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Remember Missionary Volunteer Day, January 4

Work and Pray

Work and prayer go together, the same as faith and work. "Yes, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works." Faith without works is dead, and so prayer does not avail much without being backed up by works.

Would it not be an excellent thing for our people during this Week of Prayer to mix some work with your prayer? Why not spend some time in the Harvest Ingathering work and supplement your own gift to missions with an additional gift from your friends? We can always pray with more confidence after we have done some work for the Lord.

We have sent our bright young men and women to the dark heathen lands to give their lives for lost souls. They have sacrificed the fellowship of kindred and friends, have left homeland and pleasant homes, given all for the work of the Lord. Now it is our privilege to help gather in the funds that will sustain them while they work for the salvation of souls in dark heathen lands. While they work to gather in souls over there, let us work and pray to gather in the funds over here.

The General Conference has set apart Sabbath, January 4, as Missionary Volunteer Day, to be observed in all our churches. The program and readings for the day are published in the *Review* of Dec. 19. Let us dedicate the first Sabbath of the new year to the consideration of the great question of how to save and train our children and young people. Let every church observe the day whether or not there are young people in it.

"O, work and pray that when the Master cometh, if at morning, noon or night, He may find a lamp in every window, trimmed and burning clear and bright."
J. B. LOCKEN.

The Hour of Death

The course of sin is running out. Its last struggles are its most deadly. Death is sin finished. It is the last station of the road of sin. It is where the train of life delivers its occupants, the grave—life's terminal. As we near this station, death is more and more evident everywhere. The road has been a long one. It runs accross six thousand years of territory.

Started out at the gates of Eden and will run through to the beginning of the millennium. There its course will receive its greatest blow. Jesus will suddenly appear and rescue all the good, and the blest, and transfer them to the "Royal Palm," the chariots that will leave the earth rails and take the sky route to the saints' union station, the New Jerusalem. The whistle is blowing now for earth's last stop. All the good are filling up the vacant seats as the train pauses here and there for them. Only one stop, and all who are not ready to go aboard at once will be left. No second section to follow.

My dear reader, are you prepared to make a hasty leave of this old world? Are you wearing it as a loose garment? or do you feel as Lot did? as the Jews did when they were told of the destruction of the city? Will your actions now reveal this readiness to quit the world? or will the *Xmas festivities have more influence upon you than the second coming of Christ?* Which shall it be? All things are now ready in heaven. How long shall we delay things up there by our unreadiness down here? "Prepare to meet thy God."
C. B. STEPHENSON.
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Carolina

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Colporteurs Receive a Special Message From the Lord

Chas. L. Collison

Much of the best territory in the United States is not being cultivated by the colporteurs, because it has been worked and reworked for our religious books. What is needed is a rotation of crops. The messenger of the Lord has said, "The indifference with which the health books have been treated by many is an offense to God." (Man., p. 45.)

When the present epidemic of Spanish influenza reached our home and put five members of the family to bed the same day, we followed our usual custom and went to the Right Arm of the Third Angel's Message. On searching the general index of "Practical Guide to Health" we were directed to page 256. The index of "Symptoms" directed to the same place. Under the heading of "Influenza" or "Spanish catarrhal fever," Dr. Rossiter tells of a former world-wide epidemic in 1890-92; gives the causes, symptoms and treatments; also tells of the dangers of complications of pneumonia, etc., and how to prevent and treat these complications. The instructions were followed in the case of the five members of our own family and of the neighboring families, the Lord blessing with marked results in contrast with those who employed physicians with no knowledge of the "Right Arm of the Message."

There are very few homes in the United States, at the present time, where the members

would not gladly pay five or six dollars for the knowledge a trained nurse possesses in regard to this one point of treating Spanish influenza and pneumonia.

Ask any of our ministers and they will tell you that coffee, tea, tobacco, pork, etc., are some of the hardest snares for new believers. It is no wonder then that the servant of the Lord says in "Manual for Canvassers" (page 44), "The relation of the religious and health books is presented to me as illustrated by the union of the warp and woof to form a beautiful pattern and a perfect piece of work."

"What can be better preparation for the coming of the Lord, and for the reception of other truths essential to prepare a people for this coming, than to arouse the people to see the evils of this age, and to stir them to reformation from self-indulgent and unhealthful habits? Is not the world in need of being aroused on the subject of health reform? Are not the people in need of the truths presented in the health books?"

Cherokee, S. C.

Carolina News Items

The Conference Committee met in Charlotte Sunday, Dec. 8, and a number of important matters were given attention.

Elder Dieffenbacher, who has been confined to his bed with an attack of the "flu" is now able to be out again.

Brother Dougherty has been assisting Brother Peeler to get started in the canvassing work. We believe that Brother Peeler will do splendid work, and that he will have success.

Brother S. R. Haynes was an office caller last week. He left Charlotte for Albemarle, where he will hold a few meetings with the church at that place.

Brother Cady has returned from a successful trip to Columbia, Sumter, and other South Carolina points.

Brother Russell spent Sabbath and Sunday in Charleston, and while in that part of the State he visited Beaufort, Allendale, and Columbia in connection with the Tract Society work.

Elder MacNeil has just returned to the office from Statesville and will leave again Friday morning for Greenville.

Brother Chitwood reports a good interest in Columbia. He has his hands full doing his Bible work and caring for several influenza patients.

Solving Difficulties

There are so many disappointments in life at its best it does not seem that anyone would seek to increase them. Yet many times we do things, or neglect to do them, which tend to increase our difficulties. Take for example the person who sells our literature every month, our popular monthly magazines. If you cannot order a yearly club, you can place a standing order with your tract society instead of ordering in the now-and-then fashion. The result will be less work and expense for your friends at the tract society and the publishing houses and far less bother and worry on your part. You will then receive magazines in the shortest possible order and have much longer time in which to dispose of them. You also begin a good habit by becoming a regular worker for the Lord and the definite work you do will just as surely produce definite results. Therefore let everyone that possibly can place a standing order with their tract society for at least ten copies of some of our splendid publications.

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE.

Cumberland

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Harvest Ingathering News From Chattanooga

The Lord has so wonderfully blessed us in our Ingathering work that we are desirous that our sister churches learn just how we raised \$600 in a few hours. We had accomplished but little when the influenza epidemic came along and the work was at a complete standstill for about five weeks. Then, too, the fourth liberty loan drive was on, and the outlook was indeed discouraging. I began to wonder just how we would ever reach our goal which we had set at \$300. Under the circumstances this seemed impossible; but all things are possible with our great Leader, so we turned the work completely over into His hands. Feeling our utter helplessness, and great need, we organized a prayer band and earnestly prayed for strength and courage to finish our goal in one big drive, which we set for Nov. 10.

Those who could not work with us on that day were asked to spend the entire day in prayer. This I am sure they did, from the result.

When we disposed of all our papers and checked up, we found that our goal had been reached and \$56 over.

On the following Sabbath we raised our goal to \$500, and planned to reach it on Sunday, Nov. 17th. Again we asked the Lord for great things and were not disappointed, for we checked

up a total of \$515. We raised the remaining \$85 in about three hours.

We are indeed rejoicing at the result of our efforts, for we were conscious of the presence of the heavenly angels, who were indeed "sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation."

The following have reached their goal:

\$100 Goal

Sisters Nell Davis, Ellen Terry, C. O. Jones.

\$25 Goal

Sisters Boyd and Ou Fen.

\$15 Goal

Sisters Ottinger and J. H. Smith.

\$10 Goal

Brother D. M. Cain, Bernice Jones, Dr. M. M. Martinson.

\$5 Goal

Sisters W. C. Snow, Ida Bailey, Sevier, A. F. Nye, Brother J. R. Hamer, Dr. Willis Hall.

MRS. C. O. JONES,

Home Miss. Sec'y., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Obituary

Gladys May Mack died near Ogden, Tenn., Dec. 9th, at the age of 14 years. About a year ago she accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized. She was a member of the Dayton church at the time of her death. Her last words were that Jesus had forgiven her sins. While she was taken away in the early morning of life, she made good use of her short time, and now sleeps in peace, and will escape the great day of trouble that is coming upon the earth.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 14, dwelling upon the blessed hope of a resurrection when the Life-Giver comes to receive His own. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

Doing Our Best

When a good woman was asked what she should do in a certain contingency, she answered gravely:

"I should do my best to make things come out right." Her answer embodied all that was essential. If it was her purpose

to do her best, the effort put forth would call for every bit of character she could summon. She could not do any more than that; no one of us can. Our best is—our best.

Our best is far removed from what we are. We never come to our best until we have reached our final bit of staying power; until we have been ready to spend the last remnant of love and patience and generous living. Our best is to be found at the end of all that is good and pure and wise and brave and holy. A man never reaches his best until he has traversed a way that cries out for every ounce of manly stuff that he has in him. That is what our best is. And there are few of us who have it in us to give our best. We may strive with what we like to think is heroic effort, and give—our second best; but our best—ah! we are not ready to give that; it means so much, and the effort draws so upon our time and strength and intellect and resources. And so God, and our fellows, get that which is not our best.

There are those of us who could give our best if we were willing. We possess all the faculties that are needed. We are intelligently informed as to the process. We have strong, steady and sturdy qualities well within our grasp which, once we have laid hold of them, would put us in fine fettle for doing our best; and what is more, there are few hours in the day when there are not some things that touch our lives, that suggest the attractiveness of such a course. The best could be made to fit, in a normal way, into the everyday affairs of most of us. And yet there are too few of us who are ready to undertake the task of doing our best.—Ex.

Southeastern Union Conference

The Wrath of the Dragon and the Power of God

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Is this prophecy being fulfilled at this time? If so, with what particular phase of the work is the dragon especially angry? Of course, in a measure, the enemy is displeased with every phase of the work, but in what work in particular shall we look for the greatest persecution? It would only be natural for the great rebel leader to array his forces against the thing that is doing the greatest injury to his cause, and when we have succeeded in finding that particular battery, we will have no trouble in finding that which he is specially anxious to silence.

Take the work of one high in executive authority for example. While his administrative powers are of great value to the cause, and so also is his preaching and teaching, yet it is not his talent in these lines that receive the sharpest attacks from the enemy, but instead it is against the books he has written which the enemy of souls is especially mad with and trying to put out of commission.

Take again the work of the faithful evangelist, one whose labor in this line has been greatly blessed of God, yet we find that his work along this line does not receive the attack of the enemy as does the *books* he has written.

As we look at other phases of the work we can readily see that each are very important, and

every department is necessary; but with what particular phase of the great work, as a whole, is the enemy especially angry so much so that some are being thrust into prison while others have their lives threatened in certain sections of the country? I refer especially to the experiences of some of our faithful colporteurs in sections of the country who are taking the printed page to the homes of the people.

Naturally we would ask why is it that books are often put out of commission before their authors are? The answer may be found inscribed on the wall of the Congressional Library of our Nation's capitol. It reads thus: "Books will speak plain when counselors blanch." It is indeed hard for the enemy to stand against the plain-speaking found in books. It was Luther's writing that shook all Germany and made the Pope to tremble on his throne. History tells us concerning the Waldensians' reformers that Bartholemy Hector was a bookseller in Pointers and that he was dragged to Turan to answer for the crime of selling Geneverse's books. They brought him forth and consigned him to the flames. His behavior at the stake drew rivers of tears from the eyes of many.

Should it therefore be a strange thing if in the closing events of the earth's history we should behold Satan hurling his fierce darts against certain literature and also against the ones who convey it to the people? In view of these things the word of the servant of God comes vividly

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Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders
Paul Nicholson	BR	45	28
Gracie H Reno	PPF	7	1
Eva Chandler	GC	44	
Lula Green	CK	31	6
E W Coates	OD	33	7
G M Davis	OD	33	16
Matthew Moore	OD	27	7
Total		220	65

SOUTH C

W L Whorton	BR	40	
D P Moseley	BR	38	
Fred Meister	BR	36	51
J W Chrisman	DR	40	47
O R Osman	BR	42	39
C H Gordon	BR	20	
M J Weber	BR	27	2
Irregular	Misc		
Total		243	139

NORTH C

Willie White	OD	39	11
Kaspar Oertley	GC	36	10
G B Case	BR	30	1
J S Spraggs	BR	17	
Irregular	Misc		
Total		122	22

Grand total 585 226

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A bright lamp never need a sun never need send a herald to the unlit lamp that requires a Christian will be sure to manifest burn and give off no heat. If you take care there shall be fruit. You does not see or hear.—Sel.



S' REPORT

for the Week Ending Dec. 7

	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
0	\$1.00	\$154.00	\$7.00
0		2.50	9.80
			90.70
0		12.00	10.25
0	1.00	15.00	5.00
0		32.00	29.05
0		14.00	21.70
0	2.00	229.50	173.50

MINA			
			750.00
			338.50
0	7.65	238.65	7.65
0		203.00	
0	3.40	189.40	3.40
			163.80
0		9.00	18.00
0	346.00	346.00	346.00
0	357.05	986.05	1627.35

LINA			
0		37.00	91.00
0		34.50	7.50
0	17.50	21.50	7.80
			19.00
0	360.05	360.05	360.05
0	377.55	453.05	485.35
0	736.60	1668.60	2286.20

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to our mind, which says, "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." Another statement says, "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelistical ministry of the work in our books and periodicals. Our periodicals are to show that the end of all things is at hand."

It is a comforting thought to know that all things are possible with God and that Jesus does not ask us to do anything alone, but has promised to be with us always "even unto the end of the world."

It is indeed marvelous to know how the Lord is showing His power in behalf of some of our faithful colporteurs, and also very encouraging to know that "as long as probation lasts there will be opportunity for the colporteur to work." V. O. COLE.

Country Is Warned of Influenza Menace

A Washington dispatch of December 11 says: "Warning to the country that the influenza epidemic is by no means ended, and that all possible precautions against the disease should be taken, was issued tonight by Surgeon-General Blue, of the public health service.

"Reports received by the service show a recrudescence of the disease practically from one end of the country to another, and in his statement Dr. Blue advised the closing of the public schools on the first sign of the reappearance of the epidemic. He

said the disease apparently now tended to occur more frequently among school children.

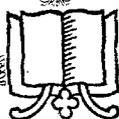
"Our main reliance," Dr. Blue said, "must still be the observance of precautions by the individual person. He should cover up his coughs and sneezes and insist that others do the same."

"Information reaching the public health service shows that in California increases in the number of cases are reported from San Francisco and many other cities. Indiana reports no improvement in the situation, except that the cases are milder, while in Iowa there has been a marked increase in the number of cases.

"Kentucky reports a decided recrudescence in Louisville and some of the larger towns of the State, while Ohio reports increased numbers of cases in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, Youngstown, East Liverpool and many other cities.

"The situation continues serious in Nebraska, and New Jersey reports a substantial increase in the number of cases over the State. The disease also is reported in Missouri, Mississippi, Washington, West Virginia, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont, Massachusetts and other States, while in Pennsylvania conditions at Erie, Newcastle and Johnstown are said to be worse than during the original outbreak."

"Men sneer at religion now, while well and strong, who tomorrow will desire prayers in their behalf. It is easy to meet jubilant, free-hearted Time, the child of a day, but it is another thing to stand face to face with Eternity."



The Blessedness of Persecution

The Lord Himself has pronounced this blessing. It is one of the many encouragements He left on record for His people to buoy them up during their pilgrimage in a world of sin. It was while He was Himself amid the experiences of persecution that he gave the assurance, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus knew what persecution meant, that it was a ruse of Satan to discourage and deter men from following in the footsteps of Christ, and thereby being saved. If they can be lured to destruction by flattery, and by the prospect of pleasures in this life and hereafter without the cross of Christ they will not be persecuted for the truth's sake. If Christ had yielded to the blandishments of Satan's temptations in the wilderness, He would have had no persecution. But, failing to win over the world's Redeemer by guile and fair promises, the arch enemy at once sought to hedge up the Saviour's way by inciting the church to persecute Him.

However, having overcome the temptations solely through the power of the Word of God,—“It is written,”—He was also proof against the terrors of persecution. By that same Word He was apprized of the overcomer's reward. The psalmist had spoken by the Spirit concerning Him, “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.” Ps. 2:2,3. By the same Spirit he shows the outcome: “Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion. I will de-

clare the decree, the Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.” Verses 6-9.

Jesus knew that every possible pressure would be brought to bear upon His followers to turn them from the Way. All the fair promises of a deceptive world,—wealth, honor, pleasure,—would be displayed before them; and, these failing, as also the snares of perverted scripture, persecution would be the last resort. For “all that *will* live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Tim. 3:12.

Knowing all this by the Spirit of Prophecy as well as by personal experience, the Lord gives us the comforting encouragement that there is blessing in the worst that the enemy can do against us. We are not to fear even death itself. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.” Ps. 23: 4, 5. It was from this table that the Saviour had eaten when He said to His disciples at Jacob's well: “I have meat to eat that ye know not of . . . My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.” John 4:32-34.

When those disciples had learned more of Christ, when their understanding was opened to an understanding of the Scriptures (Luke 24: 45), when they had been baptized with the Spirit with which He was filled, then

they could eat from the same table in presence of the bitterest persecution their foes could devise. They could “endure hardness as good soldiers” in the strength of present blessedness and in the faith of future glory. Peter and John, when cruelly beaten for their faith, could go on their way “rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.” In this same spirit of faith Paul could admonish the brethren at Rome, “Bless them which persecute you; bless and curse not.” Rom. 12:14. Paul did not merely admonish, but he had set the example, and his testimony was, “I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Rom. 8: 18.

Then “who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or *persecution*, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” Verse 35. Shall any child of God forego the blessings that accompany persecution for the truth's sake? Shall we turn aside because of “our light affliction, which is but for a moment,” knowing that it “worketh for us a far more exceeding and *eternal* weight of glory?” 2 Cor. 4:17. “It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him (by shrinking from the trials and sufferings), He also will deny us.” To reassure us in this matter, as it were to emphasize the promise to the persecuted ones, the Lord has told us through special “revelation” to His servant John that “to him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” Rev. 3:21.—*Signs*.

Happy New Year

What does this old, yet pleasant, greeting mean to the wayfarer, to the Christian? What will make the new year happy? The happiness of the Christian is inborn, bringing love and hope and cheer. The happiness of the wayfaring man is outward, the fleeting pleasures of this world, dearly paid for, sometimes even to life itself. Christian happiness leads to giving; the other seeks rather to receive.

If the Christian would truly greet the wayfarer with this New Year's greeting, let him say or do something to bring the happiness of a new life to that individual. Often it takes so little to give so much. Here is a suggestion: You can send to some friend the "Season's Greetings" and sixteen months of the truth-filled "Watchman Magazine" for the price of only a year's subscription, a saving of fifty cents. Write to your tract society for a beautiful card, printed in three colors, and enclosed in an envelope ready to mail to some friend, telling him that it is your gift to him. Dear friends, make it a real "Happy New Year" for some one.

Keep the Lights Burning

Occasionally we hear from a faithful little woman isolated out in a sparsely settled section of the country. In every letter she mentions the work she is doing with our message-filled literature in the few hours she gives to it each week, and her letters always carry a note of encouragement in them. Out there in that lonely spot she is holding up the light of truth to those about her. This little woman reminds us of the wife of a lighthouse keeper about whom we once read.

The breaking ice floes swept away the lighthouse keeper, with both his assistants. The poor widow was left alone, through the long, dreary winter. When the supply ship reached the island on its semi-annual visit, the captain, in utter astonishment asked how she managed to live through the winter. "I don't know," she replied with a sob. "I only know I kept the lights burning." And how much depended upon those lights! Are we as faithful in letting our lights shine out for God and His truth?

Our lights are to shine just where we are. Just where we are there is someone who needs it. One little light may kindle many. The little cottage meeting you are holding may be the nucleus for a church. The little tract you gave away yesterday to that caller may start a revival in some home. Or the *Signs of the Times* you distributed among the scattered neighbors last Sabbath afternoon or Sunday may awaken an interest that will lead to the acceptance of the message on the part of more than one. Who knows? Just those things have been accomplished by those little agencies.

We were reading not long ago about a home in which there was considerable sickness. A brother had visited the family occasionally, carrying cheer and sympathy to them. It was good medicine. The last time he called the lady of the home said to him, "I believe you people have the truth." She had been reading the *Signs of the Times* that our brother had brought to her home, and although he was worn for sleep on his last visit, she begged him to linger and explain something of the prophecies to her sick husband while she sat near and listened. There are many such homes over the

land where a little kind sympathy is wanted and where the seeds of truth will find good soil.

Never, perhaps, has there been such an unusual desire on the part of our people to engage more actively in extending the message just where they are than during the past year. The instruction to "labor in our own families, in our own neighborhood, among our own friends," is being carried out today as we have never seen it before. And as a result of this awakening and revival of missionary endeavor there are more people of course who are reading our literature and, as never before, they are recognizing the truth and accepting it. It is a time of wonderful opportunities. Our great business today is to provide opportunities for people to get in touch with the message for this time. We can help do this by scattering the literature God has given us. And the *Signs Weekly* is a good agency to use, because "it does bring people into the truth."

Father, Take My Hand

A little bed stands close to mine—
I reach it with extended arm—
And there the clust'ring curls entwine
A golden head, secure from harm.

And when my darling goes to rest,
But ere she seeks the dreamer's land,
Upon my hand are fingers press'd,
Their tiny tips within my hand.

Then, sweetly, as the melting strain
Of music from a spirit band,
Or soft dripping of the rain,
She lisps, "Please, papa, take my hand."

"Its dark, papa, I tan not do
To sleep alone!" Tho angels stand
To guard her bed 'gainst ev'ry foe,
Still baby lisps, "Please take my hand!"

And even I, in time to come,
When greets my gaze the portal grand
Of that far-off eternal home,
May ask, "O Father, take my hand!"

When round about the billows roll
And beat upon the farther strand,
While dark'ning tempest veil my soul,
E'en I may ask, "O Father take my
hand!"

—Speed Mosby.

FIELD TIDINGS

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Collegedale News

It seems that the Lord has kept the rain away till we can get the work done on the roof of the new dormitory. All last week it threatened to rain, but it did not come till Friday night. Sabbath was stormy, but immediately after the Sabbath it cleared off so the men could work today. We are so thankful for the good weather, and if it continues for another week or ten days we will have the building under cover.

The steam fitter tells us that he will have steam on in the new dormitory this week, if nothing happens. This will be of great help to us in carrying on the work during the winter months.

The wiring of the new building is going on apace. It will be done and out of the way in good time for the lathing and plastering.

Next week we will show a picture of how the building looked when the brethren who were here at the Workers' Bee left. Material progress has been made since then.

Bro. John H. Talge has made the school a splendid gift of two power washers, a separator, and several stationary tubs for the

laundry. We are installing this material in a temporary building for the winter, but hope to have our dining hall ready next summer so that this machinery as well as that for the cannery and bakery can be installed.

The new water system has been tested and is now in working order. We have not had time to put in the reservoir yet, but the pipe line itself holds some two hundred barrels of water. If the weather will not permit us to erect the reservoir this winter, the pipe line will give us a fair supply till spring.

The view from the front windows of the dormitory are growing prettier every day. The cover crops on the farm are all coming up and the warm weather and rains are doing much toward bringing on the rye and wheat.

Worth Reading

The January Watchman starts the new year with an abundance of good reading. One of the articles which will be of special interest at this time is "A Relic of Eden," by Elder G. B. Thompson, which shows the purpose of God to keep in close touch with His people from the Fall to the Restoration. Three important, but different series of articles appear in the January number. The Simple Truth which began in the November presents "Christ Lives in Us." Studies in the Revelation is another series to run through the year. The first topic is "The Seven Churches." Still another series, entitled, "In the Interpreter's House," begins a series of nature talks that will inform, charm, and inspire readers throughout the year. Another important article is a missionary's experience in the Porto Rico earthquake. A sixteen-months' subscription may now be obtained for only \$1.50.

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Longing and Working

If we could ever realize when our natures are becoming poverty-stricken, arid, and dry, perhaps we could alter them before it is too late. If only we could be brave enough to come close to life and say to it: "I am willing to be plowed deep if that is the only way I can be made tender. Send sorrow, if it must be, that tears may fall on my sterile heart and soften it. Give me as much joy as I can earn, or can be trusted with, that sunshine may help to make me sweeter and more fertile; only teach me to live in the depths of myself, giving all I have to give, holding nothing back, lest it dwindle and die in the holding."

It does not mean conceit or vanity when you believe in those powers that enable you to give generously, even royally, such things as smiles, kind words, praise, comfort, good cheer, courage, happiness, love, compassion, heart's ease. All those, we sometimes say, "cost nothing." Alas! which one of us would say that it costs nothing to cultivate a golden heart? If it were easy; if it could be attained by a momentary impulse for good, most of us would be saints at this very moment,

Longing lights the lovely fire; but
 Longing brings thee still no higher
 To thy heart's desire.

Work; work, and thou shalt know!
 —Selected.

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