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Editorial

One of the greatest needs among our young people is the disposition and ability to conduct a social gathering in harmony with Christian principles.

Probably it is not the ability either which is lacking. It may be the want of definite thought and planning. Too often such gatherings are rude and hilarious, when they should be quietly joyous. Intelligent, refined, Christian people ought not to measure their enjoyment by the noise they make. There should be and is a higher and nobler standard.

The addresses made and the selections spoken and read should tend to elevate and instruct. It is uncomplimentary to their intellectual capacity and good taste for students to present matter of foolish or trivial character.

"Shall we never laugh?" says one. Surely we may, and with strict propriety too at times. But good laughter is not performed solely with the mouth. It goes deeper and stirs up the whole mental, moral, and physical economy. It brings the blood to the surface and aids digestion. It is a good thing to laugh, if we laugh at good things.

But what are good things that make us laugh? Things that are witty but not coarse or vulgar,—things that are humorous but not foolishly sentimental,—things that prompt you to laugh but do not make light of the sacred. Apply these tests to the things you laugh at, and you will not laugh in vain. Apply them to the pieces you speak, and you will speak to some purpose.

In this connection please read in the next column an extract from

"Special Testimonies," p. 211. But please do not understand the "Singing and playing on instruments" to mean the proper use of music, elsewhere highly approved by the same authority.

"The low, common, pleasure parties, gatherings for eating and drinking, singing and playing on instruments of music, are inspired by a spirit that is from beneath. They are an oblation unto Satan. The exhibitions in the bicycle craze are an offense to God. His wrath is kindled against those that do such things. For in these gratifications the mind becomes besotted, even as in liquor-drinking. The door is opened to vulgar associations. The thoughts allowed to run in a low channel, soon pervert all the powers of the being. Like Israel of old, the pleasure-lovers eat and drink, and rise up to play. There is mirth and carousing, hilarity and glee. In all this the youth follow the example of the authors of books that are placed in their hands for study. The greatest evil of it all is the permanent effect these things have upon the character."

The last number of *Liberty* is the best yet issued. It is a strong Sunday law number. Besides the general matter of its contents, the Religious Liberty Bureau's protest and our Memorial to Congress strike a blow that will make thinking people "sit up and take notice," as in the case of the *New York Times*, a copy of whose statements we print in another paragraph. A number of people are making a good living and at the same time doing excellent missionary work by selling this journal. For terms and full particulars, address, *Liberty*, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

We have received from the Modern Medicine Publishing Company, Battle Creek, Mich., a copy of their new anatomical atlas for private and class use in the study of Physiology. It is especially helpful to students on account of its

convenient size. It cost over a thousand dollars to produce the original cuts for this atlas, and all who have seen it consider it a very fine piece of work. The price to Colleges in at least one dozen lots is thirty-five cents post paid. We are not informed in regard to the retail price. For further particulars, address as above.

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SUNDAY BASE BALL IN COLLEGE VIEW

Union College, College View, Neb., March 11, 1908

Editor *Lincoln Daily Star*:—

In your issue of March 9 is an article which does not properly represent the sentiment of the citizens of College View. This article states that "The citizens of that place are anxious to have the Western League Sunday games played there, it is said, as it will not be violating their Sunday." On the contrary, I believe a majority of the citizens of College View are anxious *not* to have the League Sunday games played here, because of the objectionable influences which attend them on Sunday or any other day. The sentiment of a few "base ball fans" is not the sentiment of the "citizens of College View."

Again your correspondent says:

"It was learned that practically no one in the Adventist city had any objections against the project, and that the majority of the citizens were anxious to have Sunday ball." It is safe to say that every Adventist in "the Adventist city" has strong objections against the project, as do many citizens who are not Adventists.

Once more, the city officials and the prominent citizens are quoted as favoring the plan and expressing their willingness to help the League secure grounds. Especially is George W. Shaver, Chairman of the Village Board, represented as "voicing the sentiment of the people by saying that they would like to see Sunday base ball in their city, as it would be a good advertisement for them, and besides many of them were interested in the game to some extent." Mr. Shaver will doubtless speak for himself through your columns, but he authorizes me to say he was misquoted. He told the "base ball fans" there was no ordinance in College View against Sunday base ball playing, and that he would be opposed to any ordinance against Saturday ball playing, not because he favored base ball, but because he was opposed to religious legislation. Instead of being a good advertisement for College View, the citizens generally think Sunday League base ball would be a very bad advertisement for their city.

The "widest ball" of all those delivered by the "fans" in the article referred to is that which expresses the hope that the League may be able to secure the pasture owned by Union College for their purposes. I do not believe there is money enough in the base ball fraternity to purchase or hire this pasture of Union College for such purposes, unless indeed there should be enough offered to purchase the entire plant and establish a better one in a more desirable location, if such a supposition were possible.

You may hear from College View again on this question.

C. C. Lewis.

WHAT GOOD BOOKS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

EUGENE ROWELL

Books are fields in which characters grow. The author is the sower, our minds are the soil,

meditation is the sun and rain, good and evil the fruit.

Reading is receiving the seed, harboring the thoughts makes them grow, the character we form is the crop they produce, and our destiny is the harvest.

Liken your mind to an estate which you rent to an author when you read his book. You give him control of it, but with the understanding that he is not to damage it. When he harms it, you have a right to protest, just as the law enables the owner of rented land to prevent the one renting it from sowing it to weeds, or injuring it in any way. You expect a goodly portion of the increase as compensation for renting, otherwise you would be loser. So with a book. If reading it does not make you richer in thought, do not rent your mind to its author.

A good book can fill the mind with cheer, hope, inspiration, knowledge, beauty, truth. It can awaken the purest sentiments and the highest resolves, and lead to honor and victory.

I wish I could tell exactly what books have done; but their influence is immeasurable. It depends not upon the number read, but upon the impression they make upon the readers, and the influence of these persons upon others. If I should tell you the number of cubic feet of water that plunge down Niagara each second, could you conceive of the volume that has passed in the last two thousand years? So with the Bible, that book about which all worthy books circle as stars about the sun. There is not a personal religious experience, not a Christian home, nor church, nor missionary, nor an enlightened nation that it has not influenced. We may say of its teachings in its own phrase, "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

Perhaps "Pilgrim's Progress" stands next in number of readers and in influence. Its author's reading was made up of "Practice of Piety," "Plain Man's Pathway to Heaven," and Fox's "Book of Martyrs." Reading Cook's "Voyages" and Fox's "Gospel Worthy of all Acceptation," inspired William Carey to go to India; and his going marks the beginning of modern missions. Robert Morrison's zeal was kindled by reading "Life of Faith" and Harvey's "Medita-

tions." His first native convert, a man of evil temper, was changed by reading a portion of the Bible as translated by him. A young man educated for the priesthood was brought into the truth from finding on an ash heap a part of the New Testament with the words, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." J. L. Shaw went to India from reading Taylor's "Story of Inland Missions." Henry Martin was made a missionary by reading the life of Brainerd. Sixty per cent of the people in our denomination came into the truth from reading our books.

Of Union College students, fourteen of fifteen I asked had read "Pilgrim's Progress," one twice, one thrice, one seven times. One said that "Steps to Christ" saved him when all hope was gone. The "Life of Livingstone" has given two others a desire to go to Africa as missionaries. Another had received much good from reading the "Wrestler of Philippi." Another had received inspiration from "Life of Paton" and "Young People's Problems." The "Life that Counts" had helped another; and the "Hoozier School Master" with its lessons in "Meditating on the subject of bull dogs" carried another through geometry.

Says the "Student's Manual of Reading:" "Perhaps none have done the world so much good as those who have quickened the minds of men by giving them good thoughts."

I asked one person what good books had done for him. He replied, "I know what bad books have done. They ruined my memory till I could not remember A, B, C." This brings us to consider the subject of bad books. An evil book can fill the mind with vile thoughts, deaden the soul, pollute the character, destroy feeling, and dwarf the intellect. You say you do not believe it? Sow thistle seeds and gather corn from them, and then believe that you can read a bad book without harm.

Listen to Anthony Comstock, secretary and special agent of the New York Society for the suppression of vice, in his book, "Traps for the Young."

"The community is cursed by pernicious literature. Ignorance as to its debasing character in some cases, disgraceful indifference in others, tolerate and sanction this evil." "These details familiarize

the reader with crime. They even tend to glorify it." "The finest fruits of civilization are consumed by these vermin. Nay, these products of corrupt minds are the eggs from which all kinds of villainies are hatched." "These stories breed vulgarity, profanity, loose ideas of life, impurity of thought and deed." He gives as the results of sensational reading by youth, one hundred and eighty-eight arrests in six months, twenty-four for murder, eighty-seven for attempted murder, eighty for burglary, ninety-two for larceny, thirty-eight for highway robbery.

Another writer puts it thus: "If you have an enemy whose soul you would visit with a heavy vengeance, you have only to place one of these destroyers (a bad book) in his hands. In doing so you will certainly pave the way to the abodes of death."

What we get from books depends largely upon us. It is not enough that we read a good book, but we must let it influence us. Nor will merely having them on our shelves help us.

A book need not be popular to do good. Great results have come from volumes well nigh unknown.

What are we doing in the way of bettering the reading for ourselves and others? Are we spending the time in theorizing and telling of books for entertainment, while 200,000 youth are stumbling to ruin with vile pages before their eyes? Even in the rooms of Union College students are books that should be burned. May God help us to use example and voice and pen in the cause of pure and ennobling literature, till that which He gave as a source of joy, and inspiration, and wisdom, shall be perverted no more.

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Of all the breeds that have appeared in recent years, none compares, in my estimation, with the Buff Orpingtons for general utility. They excel in all points. Their qualities derived from the Hamburg for eggs, the Dorking for meat, and the Buff Cochin for size, make them the ideal all round fowl. They excel as winter layers when market eggs bring the highest prices, making the breed profitable. They attain a good size by quick growth, excelling the Plymouth Rocks and Wyandotte varieties in size at the broiler age. They have

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Entered at the post office in College View, Neb., as second class matter under act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

News and Notes.

Howard Peebles, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out again.

Elder C. A. Beeson, of Omaha, Neb., has been spending a few days in College View.

Mrs. J. L. Lawry, of Newton, Kans., has been visiting her son, Joe Lawry, who is attending the College this year.

I. C. Nelson has accepted a position in connection with the Sanitarium bakery, and has dropped his work in Union College.

Mrs. S. E. Surber, of Missouri, has come to College View to spend the spring term at the College with her children May and Maynard.

O. A. Hall, formerly of the Northwestern Training School, has entered the ministry in the Nebraska Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will make their home at Loup City, Neb.

Students of the Swedish Department gathered at the home of Prof. Aug. Anderson Saturday evening, March 7, giving him a pleasant surprise, and presenting him with a new overcoat.

Lois Fasig has returned to her home in Teyss, Kan. She was accompanied by Stella Huguley, who will visit at Miss Fasig's home for a few days and then go on to her home in Keene, Texas.

Please change the address of my MESSENGER from Topeka, Kans., to 4419 A. Cote Brilliant St., St. Louis, Mo. I came to St. Louis to engage in the German Bible work.—Anna Patzkowsky.

The Wednesday program in the College chapel was conducted by the Sabbath-school Workers' Band. After song and prayer, Vincent Thomas read an interesting history of the Sunday School. It dates back to 1780, when Robert Raikes organized the first school in Rochester, England. Mrs. C. C. Lewis gave an interesting study on how to make the Bible interesting to the Sabbath-school members. Facts concerning the Bible and its contents may be presented in a concise, interesting manner. Miss Eva Kern read a paper on the Object of the Sabbath-school. The sole object is not in winning souls to Christ but also in sustaining them afterwards. Eugene Rowell read a paper on varying Sabbath-school exercises. Just as there are variations in the day and year by light, color, temperature, etc., so should Sabbath-school exercises be varied. New light and interest will be the result. The program was closed by a male quartet.

The enrollment of the College has now reached 560.

Elder E. T. Russell is spending a few days in College View.

C. T. Cavaness, auditor of the Central Union Conference, is in College View auditing the books of the institutions located at this place.

On account of the strain of examinations and the opening of the spring term, the students were given Friday, March 6, as a vacation. The evening before an entertainment was held in the dining room of South Hall.

The Philathea Society held an interesting session Saturday evening, March 7, in South Hall parlor. The session was begun by an informal entertainment and was followed by an interesting program. New officers were elected as follows: President, Lawrence Anderson; vice president, Anna Anderson; secretary, Anna Hullett; assistant secretary, Annie Laurie McCutchen; sergeant at arms, Irvin Blue. These officers will serve until the beginning of the next school year.

We copy the following items concerning old Union College students from *Iowa Worker's Bulletin* of March 3: "Mrs. J. C. Barcus of Sioux City was recently taken quite seriously ill and her sister, Miss Tacy Lytle, of the Sanitarium, was called home to assist in caring for her." "Miss Maude Weller, one of our Sanitarium graduate nurses, was recently called home to Dakota to teach in the Industrial Academy at Elk Point for the remainder of the school year." "Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Christofferson, who for more than a year have served the Sanitarium as Business Manager and Matron, left Sunday evening for Kansas, where they will engage in farming." "Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Schmidt, of Bonaparte, came to Des Moines last week, and have been taking advantage of Sanitarium treatment for a few days."

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference, Sabbath, March 7, was observed as Young People's day at the College View church. The morning and afternoon services were conducted by the Young People's Society. The following program was rendered at the 11:00 o'clock hour:—

Prayer Professor Kellogg
Jubilate Deo Double Quartet
Opening Remarks Mr. Sparks, President of the Society

History of our Young People's Work
Glenn George

A Preparation for Efficient Service
Miss George

Vocal Solo Christian Eden

The Place of our Young People's Work
in our Organization H. U. Stevens

Benediction Elder Kite

The afternoon meeting was opened by prayer offered by Elder Butler.

The following program was given:—
Letter to our Nebraska Young People
Irvin Blue

Young People and the Church
Raleigh Andrews

Vocal Solo Anna Pierce

A Study on Importance of Reading the
Bible Mrs. C. C. Lewis

What Good Books have Accomplished
Eugene Rowell

Benediction Elder Butler

Celia Christensen, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, has returned to her home in Dodge Center, Minn.

Geo. W. Kiehnhoff writes from Magnolia Springs, Ala., saying, "I have not received the last four numbers of the MESSENGER. Will you please send them if you have some back numbers. I can not do without it."

Mrs. W. D. Curtis writes to the Faculty of Union College to thank them for their resolutions of sympathy in regard to the death of her husband, Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference.

Orrie A. Carr has moved to National City, Calif., and is probably connected with the Sanitarium at that place. The MESSENGER did not follow him as quickly as he would like, and hence he writes to have it sent to him.

Prof. M. E. Kern, accompanied by Mr. H. W. Rose, is attending the Northern Union Conference which is being held at Minneapolis, Minn. Excellent meetings are reported. Elder I. H. Evans gave an interesting discourse on the subject of Missions.

Prof. O. J. Graf, who recently left Union College for a little vacation with his parents in New Mexico, writes while on the way that he hopes to avoid taking his work with him and will try to relax and rest a bit if he can. While waiting for his folks to come after him at Elida, New Mexico, he wrote another card saying that he arrived six hours late, but "with colors flying." He expects to be back in the class room within two weeks from the time of his departure.

We are pleased to receive from the Pacific Press Publishing Company a copy of "True Education Reader," No. 7. It contains nearly four hundred pages of excellent matter well selected and adapted to the use of both teacher and student. The price remains the same as that of No. 5, one dollar post paid. In this connection we are pleased to receive the information that the circulation of the Reader Series is now approximately eight thousand copies, and without doubt their sale has only just begun. We are also glad to learn that the Church School Manual for parents and teachers is almost ready. It will be bound in cloth and will sell for fifty cents, post paid. Orders may be addressed to any Tract Society, or directed to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Mountain View, Calif.

We were made sad a few days ago to receive from Brother H. C. Pitton, class of 1904, the sad news of the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. O. E. Cole, of Sand Lake, Mich. Coming so soon after the sudden death of his wife, within a few weeks of their marriage, this is a hard blow for Brother Pitton to bear. His mother had mourned over the death of her daughter and Brother Pitton had prevailed upon her to go with him to the state conference at Charlotte. While there she was suddenly seized with pneumonia and died before she could be taken home. We extend to Brother Pitton the profound sympathy of his school mates and teachers, and pray that he may receive the consolation which only our Heavenly Father can give. Brother Pitton thinks he may go west for a short vacation, and if so he will call at College View and spend a day or two at Union College.