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LET US RETURN, No 3.

R. W. PARMELE, (SEC'Y S. W. U. C.)

We are exhorted to scatter the literature like the leaves of autumn, and we should not become discouraged because we do not see immediate results. A brother wrote me a short time ago that he had tried to do what he could in the missionary lines, but had seen no fruit, "The fault," he wrote, "is most likely with myself." On page 612 of Great Controversy, in the chapter on "The Final Warning," we find the following statement:

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by Missionary Workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now."

In that time doubtless some of those for whom the brother mentioned above has labored "will sever the bands which have held them." "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

HOW SHALL WE WORK?

In the preceding article, I mentioned several plans of work. We will now consider these in their order.

The plan of sending out a club of papers was quite fully explained in the first article; and I wish simply to say further that there is danger of neglect in every line of missionary work, and especially in this plan. In no case send out papers blindly. The papers cost the society money, and should be treated as though they were valuable. Secure such names as the members have reason to believe will read; and after sending out several copies, let the members write the individuals telling them from whom the papers come, and that they will be continued gratis for a few months, if the reader is interested. After the papers have thus been sent for two months, endeavor to secure the individual's subscription. And in all cases follow up the work.

In addition to this work, a rack should be placed in the

post office, railway stations or some public place; and let the members take turns in keeping it supplied with literature. Papers to supply these racks could be furnished by the members of the church carefully preserving their Reviews, Signs, Sentinels, etc., and bringing them to the missionary meetings. Perhaps this would not be sufficient; then let the church make a special call for papers from other churches.

But some may say, papers placed in a rack are sometimes destroyed. Yes, I acknowledge that is so. I have a case in mind where a certain family in a new country took our papers out of the rack, and used them to paper his house. But that family finally vacated and another moved in. The second family was attracted by some of the articles in the papers on the wall; read them and accepted the truth from those very papers. My brethren, do not fear; God will care for his own. So, "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not which shall prosper."

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the
Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the
Second Advent of Our Lord.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

THE TRUE PHYSICIAN.

Is there no balm in Gilead; is no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" These words of the prophet Jeremiah are as timely now as when he spoke them in the power of the Spirit to ancient Israel. Why are Christians on a level with the rest of the world, so far as physical health is concerned? Why are there so many invalidated soldiers in the army of Prince Immanuel, since He is both Saviour and Healer?

The answer to the prophet's question, so exquisitely worded and implying so much sadness and heart sorrow, is suggested by a query in the previous verse, "Is not the Lord in Zion?" The reason for the sickness then and now is to be traced to alienation from God. Of doctors and medicines and medical appliances there is no end; but the true physician, He who really cures by imparting His own unconquerable life, is unsought and unrecognized. He is doing something for us, as is attested by the very fact that we exist; but He works under great disadvantages, since by our disobedience of the divine laws which govern health, we virtually thrust Him from us, and court disease and death.

When the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, He made a covenant with them, and promised that if they would refrain from the idolatrous practices of the Egyptians, He would keep them in perfect health. The verse ends with the simple statement, "I am the Lord the physician," or, as given in

the Authorized Version, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." It is evident on a moment's reflection that the blessing of health would not be extended to the children of Israel, and withheld from us. God does not change; His promises once made are always good; He is still the Healer of His people. Those who seek Him with all the heart will find Him indeed the loving heavenly Father, "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases."

What blessed comfort is the thought that God will be our Physician! Disease in some form or other has probably invaded every home; and when loved ones are in danger, it is the desire of the poor man, as well as of his rich neighbor, to secure the best possible medical attendance. Is it not a high privilege to be able to call on the great God, who created heaven and earth and the myriads of worlds revolving in space? Yet this is what He invites the humblest of His children to do. He shares in the pain and suffering which sin has brought into this world. His arms of love encircle all His creatures.

"No grief can touch us, but it touches Him;
With closest pang it wounds the heart divine."

The Lord is not only willing but anxious to heal. The one thing that is wanting is our full and complete co-operation. An earthly physician will not undertake a case unless the patient promises to submit to his directions. Is it fair to expect that God, who knows all about us, and just what we need, will effect a cure for us to trample under foot His laws?

Divine healing is considered by most people to be a mysterious something entirely apart from ordinary conditions and circumstances. The fact is that divine healing is going on all the time (there is no other kind of healing;) but its full manifestation is reserved for those who fully submit. While Christians indulge in harmful stimulants and poisonous narcotics, while they clog the system with the waste products abounding in flesh meats, and neglect fresh air and exercises, they are by their course of action putting out the life of God within them, and closing the channel through which fresh supplies are intended to flow.

Therefore, the divine instructions today are the same as to Israel of old. "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding." "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

M. E. OLSEN.

TO ALL THE LOYAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN THE KANSAS CONFERENCE.

The hearts of all true Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world have been saddened and stirred by the grievous loss of our long-loved Sanitarium at Battle Creek, the mother of every Sanitarium, Medical Mission and Medical Work in this land and in the world.

God has lessons for us to learn in this loss. Dr. Kellogg and those associated with him recognize this and have publicly stated it many times since the dreadful fire. A kind and wise Father will unfold these lessons to humble, prayerful hearts in his own good time and way:

"But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart!
God's plans, like lillies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if, through patient toil, we reach the land,
Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand—
I think that we will say, 'God knew the best!'"

Yes, God knows the best. And these lessons are for all of us who belong to the great family of God on earth, and not simply

ly for our Medical leaders and workers.

Now is the time to gather courage from calamity. Now is the time to talk and act faith and hope. This trouble if rightly appropriated by faith will knit the soul of every child of God to the souls of our Medical brethren and sisters, till we love them as our own souls.

Not for a moment must we allow a thought to rankle in our minds that this great loss has come because of sin in the lives of those engaged in the Medical work. Remember the lesson which Christ gave to the self-satisfied Pharisees: "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answer'n; said unto them suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

And now let the prayers of every true child of God ascend to Heaven in behalf of the Medical work. Let us wrestle with the Master in behalf of those upon whom on account of this calamity the heaviest burdens will fall. Morning and evening as we gather round the family altar let us pray that God will give wisdom so that the work may be built up again stronger than ever.

Sabbath, April 5, was set apart at the request of the members of the General Conference Committee who could get together to consider the matter, as a day of prayer for our Medical work. Let every soul sanctify and prepare his heart against this day. Let all be carefully and prayerfully considering what they can do to assist the Missionary Acre Fund. Every one can do something. Some can dedicate a part of their crops; others a part of the fruits of their orchards, their vineyards, and their berries. Women and children can plant gardens and raise poultry.

Those who live in cities and villages can give a part of their earnings. Women can make useful articles with their needles and sell them. Others can consecrate their spare time to canvassing for our smaller books, and can give the proceeds.

The children can be enrolled in the Missionary Acre Fund army. There are many things which their parents can help them to do which will yield returns.

One hundred thousand dollars, devoted to this end can easily be raised. If all will work with a will, joyfully, hopefully and prayerfully as unto the Lord this can be done within the next two years.

Yours for the triumph of the most sacred work on earth.

PERCY T. MAGAN,
Secretary of Finance

Seventh-day Adventist General Conference,
Berrien Springs, Michigan.

A YEAR OF BIBLE STUDY.

Not long ago I came across this sentence written by a very faithful laborer, and printed in one of our papers about three years ago: "I solemnly believe that if a person is so situated that he can study the lesson and attend the Sabbath-school, and does not do so, he will never attain to such knowledge of God as will bring to him eternal life."

At first thought it may seem as if that is a very extreme view to take, but the idea is certainly worthy of study. Of late it has seemed that a spirit of indifference to the Sabbath-school has crept into the minds of many of our

people, and in nearly every church there are those who entirely absent themselves from the Sabbath-school, or else are very irregular in their attendance. While our Sabbath-schools need and should have the presence and help of every believer, the need is not wholly on one side. Those who are carelessly depriving themselves of this means of grace, may be turning away from that which might be to them a "savor of life unto life."

The Sabbath-school is the church organized and equipped for the systematic study of the word of God. There is no service that equals it in giving opportunity for individual study and training. The Spirit of the Lord has said: "The Sabbath-school is an important branch of the missionary work, not only because it gives to young and old a knowledge of God's Word, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and a desire to study them for themselves; above all, it teaches them to regulate their lives by its holy teachings."

Can any one deliberately or carelessly turn away from the Sabbath-school and cut themselves off from its service, and from the study of the lessons which are engaging the attention of a large number of the people of God, and not suffer a loss that is material? Can we really estimate the possible loss? Can any portion of the Scripture become so familiar to us that we know all there is of God in any text, and that nothing more can be revealed to us by study? These are questions our people should consider.

We are now entering upon the study of a new series of lessons. The arrangement of the lessons is new, and such as to encourage the most thorough Bible study. The subject of the senior lessons, "Studies in the Gospel Message," should appeal to each adult person as being worthy their most careful attention. The youth's lessons are based upon the same series. The children are starting in on a three-years' study of Bible history, something after the manner of the lessons used in book form years ago. In all divisions of the Sabbath-school, the quarter beginning April 1, marks an important epoch in Bible study.

We appeal to every family and to every person in our ranks to study the Sabbath school lessons and connect with the Sabbath-school work. If you are within reach of a school, let no trivial thing hinder your prompt and regular attendance. If you are isolated, send for a lesson Quarterly and for the lesson papers for your children, and in the fear of God, unite in the study of the lessons. Let us have a year of real Bible study. And the study of that Word will surely be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

AROUSING AN INTEREST.

Believing that now is a favorable time to awaken an interest in health principles in this city, and publish the coming Union Conference, a call was made for volunteers to canvass for Good Health and tell the people of the meeting and the coming of Doctors Kellogg and Paulson. About twelve have responded, and although most of them are young ladies with no former experience in canvassing, still our eight hundred copies of the "Mid-winter" number of Good Health are rapidly melting away, and a goodly number of subscriptions are coming in.

Good results are being realized in getting hold of a nice class of people who are glad to learn of these things and say they will surely attend the conference. And not a small item is the development of workers, whom we have reasons to believe will remain in the Lord's work in some capacity. There is just no reason at all for our young people going into worldly pursuits while so many grand openings of various kinds are offered in connection with the Gospel Message. "The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing,

but planing work for them." What material is lying unused in our church! "If set to work, the despondent will soon forget their despondency, the weak will become strong, the ignorant, intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus."

C. F. PARMELE.

REPORTS.

March 29-31, I was with the Leavenworth church. We had excellent meetings and the ordinances were celebrated, also two were received into the church, that had accepted the truth as the result of the labor of Sr. Humphrey.

E. T. RUSSELL.

JUNCTION CITY:—After some trouble in finding a location, we are at last pleasantly located here, one mile north-west of the city. I am engaged in house to house work for the Signs and Glorious Appearing. I have found already many who seem ready to hear the message. After having gone over the city with the Signs and Glorious Appearing, I am planning to use C. O. L. and Power for Witnessing in the same way. I am taking time to get acquainted with the people and talk the truth to them. This is a place of four thousand inhabitants. West of here, about two and one-half or three miles is Fort Riley where at present there are stationed about fourteen hundred soldiers, which number is to be increased soon by 10,000 or 15,000 more. This is to be a drilling station, and there will perhaps be many thousand more stop here for a time for drilling. Much ought to be done to supply these with reading. There has never, to my knowledge, been any work done here and many have never heard or known anything of present truth.

If our state meeting is to be held here much should be done in house to house work to prepare the way, and if this meeting is not to be held here, more should be done. Surely our people owe a debt to Junction City that was long since due. Pray that God may open hearts and doors to the truth. I want to be faithful in my part. Pray that God may use me.

Yours in hope,

I. A. CRANE.

P. S.—I can use a large amount of our late, clean papers. Do not forget foreign papers and prepay.

I. A. C.

THE ATCHISON INSTITUTE.

The Atchison Institute closed March 30, and as the result of our efforts five new ones will enter the work. The church at Atchison will now be left without an elder or deacon, as both the elder and deacon with the clerk and Sabbath-school secretary decided to enter the canvassing work this spring. (Let other churches do likewise.—ED.) The following are the names, location and books:

F. R. Richards and wife, Home Hand Book and Ladies' Guide.

W. D. Gilliland, an old canvasser for many years, Home Hand Book.

Mable Watson, Great Controversy.

Sarah Beltz, Great Controversy.

They will locate in Lawrence, will canvass Douglas, part of Leavenworth and Jefferson counties.

Sister S. E. Shaffer, Horton, Ladies' Guide.

W. H. Haddon and Jens Jensen will return to their former fields of labor, the former to Kansas City and the latter to Brown county.

Sister Anna Sheilds, will devote part of her time to the sale of Ladies' Guide, Wathena, part of Doniphan Co.

W. F. SURBER.

THE KANSAS WORKER.

Nine new members have been taken into the Topeka church on profession of faith during the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Becker have been attending the marriage of Bro. Becker's sister, and visiting parents for a few days.

Four hundred copies of the Midwinter Good Health have been sold in the city of Topeka during the past month and we hope to sell four hundred more in the next two weeks.

Sanitarium treatment rooms were opened in Topeka on the 5th day of March last, and to the present time over one hundred treatments have been given. The patronage is growing and the outlook is very encouraging indeed.

Miss Lydia Becker and Bro. J. Meyer were united in marriage Monday, March 31, 1903, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Becker, Lehigh, Kansas, Elder G. F. Haffner officiating. The WORKER extends to them the best wishes as they unite life's interests.

This is the last call that will be made before the Conference for those wishing the Bulletin, giving reports of the proceedings of the Conference, and those wishing accommodations during the meeting to send in their names. Please do not put this matter off another day, but send at once to R. W. Parmele at this office.

So far we have received only 48 subscriptions for the Bulletin from the state of Kansas. In order that the paper shall be self-sustaining, Kansas ought to furnish at least three hundred. Brethren, you cannot afford to be without the good reports that you will get through the Bulletin and you cannot afford to have the paper published at a loss. So send us your subscription at once.

Elder R. W. Parmele spent Sabbath and Sunday, March 29 and 30, with the Kansas City church. The ordinances were celebrated and a profitable Sabbath school Convention was conducted. The church voted to order their full quota of Christ's Object Lessons, 4 for each member, and to pay for them by January 1, 1903, whether or not they are sold. Sabbath, April 5, he was with the Holton church, the ordinances were celebrated, and five persons were baptized. The Holton church also voted to pay for four copies of Christ's Object Lessons for each member, by January 1, 1903.

The following persons have arrived in the city and are visiting the people in the interests of the coming Union Conference session: Brother N. P. Dixon; Brother Jesse Jared and Sister Cromley, nurses from Battle Creek Sanitarium; Brother C. E. Peckover, and Sisters Hill of Florence, Edwards of Thayer and Town of Iowa, and two sisters Maxon of Kansas City.

Associated in labor with the above-mentioned workers, are the following residents of Topeka, Brother C. F. Parmele and wife, Anna Olson, Mary McLane and Nellie Lane. Through the labors of this large force, we hope to be able to stir up considerable interest in the coming meeting.

We are dropping the names of those subscriptions that have expired following this issue of the WORKER. Please renew promptly and do not miss any numbers. Only 25 cents per year.

Bro. Henry Carter of Ottawa, Kansas, sent us his renewal with six new subscribers to the WORKER. That's good. Are there not others that will help us swell the list?

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PEANUTS

I have just received a half car load of shelled peanuts: Spanish and Virginia, both. Prices:
No. 1, Spanish, 7 1-4 cents per pound.
No. 1, Virginia, 6 1-2 cents per pound.
Nut Butter 11 cents per pound.
Nu-Tro Coffee 11 cents per pound for 5 pounds and upward, 15 cents per pound for less than 5 pounds.

Pure Graham Flour 2 1-2 cents per pound.
R. H. BROCK,
Arkansas City, Kansas

RATES AND ROOMS FOR CONFERENCE.

To those wishing to attend the meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference to be held in Topeka, Kansas, April 16 to 27 the railroads will make the following rates: One fare for the round-trip, by the purchase of a round-trip ticket, from all points in Kansas, and from Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo.; and one fare, plus \$2 on the certificate plan from all other points in Missouri, from points in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Colorado. Tickets will be on sale on April 14, 15, 16 and 22, good returning April 28. In order to avoid trouble at the time of purchasing tickets, I would recommend that our brethren call upon the local agent at once and ascertain whether or not he has been advised of this special rate. If he has not, ask him to call upon his general office for instructions.

Those wishing accommodations in the line of room and board while attending the meeting should report to me at once and we will endeavor to have your stopping place in readiness to receive you on your arrival. On reaching the city take any street car to the "Transfer Station," where C. F. Parmele will assign location and furnish street car transfers to same. Remittances for rooms may be made to him and if the location proves unsatisfactory, the money will be refunded if applied for at once. We think the rate for the rooms will not exceed \$1 for the entire time.

R. W. PARMELE, Sec'y,
821 West Fifth St., Topeka, Kansas.

REPORT OF COLPORTER WORK FOR FOUR WEEKS, ENDING MARCH 28

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