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## Be Tender to Those Who Are Old.

Let us ever be tender to those who are past  
The glory and joy of their prime;  
Whose strength and whose vision are weaken-  
ing fast  
'Neath the shadowing touches of time.

Let us ever be tender to those who are old,  
For once they were happy and young;  
And when the bright future before them  
unrolled,  
They merrily frolicked and sung.

With strength and with hopefulness life was  
enjoyed,  
And gaily they went on their ways,  
Undreaming of hopes to be baffled—destroyed;  
Undreaming of sorrowful days.

The years are fast speeding; they soon will  
be gone  
The aged ones with us to-day;  
Their feet are approaching eternity's dawn.  
Make haste to be kind while we may!

—SELECTED.

"He who empties his purse into his head puts it where no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

## Are You In Earnest?

The measure of earnestness which attaches to us in the fulfillment of duty is in proportion to the conviction that this duty has placed upon us. If the duty lies lightly upon our shoulders of responsibility, our earnestness will easily and quickly take the wings of negligence and fly away. But if our plain obligation settles gravely upon our hearts, the spirit of zeal descends like the dews of morn upon our soul, and invigorates us to victorious activity. An obligation performed in a perfunctory manner, has a hurtful effect on all concerned in the obligation. Spiritual duties are not perfunctory ones, though many make them so.

When a duty possesses us, and whelms us with intensity, then and then only will we be in earnest to make it known. The ardency and zeal with which duty imbues the mind depends upon the nature and authority of that duty.

All Christians have a common responsibility in warning the unsaved of a fast-approaching doom; and everyone must discharge this responsibility, each according to his ability. The question we should ask ourselves is, "Am I in earnest regarding my duty?" The layman at the bench or on the farm, the minister in the pulpit or in his study, should confront himself daily with the solemn thought, "Am I in earnest?"

Clouds of judicial wrath are shading the earth to-day. The lightnings of vengeance will soon hurl their fiery javelins of de-

struction upon the earth. Soon the crashing thunder of retribution will fall with indescribable terror upon the ears of the unsaved. Eternity's fathomless sea is soon to roll over the earth, and silence forever the voice of sin. Many of those around us may hopelessly sink in its depths, unless we get in earnest and tell them of the ark of safety which God has prepared for their salvation.

The solemn tread of armies marching to the drumbeat of nations, is a sign of conflict soon to engulf the world. The clashing of the rich and poor as they strive for the mastery, should make us in earnest to point the oppressed to the Saviour of the world—the liberator of both body and soul. The social degeneracy and mental depravity, the spiritual decadence and political corruption, which are fastening a relentless grasp on the hearts of men, voice the unfailing truth that the day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly. With these facts before us, we are earnestly entreating the heedless to stop and hear the message that will carry them safely through every peril?

When the banished prophet was given a prevision of future glories, he saw a numberless multitude before the throne, and of them he heard it said: "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Earnestness won for these the heavenly triumph; for none will pass through the throes of trial and persecution unless he is in earnest.



Now is the opportune time to vindicate the justice of God. Let all who believe the Third Angel's Message be earnest in holding its banner to the breeze, so the world may read redemption's story in the light of practical experience.

A. C. GILBERT in Northern Union Reaper.

### It Can Be Done.

WHAT?

A good investment can be made.

Help can be given to send missionaries speedily into earth's darkest zone.

The Foreign Mission Seminary Endowed Scholarship fund can be raised.

Our Missionary Volunteers have undertaken this work of raising a large fund for the use of students seeking a preparation for work in foreign lands. One hundred scholarships of one hundred fifty dollars each are needed. That looks large. But one scholarship is divided into sixty shares of two and one-half dollars each. That does not look so large. It is to be a permanent fund, under the direction of the General Conference.

HOW?

By everybody doing something. Every Missionary Volunteer can raise one share. Hundreds of our young people can give an entire scholarship. One writes for permission to support one student in the Seminary. A brother sends \$100.00 to swell the fund. Many of our young people know those who could do as well. Go to them about it, and if you cannot do that, write to them. There's a great difference between a luke warm desire and a red hot purpose. Enthusiastic interest will do it. Let every society, let every Missionary Volunteer, set the mark and—shoot above it. Colorado has already raised three scholarships, and others are doing well. Some plan to finish the work by camp-meeting time.

WHEN?

Do it now. Promptness sweetens labor.

This fund should be closed by November 1, 1908.

Our Missionary Volunteers want a part in the great Thanksgiving Ingathering, but we want this off our mind first. The money and the names and addresses of those who give, with the amounts, should be sent to the conference treasurer. When these reach the General Conference Treasurer, certificates will be sent to those who raise one or more shares.

MISS. VOL. DEPT.

### A Letter.

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 22, '08.  
Dear Herald:

The tent meetings—first series—closed here August 4th with the acceptance of the Sabbath by an M. E. minister, wife and child, and the possible acceptance by several others. This is a Catholic country but a number of that belief are wavering.

The camp-meeting followed—6th to 16th. The first Sabbath Prof. Wilkinson, of Washington, D. C., spoke and about 50 came forward. On the second Sabbath nearly everybody present consecrated themselves anew to His service, or gave themselves up for the first time. Prof. VanKirk, of Graysville, Tenn., spoke. The Lord helped me especially to persuade some fathers and some young men and women to give up self, habits, jewelry, etc. It was a service long to be remembered by many. The Lord manifested himself in power. The conference brethren, General, Union and State, rejoiced greatly, and left with the feeling that another year would show a marked increase in membership. Two young ladies that we had the least hope for, surrendered their jewelry, finery, etc., and showed evidences of genuine conversion. One has written since her arrival home and said, "I am so happy." Both were very stubborn in yielding, but it was a victory when done.

I made the acquaintance of a nearby storekeeper's family of four,

all adults, during the camp-meeting. They are very greatly interested. I have held several Bible readings with them, and the way they drank in the truth was refreshing. I expect some of them to accept the truth before I leave. They have already practically stated that we have told them the truth.

Fourteen were baptized in the beautiful Lake Charles, including the M. E. minister and family, the Electric Railway Co. giving us the full use of their bathing pavilion on their very busiest day—Sunday—for one hour. The people here are eager for the truth, and I continue tent meetings with Brother Oscar F. Frank, a resident of this city, who goes into the work for the first time.

It will interest you to learn how God worked for the M. E. minister. He became a local preacher in 1869; a pastor in 1880. When a young man his uncle became a Seventh-day Adventist. Five years ago his daughter accepted the truth. For 30 years he has fought this truth, beseeching bishops, presiding elders and ministers for some word to fight the Sabbath. Ten years ago he became convicted but would not surrender, and in consequence has been of very little service to his church or himself. A near neighbor—Brother Smith Saxby and wife—have lived the truth before them and invited them to the tent meetings. He regrets now that he did not attend a nearby camp-meeting in Nebraska 10 years ago. Surely this is an evidence of how the Lord follows his children. He is going to write his bishop about his acceptance of the Sabbath. Pray for the bishop.

JOHN E. HANSON.

"High endeavors are an inward light  
That makes the path of duty always bright."

"No reading is so profitable as biography; and no biography is so profitable as missionary biography."



### The October Collection for the Colored Work.

You have no doubt heard of the "Black Belt," and have wondered what it is. Well, it stretches from the Atlantic coast clear across the states of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and into Texas, — a great wide cotton growing territory, inhabited almost entirely by negro tenants. White men own the plantations, live in the cities, and grow rich while the negroes do the work.

These colored people are nearly all ignorant, superstitious, underfed, and hopelessly in debt. Only about thirty-five per cent of them can read. Their religion is a mixture of Christian mythology and devil-worship. They subsist principally on corn bread and cheap bacon, year in and year out. Always in the clutches of debt, they have nothing with which to educate their children, or even to provide books for home study.

And yet they must be warned of Jesus' coming. We in the south are struggling day and night to place our work for the whites on a self-supporting basis, that we may be able to teach the truth to the colored people also, but this is not yet possible. Therefore we look to the prosperous Northern conferences for help.

A most encouraging feature of this work is seen in the fact that God by His Spirit is enlightening some among the colored millions with this truth, and they are showing a heaven-born zeal to labor for their people. But many more will have to be educated to carry the Message to all.

God loved this world so much that he gave his Son to die for all. What will you give that His message of salvation may be quickly given to the lowly toilers of the Southland? Let your liberality on the first Sabbath in October be your answer.

E. L. MAXWELL,  
Pres. Louisiana Conference.

### Muskegon.

At the Conference, Muskegon was assigned me as my field of labor. Elder Hebner met with us in a two days meeting at the time of the spring quarterly service when I entered upon my work. It was a time of refreshing to the church.

Besides conducting the regular church services, I have visited the sick and aged and labored as the Lord has opened the way.

It is our studied purpose to leave some seeds of truth with every soul with whom we come in contact as they are all judgment bound and we may not meet them again in this brief life.

The church was much blessed in circulating the Temperance number of the WATCHMAN. These were handed personally to the people and many opportunities were afforded for short talks. A good impression was made.

Sister R. M. Ross is canvassing for our books and periodicals, and Sister Beulah McRae will join her in the good work.

We were made glad by the coming of Sister Jennie DeYoung. Pray that God may bless our efforts in searching out the honest in heart.

Much precious seed has been sown in this place by the servants of Christ. Some has lain dormant for years, but the life of God is in it and it will yet spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life.

We are happy in the Lord and joyful in the God of our salvation, for he hath clothed us with the garments of salvation, he has covered us with the robe of righteousness. Pray for the work in Muskegon.

E. A. MERRIAM.

### "Signs" for September.

The leading article in the September number of SIGNS OF THE TIMES magazine is entitled "The Ravages of Destructive Insects." Startling statistics are given showing the wonderful increase of these pests during the last few years, and the vast amount of money being

expended by the national government and the various states to combat this evil. The articles show that this scourge is a direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. (See Joel chapter one.)

The cover design is a striking three color half-tone showing the insect at work on fruit, and in the field, and forest. The whole article is profusely illustrated by photographs of these insects in various stages of development.

The other departments of the journal are filled with interesting and instructive matter as usual.

Sixty thousand copies of the August number were printed and sold. Agents have met with remarkable success. Those who have seen the September special say it is far ahead of the August number. The leading theme is one in which almost every person is interested and the magazine will doubtless have a large sale.

Here is a grand opportunity to place the truth in the hands of the people in an attractive form and at the same time make a good living. Agents are meeting with remarkable success in selling our periodicals on the street and from house-to-house making all the way from five to twenty-five dollars per day, and some even more.

Send for sample copy and special terms for agents. Address this office.

### Reduced Prices On True Education Readers.

At the meeting of the Principals of our schools held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 3-10, the following recommendations were passed concerning text books:

WHEREAS, The value and permanency, and hence the prices, of text books are largely dependent upon the thoroughness and care given to their consideration and examination; therefore

WE RECOMMEND, That the Text Book Committee continue to give these features careful attention, passing favorably only upon such



books as they believe will not need revision for at least five years.

WHEREAS, The True Education Series of Readers has proven itself eminently satisfactory, and

WHEREAS, The publishers believe it would be possible to reduce the price to 60 cents each on Nos. 1 and 2, 75 cents on No. 3, and 90 cents on No. 5, providing the Educational Department will require no revision for at least five years; therefore

WE RECOMMEND the putting forth of special efforts to bring the value of these Readers before our people within the time specified.

In harmony with the foregoing recommendations, the Pacific Press Publishing Company has reduced the prices on the True Education Reader Series as follows:

Book No. 1, 204 pages, -	\$ .60
Book No. 2, 256 " "	.60
Book No. 3, 304 " "	.75
Book No. 5, 353 " "	.90
Book No. 7, 392 " "	1.00
Books No. 4 and 6 are not ready yet.	

Address this office.

### Important Change of Prices to Take Effect September 15, 1908.

#### COMING KING.

In harmony with the styles adopted by our other publishing houses and on account of the increased cost of production, "Coming King" will be advanced in price September 15, 1908. We will furnish three styles of binding.

Plain, \$1.00. Will be bound in a light grey cloth and stamped in blue.

Marbled, \$1.50. Will be bound in blue cloth, stamped in two colors, similar to the present plain book, and will have marbled edges.

Gilt, \$2.00. Will be attractively bound in a combination of two styles of cloth with full gilt edges.

Prospectus showing the new styles will be ready September 1st.

#### HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

The price of the cloth style will be raised to \$2.00. This will not cause any serious trouble, for many of the agents have been selling it at this price for some time past. This is, in fact, the price which has appeared in the prospectus. The leather style will remain at \$4.00.

#### News and Notes.

Miss Almeda Haughey is visiting relatives in Otsego this week.

Several news canvassers are starting out since the camp-meeting.

One of our agents sold 196 papers in Kalamazoo on Tuesday of last week.

Clifford Russell is attending the North Michigan Camp-meeting at Petoskey.

Miss Edith Shepard returns to Cedar Lake this week to take up her work in the Academy.

Please notice the change of prices for some of our books as listed in another column of this issue.

We have mail addressed to Marie Davis, Mrs. J. T. Davis, Gladys Kenney, and Mrs. C. M. King, that was uncalled for at the close of the camp meeting.

We have begun to fill orders for the Lesson Book for the next quarter. The studies are on the Ephesians, and will be very interesting. Get your orders in early.

The Otsego Sabbath School held an outing at the home of Brother W. W. Shepard last Sunday. It was quite largely attended and the children seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are trying hard to get everything set to rights in the office so that we can fill orders just the same as before camp-meeting. It

means a great deal of extra work but we will soon be back to our normal condition.

The post card fad may not be altogether an evil one if we will select those cards which teach wholesome lessons. If you wish to reveal some of the legitimate results of religious legislation send ten cents and secure a set of the new Religious Liberty Post Cards.

There will be five tent companies this fall as follows:

W. R. Matthews and L. G. Nyman at Eaton Rapids.

P. G. Stanley and N. H. Pool at Kalamazoo.

J. M. Wilbur and A. C. Haughey at Grand Rapids.

J. W. Hofstra and C. A. Russell at Fremont.

John W. Covert and M. C. Whitmarsh at Cedar Springs.

The September number of LIFE AND HEALTH is a temperance, food, and home number, dealing with the great question of temperance in drinking, eating, and working. It suggests the foods best adapted to the needs of the body, and indicates the importance of proper home conditions in maintaining health and happiness. The entire number is filled with important matter that will prove to be very practical in every home during the month of September in the general care of the health.

The circulation of this journal is in a healthy condition as the following will show:

June number	35,000
July " "	45,000
August " "	55,000
September " "	?

Will you do your part in making it grow in the same proportion?

#### Otsego School.

The Academy in Otsego will open Monday, September 14, at 9 a. m. Prof. Roscoe Garrett and Miss Florence Howell will be the teachers.

A. G. HAUGHEY.