

# SUPPLEMENT TO REVIEW and HERALD

Matt. 9:37, 38: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

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Through this toilsome world, alas!  
Once, and only once, I pass.  
If a kindness I may show,  
If a good deed I may do  
To any suffering fellow man,  
Let me do it while I can,  
Nor delay it, for 't is plain,  
I shall not pass this way again.

—Selected.

O. J. CORWIN and son have begun their delivery, and are doing well,—so much better than they expected, that their books ran short, and they sent in haste for more. They wish to be remembered in prayer, that they may have divine aid. Their delivery will continue through this month.

BROTHER HENRY PUNDT, who has been delivering at Brenham, writes us that while stopping at a hotel a few days since, he was robbed of his watch and nearly \$300.

Let this be a warning to all other canvassers. As soon as your books are delivered, promptly send in amount due the tract society, and take good care of your own part. The Lord is not pleased with careless stewards.—*Texas Reporter*.

A REPORT from the North Pacific Tract Society shows that in nine days one agent, averaging a little less than nine hours a day, sold \$151.25 worth of books. Another in the same field sold \$95.50 worth in eight days. These agents are no brilliant exceptions to what hundreds of others might be doing. They are simply faithful, industrious, hard-working men, who fear God and push their business.

WE have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from places to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct our way so we shall not be able to do that which is possible to be done now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. I know from the light given me of God that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread he (Satan) is advancing to take those who are asleep now, as a thief taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory.—*Special Testimony*, No. 7, page 64.

It is now some time since the good meeting at Clinton, which it was my privilege to attend. My work there was pleasant, and I was glad to form the acquaintance of the workers and people of the Missouri Conference. The arrangement of the camp, tents, and various lines of work showed care and business tact on the part of those in charge of the work. It did me good to see such a deep interest manifested in the canvassing work, and to see so many agree to enter this branch of the work. And I now watch with eager interest to see your reports in the *Record*. I feel anxious about those who had to go home to get ready to start out, for I know Satan will do his best to so mix up your affairs at home, that it will take you all the fall to get ready. Therefore, be on your guard, and do not allow him to shape things in such a manner that they will keep you out of the work. Now is a splendid time to work. And I very much desire to see every one that can possibly do so, get out and do all the good he can before the holidays. The sooner you get out, and the harder you work, the more truth you will place in the homes of the people, and the more means you will obtain to support yourself and family. The Lord is blessing the work all over the district, for which I am very thankful. Jesus says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth;" "Lo, I am with you alway." Then we have ALL power with us to meet the difficulties that come up. Then, how about failing? Again, he says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Therefore, dear workers, don't become discouraged, but push forward and make a success.

S. C. OSBORNE,  
General Agent for District 5.

## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

THE long evenings of the fall and winter are now here. What are you planning to do? Will you spend these evenings in idle chit-chat, or will you occupy the time in useful study? Our books should be read and studied by all our people. And now is just the season for us to be entering upon this work.

Have you ever read the great lessons in "Patriarchs and Prophets" drawn from the Bible, and given as a lesson for those "upon whom the ends of the world are come"? If you have not read this important book, you should begin its study at once.

Have you ever read "The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan"? The closing chapters especially are

thrilling in their presentation of the scenes and events that will surround us in these closing days of time. This book should be studied again and again. It is an invaluable help.

Have you ever studied the book "Daniel and the Revelation," by Elder U. Smith? This book treats in a most interesting manner the great prophecies of Daniel and John, and the Spirit of prophecy has been urging us recently to make a special study of these books.

Have you read "Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists"? If not, you will be encouraged and built up in the Lord and his work as you learn of the struggles, the intense trials, privations, and victories of the pioneers in this work. It is a great help to each one of us to know how this great cause began in such weakness, and has steadily advanced to its present proportions. "Rise and Progress" is just the book you need to give you all these facts.

Spiritualism is spreading everywhere, and is destined to be the crowning delusion of the age. And in order for us to escape this delusion, and guide the feet of others away from the snare, we should be familiar with such books as "Modern Spiritualism" and "Here and Hereafter."

All should read such books as the "Testimonies," "Steps to Christ," and "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" again and again.

The warning against the worship of the beast and his image is the very center of the third angel's message; and every one should be fully informed on this most important subject. Hence, "The Two Republics" and the "Rights of the People" should be made a part of every family library, and should receive the most faithful and careful study.

Other books that we publish are equally as important as the ones mentioned in this, but there is a necessity now of our studying the books mentioned. Our people as a body do not study our literature as they once did, and the effect of it is clearly seen. Many do not realize how rapidly the work is advancing, and how soon the message to fallen man will cease. And those who are in this condition, in almost every instance, are made that way by a failure to read our literature that is giving the message.

But some one is saying, How can I find time to read so much? I have my farm, or shop, or merchandise, or general work to attend to, and when this is all done, where is the time for so much reading?

Let us consider this matter together for a few moments. In one hour a ready reader can read with thought and care from twenty to twenty-five pages of "The Great Controversy," or "Daniel and the Revelation," or "The Two Republics," or any similar book; while fifteen pages of such books may be read with ease and the greatest care. You can readily calculate that, at the lowest rate of fifteen pages an hour, if a person will systematically read one hour each day, he can in one short year read through, with the greatest care, all the following books: "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Daniel and the Revelation," "The Two Republics," and over three volumes of the "Testimonies." Now ask yourself the practical question, Have I done this much reading during the last year? Have I even done a small fractional part as much?

The mind is the highest endowment given to mankind; and reading and thinking is our mental food and exercise. In view of the thrillingly important themes that are discussed in our books, is there any one who would say that an hour a day is too much time to devote to read-

ing them? Will you not rather say that more than double that amount of time should be devoted on an average each day to the reading of our most excellent books?

During the busiest season in the summer the farmer, mechanic, or other laborer may not be able to read an hour or two each and every day, but during the winter months he will generally be able, if diligent, to read fully half his time, including the long evenings. And these long evenings are now here. What are we going to do with them? Shall we simply allow them to pass by unused, or will they be filled with useful and necessary reading and study?

Of course in all this reading talked about, the Bible will be the center. In fact, it is impossible to read any of our books without the study of the Bible. And our books should be read only with the Bible in hand, and for the purpose of understanding more perfectly the Book of all books, the Word of God.

Chautauqua circles have been formed in many localities, and dozens of books have been read and studied in this way. Why not have such reading circles formed among our people for the purpose of reading our books? And when is there a better time of year than now, to begin? Not only think about it, brethren and sisters, but begin at once to do it.

A. O. TAIT.

#### THE VALUE OF STUDY.

You would not have thought that with but an hour of slow reading each day, you could read *through* in *one year* the books named by Brother Tait in his article. Yet that is all true.

Then why not begin at once thus to read, and let nothing rob you of your hour of reading. Even in the midst of harvest, or other busy season, an hour a day so spent, would be in no sense a loss. Do not forget that it is "with the *mind*" you "serve the law of God," in the field and in the shop through the week, as well as at church on the Sabbath day. Therefore, not to cultivate the mind during the week is a dead loss, both physically and spiritually, both temporally and eternally.

The more mind you have, of the right sort, the more fully you can serve the law of God in the field and in the shop every day, as well as at church on the Sabbath day. And what can give you more or better development of mind than will the careful reading of our good books that give you the very living principles of the truth of God in the third angel's message?

Of course, when you first take up a book thus to read an hour, you will get sleepy. But that is simply because your mind is lazy and does not like to work. There is nothing that dreads genuine work more than does the natural untrained mind. It is as lazy as any boy that was ever in the world. Therefore when your mind begins to get "sleepy" after you have read a few minutes, it is not real sleepiness because of its weariness; it is bogus sleepiness because of its laziness.

But you must not submit to this mind laziness. That is only to pamper it, and to do so you are lost. Wake it up; get up and walk about, step out into the fresh air, throw water in your face, do anything rather than to submit to that bogus sleepiness. Keep this up steadily and regularly, and it will soon come to pass that the easiest way for you to keep awake will be *to study hard*.

With the mind you serve the law of God. Then cultivate your mind. Develop it. Train it to work. Then you will be always happy, and your physical labor will be

only the more successful and the more prosperous, as your mind is more capable.

Please do not think that any of this is theory. It is not. It is all solid truth. It has been fully demonstrated by experience, and you can so demonstrate it for yourself. "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

### WHO WILL GIVE THE TRUMPET THE CERTAIN SOUND?

WE have reached that stage in the third angel's message when we may look for it to close up speedily and with great power. The message is going into the byways and hedges. The Lord is using those who will yield themselves to him, and is calling them to the forefront of the battle. Now, as never before, there are needed men who know what Israel ought to do,—men who can give the trumpet a certain sound. The sins that characterized Sodom are abroad in the land. Men stand in the pulpit and preach to the people, calling upon the law-makers to make laws to stamp these sins out; but the Word of God states that the sin of Sodom was pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness; and all those other horrible things which we know existed in Sodom, were simple *outgrowths* of these.

Again, we are told: "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded." Now, we may attempt to check any of these latter sins, but unless the eating and drinking are corrected, they will only burst out in a new form. Solomon tells us, "That where no wood is, there the fire goeth out." We may try to stamp out the fire of licentiousness and iniquity of various forms that is bursting up at a desolating flame in every part of the land but as long as diseased flesh foods, tea and coffee, highly spiced and illy prepared food are eaten, the ax has not been laid at the *root* of the tree.

"The curse of God rests upon men and women in loathsome diseases which need not exist at all if a righteous course were pursued in eating and drinking. Evil thoughts and evil practises are in the ascendancy in the heart and mind which have become polluted. Are these things to go on, and the victims be unwarned? Are the youth to be unchecked by any message from heaven? All those who have a knowledge of these things, and who know the perils of this time should feel a burden for the souls and bodies for whom Christ has died, and they should carry the burden day and night."—*Unpublished Testimony*.

If light has begun to shine upon your path, that wrong habits in eating and drinking, etc., lie at the very foundation of these things that are breaking out in human society, are you carrying that burden day and night? If not, why not?

Do you know that there are books published which show the scientific relation of all these things, in principles as clear as A B C? If the watchman seeth the sword coming, and doth not give the warning, then the blood will be upon his garments. The last generation are ripening up for their doom. Shall God have to compel the stones immediately to cry out, or will our people, who have so great light upon these things, make use of the facilities which are placed in their hands, and save their neighbors, as well as themselves, from the impending doom? During the long winter evenings just before us, thousands of families in every community where Adventists are residing, will

be reading literature which will only kindle the flame and evil in their natures, and hurry them to their doom; while many would gladly turn from the polluted sewers at which they have been drinking, and study books which have been written relative to the human body, and how to care for it. "What shall arouse those who claim to be walking in the light that is shining upon the people of God in these last days?"

If you begin to call the attention of your neighbors to these books, and then see the waves of reform that they will start, and hear the words which will fall from grateful lips for the light which you have brought to their doors, how glad you will be that the Lord has used you to elevate the moral standard of your community by beginning to correct their physical habits.

DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

### A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

In our anxiety to make known to the world the precious truths of the third angel's message, we too often confine our efforts merely to the middle-aged and the old, neglecting and slighting the youth. This is a serious mistake. The Spirit of prophecy has repeatedly admonished us that we, as a people and as individuals, are not devoting the time and attention that we should to the best possible development of our youth.

On page 257 of the REVIEW of April 28, 1896, we read the following forcible statements from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, bearing directly upon the issue at hand:—

There has been altogether too little attention paid to our children and youth, and they have failed to develop as they should in the Christian life because the church-members have not looked upon them with tenderness and sympathy, desiring that they might be advanced in the divine life . . . The work that lies next to our church-members is to become interested in our youth; for they need *kindness, patience, tenderness, line upon line, precept upon precept*. O where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? We ought to have a large number of them who would be stewards of the grace of Christ, who would feel not merely a casual interest, but a special interest, in the young. We ought to have those whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, who realize that *Satan is working* by every conceivable device to *draw them into his net*. God requires that the church rouse from its lethargy, and see what is the manner of service demanded of them at this time of peril. The lambs of the flock must be fed. . . . The Lord of heaven is looking on to see *who is doing the work* he would have done for the youth and the children. . . . Though we have come short of doing what we might have done for our youth and children in the past, let us now repent, and redeem the time.

Let us remember that our youth and children are fast approaching manhood and womanhood, and that *now* is the time for us to aid them in forming right habits, *mentally* as well as morally and physically. The instruction given above covers the whole range of youth education. Among the different lines to be watched in this education, may be mentioned that of reading, or the *mental food* which is received and appropriated by our young people.

How important it is that care should be taken in the selection of both the physical and the mental food offered to our young people! The world teems with corrupt literature in the form of sensational papers, and accumulations of trash under the false title of books. In order to save our youth from the evil effects of such printed matter, we should raise every legitimate barrier against this ever-increasing flood of debasing literature. Whatever does not elevate and point to higher ideals, is sure to debase and drag downward. By taking up with second-, third-, or fourth-rate reading-matter, our young people will not only injure

themselves mentally and morally, but will also soon begin to lose their taste for good, pure, and instructive literature.

All actions, whether good or bad, are traced back to the thoughts which prompted them. How necessary, then, to fill our own minds, as well as those of our children and youth, with only the very best in literature—that which *makes* the very best thoughts! How important to keep before the youth only brave, pure, and lofty ideals, that their plastic minds may be molded and fashioned accordingly! Hold up for their consideration and admiration only the best in language, literature, and morals, and let the aim ever be to elevate their ideals and aspirations.

Thus a healthy appetite will be engendered for culture, refinement, and all which is godlike in nature and mankind.

We have, at the present writing, a small publication which is trying to accomplish for our youth—for all youth—that which is so much needed and desired. It was with thoughts akin to those mentioned above, that Elder James White, in the year 1852, started a sheet called the *Youth's Instructor*. Its publishers have, ever since that time, endeavored to send out to the youth in this and other lands a publication of pure and instructive literature. How well they are now succeeding, we will let you—yes, ask you to—tell us, after you have sent for, received, and carefully examined sample copy, which we shall be pleased to send you free of charge. For sample copy, further information, etc., please write to us. A charge of only seventy-five cents a year is *now* made to new subscribers. We say *now*; for in a short time we expect to make the subscription price one dollar to all alike. Address Review and Herald Publishing Co., Department of Circulation, Battle Creek, Mich.

A. J. BOURDEAU.

### NOW IS THE TIME.

THE day of salvation and probation is rapidly closing. The time to work for our fellow men who are going down to perdition is fast terminating. Souls are constantly, each day, each hour, passing the limit of their probationary time through the gateway of death into eternity, unsaved.

Does it not lay in our power to warn many of their impending danger? It does if we have the power and the means. The power is of God, and he is willing to bestow it. We are informed in the great commission how much power accompanies the presentation of the gospel. Jesus says to every worker, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye [the worker] therefore, and teach all nations." Matt. 28:18, 19. As recorded in Mark 16:15, "preach [teach] the gospel to every creature." He who teaches, preaches, and he who truly preaches, teaches. That power which is abundant and all powerful is awaiting our demand and reception. Will you not ask and receive?

The means provided are generous. First, and best of all, we have the word of God. Are there not some in every church who can take the Bible and visit families and hold Bible readings on all the subjects important to the soul's salvation? Some one remarks that the neighbors are prejudiced. If so, there is no necessity of your introducing subjects which you know will antagonize their present position on the word. Thousands to-day are hungering, though they are professors, for spiritual food. They are not fed spiritually by the popular preaching of the day. Many are reading for themselves, but like the Ethiopian of old, how can they understand except some one shall teach them?

If the worker is directed by the Holy Spirit, he will know with whom and how to labor. When the interested party feels assured you are working for his good, he will soon want to know about your peculiar views; and when such is the case, the way is open for you, in the fear of the Lord, and through the sanction of the Spirit, to present those truths which are indeed present truth.

Now is the time to work. We have reached that period of the year in which the evenings are long, and people have leisure, and some will read, and many more would if good reading were furnished them. What a wonderful opportunity now presents itself for all our brethren and sisters everywhere to scatter the printed page. Make your neighbors a call, and hold a short conversation with them on a religious topic, and leave them a tract on the subject in which you think they are most interested. Or place several tracts in a large envelope and leave them in the homes of the people, calling in a few days for them, and leaving others, if they are interested enough to read further. If interested in the subjects treated on in the tracts, induce them to purchase the tracts or some larger works treating on the same subject or subjects. Avoid discussing doctrinal points. If you do not, they will conclude you are more legal than religious. Let the tracts do the discussing. If they ask questions be ready to give a reason of the hope that is within you, with meekness and fear.

Another means by which we can introduce the truth to the people is by obtaining short-term subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times*. That paper is truly our "Able Minister." It lifts up its voice like a trumpet, and gives no uncertain sound. It is inexpensive when taken in clubs. Are there not many in our ranks who will, this fall and winter, subscribe for a club? Have them come to your address. When you are ready to work, go from house to house displaying to them the paper until an interest is created in it, and then state to the interested one that you will deliver the paper for six weeks for fifteen cents. This affords you an opportunity to visit that family six times before the time the subscription expires. Many of the families will become interested. It has been tried and the testimony of the workers is that often families become so interested that they greet the workers with a smile, and extend to them a hearty welcome, and ply them with many questions. Thus the way opens for a pleasant conversation and Bible reading. In most cases from fifty to seventy-five per cent. of those who read for six weeks renew their subscriptions. Some become permanent subscribers.

This plan works well in cities and villages. It is an inexpensive way to work, as the money is returned when the subscriber pays his subscription. Collect your subscription price when you have delivered two or three papers.

When a person becomes deeply interested in the truth, and through it in our work, then by all means introduce the REVIEW. It, above all our papers, indicates the spread of the message by chronicling the facts of its progress in all parts of the world. The spread of the message is one of the sweet evidences of the end.

The managers of the REVIEW have reduced the price to \$1.50 a year, making it one of the cheapest papers printed by our people. Its low price places it within the reach of all. It should now visit every family in our ranks. Shall we not as workers strive to place it there?

Reader, will you not work on some of these lines? You need not apply to the Conference for a license to accomplish this work; simply go to work, and every lover of the truth will pray for your success. For further information

write to the secretary of your State tract society. Shall we not labor this season as never before? If so, through the blessing of the Lord the work will be a success.

S. H. LANE.

By thine own soul's law learn to live,  
And if men thwart thee, take no heed;  
And if men hate thee, have no care.  
Sing, then, thy song and do thy deed,  
Hope thou thy hope and pray thy prayer,  
And claim no crown they will not give.

### GREAT MEN WHO HAVE CANVASSED.

How many times do we hear the expression: "I would rather shovel dirt than canvass!" or, how often have we heard the foolish remark: "I would rather starve than canvass!" But among the canvassers of to-day are surely to be found scores of the great men of the future. Shall I tell you of *some* great men who have canvassed for a living? Did you ever hear of Napoleon Bonaparte? It may surprise you to learn that, when he was but a poor lieutenant, he became a book agent, soliciting orders for a work entitled "L'Histoire de la Révolution;" and should you ever visit Paris, you may have the pleasure of viewing, in the Palais du Louvre, the identical canvassing outfit which the great warrior and statesman used in his work, with the long list of subscribers which he secured.

George Washington, when a youth, canvassed in the vicinity of Alexandria, Va., and sold over two hundred copies of a work entitled "Bydell's American Savage."

Mark Twain, Longfellow, Jay Gould, and scores of other noted men, were first-class canvassers; and Daniel Webster paid his second term's tuition at Dartmouth College by canvassing for "De Tocqueville's America," in Merrimac county, N. H.

General U. S. Grant canvassed for "Irving's Columbus," with success. Rutherford B. Hayes, who afterward became president of the United States, in his younger days canvassed for the well-known book "Baxter's Saints' Rest."

Finally, we come to two of the world's greatest statesmen, Bismarck and James G. Blaine. When the former attended the University of Heidelberg, Germany, he spent one entire vacation in canvassing for "Blumenbach's Hand-book;" and it may be said that Mr. Blaine began life as a canvasser, taking orders for a work entitled "The Life of Henry Clay."

In the presence of such an array of the world's great men who have canvassed, dare we say that the canvassing work is degrading, or one beneath the dignity of a gentleman? These men ran the gauntlet of canvassing life, and came out stronger men, better able by far than before to meet the stern realities of life. Did it injure them? Let history speak for them.

A. J. BOURDEAU.

Oct. 22, '97.

BROTHER S. C. COLTRIN, at one time a canvasser in California, but now of Oregon, writes: "I am doing a little something in the work for the blessed Master. I am glad to say I hear good reports already from the 'Prophecies of Jesus.' It is a glorious work. I can report nine new-born souls rejoicing in the blessed Saviour's love, and to the Lord be all the praise." Brother Coltrin has placed a large number of books this summer, but has found time to follow his work with Bible readings, with results as above.

### THE CANVASSER AN AMBASSADOR.

JESUS, in the parable of the talents, states plainly that he has given to every man his work; and the work, as given in another place, is to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." In carrying out the commission, we hear Paul saying that he had taught "publicly and from house to house." So, then, in going into all the world, it is necessary to go from house to house. In Luke 14:21-23 we have a message brought to view which the Lord has told us is the work we now have to do. He says: "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. . . . And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

This is the work that the Lord has said is now to be done. Go out into the streets and lanes of the city and into the highways and byways; and who does the Lord say should do this?—His servants. Are you, my brother, my sister, a servant of this man who made the great feast?—Yes, you say. Well, what does he say you are to do?—Go out quickly, not next year, or as soon as convenient, and invite a few, and then return home because they would not come. No! no! His servants did not do that way. They returned because they had done "even as thou hast commanded," and he commanded them to go quickly, and compel them to come in. This shows that the Lord would not only have us active, but that we should labor so earnestly and perseveringly that it would be manifest that there is a compelling power with us. He tells those whom he sends that he will be with them even unto the end of the world.

Do you not see the work of the canvasser clearly described in the above scripture? Then let those who respond to the command of the Saviour never entertain doubts about the success of the canvassing work, but draw faith from the Saviour's words. Let them act faithfully and talk faith, and Jesus says, "Be it unto you according to your faith."

The work of the God-fearing canvasser is onward to victory; for his Captain is the Lord of Hosts, who never lost a battle.

J. B. BLOSSER.

### WORK DELIBERATELY.

THERE are some things that must be done in a hurry, or not at all. But, as a rule, it is safe to say that the man or woman who works deliberately and systematically accomplishes the most. The deliberate worker is the thoughtful worker, with whom the habit of system has become second nature. Any one may cultivate it who will take the trouble to try; and the most unsystematic, spasmodic worker will realize with amazement how easy it is to get through an allotted task in half the time it formerly required, by planning it out before entering the office or workshop.

The hurried worker is the one who fancies he is an uncommonly busy man. True, he is; so is the man who tries to bale out a leaky boat with a crownless hat; and, in proportion to the energy expended, very often the one accomplishes about as much as the other. The busiest men we have known were those who never seemed to be in

a hurry, and they accomplished more in a given time, and were less worn out when their work was done, than many who accomplished half as much, and almost injured themselves by doing it. Think about your work before beginning it, then go at it deliberately. It will save wear and tear of nerve and muscle, you will accomplish more, and what you do will be better done.— *Great Thoughts.*

### LIVE FOR SOMETHING.

LIVE for something ; be not idle ;  
Look about you for employ ;  
Sit not down to useless dreaming ;  
Labor gives the sweetest joy.

Folded hands are ever weary,  
Selfish hearts are never gay ;  
Life for you hath many duties ;  
Active be, then, while you may.

— Anon.

### DISTRICT 1.

ACCORDING to the census of 1890, there is a population of 21,800,000 people within the thirteen States in District 1, or nearly one third of the population of the United States.

With work scarce and wages low, the recent advance in the price of wheat and corn means quite a different thing to the people here from what it is with the farmers of the West.

As we learn of the tide of financial prosperity flowing to the farmers of "the West," we cannot help thinking, What a favorable time that will be for selling books there. We sincerely hope that the present fall will be improved to the utmost by the friends of the cause in the West, in placing our good books before the people.

We rejoice in the favorable times which have come to you in the West. With us here it is otherwise; we do not have such a wave of financial prosperity. But we are not idle; we have chosen as our motto the words found in Luke 10:2, and are asking our brethren and sisters to comply with the instruction there given.

It is interesting to note that where brethren and sisters heartily comply with this instruction, their prayers are often very soon answered.

We cordially invite all lovers of present truth to join us in heeding the instruction of Luke 10:2.

F. L. MEAD.

### READ THEM FIRST.

It is natural for us to treat our literature as we do a searching sermon—give it away. In the first case some good may result; in the second, none. How much better if an article in the paper or an argument in the tract, were marked or in some way brought to the attention of the one to whom it is given! He will at once conclude that you are interested in the subject yourself, and will be more inclined to read.

But do not give it all away. The time has come for *personal study*. The waves of opposition are beating upon us as they have never beaten before, and only those who are ooted and grouded in the faith will stand. Let us heed

the injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman which needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." H. H. HALL.

### THE CANVASSING WORK.

WHILE blessing in all the other branches of his work the present year, the Lord has also remembered the canvassing work. The promise, "Lo, I am with you alway," has been verified to the faithful canvasser. In spite of the "hard-times" cry, he has been enabled to stay in the field, and do a good work for the Master. Neither has he been compelled to go without his reward; for the Lord has been true to his word, which says, "Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

I have visited most of the canvassers in Wisconsin the past summer, and all are full of courage, and happy in their work. All realize that they are working for the Lord and the good of perishing souls around them; and the Lord is blessing their efforts, and giving them rich experiences.

As a source of strength to the work, we have appointed a weekly prayer-meeting for the canvassers. Every evening after the Sabbath, at nine o'clock, the canvassers all over the field bow down before God, and send up a petition in behalf of the canvassing work and of all who are engaged in it. Although alone and separated, we know that all our prayers meet at the throne of God, and he hears them, and blesses those from whose lips they ascend.

To encourage one another, we send out a "weekly letter" to all the canvassers, to which all contribute. From it we can see the success and courage of all the workers; and when we see one discouraged, we can plead with God to give him strength to overcome the obstacles in his pathway. When one has a blessed experience, all can rejoice with him.

The present outlook for the canvassing work is encouraging. Business prospects seem to be brightening up a little, and people are again more free to buy. The careful student of prophecy knows, however, that this is only for a short time; but while it is thus, let us take advantage of it, and place many pages, laden with precious truth, in the hands of the people around us. I am glad to see that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of some to take up this work, but there is room for many more. Let all who read this ask themselves, "Does the Lord want *me* in the canvassing field?" If you think that he does, and then step out and go to work, he will be with you and bless you.

Let none feel that the canvassing work is one of little importance. To show how God looks upon it, I quote: "I sincerely hope that no mind will receive the impression that it belittles a minister of the gospel to canvass." "I have been shown that the most precious ministry can be done by canvassing, and that by ministers." "The canvassing work is an important field of labor; and the intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser, occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister." Many more quotations of equal force might be referred to, but these will show us how the Lord looks upon the canvasser. Who will join this band of workers, and thus be the means of "reaching many who would not otherwise be impressed with the truth"?

I trust that many more will be impressed to enter this

branch of the Lord's work, and thus act as "hunters" who shall hunt souls "from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."—*P. R. Albricht.*

#### ABOUT 200,000 ? ? ? ? ? AND ANSWERS.

THERE are few, and it is to be hoped none, of the readers of the REVIEW but what have read that most useful and valuable tract, "How the Sabbath Came to Me." Also some have been very active in circulating it, for about 200,000 have already been distributed. As to the results of this work, all will be glad to know that a large number have already been led into the truth by this tract—quite a good-sized company in one place. Now when a tract will accomplish so much good when it is circulated, why not send it everywhere? Are you doing it? If not, read it again, and you will surely want to send out as many of this leaflet as possible.

A large number of the tract, "How the Sabbath Came to Me," was sent to friends of the author. As a result, a great many questions were asked her on the Sabbath question. These questions were all carefully answered, and it was soon found that every phase of the Sabbath question was covered by them. It was then suggested, "Why not put this matter into a tract?" for it not only discusses the Sabbath question fully, but briefly, and, best of all, in the form of "questions and answers," which to most people is one of the most interesting styles of writing. This suggestion was acted upon, and as you already know from previous announcements, the tract "Personal Questions and Answers Concerning the Sabbath" may now be had. This tract should go everywhere that the tract "How the Sabbath Came to Me" has gone. Are you helping to do this work? If not, will you begin at once? Send to your State secretary without delay for a supply. "How the Sabbath Came to Me" is \$1.50 per hundred, post-paid, and "Questions and Answers" is \$1.75 per hundred.

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#### THE CANVASSING WORK.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: Probably you have learned ere this, that at the last camp-meeting I was chosen to take charge of the canvassing work in Colorado for the coming year. I realize that this is a position of no small importance, and to make a success in the work of selling our books and getting them before the people means a great deal. Now this work cannot be done successfully by one man alone nor by a few, but we should all be interested in this important work.

Surely we should make a great effort in this direction *this fall and winter*. God has blessed the farming people of this State this year with good crops and good prices, and among this same people which have been so blessed, God has a people who know little or nothing of the truth which is so precious to every true Adventist; and how are they to know it unless we, to whom God has entrusted the message, tell them of it? And how can we better tell them than *through the books and papers* which are printed by us as a people?

Brethren, thousands are hungering for the bread of life, which they will find in these works. Why should we not have a large force of canvassers in the field this fall and winter, and take advantage of the means which God has

put in our hands at this time to spread the truths of the third angel's message? Let each one make this matter a subject of prayer not only for himself, but that God may put it in the hearts of many to give themselves wholly to God.

I will be glad to hear from any who can give all or part of their time to this branch of the work. Now is the time to work, and may God bless you all in finding and doing the work which he would have you do.

My address is 1112 South 11th St., Denver, Colo.

G. W. BARKER.

#### ENCOURAGING.

IN a letter just received from Brother Sherrig, General Agent for Dist. No. 4, he says: "We are planning to have a four weeks' institute in the northwestern part of Wisconsin, and are trying to get the brethren to furnish the necessary provision. It would interest you to see how ready they are to help, in any way they can, those who are willing to go out with our publications. Yes, even two outsiders said they wanted to help carry on a month's institute for such as would enter the work. By working this way, you see, we do not have to ask very much of the canvassers who attend, nor of the conference or tract society."

#### WHY NOT?

SPEAKING of the health principles and their relation to our people, a late communication from Sister White has the following: "*Why should not those who are accepting the present truth become intelligent on the subjects which concern the habitation the Lord has given them, walking in the light as it shines upon their pathway?*"

And further on in the same communication we read: "It is labor lost to teach people to go to God as a healer of their infirmities unless they are educated also to lay aside every wrong practise, and to cease to indulge perverted appetite. Faith in God's power to heal infirmities is dead unless the one diseased improves the light God has given him by bringing his habits into harmony with right principles."

It is not hard to understand the meaning of these and many other similar statements. The Lord is calling upon us to study the health principles, and take our stand on the side of truth. Our denominational health journal, *Gospel of Health*, is printed for the express purpose of assisting our people to gain a thorough, comprehensive knowledge of the principles of Bible health reform. But it goes to only a small number of them, whereas it should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, and should be read and prayerfully studied by fathers and mothers, and children as well. It presents these subjects in such a simple manner that all can understand them. It costs only forty cents a year, and will save a hundred times that much money in sickness or doctor's bills. It is simply indispensable to those who wish to keep pace with the advancing light of health reform, and enjoy perfect physical health and ability to work hard and faithfully in the blessed cause.

M. E. OLSEN.

BROTHER M. E. OLSEN'S short article, entitled "Why Not?" deserves more than a passing notice because of the important statements it contains from the Spirit of Prophecy. Read and ponder those statements well, and by no means fail to subscribe for the *Gospel of Health* too.

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW

What the people of Babylon themselves said of the Confusion of Tongues and the stoppage of the work on the tower? Of course you would. Very good. Then read page 4 of "Empires of the Bible." That book will give you this and many other such interesting things. 410 pages. Price, \$1.50. Address,

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## CANVASSING REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1897.

STATE.	No. Can- vassers.	No. Report- ing.	Days.	Hours.	Orders Taken.	Value.	Miscel. Sales.	Total Value.	BOOKS DELIVERED.	
									No. of Books.	Value.
Atlantic.....	7			428	466	\$256 90	\$26 75	\$283 65	240	\$97 25
Maine.....	4	4	10		132	83 50	16 75	100 25		
New England.....	11	4		484	464	479 66	36 45	516 11	187	275 05
New York.....										
Pennsylvania.....	30	30		1285	1062	815 10	331 30	1146 40	960	447 80
Vermont.....	3	3		204	120	114 95	1 00	115 95	125	135 50
Virginia.....	2	2			376	137 00	27 00	164 00	100	36 50
West Virginia.....	5	5		151	34	38 00	29 65	67 65	230	156 35
Michigan.....	16	7	98	436	453	296 85	60 25	357 10	285	246 45
Ohio.....	15		166	879	584	617 50	81 85	699 35	223	347 50
Indiana.....	11	11		72	55	52 20		25 20	212	122 60
Illinois.....				83	16	37 00	2 20	39 20		
Iowa.....	31	31	205	2159	347	482 45	187 75	670 20	888	1214 55
Dakotas.....	2	2	13	177	30	75*25	6 00	81 25		
Minnesota.....	12	12				408 80	60 05	468 85		
Wisconsin.....	14	14	83	397	118	223 00	75 45	298 45		
Nebraska.....										
Tennessee.....	5	4		326	175	349 00	16 25	365 25	77	157 50
Southern District.....	48	46		4680	1335	2456 16	298 71	2754 87	289	605 05
Florida.....	4	4	30	155	126	285 25	34 45	319 70		26 25
Arkansas.....		8		861	725	2016 70	98 95	2115 65		
Colorado.....						122 25		122 25		
Kansas.....		8		348	328	281 60		281 60	289	205 65
Missouri.....										
Oklahoma and Indian Territory.....		10		375	254	532 70	36 95	569 65	141	365 75
Texas.....										
California.....		14			372	822 25	131 95	954 20	104	144 00
Montana.....										
Sweden.....	40	31		5329	1825	1848 79	69 92	1918 71		2116 41
Germany.....	54	54	900	6882	286	211 94	1538 25	1750 19	215	136 56
Denmark.....	27		263¼	2332	1154	874 89	11 80	886 69		
Brazil.....										
New Zealand.....	12	6	63	349	99	350 64	98 03	448 67	324	1637 78
Australia.....	18				316	1476 50		1476 50		
Manitoba.....	5	4	90	570	203	657 45		657 45	42	23 90
Review and Herald Pub. Co.....										
Central Europe.....	6	4			93	176 40		176 40		
Norway.....	37	37			713	957 06	23 89	980 95	374	483 46
Totals.....	419	355	1921¼	28912	12261	17537 74	3301 60	20712 34	5305	8971 86