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EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST A MISSIONARY

We are living in the closing days of the history of a lost world. Soon the long night, when no man can work, will settle down upon us. Opportunities are all about us for doing faithful and earnest work for God. The sin of neglect, the failure to warn and help those about us, possibly is one of the most serious charges the Spirit of the Lord has to bring against the people of God. The constant danger is that as just common Seventh-day Adventists, we shall say within our own hearts, "The ministers can preach, the canvassers can sell the books, the periodical workers distribute the journals but as for me, what can I do? I should be glad to be a worker, but here I am tied up with my family, my farm, my business—surely I am excused from aggressive work for God." Such thoughts are not uncommon.

But God can use you. It matters not what your situation is, you have a place to fill in the Master's work. If you do not believe this statement, the next time you go in secret to pray, talk with your Lord about it. Fall upon your knees, ask Him sincerely, with a contrite spirit, "Lord, is it true that you want to use me in some loving service? Is there some ministry you have suited to my capabilities, something that you have in waiting prepared for my hand to do? Is there some message you desire to send by me to some sin-sick heart?" Then gather up your faith and say, "Lord, through the power of Thy grace, if Thou wilt truly show me the thing to do, be it ever so humble, I will do it."

Jesus says, "Ye are the light." "Ye are the salt." But light shines; salt saves. Light shines where it is dark. Where light shines, it is not dark. Be a light, then, to some dark soul-chamber. Angels will lead you to these hearts, if you ask God about them in

THE HOUSE OF MY PILGRIMAGE

'Tis the "House Beautiful!" its frescoed ceiling,

Studded with stars of light,
Is ever to my lifted gaze revealing
Visions of worlds so bright
That I am awed with wonder God
should care

To make the pilgrim's wayside inn so fair.

Light, colour, fragrance, all beyond
comparison

Sweet melodies that make
The ear that listens overwhelmed, despairing,

Through very rapture ache.
So much worldless beauty, grandeur,
grace

Just for sojourner's brief abiding-place!

And wherefore? Is it that my heart
should linger

Content as it has been,
Seeing with what adornment God's
own finger

Has hung the pilgrim's inn?
That, with my senses satisfied
through bliss,

I ask for no diviner home than this?

Nay, nay, not so! If earth's seducing
splendour

Can eye and ear engage
With such a full content as e'en to
render

My house of pilgrimage,
With all its ills, so beautiful to me,
What must the "house of many mansions" be?

—Margaret J. Preston.

earnest. Salt is not good unless mixed with what needs it. We cannot be salt and remain aloof from sinners.

"In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passes before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions (of the rich of earth), causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say,

'We knew that the judgments of God were coming, coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 28.

Who is this that knew that these judgments were to come soon, but did not tell? Can it be any other than a Seventh-day Adventist? Why didn't we tell them?

Awhile ago, a minister, passing through Washington, one Sabbath in his sermon told how at one time he moved into a double house in a certain city. The other side was empty. Not long afterward a family moved in. He remained in this locality a few months, labouring. After awhile he received an appointment elsewhere, and began moving out. When his household goods were being put on the dray, the lady came out upon the porch, and after some little hesitancy, inquired, "Are you not a Seventh-day Adventist minister?" He replied in the affirmative. "Well," she went on, "some time ago I heard a little regarding what you hold as truth. I heard much said against these doctrines, but a desire entered my heart to understand what was really true. I learned you were a minister, and had moved into this house. I moved in on the other side, in the hope of learning about these things; but during these three months you have not said one word to me about Bible truth. And now I see you moving away."

This minister said that it served as a lesson to him that he never forgot. God had blessed his efforts since in bringing three or four house-owners into the truth. He never went into a place seeking a new location for his home without earnestly seeking God to guide him where to go, that he might find someone who was search-

ing for truth. And God remarkably guided him in finding such.

The lesson is obvious. God wants us to become acquainted with our near neighbors. But custom and our own inclination often lead us to neglect these, and what little we do, we do for those farther away.

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong ray, and, as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." —"Testimonies Vol. IX, pages 46, 47. Thus every true Seventh-day Adventist will become a missionary for God.

T. E. BOWEN.

AM I A DEBTOR?

We read in Acts 1:14 these words: "I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians both to the wise, and to the unwise." But why was Paul a debtor? Because the God of Heaven had entrusted him with a soul-saving message, and Paul felt the weight, the responsibility of that which had been entrusted to him, like a great debt. Not a debt of property, that could be paid with money alone, but a debt wherein the eternal life of men is involved. This very fact is what caused Paul to give his life for soul-winning.

As I study the life of this man of God, the thought comes to me, what part of this great debt, if any, rests on me? In view of the soul-saving message due the world at this very time, and the fact that God in His goodness and great mercy has caused the light of this last soul-saving message to shine into my sin darkened life, I am forced to say with Paul, "I am a debtor," not only to the nations of men, but to the Great and Mighty God and I greatly fear that

nothing less than the souls of men will pay the debt.

Therefore, with this New Year comes a greater sense of the weight of this debt, and with it a new consecration for soul winning. And now I wish to ask you, dear fellow ministers, "How is it with you?" And you, dear teachers, one and all, "Are you simply marking time, or are you in the school-room as a soul winner?" And to you, dear colporteur, dear Bible worker, dear Secretaries in our several offices throughout the Southwestern Union, "Are you going the daily rounds just as a mechanic fits joint to joint, or are you there sending out the precious truth in printed form, with the sweet breath of prayer accompanying every package, and with every letter tenderness, that will be as springs of pure water in a thirsty land?"

Dear ones all, let us set this great Southland aglow with this last message of our God, sent forth in love to a sin cursed world, for the one grand purpose of saving lost men. Who will be a soul winner for God?

G. F. WATSON.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

The seventh biennial session of the Southwestern Union Conference will be held in Keene, Texas, April 1-12, 1914. The growth of the work since the last meeting will be reported by the different departmental heads; officers for the coming term will be elected and such other business transactions as may properly come before the meeting.

In addition to its president, each conference is entitled to one representative as delegate for every one hundred church members in the conference, and one representative from each recognized denominational institution located in the Southwestern Union Conference. The officers of the Union Conference and the representatives from the General Conference who are present at any regular or called session are also delegates.

G. F. Watson, President.

C. E. Smith, Secretary.

"Duty sometimes leads in dark and rugged ways, but it never leads in the path of sin. God has promised to make the dark ways light and the rough places smooth to those who trust Him."

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

DEVALLS BLUFF SCHOOL

I feel that it is my duty to notify our friends of the change that has taken place in the work here. Because of adverse circumstances, the school has been closed, and the school farm sold. Several thousand dollars have been spent each year to run the school with apparently no results for good. The school has run for about ten years. There have been many things to prevent the prosperity of the work here. The students have been children of eight to fourteen years, and the enrollment has always been about eleven at the opening and six or seven at the close.

Though the school has closed, that does not stop the educational work for our people in this Union conference. Our conference president is working hard for schools among my people. He was with us several days a short time ago, closing up the sale and planning the work for the summer. He preached every night during the time he was with us. He says that we will have mission schools for my people in this state. So those who wish to help in this work send your donations to the Arkansas Tract Society at Fayetteville.

My wife and I will now go into the field and do Bible-work. We wish to thank those who have helped this work in the past. E. M. GATES.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

The seventh biennial session of the the Southwestern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Keene, Texas, in connection with the Southwestern Union Conference April 1-12, 1914. The Association meeting will be called Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. This meeting will be held for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

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"God has given to every man his work in making Christ known to the world."

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FIELD AGENT'S LETTER

Our main institute for the year is now in the past. We think that it was one of the best institutes that we have ever had here. We did not have as many in attendance as we would like to have had, but we believe that those that did attend got the spirit of work. Elder Buhalts and Brother Harrison conducted some very profitable meetings. We believe that if the instruction given is carried out this year, each one who goes out in the work will make a success. The Lord can work through the few as well as the many. We read in the Bible of where the Lord took a few and gained a great victory. The few were men who were truly consecrated to God. They were men that He could use. That is what we want each one to be here. We realize that if each one of us so relates himself to God this work will go whether it rains any more this year or not.

Last year was a dry year. In fact it was the driest year we have had since I have been here. Notwithstanding this, we made a better delivery than we did the year before. According to my books, we delivered on an average of 79 per cent, and the year previous to that we delivered 50 per cent. It seems from this that the dryer it gets the better we deliver the books. I believe that the main reason for this is that we are getting better organized, and that those who go are out working for souls and not for the money. There is no such thing as failure to the one who goes for the love of souls and has a burning desire kindled by the Spirit of God to win souls. To such the mountain of circumstances is never so steep, or the ascent so rugged that the summit can not be reached.

We have just been together seeking the Lord with the whole heart for wisdom to know how to do better work, so now is the time to work. We have

four who are going out in the work at once. They will make deliveries in March. We expect more to enter the work later on. We have some who are attending school here and some at Keene who will be in the work later. We expect by the Lord's help to make this the banner year for West Texas. Pray for us and the work here.

E. H. WILCOX.

OBITUARY

Last Sunday I was called home to preach the funeral of little Vera May Quinn, the only daughter of J. W. and Annie Quinn, who live near the Madge church in Coleman County. Vera died very suddenly Sabbath morning, January 31. The cause of her death is unknown but it is supposed to have been from her throat, as her tonsils had been taken out a short time before. The funeral was held in the Madge church and the house was full. Loving friends laid her to rest in the Madge church cemetery to await the coming of the Life Giver.

Vera, who was eight years old, was a loving daughter, and her bright face will long be remembered. We long to meet her again with the happy throng that shall meet around God's throne.

May the Holy Spirit guide her father and mother until Jesus comes to reunite them again in the heavenly kingdom.

J. L. PARNELL.

FIELD NOTES

Elder J. L. Parnell is now holding a meeting at Ovalo. He reports some interest there.

Elder G. A. LaGrone has been at home now for some time but will soon be in the work again. He is thinking of going to Lometa to do some work.

Elder Buhalts has just returned from Keene where he met with the Union Conference Committee and the School board. He reports a very profitable meeting.

Miss Texie Chandler and Mrs. Cline will begin working the first of the week. They will work for "Past Present and Future." They expect to work Balanger first and then other towns later.

Brother Spraggins also came near the \$1000.00 mark. He delivered

\$825.00 worth of books. He is now attending school at Hamby, but will soon be out in the work. He, too, has his aim fixed for greater things this year.

Brother Wade, one of our best men, is now in the field. He came near reaching the \$1000.00 mark. He would have easily made it if he had put in the time. He delivered \$840.00 worth of our message filled books last year. He has a higher mark set for this year.

The colporteurs' institute which was recently held at the Madge church proved to be a great spiritual feast to all. We believe that the colporteurs are going out with greater determination than ever. We wish to ask the brethren and sisters who stay "by the stuff," to pray for these faithful workers.

Elder H. Clay Griffin is now visiting relatives and friends in Arkansas. He writes that he is having a pleasant time there. He took the trip to get some rest, but writes that has found more work to do than ever. All his friends want to hear him speak again and of course he dislikes to refuse. He states that he will have to take the rest when he returns.

Brother W. M. Sandall is doing some good work with the Liberty just now. He went out one Sunday evening and secured subscriptions from his neighbors in just a short time. He has two clubs of ten each and has started on another. Why not more of our members do some of this kind of work.

The "Protestant" and "Watchman" are both fine for this month. Who will be first to order fifty and then get to work?

Miss Lela Leslie is now finishing the little school at Clyde. It became necessary for her to do this as sister Littel has left. This of course keeps her pretty busy as she has charge of three departments of work. We hope that all will do their best to make the work as light for her as possible. This can be done by each school teacher, and each Missionary Volunteer leader, and each Sabbath School Secretary, trying a little harder each day to do better work. All working together, and all working to the same end and following out the same line, makes the work go easy.

"EARTH TO EARTH AND DUST
TO DUST"

" Earth to earth, and dust to dust."
Hear the evil and the just,
Hear the youthful and the old,
Hear the fearful and the bold,
Hear the matron and the maid,
In their silent beds are laid;
Hear the vassal and the king
Side by side lie withering;
Hear the sword and sceptre rust—
" Earth to earth, and dust to dust."



Age on age has rolled along
O'er this pale and mighty throng;
Those that wept them, those that
weep,



Soon shall with these sleepers sleep.
Brothers, sisters, of the worm,
Summer's sun or winter's storm,
Song of peace or battle's roar,
Ne'er shall break their slumbers
more:

Death shall keep his solemn trust—
" Earth to earth, and dust to dust."

But a day is coming fast,
Earth, thy mightiest and thy last!
It shall come in fear and wonder,
Heralded with trump and thunder;
It shall come in strife and toil;
It shall come in blood and spoil;
It shall come in empire's groans,
Burning temples, trampled thrones:
Then, Ambition, rue thy lust—
" Earth to earth, and dust to dust."



Soon shall come the Judgment sign;
In the east the King shall shine.
Flashing from heaven's golden gate,
Thousands on Him wait—
Ransomed ones with crown and plume
Rescued from the sullen tomb.
Heaven shall open on their sight,
And shall glow with living light,
Welcoming the ransomed just.
Now redeemed from earth and dust.



Then thy mount, Jerusalem,
Shall be gorgeous as a gem;
Then shall in this city rise
Fruits of more than paradise;
Heaven by human feet be trod—
Ransomed kings and priests of God—
Till are dried the martyr's tears
Through a thousands glorious years.
Now in hope of Him we trust,
Who redeems from earth and dust.



—E. S. Lane, in Review and Herald.

REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING MAGAZINE SALES, IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR WEEK ENDING

JANUARY 31

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL DELIVERED
OKLAHOMA							
C. W. Allen, Meeker.		DA	33	6	19 50	25	19 75
T. W. Atchley, Bache,		PPF	6	5	8 00	1 50	9 50
G. B. Boswell, Sallisaw,		PG	28	15	38 00	1 00	39 00
A. Drew, Drumright,		BR	24	5	17 00	2 25	19 25
J. G. Gade, Weatherford,		CK	32		40 50	6 25	46 75
O. Hawkins Ames,		PP	26	8	25 00		25 00
W. R. Hixon, Bennington,		PP	32	27	83 00	25	83 25
Mrs. Laird, Provence,		PPF	19	10	18 00	75	18 75
M. B. Lockwood, Drumright,		PPF	15	5	7 00	3 75	10 75
J. J. Muhlhauser, Cement,		DA	23	3	10 50	1 75	12 25
O. S. Owen, Meeker,		PP	20	6	19 00		19 00
Mrs Schilt, Muskogee,		PPF	8	1	1 50	70	2 20
		Bibles			18 00		45 00
Agents 12			226	91	332 00	18 45	350 45

NEW MEXICO

Mrs. F. G. Montoya, El Paso.		HH	17	14	37 00		37 00
F. G. Montoya, El Paso.		HH	9	11	27 50		27 50
Espiridion Tourey, El Paso.		HH	19	5	13 50	10	13 60
Jaun Molina, El Paso.		HH	18	1	2 50		2 50
J. F. Grubbs, Albuquerque.		GC	30	16	52 00		52 00
W. C. Ayers, Albuquerque.		GC	35	1	3 00	95	395
H. Friberg, Albuquerque.		GC	15			35	35
Agents 7			143	43	135 50	1 40	136 90

SOUTH TEXAS

Mrs. J. A. Leland, Kingsville.		Misc	17	15	6 10	7 60	13 70
Paul V. Petschuch, Flatonia.		DR	75	26	90 00	5 00	95 00
J. M. Lopez, Alice.		HH	79	33	90 00	12 70	102 70
Elijah Taylor, Burnet.		BR	66	13	47 00	1 75	48 75
Agents 4			237	87	233 10	27 05	260 15

North Texas

T. M. Woodruff, Paris.		GC	70			2 00	2 00
P. B. Bailey, Texarkana,		BR	12				12 00
Mrs. P. B. Bailey, Texarkana,		CK	14	3	4 50		4 50
Agness Holton, Sherman,		PPF	34	8	12 00	75	12 75
Agents 5			130	11	16 50	2 75	19 25



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FIELD REPORT

LONE STAR—Since the Week of Prayer, I have had the privilege of visiting the companies of new Sabbath keepers at Troup, Elkhart, and Percilla. They all seem to be enjoying the blessings of God and are keeping up their Sabbath-schools. The little Sabbath-school at Sacul is doing well. I am now holding meetings at a new place and I am having a good attendance.

While I was at Elkhart, an old gentleman (Catholic) gave me a letter that he had received from his son who lives not far from St Louis. This old gentleman had attended the meetings which we, Brother McNeil and I, held here. We preached on the Sabbath question and much was said about it in the community. This man wrote to his son to ask their priest about it, and we give you the answer the son sent back, word for word.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 23, 1913.

Dear Father, I will now answer your letter relating to the change of the Sabbath-day from Saturday to Sunday.

At a meeting of the young men's Sodality yesterday, I asked Father Tarrent to explain this matter clearly. This was done because the Church (Catholic) has this power as promised by Jesus Christ and in this instance she made use of the power given her. This is due to the infallibility of the church when teaching a doctrine of Faith or Morals. When Christ founded the church, He promised that he would stand by her and see that she did not err as stated above. Then he said to his Apostles "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Therefore you see that he gave the church power to do as she has done, and so long as such is declared to the world as a doctrine of Faith or Morals, he has giv-

en the Church the authority of being infalible in its teachings.

The reason given for the change are mainly that it appears the greatest mysteries happen on Sunday such as the rising from the grave, and etc., and in commeration of these, and probably for many other reasons, the Church seemed very much justified in making this change, as it was in her power to do so anyway.

Well, I am not sure whether you can understand this from my explanation or not. I have tried to make it as plain as I could, but my knowledge of such matters is so small, compared with that of Father Tarrent, that I can not begin to make matters as plain as he can. I should have taken this matter up sooner but never had a real good opportunity until right at the meeting Sunday evening.

Father Tarrent says that denominations believing in the Bible alone, if they do not mean to believe in the Catholic Church's teachings, should keep holy the Saturday instead of Sunday. But it seems that the majority of them acknowledge, or at least, practice, that part of the Catholic religion to observe the Sunday instead of the Saturday. I believe it is the Seventh-day Adventists who speak of this point strongly (observing Saturday) but whether they do it in reality I do not know positively.

I must close for tonight.

Your son,

Joe Springman.

I am sure all our people will read the above with interest.

E. B. HOPKINS.



LETTING GOD "LOOK AFTER IT"

The fault of to-day, beyond all others, for the religious field, lies in loss of faith about the divine ability to work miracles in our behalf. The man of to-day signs pledges, manufactures New-year's resolutions, and joins organizations; then expects by his own might, bolstered up and driven on by these paraphernalia, to be good. The old attitude, the right attitude, the New Testament way, was well put the other night by the small girl who prayed: "Dear Lord Jesus, I've tried and tried to be a good girl all day, and I've just been bad. You'll have to look after it to-morrow."

—The Congregationalist.



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ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION

Our churches in Oklahoma have had numerous calls to help this branch of the work during the past year. The heat of battle is now transferred to Washington where three Sunday bills are being urged upon Congress. Recent letters which the writer has received from a number of our congressmen show that some are waking up to the danger which threatens religious liberty, while others see no evil in Sunday laws.

February 28 is the day when a special collection will be taken for this work. We hope our people will give liberally at this collection. Remember that "Satan is actively arranging matters so the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. . . . We should endeavor to disarm prejudice. . . . We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrain liberty of conscience." I. A. CRANE.

MY CONFIDENCE

'Tis but a few fast-fleeting years
Till He shall come, whose right the
kingdom is,
And even should these closing years
Seem born to trials and bitter tears,
And should my plodding feet with
thorns
Grow weary as I press along,
I'll lift to Christ my weeping eyes
And live to reign in Paradise.
Cease not, then, heart of mine, to labour on,
Nor seek thy rest till Christ in glory
come,
Then thou, amongst that glorious
throng
That follow the Lamb of Calvary,
Shall sing before our Father's throne
That glad new song of victory—
Dwelling in those blest abodes,
Arrayed in white spotless robes
Led by living fountains through et
ity. —Selected.

LOCAL NEWS

John Haynes is visiting parents in West Texas.

C. H. Stoner is drilling a well on his property, near the RECORD office.

Miss Lela Leslie, Educational Secretary of the West Texas Conference, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Grant.

H. A. Lander and family are moving to Oklahoma. They are loading a car with household goods today.

L. N. Carter will move into the J. W. Davis property that is being vacated by H. A. Lander.

A. F. Harrison is at Elgin, Texas, assisting E. M. Davis in conducting the South Texas colporteurs' institute.

Elder G. F. Watson will leave tonight for Clarimore, Oklahoma, where he will meet Elder John Isaac, president of the Oklahoma Conference, and they will spend some time there looking after the work in that section.

PAPERS WANTED—We would like to receive clean copies of our periodicals for missionary work. If you would like to help do some good missionary work send us papers.

MISS CLARA MILLER.
Rt. 3, Vinita, Okla.

If you want to be gloomy, there's gloom enough to keep you glum. If you want to be glad, there's gleam enough to keep you glad."

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THE LAND OF THE ENEMY

The grave yawns darkly, thro' its
sombre gloom,
No piercing beam lights up the silent
tomb;
Hope enters not those portals of des-
pair.
But all is dark, for knowledge ceases
there.
It is the land where all Earth's pil-
grims wed,
Tho' dread its borders, undesired its
end;
Yet e'er insatiate its kingdom yearns
For all mankind, nor e'en the mean-
est spurns.
Heaped by its gates affliction's ashes
lie,
And sorrow's deep'ning stream flows
thickly by,
With black-robed mourners on its sod-
den banks,
Who wait till death shall thin their
weeping ranks.
As those that have no hope, O do not
weep!
Ye saints of God, mourn not for those
who sleep!
Our Lord will come in heaven's maj-
esty
And ope the grave—for Jesus holds
the key.

J. D. K. AITKEN.



FOR SALE—40 acre farm, 20 acres in cultivation; good 5 room house, good well; one-half mile from church and school, and public school.

This farm is on a public road, and has telephone and rural mail service. Reason for selling, my wife is teaching school, and I want to continue in the canvassing work this year. Will sell cheap; no reasonable offer rejected.

J. H. GRIFFIN,
Avinger, Texas.

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"It was well said by Confucius that a man's character is decided, not by the number of times he fall, but by the number of times he lifted himself up."

WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR CHILDREN?

This question, no doubt, has been asked by more than one father and mother, and it is well worth our prayerful thought. The wise man has said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." How can we expect our children to grow up as the Lord would have them if we let them loose, to come and go as they please, and do as they please. I know parents who let their children visit for hours with other children without either father or mother to look after them; this is not as it should be. Parents should always know where their children are.

Listen what the "Spirit of Prophecy," Vol. 5, page 319 says, "Some times parents wait for the Lord to do the very work he has given them to do." Page 325, "Any child that is permitted to have his own way will dishonor God and bring his father and mother to shame. Light has been shining from the word of God and the testimonies of his Spirit, so that none need to err in regard to their duty. God requires parents to bring up their children to know him and to respect his claims; they are to train their little ones, as the younger members of the Lord's family, to have beautiful characters and lovely tempers, that they may be fitted to shine in the heavenly courts. By neglecting their duty and indulging their children in wrong, parents close to them the gates of the city of God."

"I have been shown that very many of the parents who profess to believe the solemn message for this time, have not trained their children for God. They have not restrained them themselves, and have been irritated with any one who attempted to restrain them. They have not by living faith daily bound their children upon the altar of the Lord. Many of these youth have been allowed to transgress the fourth commandment by seeking their own pleasure upon God's Holy Day. They have felt no compunctions of conscience in going about the streets on the Sabbath for their own amusement. Many go where they please, and do what they please, and their parents are so fearful of displeasing them that, imitating the management of Eli, they lay no restraint upon them.

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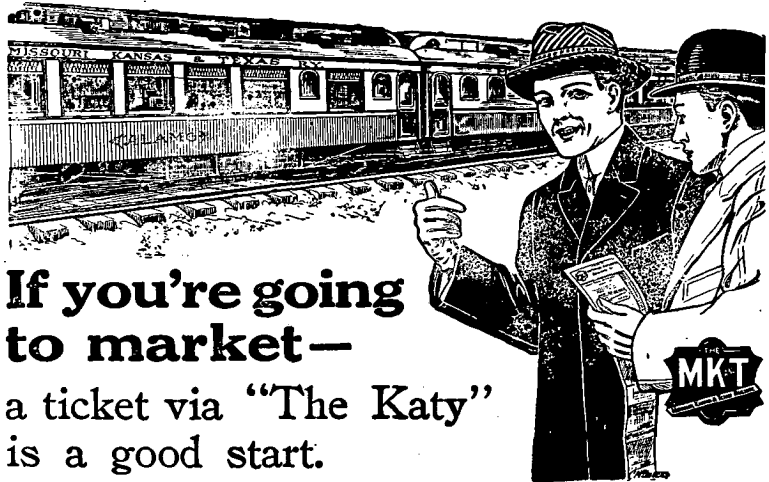
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"These youth finally lose all respect for the Sabbath, and have no relish for religious meetings or for sacred and eternal things. If their parents mildly remonstrate with them, they shield themselves by telling of the faults of some of the church members. In place of silencing the first approach to anything of the kind, the parents think just as their children think; if this one or that one were perfect, their children would be right. Instead of this, they should teach them that the sins of others are no excuse for them. Christ is the only true pattern. The wrongs of many would not excuse one wrong in them, or lessen in the least their guilt. God has given them one standard, perfect, noble, elevated. This they must



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meet, irrespective of the course which others may pursue. But many parents seem to lose reason and judgment in their fondness for their children, and through these indulged, selfish, mismanaged youth, Satan in turn works effectually to ruin the parents. I was referred to the wrath of God which came upon the incredulous and disobedient of ancient Israel. Their duty to instruct their children was plainly enjoined upon them. It is just as binding upon believing parents in this generation. "Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parable I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done."

"Children are what their parents make them, by their instruction, discipline, and example. Hence the overwhelming importance of parental for service of God. Children should early be taught the sacredness of religious obligations.

"Some have gone so far in this downward course, and followed so earnestly in the path of the Sodomites, that they are to-day nigh unto cursing, and the voice of reproof and warning is lost upon them. They will never be redeemed, and the parents are guilty of their ruin. The

debasing enjoyments for which they have made such an enormous sacrifice—health, peace of mind, and eternal life—are bitterness in the end.

"Parents, for Christ's sake, do not blunder in your most important work that of molding the characters of your children for time and for eternity. An error on your part in neglect of faithful instruction, or in the indulgence of that unwise affection which blinds your eyes to their defects and prevents you from giving them proper restraint, will prove their ruin. Your course may give a wrong direction to all their future career. You determine for them what they will be and what they will do for Christ, for men, and for their own souls." Vol. 3, pages 36 - 39.

"Parents are responsible for the work coming from their hands. They should have wisdom and firmness to do their work faithfully and in the right spirit. They are to train their children for usefulness by developing their God-given talents. A failure to do this should not be winked at, but should be made a matter of church discipline; for it will bring the curse of God on the parents, and a reproach and grievous trials and difficulties on the church." Vol. 5, page 327.

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"The work of the Gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God."