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### CAUSE UNKNOWN.

Some time ago the body of a well-dressed, middle-aged man was fished out of the Chicago river, which empties into Lake Michigan. In the pocket of the coat found on the corps was a crumpled piece of paper on which the following poem had been written with a lead pencil. We are requested to publish it in the WORKER, and thinking it a good illustration of the truth expressed in 1 Cor. 15:19; (Which please see,) we have consented to give it space in this issue:

I am standing on the threshold of eternity at last  
As reckless of the future as I have been of the past;  
I am void of all ambition, I am dead to every hope:  
The coil of life is ended and I'm letting go the rope.

I have drifted down the stream of time till weary, sore oppressed,  
And I'm tired of the motion, and simply want a rest,  
I have tasted all the pleasures that life can hold for man,  
I've scanned the whole world over till there's nothing left to scan.

I have heard the finest music, I have read the rarest books,  
I have drunk the purest vintage, and tasted all the cooks,  
I have run the scale of living, and sounded every tone,  
So there's nothing left to live for, and I long to be alone,—

Along and unmolested, where the vultures do not rave;  
And the only refuge left me is the placid, quiet grave,  
I am judge and jury mingled, and the verdict that I give  
Is, that minus friends and money it is foolishness to live.

In a day or two my body will be found out in the lake;  
The coroner will get a fee, the printer get a "take,"  
The casual verdict, "Suicide from Causes Yet Unknown,"  
And Golgotha draws another blank,—a mound without a stone.

To change the usual verdict I will give the reason now,  
Before the rigid seal of death is stamped upon my brow;  
'Tis the old familiar story of passion, love and crime,  
Repeated through the ages since Cleopatra's time—

A woman's lips, a woman's eyes,—a siren all in all.  
A modern Circe fit to cause the strongest man to fall;  
A wedded life, some blissful years, and poverty drops in

With care and doubt and liquor from whisky down to gin,  
The story told by Tolstoi, in comparison with mine,  
Is moonlight unto sunlight as water unto wine.  
The jealous pangs I suffered, the hideous nights of woe,  
I pray no other mortal may ever undergo.

But I've said enough, I fancy, to make the reasons plain—  
Enough to show the causes of shattered heart and brain.  
What wonder, then, that life holds not a single thread to bind,  
A wish or hope to live for, an interest in mankind?

Already dead, but breathing—a fact that I regret—  
A man without desire, now, excepting to forget;  
And, since there is denied me one, why should I linger here,  
A dead leaf from the forest of a long-forgotten year?

So, au revoir, old cronies! If there's a meeting place beyond,  
I'll let you know in spirit, and I know you will respond,  
I'm going now, old comrades, to heaven or to ———:  
I'll let you know which shortly. Farewell, a long farewell.

The following letter from one of our faithful canvassers, will be of interest to all our readers. We trust some of our brethren at least will heed the admonition that he gives:

"It is a long time since I wrote anything for the WORKER, and I thought perhaps some of its readers would be interested to hear from this part of the state.

"I am now recanvassing this county and I can say that I enjoy it very much. I meet with and sell books to a great number that I sold to the first time. And others, that I could not sell to then, are ready and willing to buy now. This week I was stopped twice on the road and asked what I had now. I showed them, and both parties bought books. Others will tell me when I start to show the book, 'Never mind. Tell me the price of the book.' And then they give their names. A good many will not take a guarantee slip. They say 'O, we know you.' This is the third time that this county has been canvassed since I came here, and last week I sold books amounting to over thirty dollars.

"All seem to be pleased that I live here. So many have said 'O, you live in this county? Well, I'll take a book, then.' I cannot say too much in favor of resident canvassers. Many of our church members ought to canvass their neighborhood over and over again. I am enjoying the work more and more, and I praise the Lord for the privilege of carrying the printed page, which contains such wonderful truth, to the world. All does not fall on the wayside. Many have told me that they have read the book from two to six times. When I meet such at their neighbor's, they do all the talking for me.

"I would say to you, brethren, and sisters, come along and put your shoulders to the wheel and receive the blessing that follows the work of scattering the last great message through the printed pages.

Your brother in the Master's service,  
JENS JENSEN."

## THE KANSAS WORKER.

We have just received some good letters from Elders Westphal, Ogden and Ketring, who have left us for their far-off field of labor. As each letter contains some things that are not contained in the others we will give extracts from all of them. The first one given is from Elder Ketring. He says:

LISBON HARBOR, PORTUGAL, Sept. 11, 1901.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN KANSAS:—

We thought it might be interesting to the dear ones in Kansas to know where we are and that we are thinking of you. You see we are now on the site where occurred the event that marked the opening of the sixth seal—the Lisbon earthquake, in the year 1755.

Altogether we have thus far had a very pleasant voyage. It was two weeks ago today that we went aboard the "Teutonic" at New York. We reached Liverpool the 5th of Sept. at 8 a. m., and at 2 p. m. we took this ship. Since leaving Liverpool we have stopped in five different ports in France, Spain and Portugal. The only place we went ashore was at La Pallace, France. It was Sabbath. After dinner we all took our Bibles and went ashore and sought some fine trees where we sat down and studied our Sabbath-School lesson. After sun-down, five of us went on the tram-car to La Rochelle, 5 miles distant, where we purchased some fruit.

La Rochelle was the stronghold of the noble Hugobotts who stood so bravely during the Dark Ages. As we sat studying our Bibles we thought of the change since the power of the Papacy was broken. Then to have been found studying our Bibles or even with one in our possession would have cost us our lives.

Some may wonder why we came so far around to get to Chili. The reason is that by coming this way we can save about \$75 on each fare.

Our minds go forward to our future fields of labor and to the perishing souls there, and with prayers we go forward to carry to them the blessed Third Angel's Message. We have yet about 30 days voyage before us. We sincerely ask an interest in all your prayers.

H. F. KETRING.



From Elder Westphal:

You will be surprised when I tell you that it was really cold at the equator. Fortunately I was prepared for this, for I had purchased a McIntosh in New York, and I had it on all the day before we crossed the equator, and the day that we crossed it, and the two days following we were bordering on the cool. It was the equinox, and it was cooler than usual and the sea was rougher.

There has been but little to break the monotony of our trip. About the food we have frequently felt as Israel did about the manna. In material, preparation and taste, it was so different than we had been accustomed to, or had been taught was good. Next time I will make more preparation for food and fruit of my own. It is rather a burden to go down in the evening for bed. Today we have seen several whale, but they have generally been at a distance so that we could see little more than the mist they spurt in the air.

We are within a day of Rio. Unless the yellow fever is threatening, my family and I will stop off two weeks—till the next boat. I wish that I had one week more before our general meeting in Argentine.

The steerage passengers are composed of Portuguese and a dirty, stinking place it is. I should hate to have to go third class. While they are themselves dirty, much less care is taken by the crew to keep things clean there.

I have nearly finished reading "The Ecclesiastical Empire," and I find it good. It ought to be read by all.

The sun is now in the north, the north star has disappeared, and the southern cross has come in sight. Nature as

well as people seem to have changed.

Well, a long distance is now separating us—many thousand miles. The expenditure has been considerable, and the trip not exceedingly pleasant for a land animal like myself. What is it all for, and what will it amount to? This confronts me as a solemn question. God grant that it shall not be in vain.

Your brother,

J. W. WESTPHAL.



From Elder Ogden.

We are now out one day from Rio and five days from Buenos Ayres.

We have had a very pleasant voyage. No bad stormy weather. And our whole company has escaped quite well from sea sickness. Some of us have not been sick at all, that is, have lost no meals. But the long distance makes it very monotonous. One would rather be on solid footing. It has now been 25 days since eating or sleeping on land.

In all, we have traveled since leaving Kansas about 10,000 miles and if we go on around the "Horn," through the "Straits," we have about 5,000 miles more.

We have put in pretty good time studying. During the week have studied Spanish and on Sabbath Bible and Testimonies. Have been reading Vol. 6 and find it so good. How I wish every Sabbath keeper in Kansas had it and would read it! It is all so good but I have especially enjoyed the section, "Extension of the work in Foreign Fields," p. 23-30 and pages 292-312. If our workers would read and press these things home to our people I am sure a new impetus and life would be infused into our churches.

A. R. OGDEN.

Valpariso, Chili.



We are certain that our readers will be interested in the following letter from Elder W. S. Hyatt of 33a Roeland Street Cape Town, South Africa:

I have been thinking about you people over on the other side of the pond and I think that I will drop you a few lines, this morning. I am glad that I can tell you that in the midst of war and plagues, sin and death, we are still well and of good cheer in the Master's work. The plague has about stopped, but warm weather is coming on and we do not know but that it will break out again. The war is still dragging along in a queer fashion. In fact it is no war. The Boers are running about over the country in bands, cutting up all the mischief that they can. When it will end I have no idea. But the English are getting desperate and putting forth some strong measures.

We find it very hard to work here at the present time as the land is so nearly under military law. There are but some five or six cities along the coast in which we are still free to work. Kimberly is still so that we can do a little there, but it is very hard to get books into it. We have to get a pass from there to send anything there and this is hard sometimes to get. But we labor on and try to do the best we can.

Where there is military law the Commandant has every thing in his hands and there is no redress either. He may make it hard and he may make it easy for the people. The number of those who sympathize with the Boers has something to do with it, and also the nearness of the Boers. You cannot get into these towns or out of them without a pass. You can not have a light after such a time or go about without a pass, or permit. Guards are all about the town so that you are in a jail yard.

But in the face of all this we are doing something, and the Lord is blessing our efforts. We often think of that statement of Sister White in which she says that the work that we fail to do in a time of peace we will have to do in a time of perplex-

ity. I feel that we are having a taste of it for sure, and suppose that this condition will soon be all over the world, for surely the Saviour is soon coming to take his people home from this world of strife and confusion.

There are many of the people who live up country in the coast towns and for these we are working and furnishing many of our good books. In this way we reach many of the people. The military are good to take our papers to the various military camps so we are sending out papers to the soldiers and to the Boer camps and prisoners. In this way there are thousands of people who are being brought in connection with the truth in some way. The Lord has blessed us in this work and we are doing all that we can along these lines.

We have been trying to reach St. Helena and Ceylon and other places with our papers but have done but little thus far. We have been able to send only a few to some one there to whom we could write. We have a Dutch brother in Ceylon to whom we have sent a few. The Dutch parsons even there are preaching against us, so I think the truth is being felt by them in those places. I wish that we could send a lot of papers to those places and it not fall into the hands of the ministers there. If it did, we know what would become of it. The brethren in Australia have been doing a good work in sending us a lot of papers to use in this work. Many of the Dutch prisoners pass through Cape Town and are here for a time. Here we can reach them and the papers are given to the prisoners. We are trying to feed them well while they are here, and so that they will have something to take with them when they go elsewhere. May the Lord bless the truth sent out to the good of souls is our prayer. We are of good courage in this work, inasmuch as it seems to be the most that we can do at the present time. So we leave it all with Father who has this work in his hands.

We are to have our Conference in about three weeks. I hope at that time they will give me a release from the official part of the work. I would like a rest from it and think that it will be for the best to have a change. Not for me only but for the work in general.

I hope that all are well with you and that the blessing of the Lord is with the work there. Remember me to the old friends as you see them. I would be glad to hear about the church there and how it is prospering as well as the Conference. Christian love to you and your family.

Yours in the Masters work,

W. S. HYATT.

Brother Hyatt sends his love to the brethren of Kansas and says he would be glad to hear from them.



OBERLIN.—Our meetings here are still increasing in attendance and interest. The husband of the sister mentioned in our last report has taken his stand to obey God. His mother takes the same stand. Elder A. E. Johnson spent two days with us and rendered valuable assistance, especially for the Swedish people. The mother who has taken hold of the truth is a Scandanavian and there are both Swedes and Americans interested. We hope to see a church raised up here in the future.

W. H. WHITE.



Brethren Huffman and Brown are engaged in a series of meetings nine miles south of Concordia. From a private letter, we glean the following report of their work:

"We are having splendid meetings here. The house is well filled every evening, and on Sunday evenings it is 'chucked full.' Attendance is regular and all seem interested. While we are speaking it is sometimes so still that a pin could be heard drop. We are glad to see the interest there is to hear the truth, but as we realize they are waiting with eyes and ears and hearts open to hear the Word from

us, we tremble under the responsibility. It is not by human might or wisdom but by the Spirit of God the work must be done. O, for the outpouring of that Spirit at this time and place!"



LEAVENWORTH AND HOLTON.—Sabbath, October 26, I spent with the brethren and sisters at Leavenworth and had the pleasure of participating in their quarterly service. I reached the city in the forenoon on Friday, and stopped at the National Military Home to visit some of our brethren who reside there. I found three brethren who are making this place their home for the present. It was interesting to me to see that vast throng of infirm men whiling away their time. I could not help feeling a sense of grief as I noticed their inactivity, which to me would be equal to solitary confinement. I asked myself the question, "What are we doing to prepare these men for the end of this life, for which they are waiting, many of them with apparently no aim before them?" There are about three thousand men residing at the home, and for the most part their time is spent in playing cards and gossiping. I saw only three Bibles in the institution and these were owned by our three brethren.

I held three meetings in all, with the church, returning to Topeka on Sunday. The little company there is composed largely of sisters, and although there are but few of them, yet they seem to be faithful. Two of our sisters promised that they would take up the sale of Marvel of Nations this fall, and one other will devote a part of her time to doing missionary work among her neighbors. It seems to me that by consecrated, personal effort, much good might be done in Leavenworth.

Sabbath, November 2, I had the privilege of speaking twice to the little company at Holton. The Lord has a few faithful sentinels at this place, and is blessing them in their efforts to keep the light of the Third Angel's Message shining brightly before those around them. A sad accident befell one of their number a short time ago. Sister Tysen fell down the steps into her cellar, and it came near resulting in her death, but the Lord was merciful to her and she was able to be present at one of our services last Sabbath. Owing to her deafness she has not been able to hear a sermon for 10 years; but in our testimony meeting, she praised the Lord for having heard every word of the discourse that had just preceded the testimony meeting. Three little girls united with this company last spring and are waiting for an opportunity to be baptized. I hope it can soon be attended to. I did not learn of this in time to arrange for it while I was there.

I expect to leave for Ottawa the 7th of this month to attend the meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference Committee.

R. W. PARMELE.



#### TITHES IN AUSTRALIA.

In Australia our brethren pay a tithe of from \$11 to \$12 per member per annum. While in the state of Kansas the average is only \$7 per member and yet in Kansas the average income of our people is about three times as much as that of our brethren in Australia. Brethren, what does this mean? It must mean that many of our people are not honest with God. O! that God may give his people tender hearts— hearts to fully do his will. Lord, breathe on thy people and give them the spirit of true consecration.

E. T. RUSSELL.



Have you been honest with the Lord? Have you withheld any of your tithe? God says; "I know thy works." Everything is known by him. May the Lord deeply impress all our hearts to do right in this matter.

## THE KANSAS WORKER.

Brethren, contribute freely to the colored work in Kan. City, Sabbath, Nov. 9.

E. T. R.

When you send in tithe or donations, don't fail to tell us to what church you want it credited.

The South-western Union Conference Committee will meet and hold a council at Ottawa, Kansas, Nov. 7-11. Several of our leading brethren will be present.

Remember the collection for the colored work in Kansas City to be taken up in all our churches and companies, Sabbath, Nov. 9.

E. T. R.

There are 93 organized Seventh Day Adventist churches in Kansas. Up to the present time, (Oct. 31) only 45 have reported for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1901. Where are the 48? Let them report to Bro. T. J. Eagle.

"D. M. CANRIGHT IN A NUT SHELL."—This is the title of No. 33 of "Words of Truth Series," in which many of the false assertions and positions of Mr. Canright are shown in their true setting. 16 pages, price, one cent.

Bro. S. C. Osborne, formerly District Agent of Dist. No. 5, but now with the Pacific Press Publishing Co., of Oakland, Cal., was with the Topeka church, Sabbath, Oct. 26. We were pleased to see him and learn of the prosperity of his line of work.

I have received quite a number of letters from our isolated brethren and sisters during the past few weeks, but have been very busy of late and so could not reply to them, but they will all have careful attention as soon as I can get to them.

R. W. PARMELE.

Elder E. T. Russell has been attending a meeting of the General Conference Committee at Battle Creek for the past two weeks. He returned home last Monday and reports the meeting a very profitable one. He will leave tonight for Ottawa to attend a meeting of the S. W. U. C. Committee.

Sister Anna Orr who has been connected with this Conference for a number of years as Bible worker, also a year as Corresponding Secretary of the Tract Society, left the city last Sunday for her future field of labor. Sister Orr will visit her people in Sedalia, Mo., and then start for India to work among the women there. May all the women who have so liberally donated to this enterprise, and all others, remember her before the throne of grace.

### OBJECT LESSONS.

Brethren, are you selling the book, "Christ's Object Lessons?" If you are not, the Lord wants you to as he has plainly told us so. He wants you to get an experience which that work will give you and he wants our institutions free from debts. Let us begin the work now as it is a good time to sell them before the holiday season. Besides, as a people, we are dying because of inactivity. We must go to work as it means life to us.

E. T. R.

We are not doing what we should for the colored people; therefore let us give freely for their benefit next Sabbath.

E. T. R.

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Brother C. E. Peckover, who is teaching the church school at Atchison, says: "The school at Atchison has opened favorably with an enrollment of about thirty-six, and prospects for more. Some of these are not of our faith. I feel very much encouraged with the prospects here. Surely the Lord is in this work. There are six attending the school who do not live in town, but board with families. Brother Beeson brought one boy from Abilene."

Several of our church school teachers have sent to us for Cady's Outlines of Nature Study, and we presume are very much surprised that their orders have not been filled, as we have informed them that the orders have been forwarded for filling. We are just in receipt of a letter from the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Kansas City, stating that they had forwarded our orders to the Review and Herald Pub. Co., Battle Creek, and received reply to the effect that the orders could not be filled from there as they had none in stock. The order was then forwarded to the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Oakland, Cal., and word has just now come to the effect that the Outlines are not ready, and the time when they will be is very indefinite. We will therefore request those who have ordered them, to reorder if they still desire them, about Dec. 1, and we will make another effort. The first edition of this book was exhausted, and the second is now in preparation. We have had considerable trouble with school books, but hope to do better another year.

### HEALTH HINTS.

In order to have good health and enjoy life, we must live right. A proper diet is the most essential point to consider. We must select our food with regard to proper food elements. If our occupation is such that we are very active, and out of doors a part of the time, a diet that contains more of the nitrogenous elements is the best. The foods largely containing this element are the legumes,—peas, beans, and lentils. It is also abundant in eggs, the gluten of wheat, and in protose,—a nut product. For students and those doing more brain and less physical work, a diet consisting of toasted breads, well cooked grains, fruits, and nuts, is excellent. Too great a variety should not be used; four or five articles of food at a meal are sufficient. Each meal should consist of a different variety from the one preceding it. In this way all the varieties of food can be used, and the system receive the proper nourishment. If the head aches, and the digestion becomes slow, a diet consisting of nothing but fruits for two or three days will relieve the headache, and clear the system of impurities.—MRS. EMMA A. PERRINE, M. D., in The Iowa Workers' Bulletin.