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News and Notes

Mrs. M. W. Newton is visiting in Iowa.

Eld. E. T. Russell is in Colorado for a few days.

Born, to Prof. and Mrs. P. E. Berthelsen, April 8, a son.

Miss Lilah Brown has gone to Boulder to enter the nurses' course.

Prof. H. A. Washburn has accepted a call to teach Bible in Graysville Academy.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Farnsworth.

Miss Sarah Johnson has been compelled to return to her home because of failing health.

Mrs. Dr. Miller who is in Honan, China, has been very ill. Her sister, Miss Vera Thompson has recently learned that she is much improved.

Prof. Frank Cheney is teaching in the Avondale School in Australia. He is preceptor of the boys' home, and teaches carpentry aside from his literary work. Mrs. Cheney, formerly Bertha Shanks, is teaching also.

Mrs. William Neuman, formerly Susan Isaac, is visiting at the home of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Neuman rejoiced not long since over the arrival of a new toy.

Mr. Chester Yale and wife, formerly Miss Effie Rankin, were in College View recently. They have gone to Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Yale's health is not good.

Mrs. Emilie Strehlow, formerly Edith Olson, is visiting her friends in College View. Ellen Olson is working in the College tailor shop. She will soon return with Mrs. Strehlow to her home in Dakota.

The new nurses' class at the Nebraska Sanitarium opened April 1, with the following membership of eight: Mr. Flavius Smith, Misses Marie Hough, Carrie George, Florence Marrs, Nellie Streeter, Huldah Carlson, Anna Johnson, and Martha Segebartt.

Miss Roberta Andrews was called to Hamilton, Mo., last Saturday because of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Mattie Mohler. She returned Monday, bringing her sister with her. Mrs. Merrit, another sister, who is well known in College View, having taught in the village school last year, came with her.

F. E. Babcock has been assisting in the canvassers' school at Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

Miss Carrie Peterson of Council Bluffs Iowa is again at her old occupation of setting type for the International Publishing Association.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson, of Junction City, Kans., recently visited a few days at the Nebraska Sanitarium, of which she was a former nurse and graduate.

After spending a few weeks in a vacation at her home in St. Louis, Miss Carrie George has returned to College View and entered the nurses' course at the Sanitarium.

Eld. Lewis Finster was recently elected President of the West Australia Conference. Mrs. Finster, formerly Ella Blodgett, is Sabbath school Secretary of the Conference.

Brother H. A. Dike, of the *Christian Record* office, departed April 14, to visit friends in Iowa; after which he and Mrs. Dike expect to go to British Honduras to open an industrial school. We wish them success in their work. His place in the office is taken by Bro. Earnest Welsh.

The English department of the College Sabbath school is increasing in membership, having now an enrolment of 120, with Miss Winifred Peebles as superintendent. The Sabbath school is held at ten A. M. in the College chapel, and an active interest is taken in the exercises. The teachers meet at 9:20 A. M. for prayer, and further study of the lesson. The College orchestra renders valuable assistance with the music. Besides this department there are the German and Scandinavian departments, each with a good enrolment; and some of our students are employed as teachers at the church. Some also are students there. Thus an encouraging interest in Sabbath school work is manifested by the students, the results of which eternity alone will reveal.

The heavy frosts of the past few nights have killed all the early buds in the College orchard.

Prof. E. C. Kellogg has accepted an invitation from the graduating class to deliver the commencement address.

Prof. E. A. Sutherland is at College View in the interest of the Southern work. He spent Sabbath, April 15, with the Omaha church.

The city of Lincoln has agreed to assume the responsibility and take control of the Union College sewer from the point where it reaches the city limits to its connection at J street with the city's sewer. There are so many desiring to connect with the sewer that the city deemed it best to assume all responsibility and the College was glad to get the city end of the long sewer off its hands.

The College has made some changes in the courses of study. The forthcoming catalogue will show that nearly all the regular courses have been strengthened and made more practical. One year's work in English has been added to the course, also one year in history, and a year in natural science. The Collegiate work will not cover more time than formerly, but more pre-requisites will be required.

Eld. G. A. Irwin, president of the Australasian Union Conference, spoke in the College chapel Friday morning, the 14th inst. Also in the College View church the Sabbath following, on the needs of Australasia and Polynesia. His first meeting was devoted to the relation of the leadings of God in the work there, and especially in overcoming obstacles, and preparing Brother Irwin's way to visit these islands on his way to the General Conference. Not having completed his subject in the church on Sabbath morning, the congregation asked that he might speak again that evening in the College chapel, which he did to a large and appreciative audience.

Master Chester Orr, of Steele City, Neb., is the latest arrival at the College Home.

Prof. Floyd Bralliar, of the Stuart, Ia., Industrial Academy, made Union College a short call recently.

Professor Newton's electrical class is rewinding the armature for a motor to be used in operating the paper cutter for the International Publishing Association.

Brother Cochran, of Kansas City, is spending a few days in College View in the interest of the book work, and looking for a competent stenographer. Washington, D. C., has also asked for a stenographer.

Mr. Flavius Smith, a young man from Central America who has been attending the College this year, has entered the Sanitarium to take up the regular nurses' course of instruction offered by that institution.

The work of the farm management, which was recently resigned by Mr. Enoch Jenkins, is being carried forward by the new superintendent, Mr. J. H. Morrison. The College does not expect to hire a man to oversee the farm, but Mr. Morrison will have direct oversight of that work.

For several days groups of inquisitive sightseers have been seen gathering near the southwest corner of South Hall. Your reporter's curiosity was aroused, and upon investigation he found the attraction to be the nucleus of the Union College Poultry Yard—"Old Trusty's" first hatching. A neat, portable coop has been fitted with a wire netting yard, and within are sixty-five healthy, hearty little yellow chicks. The little fellows seem to be enjoying life under the direct care of President Lewis. Up stairs in the Hall "Old Trusty" is quietly and mysteriously developing a second brood of chicks, which we expect will be hatched and in the yard before our readers receive their next paper.

Watch for the blue pencil mark on your paper. It tells you that your subscription has expired.

Misses Olava Westergren and Rose Wise are making a canvass of Holdridge and Minden Neb., with *Good Health*.

Miss Jessie Hunter, a former student of Union College, is doing Bible work in Waco Texas. She is having success in her work.

Miss Mary Thompson, of Des Moines, Ia., was recently called home to assist her parents. She hopes to return for another year at Union College.

E. H. Curtis, who taught the College View church school, is now located at Whitewater, Colo. He is teaching at that place and enjoying his work very much.

W. D. Beard, formerly connected with the Kansas City office, is now proprietor of the Hygienic Cafe in Lincoln, Neb. He is enjoying a good patronage; especially among the University students.

Any book which, when you lay it down, makes your mind so active that you cannot settle to something more serious, is a bad book for you to read as a Christian.—*G. Campbell Morgan*.

Mr. Ralph Emery is attending school in Boulder, Colo. He is librarian of the church and Sabbath school library in that place, and is taking quite an interest in the church work. The Boulder church is trying to build up a small library with which to interest their young people in good reading.

Union College is soon to have quite a delegation at Mount Vernon Academy, Ohio. Mrs. Shepherd and son Carl already hold positions in the institution. Next year they will be joined by Prof. and Mrs. B. E. Crawford, now at Berrien Springs, Mich. Also by Prof. Rees, who has occupied the Chair of English Language at Union College for the past eight years.

Frank Isaac has completed his church school at Bowdle, S. D.

M. L. Beeson made his parents a flying visit while passing through enroute for California, where he expects to make his home in the future. His wife had preceded him on a visit to her father who is quite sick.

Bernard Foot, of Minnesota, expects to leave in a few days to accept a position as stenographer in the Religious Liberty Department, in Washington, D. C. He has spent the past winter studying for this line of work and setting type in the Messenger office.

Elder Frank Perry, canvassing agent for South Dakota, is spending a few days with the young people from his conference who are attending Union College. South Dakota sends a small company of students every year, who gladly welcome any of the workers from the home state, and usually celebrate their coming with a state meeting.

A MUSICAL FEAST

The oratorio, "Nativity," was rendered Saturday evening in the College Chapel by the Union College chorus of sixty voices, led by Prof. M. H. Serns. Miss Ada Madison was pianist, and Miss Genevieve Johnson organist. The work of the class showed great care in preparation, and much good musical talent was displayed. The solos, which were especially appreciated, were rendered as follows: Narrator, Mr. A. F. Schmidt, tenor; Gabriel, Prof. M. W. Netwon, bass; Mary, Miss Anna Erickson, soprano. Miss Nora Schee sang the contralto solo, "Sleep, Holy Babe;" Miss Bonnie Shultz the alto solo, "What Star is This?" and Mrs. Lillian Ogden the soprano solo, "One in Royal David's City." The violin solo, "The Adoration of the Magi," was rendered by Miss Kate Sauborn, with piano and organ accompaniment. The trio of the "Three Kings" was sung by Mr. Serns, Mr. George, and Mr.

Farnsworth. There were also selections by a mixed quartet and a double quartet. Every member of the large chorus did his part well, and reflected much credit on the work of Professor Serns. This is the last public work of the chorus this year, and it was a fitting end; for all are agreed that this was the best musical program ever given by the department.

The chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The word "Nativity" was worked in evergreen on white background across the front of the room, and in the center and above the flowers gleamed a brilliant star. The front of the stage was decorated with potted plants.

After the withdrawal of the audience, the chorus class was photographed by flashlight. About this time the members of that body took the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the efforts of Professor Serns by presenting him with a handsome bill-book with a comfortable bank note enclosed.

This completes Professor Serns' third and last year as vocal instructor in Union College. During this time he has made many friends among the students and teachers.

SPECIAL MEETINGS AT COLLEGE VIEW

Friday evening, March 29, Elder R. D. Quinn, recently from Australia, began a series of meetings in the College chapel. Four nights they were continued there. Then they were held every day at 9:40, the time of chapel exercises, continuing until 12:40, the regular recitations being suspended for the last three periods. On Friday and Sunday nights again, services were held in the chapel. During the following week services were held especially for the church each night, while the students returned to their studies. At the present writing the meetings continue with unabated interest.

The preaching has been plain, practical, powerful. A definite message has been borne—absolute surrender to God, deliverance from the bondage of Satan, complete and constant cleansing from sin, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by faith as the only source of power to go forward and complete the work of bearing the gospel message to the world in this generation.

It is too early to speak definitely of results. This much can be seen—hundreds flocking to the meetings, no excitement but great confession of sin, scores coming into the light, a general awakening among all classes. We are praying that the work so well begun may go forward until every soul may be reached that desires to be saved.

Brethren and sisters, everywhere, pray for these meetings.

HYGIENE, COLO., CHURCH SCHOOL

RICHARD BAKER, PRINCIPAL

Our school started last fall with an attendance of twenty-six pupils, eight of whom are Germans with but little or no knowledge of the English language. These latter had to be instructed in German, and formed, as it were, a separate school from the rest. But by getting about eight or ten of the English children to study German, and by putting the German children into English branches, as reading, writing, and arithmetic, we finally succeeded in getting them all into one school family, all working harmoniously together, our prayers ascending every morning to the throne of grace in English and in German, and all joining in a hearty "Amen," irrespective of nationality.

After the farm work was laid by, our attendance increased to thirty-eight, nine of them being in the eighth grade. Besides our regular every-day school work in all the eight grades, in English and in German, we carried on a lively Young People's Association; also organ-

ized a class in canvassing in connection with our Missionary Meetings, where we studied "Coming King," "Heralds of the Morning," "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Daniel and Revelation."

We just closed a seven months' term and the scholars have scattered and flown away, even as far as North Dakota; some will go into the work, one is to go with a tent as a helper, some to attend the industrial school, others into farm work to raise "beets," and others to "help mother." The interest has been good all the way through, and we hope much good has been accomplished, which will bring forth fruit that will stand the test of the judgment, and will last eternally. We ask the prayers of God's people for the success of our school at Hygiene, Colorado.

ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS FOR THE CAMPUS

In response to a request, several shrubs and flowers have been received for the Union College campus from persons in and away from College View. Miss Florence VanDorn sends a collection from Rodney, Iowa, consisting of three climbing roses, one flowering almond, one mock orange, and some perennial phlox. She writes, "This is not very much of a donation, but I want to send something to help beautify that lovely campus. . . . I love flowers and know God is glad to see things made beautiful by flowers."

Professor Emerson of the Nebraska State Experiment Station, recently gave us quite a collection of ornamental shrubs, consisting of mock orange, red dogwood, tamarix, honeysuckle, yellow honeysuckle, Virginia creeper, Van Houtes' spirea, common white lilacs, flowering currants, golden willow, and Persian white lilacs.

We have a beautiful location, and it is our desire to make it more attractive by a judicious planting of shrubs and flowers. "God is a lover of the beautiful and above all that is outwardly attractive, He loves beauty of character."

M. E. K.

Home Improvement Courses

AN EXPLANATION

For the benefit of those who did not see, or failed to study carefully, the announcements in regard to the Home Improvement Courses, we wish to make some explanation.

In the General Culture Course two lines of reading are carried on at the same time. To complete the course everyone must read the "required books," "Steps to Christ," and "Mount of Blessing." For the other line the individual may choose from the elective books either the missionary books "In the Tiger Jungle," and "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom," or "Up from Slavery." Those who are now pursuing the courses properly are reading "Steps to Christ," and either "In the Tiger Jungle," or "Up From Slavery." There is no objection of course if all these books are being read.

The questions which appear in the Messenger are to be used by the readers in fixing the principal thoughts of the books in the mind. Examination questions on the books "Steps to Christ" and "In the Tiger Jungle" will be sent out within one week to all those who have enrolled for the General Culture Course. Let any who are pursuing this course who have not sent in their names, write to M. E. Kern at once for a list of the questions.

At the end of the next two months, questions will be sent out on the books "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom," "Mount of Blessing," and "Up From Slavery."

All who satisfactorily complete the required and one elective line of reading will receive a certificate to that effect. Names are still coming in to be

enrolled for the course. The work is not difficult, and it may be possible for some to commence now and complete the course. It is a pleasure to know that so many are finding the General Culture Course a source of pleasure and profit.

M. E. K.

SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE

NOTE.—On account of my being absent from the office, visiting schools and planning for summer school work, the lesson for the first two weeks of this month does not appear in the Messenger. We are sorry for this omission, but trust it caused no inconvenience to anyone. Personal letters were written to all who had enrolled for this course, and the assignment made in that way. It is not necessary that any outline of that work be given in this issue; but there should be correction made in one reference. The quotation concerning music found on page 23 of the outline lessons is taken from Testimonies, Vol. 4, page 71, instead of Vol. 6 as stated in the outline.

LESSONS FOR APRIL 16-30

"Outline" pp. 26-30

Text 87-120

"All the best cultivation of a child's mind is obtained by the child's own exertions, and the master's success may be measured by the degree in which he can bring his scholar to make such exertions absolutely without aid."—*Doctor Temple*.

"In every recitation, training for power should be the principal aim of the teacher."—*Patriek*.

To teach according to God's plan, the mental faculties must first be aroused, an interest or desire on the part of the student to know, must be created. Then, as instruction is given, it will arouse the mind and reach the heart. The object of such teaching is to develop the mental, physical, and spiritual powers harmoniously—to build character.

The teacher is both architect and builder. In order to build successfully he must have clearly fixed in his mind the plans and specifications of the structure to be erected. He must know the material he has to work with; namely, the subject matter to be taught, and the power of the child's mind to act independently, that is, to cause to think and to do.

The assignment of lessons is a very important part of the teaching process. In this work there are three points worthy of consideration. (a) Object or aim of the lesson. This is determined by the age and ability of the student and the new points to be taught. The teacher must see the aim from both the student's and his own point of view. When assigning the lesson he must state the aim from the student's view point. (b) Preparation of the student's mind for the advanced lesson. This is done by carefully testing the strength of the child's foundation and building, and bracing all the weak places with the needed timber,—review work. (c) Presentation of the advanced lesson. While the advanced lesson is being assigned the class should have their texts and note books in hand, and note every suggestion that they may have them for the study hour. This will be a great saving of the teacher's time during the study hour.

Although the importance of the recitation has been recognized, by a very large percent of the teachers, it has not been appreciated. The recitation should be an inspiration to each member of the class, and lead to higher aspirations and ideals. Definite personal results are to be sought. Each student should be led to feel just where he stands as related to the truths under consideration. The recitation serves a three-fold purpose; first, a benefit to the learner, as stated above; second, it gives the teacher opportunity to know the success or failure of the study hour, and third, affords op-

portunity for wrong views to be corrected and right views strengthened.

B. E. H.

GENERAL CULTURE COURSE

"IN THE TIGER JUNGLE"

Reading: Chapter 15 to the End

1. Relate the story of the village magistrate's death. What led him to Christ?
2. What is the cry of many of the caste-bound men and women of India?
3. How does their cry appeal to us?
4. How do missionaries gather an audience in native towns?
5. What peculiar audience gathered at one service?
6. What lessons might we learn from this unusual audience?
7. What necessary missionary characteristic is brought to view in chapter XVIII.
8. What is the value of a Thibetan dictionary?
9. Give the practical lessons you learn from the old hen which was determined to set.
10. How does the author illustrate some Christians' way of giving?
11. Should a Christian have to be "wound up" to help carry on the work of the Lord?
12. What does it mean for a Brahman to accept Christ?
13. Tell of the efforts of the family and friends of Yakoh John Rayappa to hinder his obeying the truth.
14. Also note the effect of family ties on Bimngani Ramanna.
15. How is a dead, formal, idol-worshipping religion represented by the author?
16. What only can resist it successfully and throw it down?
17. How is this represented?

"UP FROM SLAVERY"

Reading, Chapters VIII-X

CHAPTER VIII

1. Under what conditions did Mr. Washington open a school at Tuskegee?
2. What was his educational ideal?
3. Who soon joined him in his work?
4. By what means was a plantation secured to the cause of education?

CHAPTER IX

5. How was Christmas season spent? How has the custom been changed?
6. What plans are made for a new building?
7. How did Mrs. Davidson raise money?
8. How heavy was the burden of building?

CHAPTER X

9. What plan did Mr. Washington have concerning labor? For what reasons?
10. What were the experiences in brick-making? What valuable lesson was learned thereby?
11. By what remark was Mr. Washington most nearly discouraged?
12. What will be accomplished by sticking to a task with patience, wisdom, and earnest effort?

"STEPS TO CHRIST"

PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER

1. What is necessary in order to really commune with God?
2. What is prayer? and why is it necessary to the Christian's life? In what light do the angels regard companionship with God?
3. In what special way mentioned does our adversary seek to bring darkness upon us?
4. Upon what five conditions does prevailing prayer depend?
5. When our prayers seem not to be answered what shall we do?

6. Name two further requisites of answered prayer and give four quotations from the Bible exhorting to prayer?

7. In what three places spoken of should prayer be made and what is the promise to those who are thus constant in prayer?

8. If we keep our minds thus closed to the evil around us, what is promised concerning even unexpected trials?

9. How much may we bring to Jesus and yet know He is full of sympathy for us? Quote the last sentence at the top of page 117.

10. In what special way must our lives be like Christ's life?

11. Name one way in which we may receive God's blessing and have more of His presence with us.

12. How often should we think of God? Of what are we in danger of forgetting to do?

13. How would God have all work done for Him and how? shall we think of Him?

14. What should be the theme of our conversation? and how may we join the heavenly hosts in worship even now?

WHAT TO DO WITH DOUBT

15. Upon what is our faith based?
16. Give two reference from the Old Testament and one from the New concerning the Infinite One.

17. Name four subjects that are mysteries to the finite mind, and state why lack of understanding should cause doubt.

18. Give several evidences of the divine inspiration of the Bible.

19. What is it to acknowledge that we cannot perfectly understand the Word? and why should it not be best for us to see every truth in fullness at once?

20. How alone may an understanding be obtained? Give two references.

21. What does God desire us to exercise? and how should the study of God's word be taken up?

22. What in many cases is the real

cause of doubt and skepticism? What did Christ say of this?

23. What is the one common evidence? Give the author's own reason for believing.

24. What is promised to those who follow Peter's exhortation?

25. With what blessed hope and assurance does this chapter close?

REJOICING IN THE LORD

26. What are the children of God called to be?

27. In what does Satan especially rejoice? What then should we battle determinedly against?

28. What part of our experience would God have us remember?

29. What example is used to show the folly or dishonor of doubting? Why should we be silent in times of doubt and trial?

30. Name one rule by which our lives should be governed.

31. What is a commonly mistaken conception of Christ's character? and what trait does He call our attention to? Quote Ps. 37: 3.

32. What must we do in order to secure heavenly help and wisdom? What is the assurance in John 16: 33?

33. Give two examples of God's care for little things.

34. What is our source of happiness? and as we see new perplexities in our way what promises will strengthen us?

35. Quote Matt. 25: 34. In what state are God's children when they are welcomed home? In view of these glories, "what shall a man give in exchange for his soul"?

SCHOOLS VISITED RECENTLY

March 23 I went to Omaha, Neb., where Mrs. Ula Owens is teaching a very successful church school. I enjoyed, with the church, two studies on the importance, nature, and results of church school work. The Lord gave us new glimpses of the sacredness of this work. After

preaching Sabbath morning, I went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where I met an earnest company of believers. The Lord came very near in our study of the church school work, and all felt the refreshing presence of the Holy Spirit. After the study many earnest testimonies were borne, and all took fresh courage in the work of the school. Sunday afternoon we met again for study. Miss Pearl Bascom is teaching her second year in Council Bluffs. Her school closed March 31 with a program.

Monday morning I visited her school, and then went to Stuart, where the Iowa Industrial Academy is beautifully located one mile east of town. The school farm consists of one hundred acres of rich, arable land. A nice beginning has been made in starting orchards and small fruit of many varieties, and preparations are being made this spring for increasing this work. Faithful work has been done this winter and spring by the students and teachers in clearing brush and grubbing stumps, so their acreage of crops will be increased over what it was last year. The Academy has taken the contract to grow ten thousand gladolia bulbs and several kinds of garden seeds for the Iowa Seed Company, of Des Moines. Seven teams were at work grading the front lawn. This adds much to the beauty of the location.

Passing into the Academy we find three teachers, Professor Bralliar, Professor Beach, and Miss Hardiman, and about forty students doing faithful class work. As the students and teachers work together, both in the school room and on the farm, their interests are one, and the work in all departments moves on harmoniously and successfully.

After enjoying a visit of four days at this school, I returned to College View, March 31, encouraged with the success the Lord is giving the faithful teachers.

B. E. H.

THE EVIL OF SHORT TERMS

This has been a profitable year in many respects for the church school work. There is one great difficulty however, and that is the terms of school are too short for the amount of work that is to be done. Some plan must be devised whereby these schools may hold longer terms. It is wrong to expect the advancement made by a year's work consisting of four, five, or six months in the church school to be the same as that made by the public schools in seven, eight, or nine months each year.

I believe one reason for these short terms is that the churches do not commence in time to lay up means and plan for the support of their schools. As soon as one term of school closes, the time has come to commence work for the next. In this way the support of the school may be made much easier. The character of our church school work must be brought to a higher point of excellence. The world is watching our work. They soon are to pass judgment upon us as to our ability to take care of our youth, and we know what the result will be.

Satan is trying to discourage us in this work, and he will do so if possible; but God has spoken in regard to this work. Let us have faith in Him. Let us take a firm stand upon His Word.

B. E. H.

IN BONDS FOR CHRIST

The readers of the Messenger will be interested to know that one of our Union College students, E. K. Cassell, is in jail in Raton, New Mexico, for working on Sunday. We give below the letter which conveys this information, with the circumstances, and invite our readers to pray that this imprisonment may work out to the furtherance of the gospel message:—

Dear Brother:—

It has been a long time since I

saw you and the students of Union College. While I have not been present in person nor by letter, I have often thought of you and the many earnest, God-fearing students who are preparing for a life work in the Master's cause. My prayer is that they may have a growing zeal for the blessed truth as the signs develop which marks its certainty as a divine message to prepare a people to stand in perfect harmony with God's immutable law.

As I pen these words to you who are dear to me in the truth, I am seated in the county jail of Colfax county, New Mexico, in the city of Raton, serving out a sentence of fifteen days and the cost of the court, which is twenty-eight dollars. As I did not consent to the fine I suppose that will mean twenty-eight days more, in addition to the fifteen days' sentence, making in all forty-three days. I am imprisoned for violation of the Sunday law of New Mexico. I was found guilty of performing labor on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday. The judge said the Sunday law must be enforced. There are two more men in jail for violation of the Sunday law, but they are both saloon keepers. Their sentence is the same as mine.

I esteem this occasion a great privilege even to know that I am counted worthy to suffer for the Master and His blessed cause. The people in the town are horror stricken to think that I was sent to jail for conscience' sake. I have been doing a good work with the Family Bible Teacher here, preparatory for tent meetings in the spring and summer. I feel sure that this will be a great means by which the truth will prosper in New Mexico.

Give my best regards to inquiring friends, and especially request the earnest prayers of the workers in Union College for the cause of truth in this needy field.

Yonr brother in Christ,
(Signed) E. K. Cassell.

Raton, New Mexico.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

The following paragraphs are extracts from correspondence:

I think the plan of having reading courses is a good one. I shall do all I can to support it among the company here. You may consider me a pupil of the General Culture Course.

These courses of study at home are indeed a most happy thought, and just what we need.

I wish to have my name enrolled on the General Culture Course. My intentions are to go into the Lord's work as soon as I am fitted for the place He has for me. I want to help to hasten the coming of Christ.

If it is not too late, I would like to enroll for the General Culture Course. When it was first announced in the *Messenger*, I thought I could not arrange to take the course, but I see my way clear now. I am sending the amount for "Up From Slavery," which I desire to read, even if I cannot take the full course.

I received your letter the other day concerning the Home Improvement Courses. Your letter gave me a strong desire to take the course, and with the help of God I am determined to do so. Will do all I can to get other young people interested in them. I like the *Messenger* very much.

I notice in last week's *Review* that an effort is being made to reach all the young people, and lead them to fit themselves for the Master's work. As I am not able to leave home, I am glad for the opportunity of taking the Home Improvement Courses. I am very thankful for this privilege. Another sister and I will study together.

I desire to become a member of the General Culture Course. This is something I have been wanting for sometime. Praise the Lord it has come at last!

I am anxious to take up the reading

circle work, and want to be ready to fill the place the Lord has for me, and be able to lead some soul to Christ.

Please send me another circular letter and some leaflets on the Home Improvement Courses, as I think I can interest another young lady in them.

I have read with great interest your articles on the Home Improvement Courses. Kindly send me all particulars in regard to them.

When I saw the Home Improvement Courses advertised in the *Messenger*, I said, "That is what I want." I am glad there is such a course offered. I believe it will do much good.

M. E. K.

THOUGHTS ON THE VALUE OF OPPOSITION TO THE CAUSE OF TRUTH

H. E. REEDER

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers."

—Bryant

The Bible expresses the same thought in different form, thus: "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." II Cor. 13:8.

Truth is invincible because it is of God. The Saviour said in John 17:17, "*Thy word is truth.*" All the efforts of man cannot change the Word of God, which endures forever. See I Pet. 1:23-25.

"Men may haggle, contradict and doubt,
And turn the good old Bible wrong side out;
But they can't change, however hard they try,
Arrangements on the top side of the sky."

—Will Carleton.

The fact that man cannot withstand truth has been recognized by the wise in all ages. One of the most marked incidents of the recognition of this is found in Acts 5:34-39.

Opposition not only causes the *truth* to shine more brightly, but it is a valuable factor in the development of character. James A. Garfield expressed it thus:—

"Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify; but nine times out of ten, the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be cast overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself. In all of my acquaintance I never knew a young man to drown that was worth the saving."

We should not be discouraged, then, though the cause of wrong or error may seem to triumph, but let us keep in mind the truth as expressed by the poet Lowell, as follows:—

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne;
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own."

WORK A CONDITION OF LIFE

GLADYS SHUFELT

Life is the most prized possession of man, and how to preserve it is a question which always confronts him. How to make a success of the few days which he shall spend upon the earth is a problem constantly revolving in his busy mind. Few realize that life, to be crowned with success, must be a Christ-like life.

The Christ-like life is one of doing, of acting. One of the greatest words ever uttered by the Great Teacher was that little word "do." How insignificant it appears in comparison with the other words of the language, but how important to the Christian when God says "Do." How insignificant are the hinges in comparison with the door which swings on them, and yet that door would never swing were it not for the little hinges. Christianity may have its professors, but professing the name of Christ is vain unless the whole life is

swung upon the little hinge "do." Remember, too, that a very large door can swing on little hinges.

In Phil. 3:13, Paul gives us the watchword of his life; he says, "This one thing I *do*." Doing, acting, is the secret of the Christian's happy, successful life. It is not the wishing and hoping for great achievements, but the application of brains, heart, and hands in doing the Master's bidding. Would to God that that little word "do" would burn itself into your memory, and stamp itself upon your countenance, that wherever you are you will not fear frowns, nor be led away by smiles, but will *do*.

"We cannot make bargains for blisses,
Nor catch them like fishes in nets,
But sometimes the things that life misses
Help more than the things one gets;
For good lieth not in pursuing,
Nor gaining of great, nor of small,
But just in the doing, and doing
As we would be done by is all."

Activity is an essential of life. The stagnant pool to whom none turn for refreshment was not always so, and the only reason for its being so now is that it failed to do the only thing which could impart life—act. Contrast this with the glittering, silver stream dashing down the mountain side, or quietly gliding through the green meadows. It brings joy and blessing to all; its very presence is life.

Thus it is with the Christian; to be a live Christian one must work. It was Philip Brooks who said, "Do something with your religion lest it die." It is the doing that tells for Jesus. "Not the spectators nor the loud mouthed Falstaffs, but the Hotspurs on the field of battle, decide the contest." To do one's religion is a far better recommendation than any utterance of the lip or subscription of the pen.

Can Christians see the Prince of heaven hanging on the cruel cross, with bleeding hands and side, and in all the agony of His sacrifice, see the crown of thorns resting on His bloodstained brow;

can we, as Christians, see our dying Lord on Calvary and hear him say, "All this have I done for thee; what doest thou for me?" Can we see that scene and hear those words, and then stand by, cold and indifferent? What do we do for the One who suffered the bitter-est agonies to rescue us from the doom of the sinner?

The work of the Master demands the life, the soul, the all, and the best is not too good for God's work.

Man has been endowed with nobler faculties than other creatures, and has been commanded to use them; it is true that he has done many things. Though endowed with these faculties, through and by which he has been able to harness the lightning, peep into far-away planets, make the air and sea his servants, still he finds himself barred from going where his mind roams, and inventing what his mind suggests. He might and he does purpose many things, but how often God interposes. Only by One, and with One, and for One, have we the possibility of being successful in any undertaking. Paul had found the secret of success; he knew it was not by chance when he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Work is an important condition which comes in the entrance examination to heaven. It is said that the reason so many have signally failed is because they did not work with a mind, but have gone about it as though they had a temporal millenium in which to work. The king's business demands haste. We are living in an age when man desires every thing that has a going force; so God wants a people who will go anywhere and everywhere, any time and all time, and do His bidding, that He might "purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous unto all good works."

"There is much of labor
On the earth, and years are few;
There is more of work around us
Than our feeble hands can do.
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