufficiency, which leads him to disregard the advice and counsel of others. He believes that he needs no advice, and has a feeling of resentment toward the one who dares to offer it. He has been honored and praised as a successful man until he really thinks that his success is due entirely to his own abilities. He has no anchor and ultimately will sink beneath the waves of temptation.

Another danger that awaits the successful man is the tendency to rest on laurels already won and make no farther effort. This idea is also a great mistake. It has been said truly that, “Success should be a place where one encamps for the night, only to move on again the next day. Life and success are a continual performance.”

Success is a thing of progress. He who having once achieved success by untiring efforts, thinks he is then entitled to a life of selfish ease, and acts in accordance with this idea, will find success slipping from his grasp. To stand still is impossible in traveling this road of life. If we would avoid slipping we must climb. The life which would be like the sparkling water of the spring-fed river must be continually reaching for higher and better things.

All of the world's truly great and successful men have had the anchor of a great purpose in their lives to keep them steady, firm, and true under the highest honor. But to the Christian is reserved the greatest of all purposes. What heid Joseph when he was so suddenly exalted from the position of a slave to that of prime minister of all Egypt? What kept Moses from self-exaltation when he had successfully led the hosts of Israel from Egypt? Their anchor was their love and loyalty to God and their faith in the unseen, their purpose to remain faithful to him.

The truly successful man is the one who retains his humble, teachable spirit though every honor may be heaped upon him, one who recognizes that his success is not due alone to himself and his abilities, but to the Giver of "every good and perfect gift," and instead of taking the glory of his success to himself, reverently attributes all to God.



Copy, copy, copy,
That's what the editors need,
Something fresh and spicy,
That's what the people will read.
Copy for this and copy for that,
Copy forever at the drop of the hat.
Copy now and copy then,
Thus forever to satisfy men.
Bring us some copy, a goodly store;
Bring it in early, delay no more.
Write about that and write about this,
You can never do less than make a miss.
Editors are common folk just like you,
They cannot write an eternity through.
Help us then with a cheery smile,
But use a penstock once in a while.

R. N. S.



"Don't be a lump of dough. Set a little yeast at work in yourself and see if you can't rise."



Educational

The Nature of Philosophy

In this series of articles on the Nature and Scope of True Education we have already considered Revelation and Science as a means of knowledge. In this paper we wish to deal with Philosophy. Should Seventh-day Adventists study this branch of human thought? It is a question with which the author has wrestled considerably, for it has been of vital importance to him. But before we try to answer it let us get a clear understanding of what we mean by the term. To some it stands for everything that is opposed to faith and religion. It is the wisdom of this world as opposed to the wisdom of God. It is the vain imaginations of men who have not glorified God and have turned their thoughts away from him, seeking to find a cause for the universe without him. And this idea of philosophy is not altogether wrong. It is true that most philosophers have rejected the idea of a personal God in their systems of thought. It is true that these systems are but the vain imaginations of the human mind, and it is true that if one should study philosophy as it is taught in many of the universities and colleges of our time it would be just this sort of thing that would be given him.

But there is another light in which this subject must be approached if we are to form an unbiased opinion as to its value to Christian students. We must not lose sight of the fundamental idea of philosophy. That idea is expressed in the word system. Philosophy might be defined as the science of the "why." It is the search for the general principle of truth that makes all facts in

harmony with one another. It teaches one to correlate knowledge, and to look at facts from every possible view point. It trains us in systematizing knowledge. The great philosophers of the past have done much to prepare the way for the ultimate philosophy, which must include revelation as well as investigation as a proper source for the gathering of facts. The most needed thing in the philosophical world is a man who will not run to extremes, one who can see that these two seemingly contradictory methods of obtaining knowledge are not so; and who has power enough to grasp the two classes of facts and weave them into a harmonious whole. The task is no easy one. Perhaps in this world it will never be fully accomplished, and in the world to come it may be that the complete philosophy will never be known. But it is worthy of being assayed. Especially in the closing days of this earth's history it is necessary that we be able to keep together the facts of revelation and the facts of investigation. Such rapid strides are being made in the various branches of investigation, and especially in that particular branch which has to do with human society, that we are very apt to be left behind if we do not make a careful study of the facts that have been presented; and so astounding are some of these facts that unless we are very sure of our situation and very careful in our analysis of situations, we will be swept into the maelstrom of misbelief that threatens to engulf the nations.

There is a vast movement on foot that is overriding all the landmarks, and knows no reverence for the ancient traditions of theology and religion. This movement has for its avowed object the discovery of truth, and the uplifting of mankind. The leaders in this movement are trained men, who are as unbiased in their opinions as it is possible

for men to be. They are having a profound influence on modern thought, and it is this thought that Seventh-day Adventists will have to meet in carrying the message of the Lord's soon coming. To meet it successfully we must know something about it, and to know something about it is to know that all it contains is not error. To separate the truth from error and give every man his due consideration is a task of no small magnitude, and for the accomplishment of that task the study of philosophy, especially modern philosophy, is indispensable.

R. N. S.



Bookmen's Convention

Our students are having opportunity this week, beginning January 3d, to become more thoroughly acquainted with the great literature circulating organization of this denomination. There are in attendance at the Bookmen's and Missionary Convention, being held at the church, all of the field representatives of our book and periodical work in the Central and Northern Union Conferences. The object of this meeting is to study our books, best methods for presenting them, and every feature of the work of placing our message-filled literature in the homes of those who should know the Truth. A stereopticon lecture is given each evening. These show the progress of the work, give views of Spanish fields where the work is being opened, cover interesting topics concerning magazine work, and help to illustrate how wonderfully the way is being prepared for the Truth to be given in every country through the printed page.



"The reason most men do not achieve more is because they do not attempt more."

Training in the Church School

LESTA F. SEAWARD

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Therefore departure indicates lack of proper training. Not that the parents alone are responsible. The public school teacher, yes, the church-school teacher, may fail to train correctly and thus the child departs. Both parents and teachers will be asked, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" The oft quoted Catholic saying, "Give me a child till he is seven and then you may have him," is just as effective made by those who are training according to Bible principles.

With the command "train," comes instruction how to train. A part of this instruction is, "establish church-schools." Not that we should fail to recognize the noble work which the public school is doing. In talking with those who do not understand our work we fail to make known our high ideals in regard to education when we belittle the public school. The public school teacher, untiring, is making good citizens of boys and girls. Congratulating them on their success in this line, we would accomplish what they are striving for and more. We would make not only citizens but Christians, and Christians devoted to the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message.

In church-school work the underlying principle is change of heart and the reception of the Holy Spirit. Such an educational method at school, correlated with correct home training, insures the salvation of the child, for, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

In the church school it is necessary that the greatest care be taken that conditions in the school are conducive to

the child's spiritual growth. One of these necessary conditions is wholesome association. Instruction to withdraw children from bad associates is clear.

Then the youth with evil habits can not remain in the church school. Why remove a child from undesirable companions in public school and place him in church school to mingle with corrupt youth, who will harm him more in church school than in public school, because in church school companionship is far more intimate? However, the child of good habits, though deficient in religious training, is welcome in the church school. Not only will he be helped by the influence of the other children, but the children are helped by their efforts to show Jesus to their schoolmate who does not know him.

Another important feature in school work is the library. It is easy to say, "Don't read this or that." Is this all Christian duty demands? Is the child then trained in the way of good literature? If a physician should advise me to desist from certain foods of which I am particularly fond and which to my mind are perfectly harmless, I should immediately ask, "What then may I eat?" It is the province of the church school to supply wholesome, interesting literature. Yes, the church-school needs a library, but there is already so much expense in the church-school work. I must confess that the problem of means for a library is unsolvable to me—unless—well—if I could get hold of the nickels that our adult members are giving to picture shows, I could buy a good library for the school dearest to me. Many children who are forbidden the use of the public library are constant readers of the story papers which the public library does not tolerate. The public library contains books which the children should read, yet the children can not be expected to know what selec-

tions to make. The child is fortunate if his teacher has time to go with him to the library to aid him in his selections. If children are readers they will soon have read the few denominational books written for children and need more books. If the parents of such children have time to go with them to the public library they should do so. If they have not the time, they ought by all means see that a library is placed in the church school.

One of the happiest features in the church school is the system of reading books now in use. Every page is filled with material conducive to the child's spirituality. The salient truths for this generation are repeated over and over in the daily reading lessons. Let us be thankful for the reading books.

It is very easy to name conditions which should and do exist in the properly conducted church school, but we are chiefly concerned in knowing what church school environment actually accomplishes for the child. Parents commonly testify that their children's spirituality is strengthened through attending church school. The influence, too, which these children exert at home is greater than we can know. For example, one church-school parent often has been heard to say, "I thought I couldn't come to prayer meeting, but I am here, for my little boy would come."

The benefit of a church school to a prayer meeting, the Missionary Volunteer Meeting, and the various activities of the church school is inestimable. A Sabbath-school secretary in relating the history of the school said, "Our school has gained or weakened in attendance and interest according to whether we have been with or without a church school." Anyone who hears earnest young men and women testify that God has used the church school to strengthen their spirituality or to bring

them to Christ can not ask, "Why do we need church schools?"

Although God alone is judge, it is encouraging to know that teacher after teacher reports that at the end of the school year her pupils are all, or nearly all, professed Christians.

At the close of one school, six little girls were baptized—three who were in the church school and three others who closely associated with church school children. A minister who witnessed these little ones baptized and taken into the church, feelingly remarked that the occasion was far more impressive than the public school graduating exercises he had a few days before been proud to attend in which his daughter was the honor student.

But the influence of the school extends beyond the home and the home church. Do you know that three-fourths of the members of our church were converted during childhood and youth? Surely the bulk of our missionary work ought not to be preaching to adults and canvassing for adult literature. We should not lessen our labors for the adult, but we should multiply our efforts for the salvation of "these little ones." We need the church school not only to give the children a knowledge of the truth, but to teach them to be missionaries. It is evident to observers that church-school pupils usually leave the school with one aim—the gospel to all the world in this generation.

Not only do the grown up pupils have this high aim, but the primary pupils properly trained at home and at school are witnesses for the truth, and will be witnesses for the truth to the end of time. In the closing days when preaching by men will not be permitted, little children inspired by the Holy Spirit will proclaim the gospel of salvation. These children are of those trained in "the way they should go."

Leaves from Students' Notebooks

A Character Sketch

When I first saw her I thought she had one of the purest, sweetest, most unselfish faces I had ever seen. My first impressions were more than confirmed on closer acquaintance. She is tall and slender. Her sharp nose shows unusual discernment. Her brown hair, coiled low on the back of her head, is pushed simply back from her clear, high forehead, beneath which her eyes flash, smile, or rest, in accord with her heart, which flashes at whatever is unjust, smiles at whatever appeals to her as kind, and rests in whatever is God's will for her. Her faith in God is as great as any I have ever seen. She is at home equally with the best people of the land, and with the poorest, whenever she has an opportunity to help either.

Two Classmates

One cold morning when there was some snow on the ground, I met one of my classmates going to the post-office. We stopped and talked about the weather for a short time. He seemed to be out of sorts because the snow had come. He said that it had spoiled all his fun. He could not go out to the tennis court to play that morning, nor could they have the ball game which they had intended to have that afternoon. In the class room he is not as interested as he is on the playground. He takes the back seat and does not have much to say. When a question is asked which he can answer, he speaks quickly and loudly so that all may hear that he has answered a question.

As we were talking another classmate joined me, and we went up to the college, while the first one proceeded to the post-office. We too began to talk of the weather. He remarked that it was just the right kind for studying and made him feel more like digging into his studies. He wanted to know if I had

all my geometry problems and then suggested that I should come to his room that afternoon to work geometry and review our Latin. He takes a lively interest in all his classes and does not look for the back seat. He is generally ready with a good answer when the teacher calls on him.



Elk Point Academy

ADAM F. SCHMIDT

About four miles south of the city of Elk Point, South Dakota, is located our Academy. West of it about a half mile, winds the Missouri River in its south-eastern course. Because of the tall trees surrounding the school, one can not even catch a glimpse of the buildings until one has almost reached the campus. It is an ideal place for the school.

Never in its history has the Academy been in such a prosperous state as this year. The present enrolment is about seventy-five. This large attendance is due to several reasons. The fact that we have as principal, Professor Clymer, a former president of Mt. Vernon College and a man of much experience as an educator, draws students to the school. Another reason is the adding of the eleventh and twelfth grades to the course of study. Another is the opening of a German department. Its present enrolment is twenty-two.

Good work is being done in all departments. A special interest is manifested in music. About thirty are studying on the piano or organ. Forty-five have joined the chorus class, which gave a successful program on the evening of Dec. 23d.

Although the industries offered are not varied, the lines carried on (tomato-canning and broom-making) are a success.

The spiritual condition of the school is excellent. All of the home students

have been organized into prayer-bands, meeting at least once a week for prayer and the study of God's Word.

During the campaign week, the gentlemen students went to Vermillion, while the ladies went to Sioux City. About thirty-five dollars was collected for foreign missions. Although this is not a large sum, all that went out had a rich experience.

During the week of prayer, the Lord came very near to us. Many hearts were touched by the Holy Spirit and nearly all took a firm stand on the Lord's side. It does one good to see almost the whole school rise to its feet when opportunity is given to testify to God's goodness.

Even though our facilities are not just what they should be, nor what we hope they will be, we are proud of our school, and our prayer is that God's rich blessings may continue to be with us.



Return of Samuel Blackfan

Brother Samuel Blackfan, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, has just returned from a missionary trip across the central part of Nebraska. After the Hastings camp meeting, he visited the churches at Hartley, Curtis, North Platte, and Broken Bow, and called upon a few isolated members in other places. But the greater part of his time was spent with friends, new and old, who are kindly disposed toward our faith. Bible study and personal talks on Christian experience, the soon coming of our Saviour, and the Sabbath, were held. Talks were made at a few Sunday-school gatherings, and high appreciation of the words spoken was expressed. The people realize their great need of scriptural study and a closer personal relationship to God, and a better understanding of the great plan of salvation. Brother Blackfan came in close contact with a few young people who realize that God

is caring for them; and to these, words of cheer, a verse and song, and a season of prayer, were a source of comfort.

He distributed one hundred twenty-five copies of the *Signs, Reviews, Youths' Instructor*, sold some small books, and took a few subscriptions for *Life and Health*.



Letter from Max Trummer

I believe that it will be of interest to the "MESSENGER family" to hear that we just closed a successful canvasser's institute at our school here in Argentina, South America.

We had an attendance of sixteen, eleven of whom are in the field now. Altogether we will have fifteen working with our literature this summer, some taking "Patriarchs and Prophets," others "Coming King", while several will work exclusively with the Spanish "Signs," and "Life and Health." That we have a courageous company was demonstrated the first day, in that they sold five "Patriarchs and Prophets," seven "Coming King", and about twenty papers, while waiting for the steamer to take them into the field.

Myself and another brother will have to canvass without knowing much of the Spanish language, but we will learn our canvass well and then begin.

I trust that there are a goodly number in the Spanish classes in "Union" who will come and help us to bring the blessed message for this time to the Catholic strongholds of South America.

Yours for the work of the Master,

MAXIMO TRUMMER,
Field Missionary for the East Coast.



One by one thy duties wait thee,

Let thy whole strength go to each;

Let no future dreams elate thee,

Learn thou first what these can teach.

—Adelaide B. Proctor.



News and Notes

The first concert of the choral society will be held January 15th.

Mrs. A. J. Beardsley has gone to Ponoka, Alberta, and will teach in the academy at that place.

Miss Nellie Streeter has returned from St. Louis, Mo., where she went to attend the Eden-Daniels wedding.

At the close of the fall term, an exhibit of the work done in the Art Department of the College was given in the drawing room.

Misses Lena and Winnie Hunt, who have been visiting in College View during the holidays, have gone respectively to Stuart, Iowa, and Hastings, Nebraska.

Miss Zillah Daniels and Mr. Christian E. Eden were married in the S. D. A. church in St. Louis, Mo., on Wednesday, Dec. 22d. Both were students here for several years, and have many friends, who wish them a very happy life. They will live on Mr. Eden's claim, near Denver, Colo.

Miss Marie Hough, who has for some time been engaged as a trained nurse in Portland, Maine, stopped in the village a few hours last week. She was on her way to Minatare, Nebr., where she was summoned by a telegram on account of the illness of her mother.

"We are glad to note that the Adventist Church School is progressing nicely under the efficient services of Miss Brown as teacher."—Hagerman, New Mexico, *Messenger*. We are also glad to note that the Miss Brown; above mentioned, is Miss Ida Brown who graduated from the Normal Course of U. C. in '03.

W. B. Schultz has returned from a visit to Pitkin, Colo.

Floyd Stratton spent vacation visiting relatives at Springranch, Nebr.

Mrs. M. D. Mattson is spending the winter at Wichita, Kans., with her sons.

Professor Buxton's surveying class began work last week, with an enrolment of seven.

The gentlemen's Hydrotherapy class now uses the gents' treatment room at the Sanitarium.

Miss Josephine Schee, '09, now teaching in the school at Hastings, spent her holidays at home.

Mrs. Hannah Nelson, of Minden, Nebraska, spent the holidays with Emma Nelson at the Sanitarium.

J. T. Madison, father of Miss Ada Madison, has gone to San Antonio, Texas, where he will spend the winter.

Carl Leinbaum, who visited at Burlington and other points in Iowa during the holidays, has returned to the View.

Miss Daisy Butka writes from Berrien Springs, Mich., that her plan is to take the foreign missionary course at Washington.

Miss Mettie Cornell, stenographer for the Central Union Conference, visited at her home in Ottawa, Kansas, during the holidays.

From the delegates: "Greetings to old Union from her delegates in Rochester! Truly we have seen the Master in this great convention. Our prayer is that we may be able to make you all see Him, on our return." They returned Jan. 5.

Prof. E. C. Kellogg has returned from Wichita, Kansas, where he delivered the commencement address for the Nurses' Training School of the Wichita Sanitarium. In the class roll we were glad to see the names of Misses Gulah Brown and Naomi Small.

Clair Herrick is seriously ill at the Nebraska Sanitarium.

J. L. Petrik has returned from Omaha, where he was called by the severe illness of his sister, Marie.

Miss Blanche Hodson has gone to Chamberlain, S. Dak., where she plans to take the nurses' course.

Ernest Johnson, after a visit in the View with his parents, has returned to his work in Hastings, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis, of Dickinson, N. Dak., are visiting their son, Frank Davis, of Union College.

Miss Rena Strickler, of the Sanitarium, visited at her home in Central City, Nebr., during the holidays.

Miss Bertha Lewis, who is teaching in Sterling, Nebr., spent the vacation with friends in Lincoln and the View.

Fred Herzer, who has been spending vacation in College View, has returned to Omaha, where he is studying medicine.

R. C. Reimche, '07, who is taking Senior work in the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, has been visiting relatives in College View.

J. E. Anderson writes from Cuba, "We have our school nicely started now, and we are distributing and selling papers among the people. We enjoy our work and trust that results may soon be seen."

Chas. Sutton, who attended Union, '06-'08, now state agent of Colorado, spent his holidays at his home in Thayer, Kansas, and on his way back to Colorado, stopped off at College View to attend the Bookmen's Convention.

Will Eden spent Christmas in the village. He says he will probably find Talmage a lonesome place the rest of the winter. He may come to Lincoln and take some work in the University at the beginning of the next semester.

W. Flaiz spent New Years in Greenleaf, Kansas, visiting his uncle.

Miss Olive Snyder spent Christmas vacation at her home in Hinton, Ia.

Emma Hansen is visiting Blanche Canfield and other friends at Union.

Harry Mohr, of Shaffer, Kansas, spent the holidays with friends in the View.

Mrs. Grace Isaac, a former student of Union, is teaching music in Elk Point Academy.

Miss Lizzie Sauer, from Missouri, a last year student, has enrolled for work during the remaining school term.

Mary Nelson was pleasantly surprised last week by a visit from her father, Mr. S. Nelson, who was on his way to Minnesota.

Leslie Wade sends New Year greetings to the MESSENGER from Nashville, Tenn., where he is attending Vanderbilt University.

A. F. Schmidt, German teacher in Elk Point Academy, visited chapel Thursday. He has nothing but encouraging reports of the Academy.

Miss Emma Christensen, a teacher in Elk Point Academy, and Miss Lydia Pullen, a student, are spending vacation with friends in College View.

Lisle Spear, one of last year's assistants in the Union College dressmaking department, is taking a course in ladies' tailoring at the Kiester College in Lincoln.

Prof. Edwin Morlan, formerly of Union College, has been visiting his brother, C. C. Morlan, for several days. He is principal of the high school at Merville, Iowa.

O. R. Staines writes from the Hillcrest School Farm that the work there is pushing steadily ahead. Considerable advancement in the building work has been made, and they are in far better shape than they were a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Schee have gone to California to spend the winter.

Jensina Anderson visited at her home in Glenwood, Iowa, over New Years.

Georgia Ferron, of Council Bluffs, recently spent a few days with friends at Union.

George Grant has been seriously ill for several days at the home of Fred Nelson.

Ben Adson left Thursday, Dec. 30th, for Boulder, Colo., where he will take the nurses' course.

Arrangements have been made to start a class in tailoring for the benefit of students in the College, under the management of J. F. Nelson.

The new supplies and apparatus for the chemical laboratory have arrived and have been put in place. The laboratory facilities are now adequate for the present course and needs of the institution.

A letter from President O. J. Graf, of Emmanuel Missionary College, dated December 29th, says, "We are having the twenty-fifth day of almost continuous snow storm. Such a large amount of snow I do not think I ever saw before, and still it comes."

Results of the examination ordeals we recently passed through show which of us have been trying to EARN credits and which of us have been trying merely to GET credits. Did you ever stop to think about the fact that there is a big difference between the two processes?



Sabbath-school Officers

The new officers in the college students' Sabbath-school, held in the chapel, for the following quarter are: A. R. Smith, Superintendent; Ruby Wiseman and Homer Teesdale, Assistants; Ruby Mc Gee, Secretary; Elmer Blue, Assistant Secretary; and Professor Roberts, Chorister.

Miss Olga Dammen, '09, is visiting friends in College View.

There are two classes of friends—those you need and those who need you. —*Ardmore Statesman*.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Harvey, who went to Bonacca, Bay Islands, last year, have returned to College View.

The Rochester delegates returned yesterday, Jan. 6th. We expect to hear of their rich experiences through the columns of the MESSENGER in following numbers.

Mrs. Fred Clark, of Leavenworth, Kansas, is here as stenographer for the Bookmen's Convention being held here. She will be remembered as Calla Brown, who was here several years ago.

Yesterday afternoon, Jan. 6th, about fifteen U. C. boys got out with a team, plow, and snow-shovels, and cleared the walks around the campus. That is true college loyalty, properly directed.

Word has come of the death of Ellen V. Nelson of Braham, Minn. Miss Nelson has been a student in the Swedish Department for the past two years. She was an earnest student and a good Bible worker. Had she returned to school, she would have completed her course this year.

A recent letter from C. A. Crichlow tells of the progress of their mission school at Yazoo City, Miss. Their school work covers eight grades, having an enrolment of fifty-seven, several of whom believe the truth and are preparing definitely for service in connection with this great work.

"Which is worth most, an arm or a character? The reason why I ask is because I notice that when a woman falls down and breaks her arm, everybody seems to pity her; but when she falls down and breaks her character, she doesn't seem to have many friends, but plenty of enemies."

The most beautiful definition of a friend is expressed in these words: "A friend is like the ivy—the greater the ruin the closer it cling."



"Be always displeased at what thou art if thou desire to attain to what thou art not, for where thou hast pleased thyself there thou abidest."



And again: "A friend is he who comes in as the world goes out."

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