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A New Leaf

"She came to my desk with a quivering lip:
The lesson was done.
'Dear teacher I want a new leaf,' she said,
'I've soiled this one.'
I took the old leaf so stained and blotted,
And gave her a new one all unspotted,
And into her sad eyes smiled:—
'Do better now my child.'
I came to the throne with a quivering soul:
The old year was done.
'Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?
I've soiled this one.'
He took the old leaf so stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled:—
'Do better now, my child.'"
—Selected.

The Future Use of "Object Lessons"

THE use which should be made of "Object Lessons" in the future has been made clear to me, and I must write to my brethren in regard to it. Letters have been received from our canvassing agents, in which they say that they think it would be a good plan for "Object Lessons" to be handled as a regular subscription book, as soon as the relief-of-the-schools campaign is finished. They believe that this book would have as ready a sale in the hands of a regular canvasser as any that could be produced.

*From advance sheets of *Testimonies*, Vol. VIII.

As my son read one of these letters, the thought came to me, "Here is an opportunity for me to get out of debt. Is not this the right thing to do?" I told my son that I thought perhaps it would be best to do as the letter had suggested. Then I sent to heaven the prayer, "Lord, teach me to speak right words." Quickly the answer came. In an instant the light given me at first regarding "Object Lessons" flashed into my mind, and the instruction then given was repeated. I seemed to hear the words, "God signified that this book should be given to our schools, to be to them a continual blessing. Would you exchange His plan for human devising? This book is to be treated as a sacred offering, made to God; and as His plan regarding it is unselfishly carried out, the result will be wholly satisfactory."

I immediately told my son that I would make no change in regard to the handling of "Object Lessons" unless God gave me plain instruction that this should be done. As I told him this, I felt the blessing of God resting upon me.

The plan for the circulation of "Object Lessons" is not of human devising; it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to our schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set His approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of His people. Shall we mar His plan?—No, no! Until the Lord shall come, and our present system of school work shall be ended by our entering the higher school, "Christ's Object Lessons" is to stand as a gift to our educational institutions.

THE RESULT OF UNSELFISH SERVICE

In the work for the relief of our schools, the Lord has bestowed upon us a gift of great value, and has marked out for us the pathway of blessing. He called upon me to give our schools the manuscript of the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." He called upon our publishing houses to make liberal gifts of labor in pre-

paring the book for sale. In response to this call, they acted their part nobly. Our people contributed generously to raise a material fund, and then went forth willingly to sell the book for the help of the schools.

As a result of this effort, far more has been accomplished than at first we dared expect. Angels of God co-operated with those who went out to circulate the book. Men, women, and children took part in the effort, and labored earnestly and unselfishly. The Lord gave them His approval, and with it His grace and joy and peace. Read in our papers the result of their work. Testimony after testimony has been borne witnessing to the blessing found in selling this book. How good these testimonies are! As we read them, refreshing streams of salvation seem to flow from the very throne of God into our hearts.

I have been shown many praying to God for help as they have gone forth to sell "Christ's Object Lessons." They have asked the Lord to give them success. Then, as they have succeeded, they have felt that they received evidence that the Lord had answered their prayers. Thus they have obtained a deeper experience in heavenly things; for they have felt that they are following in the steps of Christ.

With many, to go out and sell "Object Lessons" meant to take up a heavy cross, but they have been rewarded by God's approval. The thought, "We are doing something for the Master," has filled their hearts with peace and gladness. Church members who never before had courage to sell books took hold of this work. Very timidly they began. But they did not turn back; and, as they labored on, courage came, and success attended their efforts. Many gained an experience more valuable than gold or silver.

The hearts of God's people have been made light and joyful as they have offered Him the sweet incense of unselfish service. Many of our churches have been quickened and refreshed as some of their number have engaged in this work.

Our brethren and sisters are just as surely in the service of the Lord when selling this book as when bearing testimony for Him in meeting. They receive the refreshing grace of God; for they are carrying out His purpose, and He bestows on them His commendation. Their minds are freed from the malaria of selfishness and

complaint and discouragement.

By the effort to sell "Object Lessons" much has been accomplished to bring the precious light of present truth to those in darkness. Thus many have been saved from sin. For every spring of influence touched, for every train of thought set in motion with a sincere desire to glorify God, the Holy Spirit has worked on hearts, bringing wisdom, courage, and strength. Those who have bought the book bear testimony to the blessing they have received in reading it. Many will shine in the kingdom of God whose conversion was the result of the efforts of our brethren and sisters to sell "Object Lessons."

The men who have taken a leading part in this enterprise have done a good work. Their labors have brought about most excellent results. They are not to become discouraged, but to look up to God in faith, and go forward, walking humbly before Him. Our brethren connected with the school at Berrien Springs should be encouraged to advance as the way may open before them. We are to help them all we can. Christ stands at the helm, and to Him is to be ascribed the praise and glory for the work accomplished by "Object Lessons." This work bears the stamp of unselfishness, and it will produce good fruit. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The Foreign Work Taking a New Start

ON the thirtieth of December last, about 7:30 P. M., it was just one year since the great fire in the Review and Herald Office took place, which laid that structure, with its excellent machinery, in ashes. While some mourned over the loss, others at once saw the hand of God even in this apparent misfortune, and trusted that the Lord would make even this a blessing to us, if we would take lessons from it.

We see how the English work has been re-instated in Washington, D. C. Undoubtedly the hand of God has shaped all these things. The foreign work has also gotten a new start, and it is certainly a source of satisfaction to see that in just one year from the time of the fire we have been able to purchase and equip a good building, are ready to move into it, and already have the sign "International Publishing Association" out, advertising the fact that the foreign work—to begin with the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish—has not been rooted

out by the flames, but, on the contrary, has taken a new start with the new year.

Before this number of the ADVANCE reaches its readers, the foreign editors will be occupying their new quarters, and as soon as the new Miehle press arrives, the typesetters and other workers will be moved there. May the Lord, who has helped thus far, continue to bless in our work, and bring it to a glorious victory. There is certainly a work to be done among the foreign population of the United States; and the Lord, who is no respecter of persons, will certainly have His truth proclaimed to them with the same power as among the English-speaking population. He, who knows the end from the beginning, will certainly raise up laborers and means to have the whole earth enlightened with the glory of the gospel of the kingdom.

T. VALENTINER.

Special Collection, Sabbath, February 6

ACCORDING to the recommendation of the recent General Conference Council, there is to be a collection taken up in all our churches, Sabbath, February 6, for the benefit of the International Publishing Association.

This Association is a corporation formed for the printing and distribution of literature among the foreign-speaking people of America. In many of the states, and also in our large cities, there are many foreigners, and comparatively little has been done in placing before them the saving truths for our time. This is the work that the International Publishing Association, with the blessing of God, expects to do. As it is a new corporation without as large a patronage as the Pacific Press or the Review and Herald, it seems necessary for it to appeal to our people for means with which it may become fairly well established financially, in order to carry forward its work, without embarrassment.

The Association has just purchased a building and fitted up a neat printing plant at College View, Nebraska, at a cost of about \$5200, including furnace, engine, electric dynamo, and a large cylinder printing press, etc. They have also purchased from the Review and Herald Publishing Co., at Battle Creek, Mich., its large stock of foreign books. They will now devote their attention to the publication and circulation of our denominational literature in the different foreign languages. It has ever been a hard struggle to make our foreign publishing work

self-supporting, owing to limited patronage. This has been especially true in respect to our foreign denominational papers published in America. And many of our foreign books and pamphlets have not paid the publishers the initial expense of their publication. Yet books, tracts, and periodicals must be placed in the hands of the different nationalities represented in this country, as our message is to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

The new corporation will need the help of our people in a financial way. We hope that our people generally will assist this enterprise for placing the light of truth before others by contributing liberally for its support Sabbath, February 6.

E. T. RUSSELL.

Young Men Wanted

MR. CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE, an English author, says, "The world, in all its affairs, is mainly what young men have made it. Manhood and age may often have taught, but it is youth that makes the disciples and spreads the doctrines." To the truthfulness of this witness the Apostles, the Luthers, the Wesleys, and the George Whitfields. Young men are warmer, stronger, more active, more zealous, more loveable, more loving, and more teachable, as a rule, than are old men.

God invites the young people to-day into His service. The call to them now is: "Gather a stock of knowledge. Do not wait until some human examination pronounces you competent to work, but go out into the highways and hedges, and begin to work for God. Use wisely the knowledge you have. Exercise your ability with faithfulness, generously imparting the light that God gives you. Study how best to give to others peace, and light, and truth, and the many other rich blessings of heaven. Constantly improve. Keep reaching higher and still higher. It is the ability to put to the test the powers of mind and body, ever keeping eternal realities in view, that is of value now. Seek the Lord most earnestly, that you may become more and more refined, more spiritually cultured. Then you will have the very best diploma that anyone can have,—the endorsement of God."

He who would be happy here must have friends; and he who would be happy hereafter, must above all things, find a friend in the world to come, in the person of God, the Father of his people.—*Spurgeon*.

A New Location for the "Signs" Office

WE are pleased to note that, in harmony with the instruction the Lord has given us, our schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses, are getting out of the cities and locating in the country. An item in the *Signs* of December 30 states that the Pacific Press Publishing Company has decided to make such a move, and that a suitable place has been secured thirty-nine miles south of San Francisco at a small village called Mountain View. It is expected that the plant will be moved the coming summer. We congratulate the management on this move; and, in view of the magnitude of the undertaking and the natural difficulties attending it, we feel to compliment them for the faith and courage they have shown in entering upon it.

Unity Among Believers

GOD has united believers in church capacity in order that one may strengthen another in good and righteous endeavor. The church on earth would indeed be a symbol of the church in heaven if the members were of one mind and of one faith.

It is those who are not moved by the Holy Spirit that mar God's plan. Another Spirit takes possession of them, and they help to strengthen the forces of darkness.

Those who are sanctified by the precious blood of Christ will not become the means of counter-working the great plan which God has devised. They will not bring human depravity into things small or great. They will do nothing to perpetuate division in the church.

If there is disunion among those who claim to believe the truth, the world will conclude that this people cannot be of God, because they are working against one another. When we are one with Christ, we shall be united among ourselves. A few converted souls, uniting for some grand purpose, under one head, will achieve victories in every encounter.—*Test. Vol. VII.*

Helping a Soul to Heaven

"Perchance, in heaven, one day to me
Some blessed soul will come and say,
All hail, beloved! But for thee
My soul to death had been a pray.
Ah, then what sweetness in the thought
One soul to glory to have brought."

From the Field

Monte Vista, Colorado

WE are glad to report that six precious souls have given their hearts to God during the past week in San Luis Valley. We expect others to follow in the near future. Nearly all our members in the valley are laying aside ten cents or more a week for missionary work, and are receiving a blessing by so doing. "Forward" is the watchword. M. MACKINTOSH.

Work in Various Lines

AFTER the Nebraska state camp-meeting closed I stayed one day with some of the brethren of Grand Island who were rejoicing in the knowledge of the new truths and the advanced light which they had received at the meeting.

Following this I stayed over Sabbath and Sunday with the brethren at York, and attended Sabbath-school and a Bible reading with them. Then I spent a few weeks with our brethren and other friends and relatives near Thair, Benedict, Stromsburg and Gresham. During this time I sold fifty-five copies of the book, "The Story of Joseph," nearly as many *Good Health*, and some *Life Boats*, also a number of health books, such as "A Friend in the Kitchen," "The House We Live In," and "Every Day Dishes." I also sold some of our health foods. I assisted in caring for some of our sick people, and sometimes took part in the varied lines of fall work among the farmers. In this way I could talk a little to them about the message for to-day, and study the Bible and pray with some of them. Later I sold one hundred of the special number of the *Signs*.

I spent several Sabbaths with the little company at Stromsburg, the former home of Elder Shultz. About the middle of October Elder Hart visited Stromsburg and York. His labors were much appreciated, and the brethren are asking for him to come again.

The tent meeting held at Stromsburg by Brethren Svenson and Anderson and the sisters who were with them, are being followed up by active work. There is a good interest on the part of several, and some are keeping the Sabbath. It was my privilege to visit some of the interested ones in their homes, associate with the workers, and to attend their meetings occasionally.

THE CENTRAL ADVANCE

I attended the Polk County Sunday-school Convention at Shelby, where some of the most vital problems which pertain to the home and to society were discussed in a very earnest and interesting manner. S. BLACKFAN.



The Christians' Work

CHRISTIAN, walk prayerfully; oft thou wilt fall,
If thou forget on thy Saviour to call;
Safe thou shalt walk through each trial and care,
If thou art clad in the armour of prayer.

Christian, walk joyfully; trouble and pain
Cease when the haven of rest thou shalt gain:
This thy bright glory, and this thy reward:
"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

—Selected.

Our Young People's Work

WE are planning to organize the young people in the Nebraska Conference for service. Perhaps the readers of the *ADVANCE* would be interested to have me state briefly our plans for organization.

First, we have blanks prepared, made into little tablets of twenty blanks each. These we are sending out to our Conference workers, that, as they visit the people in the various parts of the conference, they may secure the information asked for on the blanks, fill out the same, and return them to us. We will then take up correspondence with these persons. Our workers come in touch with the young people, ascertain their needs, qualifications, and desires, and with this information we are able to correspond with them more intelligently.

We are also endeavoring, as far as possible, to organize our young people who have church privileges, into bands having a leader or secretary. We can then communicate with them as a society. For our isolated young people we have formed a society much like the Home Department of the Sabbath-school. We expect to correspond with these individuals, and keep them in touch with the work of our young people's societies throughout the Conference, and help them to see that the Lord has something for each one of them to do in the greatest work ever committed to men,—that of winning souls for the Master.

It seems that we must get a firmer hold upon our young people. Many of them are drifting

into the world because they do not receive sufficient attention from us or encouragement to fit themselves for the work of Christ, and because they do not know how to set themselves at work. It is necessary that our young people's work be carried on systematically. Perhaps this brief outline for work in the Nebraska Conference may help those in charge of this work in other conferences to plan their work so that the best results may be obtained. C. R. KITE.

Annual Report of Missionary Work of the College View Church for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903

THE money received and dispensed to the different purposes for which it was given, aside from the tithe and poor fund, which will be reported later, is as follows:—

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| Cash on hand..... | \$ 46.87 |
| Fourth Sab. don. for home miss. work..... | 79.47 |
| Missionary Acre Fund..... | 9.70 |
| Gold Coast, Africa..... | 9.00 |
| Australia..... | 102.92 |
| Inland China, Brother Pilquist..... | 21.88 |
| Chilean School..... | 69.50 |
| Canadian Sanitarium..... | 19.00 |
| Haskell Home..... | 25.28 |
| Topeka flood sufferers..... | 15.00 |
| Washington church..... | 42.50 |
| England Sanitarium..... | 92.31 |
| Chris. Pub. House..... | 6.25 |
| Nyassaland..... | 44.55 |
| Nashville Pub. House..... | 1.00 |
| Argentine School..... | 1.00 |
| Ten-cent-a-week..... | 343.18 |
| Annual offerings, College..... | 146.89 |
| " " Church..... | 193.44 |
| Object Lesson Material Fund..... | .45 |
| Books, periodicals, and tracts..... | 380.27 |
| Church expenses..... | 2.00 |
| Tithe..... | 2.00 |
| Total..... | \$1655.46 |

Donations which have not passed through the regular channels are as follows:—

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| Washington Church..... | \$ 64.00 |
| Nebraska Children's Home Society.... | 10.01 |
| Private don. to Drs. Miller for China... | 16.50 |
| Donations for Young People's Soc..... | 2.98 |
| | \$93.49 |
| Pledge on hand for Annual Offerings..... | 100.00 |
| Grand total..... | \$1848.95 |

Our Sabbath-school has adopted the plan of giving alternate quarter's donations for foreign

missions. Last quarter, the first quarter since this plan went into effect, fifty-six dollars were donated.

Our church school, too, is supported by tuition and contributions. We have a membership of nearly one hundred pupils, with three teachers, whose salaries amount to ninety-five dollars per month. This, with the expense of fitting up our school rooms, has been fully met, and a few dollars left in the treasury.

The money received, however, by no means represents all the work done. We began the year, Jan. 1, 1903, fairly well. More than a dozen baskets filled with good cheer were sent out both in the village and the city. A 250 pound box of clothing, groceries, soap, and two Bibles was sent to a sick and destitute family, and several boxes sent to the South. The College and church together made 612 garments for the Nyassaland mission. The work was scarcely accomplished when a plea came for our Chilean school. It was voted to use our fourth Sabbath donation for this work, so again bedding, table linen, rugs, etc., were gotten together until three large boxes were well filled for that far away school.

The sufferers from the disastrous floods at Topeka, Kansas, many of them our own people, next appealed to us. A thousand pounds of clothing and bedding were sent to Sister Emerson for distribution. We also sent them six dollars in money.

Our young people have been interested in distributing *Life Boats*, special *Signs*, and tracts, and also in holding meeting in the Home of the Friendless in the city of Lincoln. They made thirty-eight sheets, twenty-two towels, eleven surgical gowns, four pairs of blankets, eight fomentation cloths, and about one hundred and fifty bandages, representing in money value about thirty-six dollars, and presented them to the Drs. Miller who went to China last September.

The church has taken and distributed 1,660, and the young people 150 copies of the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs*. At one time during the last quarter we were paying for 162 copies of the regular issue, and at no time during the year have we failed to send out larger or smaller clubs. A club of ten is now going to Bro. J. W. Boynton, Alberta, and a like number to Prof. B. E. Nicola. We have also sent Brother Nicola \$4.38 in money. A club of five *Life Boats*, as many *Signs*, and several

Little Friends are being used in the penitentiary by one of our young men.

I must speak again of our little envelopes. I believe they have come to stay. Since the first Sabbath in August, the day on which we began their use, we have received \$324.66, an average of \$64.95 per month, or \$16.15 per Sabbath. One good sister, in speaking of the plan, said, "The cause is that much better off, and we are not a whit poorer."

I must also speak of the generous contributions of vegetables, fruit, pies, cookies, bread, and grains given to Brother Ryan, Superintendent of the Lincoln City Mission, for the Christmas dinner for the poor children of Lincoln.

Add to this the numberless little things in the way of Christian Help Work, which our deaconesses, with their helpers, have carried on, and I am sure none can think that our people have been idle. Our church has been our missionary society, and the church officers have worked and planned with the officers of the society, which has given strength and courage to all. We begin the new year with renewed faith in the soon coming of the Saviour, and the Advent Message to the world in this generation.

MARY I. REEDER,
Librarian.

The Call of the Hour

THERE is a message to be borne to the world. The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God's word says, "The Lord your God is a God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons or taketh reward: he doth execute judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger... Love ye therefore the stranger..." Deut. 10:17-19. "Love him as thyself." Lev. 19:34. God desires his co-laborers to walk humbly before Him. He calls for those who, when called upon to labor for lost humanity, will not give way to selfishness, and refuse to reach down and raise up the fallen. "Love the stranger as thyself." May it never be said to God's people, "Depart from me... I was a stranger, and ye took me not in."

Christ gave us object lessons of the work we are to do. Christians are to represent Christ. Let us not show unbelief by our inactivity, carelessness, and disregard for the sacred work

entrusted to us. Our captain is calling for faithful souls to enter the field and sow beside all waters. He tells that one of the most successful ways to reach all classes is to take the publications containing the message for this time to them. The Lord is providing ways whereby these publications may be produced in the various languages so that His word may be fulfilled and the everlasting gospel carried to every nation. May we respond to the call to become faithful servants in warning the world of its coming doom.

C. W. HARDESTY.

Mothers and Children Made Happy

A FRIEND and well-wisher, a lady of wide experience and deep appreciation, sends us the following words of encouragement and good cheer respecting the Christmas dinner given by our Lincoln City Mission, to mothers and their children, who earn their living by washing:—

KIND EDITOR: An item worthy of your estimable paper was the Christmas dinner given at the Lincoln City Mission on Christmas day, to a large crowd who congregated and enjoyed, with a keen relish, the many and varied viands, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Proprietors of the City Mission, and others who came in from College View to assist them. This Mission is under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventists, who are doing a great work,—one that is not properly appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan's life and time are wholly given for the good of others. Many of the children when ready to return to their homes were loaded with bed clothes and warm clothes for the winter, viands and other necessities of life.

As Mr. and Mrs. Ryan have done for others, may God in His love and goodness open the hearts and purses to reward them ten fold, yes a hundred fold, to go on with the great and good work, is the prayer of your friend and well-wisher,

MRS. M. J. CARPENTER.

What the Special Number Is Doing

THE influence of the half million of the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs* already circulated is tremendous. Only those who had a large part in the circulating, or have had an opportunity to read the scores of letters constantly being received at this office, can have any idea of it.

The manager of a large iron works concern came to my desk recently, and said, "I received a copy of that *Signs* on capital and labor while in Santa Barbara. I want to subscribe and see what the outcome of this question is."

A laboring man of Oakland said to me the other day, "How many of the special *Signs* have

you circulated?" After I told him he said, "That paper is going to open the eyes of a good many union men, as well as capitalists, for it gives both sides of the question impartially, and then shows where both fail." This coming from an outsider greatly encourages us, for it is the very object we had in publishing this number.

H. H. HALL.

Our Train Dispatcher

ONE day as the west-bound fast train was about to leave the depot of the C. R. I. & P. R. R., in the city of Lincoln, Neb., I saw the engineer receive and read the dispatcher's orders handed to him by the conductor. He oiled the cross head and guide rods to his engine, then took his place in the cab with an air of complacency, and the train sped off. The orders gave assurance that the way was clear, and that if the engineer did his part, all would be well.

So it may be with us as we get our orders from the God of heaven, and then go forward, with the assurance which comes by faith in the Infinite Train Dispatcher, who makes no mistakes. Each day and each moment may be crowned with success, and that peace which passeth all understanding be ours to enjoy.

S. BLACKFAN.

Canvassers' Report

NEBRASKA

For Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904

| | Hours | Orders | Helps | Value |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| HERALDS OF THE MORNING | | | | |
| L. T. Thompson, Winside | 30 | | 4.00 | 2.50 |
| N. H. House, McCook | 186 | 52 | 74.25 | 121.50 |
| COMING KING | | | | |
| Ellen Cornish, Columbus | 47 | 10 | 5.75 | 17.25 |
| GREAT CONT. | | | | |
| Lizzie Lockwood, Columbus | 16 | | 9.00 | 11.75 |
| DANIEL & REV. | | | | |
| Chas. W. Lee, Broken Bow | 112 | 8 | 1.65 | 29.00 |
| E. Everett, College View | 54 | 1 | 11.85 | 10.50 |
| C. H. Graves, Haigler | 22 | 15 | 5.05 | 32.80 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | |
| C. H. Wilbur, Valentine | 245 | | 70.01 | 72.76 |
| J. F. Eden, Grand Island | 64 | | 2.00 | |
| Enos Rishell, McCook | | | | 9.00 |
| Total | 776 | 86 | 183.66 | 307.06 |

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High Shall dwell in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress:
My God; in Him will I trust."

Health and Home

Training a Child Not to Tease

A CHILD who never "teases" is a rarity; yet no child ought to tease. If a child does tease, the blame of his teasing properly rests on his parents, rather than on himself. The parent who realizes this fact will have an added stimulus to the work of training his child not to tease; and no phase of the work of child-training is simpler, or surer of its result, than this one.

"To tease" is "to pull," "to tug," "to drag," "to vex with importunity." A child teases when he wants something from his parents, and fails to get it at the first asking. He pulls and tugs at his parents, in the hope of dragging them to his way of thinking, or to a consent to his having what he wants in spite of their different thinking. He hopes to vex or carry them into the line of his desires by means of his importunities, whatever their view of the case may have been to begin with. If a child could have what he wanted at the first asking, he would not tease; for there would be no room for his teasing. If a child never secured anything through teasing, he would not come into the habit of teasing; for there would be no inducement for him to tease. When, therefore, a child is accustomed to tease, it is evident that he has been trained by his parents to tease, instead of being trained by them not to tease; and they are to bear the responsibility and blame of his teasing.

If a child asks for a slice of bread at the family table, or for a glass of water between meals, he expects to get it at the first asking; but if the request be for something out of the ordinary line of his daily needs, many a child does not expect to get what he wants unless he teases for it. He does not anticipate gaining his request at the first asking. So, when the answer "No" comes back to him, in such a case, he meets it with the appeal, "Do let me. Oh, do!" and then he enters upon a nerve struggle for the mastery over his parents at this point, with the idea in his mind that it is a single question of who shall be more persistent in adhering to his side of the conflict which way the matter goes.

There are few children who always succeed in carrying their point by teasing; but there

are fewer who never succeed by this means. Most parents give way, sooner or later, in some of these conflicts with their children. Whatever be the parents' reason for their course in such a case, if they give a negative answer to their children's first request, and an affirmative one in response to more or less teasing on the children's part, they train their children so far to believe that teasing is an important factor in a child's progress in life; and they are therefore responsible for their children's continuance in the habit of teasing.

It is a misfortune to a child to suppose that teasing is essential to his gaining a point that he ought to gain. A result of such a view in his mind is, that he looks not to his parents' wisdom and judgment, but to his own positiveness and persistency, as the guide of his action in any mooted case of personal conduct; not to principles which are disclosed to him by one who is in authority, but to impulses which are wholly in his own bosom. Such a view is inimical to all wise methods of thinking and doing on the child's part, and of his estimation of the parent's understanding of what is right and best in a given case. No parent can have the truest respect of a child, while the child knows that he can tease that parent into compliance with the child's request, contrary to the parent's real or supposed conviction. For the child's sake, therefore, and also for the parent's, every child ought to be trained not to tease, and not to expect any possible advantage from teasing.

The mother of John and Charles Wesley was accustomed to say of her children that they all learned very early that they were not to have anything that they cried for, and that so they soon learned not to cry for a thing that they wanted. Any child who finds that he is never to have anything for which he teases, will quickly quit teasing.

To be uniformly positive in refusing to give to a child anything for which he teases is not an easy thing to do, and to do it wisely. The trouble in the case is not with the child, but with the parent. In order to give promptly, to a child's request, an answer that can rightly be insisted upon against all entreaties, a parent must do his thinking before he gives that answer, rather than afterwards. Too often a parent denies a child's request at the start without considering the case in all its bearings; when the child presses his suit, the parent sees rea-

sons for granting it which had not been in his mind before.

Training a child not to tease, is a duty incumbent upon every parent; but, as a prerequisite to this training of the child, the parent must himself be trained. When a child asks a favor of a parent, the parent must not reply hastily, or thoughtlessly, or without a full understanding of the case in all its involvings. If necessary, he may question the child, in order to a better understanding of the case, or he may postpone his answer until he can learn more about it; but he may not be over quick to reply merely as a means of pushing away the request for the time being. He must consider carefully what his final answer ought to be, before he gives an answer that the child is to accept as final; and when the parent gives that answer, it ought to be with such kindly firmness that the child will not think of pressing his suit by teasing.—*H. Clay Trumbull, in "Hints on Child-Training."*

To the Head of the Family

ARE you a husband? Do not suppose, then, when worried with business, that you have all the trouble, and your wife none? Do not go home and there vent your ill-humor upon your wife. Recollect that she has cares as well as you. If you are annoyed at anything—worried by money matters, or alarmed at the failures of debtors—keep it to yourself if you can; at any rate do not take vengeance on your wife, and render the household miserable with your sour looks and ill-temper.

A husband should throw off his cares the moment he enters the door, just as he throws off his overcoat. It is not so difficult as you suppose. Habit is everything. With a firm will, you can do it. The practice resolutely persisted in will eventually become a habit, and you will reap your reward in a more cheerful home and pleasanter evenings. Recollect, all your tormenting about business will not render you one penny richer; and wives, you must remember, are not angels, and must be managed as well as loved.

This is plain talk, but it may do you good, if you will follow its precepts.—*The Western Rural.*

Power is so characteristically calm that calmness in itself has the aspect of power, and forbearance implies strength.—*Lytton.*

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As announced in the year book, Union College has arranged to make a beginning in this work for the benefit of the large number who need such assistance. The two subjects now offered are, History of Missions, and New Testament History. The History of Missions is conducted by informal correspondence, following the printed outlines which are used in the College, covering the history of missionary movements from the fall of man to the present time. The study of New Testament History covers the Life of Christ and the Acts of the Apostles. The lessons used by the College classes are used also in this work, the student writing in the answers to the questions and sending them in for correction.

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For further information address Union College Correspondence Department, College View, Neb.

New students are coming in each day for the special course at Union College. About fifty have arrived thus far, and are taking up the work, besides a number of the regular college students. Elders Robinson and Johnson, and Brother Hahn are at present assisting in the work together with the regular teachers of Union College. Other instructors are expected soon.

Eld. G. A. Grauer, of Oshkosh, Wis., has connected with the German Department of Union College as an instructor. Elder Grauer has been doing a good work among the large German population of Wisconsin (Wisconsin has nearly seventy-six per cent of Germans), yet we feel that he will be able to do much more by the training of workers to labor in the many needy German fields of this and other countries.

Notices

Year Book for 1904

INSTEAD of the *General Conference Bulletin*, the General Conference this year is getting out a denominational year book. This will contain a complete directory of the officers, committees, departments, and laborers of the General, state, and union conferences, and local mission fields throughout the world, with the territory, population, membership, and number and names of churches of each. It will also contain directories of all our colleges, academies, and intermediate schools; of our publishing houses, sanitariums, treatment rooms, restaurants, cafes, and benevolent institutions; and a complete list of all the periodicals published by the denomination. In addition there will be a complete directory of the names and addresses of all laborers in all departments, together with statistical reports, and the constitution of the General Conference.

This work will be found very helpful to our people in giving them a correct understanding of our organized work in the various parts of

the world, and will, we believe, lead to a greater interest in extending the message to fields yet unentered. The book contains a number of features not contained in any previous directory. It is issued in a most convenient form, and sells at the low price of 25 cents. It should be in the hands of all our people. Order of your tract society.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention, Nebraska, District No. 3

WE are planning to hold a rousing Sabbath-school and Young People's convention, February 6, and 7, at Blair, Neb. A splendid program has been prepared by the committee in charge. Let every school in the district send a good, strong delegation. Begin to plan *now*.

When you have decided how many are coming from your school, please notify P. E. Jensen, Box 428, Blair, Neb. The Blair church will provide free entertainment to all who attend.

In addition to district workers and the state secretary, we hope to have with us Elders Robinson and Kite, Professor Bralliar, and several other of our leading brethren. We earnestly request that every school and Young People's Society in the district be represented.

W. D. MACLAY.

The Southern Watchman

THE publishers of the *Southern Watchman* inform us that during the year 1904 there will be a series of articles in that paper from the pen of Sister White, on the "Old Testament Prophecies." Many of the things written by these prophets are difficult to understand, and have been the subject of no small amount of study by Bible students. Sister White has been given special light on these prophecies, and she has selected the *Southern Watchman* as a medium of communication through which she will communicate to our people this light that has been given her. A number of the articles are already in the hands of the publishers, and as soon as the illustrations are complete, their publication will begin. Every one of our people should have the benefit of these articles. If you are a subscriber to the *Southern Watchman* be sure not to let your subscription expire; and if you are not one already, we would suggest that you consider the advisability of becoming a subscriber at once. These articles alone will be worth more than the price of the year's subscription. The price of the *Watchman* for one year is only \$1.00. Send your subscription to the *Southern Watchman*, 1025 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn.

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News and Notes

Elders Daniells and Prescott will be in attendance at the coming Central Union Conference.

Mrs. A. E. Ellis, of Dodge Center, Minn., has been visiting her son, M. E. Ellis, of College View.

A church school has been started at Clay Center, Kansas, with Miss Agnes Wammack in charge.

Mrs. C. A. Burman, of South Dakota, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Summey, at College View.

Bro. C. W. Hardesty, Central Union Conference Agent, is at present attending the canvassers' school at Boone, Iowa.

Sister C. McReynolds, of Topeka, Kans., is now in College View, and will remain for some time with her son, John, who is attending Union College.

Brother Richard Dutschmann, of Dresden, Germany, is now employed in the German editorial office at College View. He will assist in the correspondence, stenographic, and list work.

Eld. E. T. Russell left College View last week for Boulder, Colo., where he will remain for some time. A general meeting and also a canvassers' school will be held at that place.

Mrs. E. E. Gardner and little daughter Pearl, joined Prof. Gardner, who has charge of the Business Department of Union College, last week. They will reside at College View for the present.

The *Sabbath-School Worker* is now being published. Notes on the lessons for each division for the quarter are given, and helpful suggestions from experienced workers will be found in each issue. Subscription price 35 cents. In clubs of two or more 25 cents per year.

December 30, 1903, the day of the Chicago Iroquois theatre disaster, in which nearly six hundred lives were lost in fifteen minutes, was the anniversary of the burning of the Review and Herald Office at Battle Creek, in which not a life was lost. Should we not in this see the merciful care of God for His people? How easily might the circumstances have been reversed.

At the Nebraska camp-meeting last fall a brother was heard to say, "There has not anything occurred in the history of our work for twenty years that has encouraged me like the removal to Washington."

The work in Washington, D. C., is progressing encouragingly. Already we have three quite good size churches organized there. Public meetings are being held, and success is attending the work. The church purchased a short time ago is paid for, and believers are being added to the truth.

The *Good Health* and the *Life Boat* can be secured for one year for only eighty-five cents, or fifteen cents less than the price of one. The offer applies only to new subscribers to the former, but to either new subscribers or renewals to the latter. The *Life Boat* and *Pacific Health Journal* can likewise be obtained for sixty-five cents. Send orders to the *Life Boat*, 28, 33rd Place, Chicago, Ill.

Elder E. T. Russell was in St. Louis December 25-28, and held meetings with both the white and colored churches. He reports excellent meetings. On the 27th and 28th Eld. R. C. Porter, President of the Missouri Conference, was present, and a council was held in the interest of the work in that city. Plans were discussed for aggressive work in missionary lines during the World's Fair.

We have received a neat little booklet advertising the Central Sanitarium located at 5846 Cabanne Place, St. Louis, Mo., H. E. Truex, M. D., Superintendent. The institution is pleasantly located not far from the World's Fair grounds, in one of the best parts of the city. The property, including furnishings, was purchased at an expense of \$20,000. We see no reason why this institution should not receive a liberal patronage.

H. Clay Trumbull, editor of the *Sunday-school Times* since 1875, died December 8, at the age of seventy-three. He was an able editor, an eminent author, and an admirable writer in every way, in all breathing the sweet spirit of a Christ-controlled, spirit-filled life, and making prominent the essential principles of practical Christianity. Among his most helpful works may be mentioned, "Teachers and Teaching," "Hints on Child Training," and "Individual Work for Individuals."