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### Arise and Shine

ARISE and shine, ye children of the light!  
The night is gone, the sun is shining bright.  
Your light is come, no more in darkness pine:  
Wake from your slumber, and arise and shine!

Arise and shine, and hail the coming day.  
Your night is past, your morning comes apace:  
Your sons return, your King is on his way.  
Arise and shine, and hail the coming day.

We watch each passing day and changing year.  
And know the day of days will soon be here.  
Stirred by a hope so great and so divine,  
O, children of the light, arise and shine!

Send forth the light through all the earth abroad:  
Tell out the story of the Lamb of God,  
Till all the tribes that now in darkness pine,  
Shall hail the glory, and arise and shine.

—A. B. SIMPSON.

### Are We Alive?

JESUS is life itself. "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." Every person connected with Jesus will be alive. Christ's life was and is still devoted to rescuing men and women from the power of sin and Satan unto God, and so will the lives of His followers be devoted.

He went about doing good. So will we go about doing good if we are partakers of His spirit. We will want to go about from house to house doing good. The Spirit begets this desire in us. This desire to help and bless others is one of the best evidences of conversion, and

the growth and intelligent putting forth of well-planned, well-directed effort to rescue sinners, is one of the best evidences of Christian growth. To go about more among our neighbors, to do more good, to carry more light and blessing,—this will be the growing, self-consuming desire.

G. B. STARR.

### Now Is The Accepted Time

THE Lord has again and again appealed to this people to place the publications containing present truth before those who do not have the light that God in love and mercy has granted us. He has also told us that if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people. Again and again He has appealed to this people to awake, and take hold of this work, and scatter the pages containing present truth everywhere, that even those living in the dark corners of the world might receive the light of life. Are these entreaties of the Lord to be disregarded? Can we pass them by unheeded and stand clear before God in the judgment?

Jesus said of the Jews of old, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloke [margin, excuse] for their sin." John 15: 22. The Jews had heard Jesus speak as never man spoke before. They had heard Him call attention to the prophecies that had met a fulfillment in His life work. They saw Him raise the dead to life, and heal those that were diseased. Therefore, they cannot, in the judgment, present a reasonable excuse for not excepting Him as the Messiah. Again and again have earnest entreaties come to this people from the Lord to take hold of the work of placing our publications in the homes of the people who know not the truth. We claim to be a people believing in the commandments of God and the "Spirit of Prophecy"; but if we



believe in this gift as we should, ought there not to be a mighty movement inaugurated among us to place this truth before the world in the shortest possible time, that the world might be prepared for that glorious event, the second coming of Christ? If we do not, as a people, take hold of this work now, not with the tips of our fingers, but in earnest, in the judgment will not we likewise be without a reasonable excuse? God wants us to go to work now. He says, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." John 4: 35, 36.

The Lord has repeatedly told us that there should be more canvassers in the field. He has told us that there should be one hundred where there is now but one; but, in spite of this repeated instruction from the Lord, we have comparatively few engaged in selling our publications. Instead of doing the work that God says for us to do, many of our brethren and sisters who could just as well be doing this line of work as not, are engaged in worldly enterprises; they are burying their talents in the earth. How will it be when the Lord comes to reckon with them? Will it not be in their case as it was with the man who had but one talent, and went and buried it in the earth? His Lord answered and said unto him, "Thou wicked and slothful servant." Some may reason that they cannot do this work because they have only one talent, but God requires men and women who have but one talent to improve upon it. If they do not, they will be counted as wicked and slothful servants.

I doubt not there will be those who read this article who are planning to engage in some worldly enterprise, but who have been impressed by the Spirit of God that they ought to enter this work. When God calls and we disregard the call, it is at the peril of our souls. O that the Lord may mightily stir the hearts of His people to take hold of this work, and take hold now!

During this winter in the different states in the Central Union Conference, there will be canvassers' institutes held where our people who desire to do so may attend and fit themselves to go out and do efficient work in selling our publications. Will not many avail themselves of this opportunity? I am not pleading with you to do

this from any other motive than that of placing the light of truth before unsaved souls. We owe to the world a great obligation,—that of placing before them the light of the Third Angel's Message, and God will hold this people accountable if they do not accomplish this work. Only those who do work will be partakers of the final reward. Will not many plan now to take hold of this work at once? I am sure that if you do, God will bless you in your endeavors to advance His cause. E. T. RUSSELL.

### The Influence of our Publications

BUT few realize what can be done in reaching the people by personal, interested efforts in a wise distribution of our publications. Many who will not be induced to listen to the truth presented by the living preacher, will take up a tract or a paper and peruse it; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains. Impressions are thus made upon their minds which they cannot readily forget. The seed of truth has, in some cases, been buried for years beneath the rubbish of the world and the pleasing fables that deceived ones have enjoyed. After a time, some earthly sorrow or affliction softens their hearts, and the seed springs up and bears fruit to the glory of God.

Again, many read these papers and tracts, and their combativeness is aroused, and they throw the silent messengers from them in a passion. But ideas all new to them, have, although unwelcome, made their impression. Again the hand takes up the neglected paper or tract, and the eye is tracing the truthful lines, and again in passion it is thrown from them as their path is crossed. But the mind is not at rest; the abused paper is at last perused, and thus point after point of truth begins its convicting work; step by step the reformation is wrought, self dies, and the warfare against the truth is ended. The despised paper or tract is henceforth honored as the means of converting the stubborn heart and subduing the perverse will, bringing it into subjection to Christ. Had the living preacher spoken as pointedly, these persons might have turned from him, and refused to entertain the new and strange ideas brought before them. The papers and tracts can go where the living preacher cannot, and where, if he could go, he would have no access to people, because their prejudice against the truth.



Few have any adequate idea of what the distribution of tracts and papers is doing. The missionary, in circulating the publications upon present truth, is opening doors everywhere, and preparing minds to receive the truth, when the living preacher shall come among them. The success which attends the efforts of ministers in the field is not due alone to their efforts, but in a great degree to the influence of the reading matter which has enlightened the minds of the people, and removed prejudice. Thus many are made susceptible to the influence of the truth when it is presented before them.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### The Review and Herald Fire

THE news of the burning of the Review and Herald Publishing House at Battle Creek, Mich; on the night of Dec. 30, 1902, no doubt came as a great surprise and sorrow to many of our readers. Full details doubtless will appear in the *Review and Herald*, but the following from a private letter from Elder A. G. Daniells, written the next day after the fire, will be of interest:—

A few minutes after six Brother Evans came by appointment to my office, to go over one of the new tracts we are preparing for the campaign. He and Brother Palmer and I finished the examination of the tract about twenty minutes past seven; then Brother Palmer left. The Tabernacle bell rang for the second time for service; and while Brother Evans and I were chatting together, our light went out. We sat a moment, and as it did not return, I glanced out of the window and saw a light shining on the street. On opening the window I discovered that the east building was on fire. Brother Evans and I rushed into the street to find the whole press-room ablaze. In a minute or so the fire-engines came from the city, and began work, but it was perfectly evident from the start that the fire was beyond all control. We endeavored to get into the front office to rescue documents and furniture, but we could do very little. The building was filled with a dense, oily smoke, calculated to suffocate one in a very short time. Brother Robert succeeded in getting some of his furniture and materials from the artists' department, and I believe a few boxes of books were thrown from the windows on the east side. With the exception of these very small items, the building, with all its contents, was destroyed. The fire was a very wicked one. It did its cruel work on short notice. At eight o'clock the roof fell in, and the machinery on the upper floors began to tumble. In an hour after the fire was discovered everything was gone, and the walls were falling. Fortunately the wind was blowing quite strong from the southwest. This carried the flames away from the west building over into the park.

We cannot at this hour say much about the losses. Of course they will be heavy. That building and its contents were insured for about \$110,000. To what extent the plates are destroyed, no one knows. Many were scattered

throughout the building, being used, and some were piled up outside the vaults. These are gone.

This morning the directors held a short board meeting at 7:30, and at nine o'clock we met all the employees in the chapel. We are endeavoring to encourage everybody as much as possible. A relief committee of five was appointed, and another committee of five, to advise the employees with reference to their future work, was also appointed. We shall encourage as many of these hands as possible to enter the canvassing work. I am hoping that we can distribute our employees about so that the most of them can be employed in our institutions, canvassing work, and missionary fields. We do not intend to allow one family to suffer during the winter for the necessities of life.

To-day telegrams of sympathy are coming from printers, publishers, and business firms all over the country. They offer every assistance in their power. We have arranged to have the "Review and Herald" printed on time next week.

The question of rebuilding and reopening business is, as you would naturally expect, the question of concern by many. The citizens hope we will rebuild, and offer help. But we shall not be in any hurry to settle this question. We must take time to seek the Lord, and counsel with our brethren regarding it.

We are not to faint nor allow our faith to fail in the day of adversity. Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth. He who can bring light out of darkness can bring good out of evil. By hard and seemingly almost unexplainable providences the Lord sometimes teaches most valuable and necessary lessons. For years we have been told that it was not His will that so many of our people should be in Battle Creek, or so many interests and large institutions centered there. But it has seemed a difficult thing to heed the counsel and change the order of things. May it not be that the Lord is now saying to us in providential chastisements what He has so often before told us in words? And may it not be, also, that what seems a blow to the work in Battle Creek may turn to the advancement of the work throughout the world? We so believe. The death of Stephen, and the persecution of the church at Jerusalem that followed, resulted in the conversion of Paul, and the members of that church going everywhere preaching the word. Though every institution in Battle Creek were burned to the ground, the message would not stop. The truth is marching on.

"TALENT is developed in solitude; character, in the stream of life."

"THERE is a contagiousness in every example of energetic conduct," says Samuel Smiles. "The brave man is an inspiration to the weak, and compels them, as it were, to follow him."



### Wonderfully Blessed

THE following extract from a letter received recently from one of our workers in Australia, where there has been such a severe and prolonged drought of late, will be of interest to our readers:—

The rain is falling in torrents and every heart must be rejoiced after such a long dry spell. I am very thankful indeed to our kind and merciful heavenly Father. The outlook was becoming alarming for this district. If the rain had held off another three weeks or a month, thousands of cattle would never have seen the winter through. If it keeps warm the situation will be wonderfully improved.

Some of our brethren have suffered a great deal—only the non-tithe payers, though. Our brethren who have been paying their tithes, especially those who are paying a double tithe, have been wonderfully blessed. I wish you could just see the situation.

### A Mother Seal's Long Swim

ERNEST WHITEHEAD captured a young seal near Anacapa Island, California, recently, and took him on board his ship. As the vessel started, the mother seal was noticed swimming about, howling piteously. The little captive barked responsively. After reaching the wharf at Santa Barbara, the captive was tied up in a jute sack and left loose on the deck. Soon after coming to anchor, the seal responded to its mother's call by casting itself overboard, all tied up as it was in the sack. The mother seized the sack, and with her sharp teeth tore it open. She had followed the sloop eighty miles. The maternal passion is proverbially strong; yet God's love is even greater than that of a mother. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee," Isa. 49:15.—*Joyful Tidings*.

### A Cobweb Over the Slot

AN artist was asked to paint a picture of a decaying church. To the astonishment of many, instead of putting on the canvas an old, tottering ruin, he painted a stately edifice of modern grandeur. Back of the open portals could be seen the richly covered pulpit, the magnificent organ, and the beautiful, stained-glass windows. Just inside the grand entrance, guarded on either side by a pillar of the church in spotless apparel and glittering jewelry, was an "offering plate" of goodly workmanship, for the offerings of the fashionable worshippers. Directly above

the "offering plate" there hung a very simply painted square box, bearing the legend, "Collection for Foreign Missions." But right over the slot through which contributions ought to have gone, he had painted a huge cobweb.—*Review and Herald*.

HE serves his church best who serves God best.

## From the Field

### Report from College View Church

JANUARY 3 the College View church held its quarterly meeting. It was an occasion of unusual interest; also one of the largest ever held here.

The annual business meeting was held in the evening. All reports of work done were very encouraging.

The report of the missionary society showed at the beginning of the year an indebtedness of \$83.13. This debt is now wiped out, and the society has a balance in their favor of \$7.57. Vigilant work with God's blessing has accomplished this.

The church has been busy with home as well as foreign missionary work. Three clubs of papers,—English, Swedish, and German,—have been taken for distribution, and the work with "Christ's Object Lessons" has in no way been neglected. Liberal donations have been received for the poor in College View, in vegetables, groceries, grains, and fruits, besides one hundred and six dollars in money.

Each Tuesday afternoon the sisters have met to make and prepare bedding and garments to send to needy fields. Two large boxes containing eighteen sheets and as many pillow slips, twenty-four quilts, twelve rugs, five table cloths, and other articles, were sent to Argentine; two hundred pounds of clothing and bedding were sent to the Life Boat Mission; sixty pounds to a private individual in the South; a large box to Wichita, Kansas, and another box of clothing to the Life Boat Mission. To the Huntsville school were sent one large box and five barrels containing bedding, clothing, foods, and twenty-six "Christ's Object Lessons," or over two hundred articles in all. The donations in money for missionary work for all purposes amounted to eight hundred thirty-six dollars. This is only a partial report



of the work done by the church the past year.

And now as the church is clear from debt, we can all join in a "jubilee song" of praise to Him who has said, "Go work in my vineyard."

J. S. HART.

### A Brief Note From Kansas

SABBATH and Sunday, December 13 and 14, were good days for the church at Pontiac, in Butler county. Elder Russell and I arrived there Friday afternoon, and services began that night. Although it was cold and stormy, the people came out, and from the first the Spirit of God was present. A general move was made in the audience Sabbath, and some of the youth started in the service of the Lord for the first time.

Sunday the new church was dedicated. It is a good, neat building, 22 x 36 feet, costing nine hundred dollars; and best of all, it is all paid for. We know the Lord accepted the gift, and the people were happy.

Our people in that community have a good standing with the people around. This favor on the part of the people was manifested in the contributions received. Almost half of all the money and material for the house was donated by those not of our faith.

Brother Frank Ogden assisted Elder Russell and me in the dedicatory services.

Within a little more than a month we have dedicated three new church buildings and organized two new churches in Kansas.

C. McREYNOLDS.

### Fruita, Colorado

AS THE result of the camp-meeting at this place, and the effort following, eleven have signed the covenant to "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Although some unfortunate developments have delayed the erection of a church building here, yet they have a temporary chapel built on the church lots, in which to meet for the present. We trust that a permanent structure may be erected in the spring. I also visited the Glenwood church recently, and experienced a most profitable season spiritually. I have enjoyed my work on the Western Slope, and believe I appreciate the needs of this great territory more than ever before.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

### Colorado Conference

THE Colorado Conference held its annual session December 25-31. Eld. G. F. Watson was chosen President, and Eld. G. A. Anglebarger, Vice-President; Miss Elva Green, Secretary of Conference and Sabbath-school work; Bertie L. Herrell, Secretary and Treasurer of Tract Society and Treasurer of Conference; Executive Committee: G. F. Watson, G. A. Anglebarger, Watson Ziegler, W. W. Hills, and H. M. J. Richards.

At a revival service held Sabbath, the 27th, about sixty came forward and gave their hearts fully to the Lord.

Elmer Farnsworth was chosen Superintendent of the church school work, and W. W. Hills will have charge of the Sabbath-school work. Everything considered, it was a pleasant and profitable meeting.

E. T. RUSSELL.

### The Denver Institute

A SUCCESSFUL canvassers' institute has just closed at Denver, Colo. About ten or twelve took class work preparatory for the canvassing field. Some on the Western Slope expect to enter the work soon. The prospect for the canvassing work in Colorado this year is encouraging. The people are courteous, the state has abundance of wealth, and, best of all, the Lord has promised that angels of heaven will accompany the canvasser, preparing the way before him; so we can see no reason why our good books cannot be sold there. Denver is a mission field by itself. All of the canvassers, with but one exception, have taken up large books, such as "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Desire of Ages," and "Home Hand Book."

The Lord, through the Spirit of Prophecy, made an urgent call last year for a revival of the canvassing work. The call is no less urgent at the beginning of this new year. From "An Appeal to Our People," dated Dec. 6, 1902, and published in the last issue of THE CENTRAL ADVANCE, the Lord says the canvassing work "is to be revived," and "carried forward with increasing success," and that "the Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing-work in the year 1903." Are there not many who will consecrate themselves to this important branch of the Lord's work? The experience of many with "Christ's Object Lessons" has proved that they can sell books containing the message.



Now is the time to move forward. There is a world to be warned. C. W. HARDESTY.

#### Exira, Iowa

I HAVE been laboring with the church at this place. We have had a hard pull, but hope to see good results. Ten have already made a start for the kingdom, and we hope for others.

Our school at Stuart is doing nicely. Twenty-five started to serve the Lord during the week of prayer.

Two of our workers, H. L. Stenberg and Sister Moore, have been down with pneumonia. They are reported better, however, now.

Good reports are coming in regarding the week of prayer. L. F. STARR.

#### Kansas City, Missouri

SEVERAL of our German laborers began work here last spring, at the request of the South-western Union Conference. We have only praises to offer to God, and can say that His kind hand has been over us during the summer. Brother Henry Gellert and I will remain here during the winter, while the others will labor in different places.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people for us and the German work in the great city of St. Louis. A. A. MEYER,  
H. GELLET.

#### Ellsworth, Kansas

THE Lord has blessed us here at Ellsworth. He blessed us because we sought His blessing, not because we were many in number, for we were few. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." We did this, and were blessed. We had quarterly meeting here last Sabbath, and the Lord came very near to us all.

The churches at Clay Centre, Abilene, Salina, and Ellsworth, have all done well in the "Object Lessons" work. "Praise the Lord all ye His saints." T. GODFREY.

#### The Omaha Mission

MANY of the readers of the ADVANCE know that for several years the Nebraska Conference has maintained a mission at 1515 Burt St., Omaha, and as it has been necessary to close it, a few words of explanation will be of interest.

We believe that the mission was started in

a time when there was great need of just such an institution, and it has done a noble work in helping unfortunate men and women.

The demand for its work is not so great in this present time of prosperity as it was in the dark time of financial depression and consequent scarcity of employment when it was started. For this reason the Conference Committee considered the advisability of closing the mission after camp-meeting, feeling that the work accomplished was hardly sufficient to justify the expense incurred in its operation, but it was finally decided to continue the work during the winter at least. Soon after this decision was made, however, the mission building was sold, and the new landlord raised the rent from fifty dollars to one hundred dollars per month.

The agent came on Sabbath to see Brother Kinkle, and as he would not talk business with him then, he left, and without any further notice leased the building to another party for three years, and served notice on the mission to vacate by Jan. 1, 1903.

At Brother Kinkle's request, Elder Graf and the writer went to Omaha to counsel with him as to what should be done.

After making an effort to find another suitable building, and meeting with no success, it was decided to close the mission. By vacating the building December 15 we were released from paying rent for that month, so fifty dollars was saved to the cause in this way. Some mission furniture was sold, and the rest, amounting to a car load, was shipped to Lincoln, where it will be used for the present in the Lincoln mission.

The Conference Committee and manager of the mission take this opportunity of thanking all who have contributed to the Omaha mission work; and, while the mission is closed, we hope that the Christian Help Work which the mission was started to do will not stop, but that all our people will feel it incumbent upon them to engage more than ever before in this blessed work.

GEO. M. BROWN.

POLISH on the heels of shoes is a truer test of thoroughness than shine on the toes. The canvasser who goes up a by-way or tramps across a field to reach an out-of-the-way house, is doing better work than the one who hastens along the thoroughfares only, though he may take more orders in a given time. The command is to go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city. The by-ways as well as the highways are to receive attention.



## ✈ Missionary ✈

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

### Man's Destiny

WHEN out of the bliss of that God-lighted clime,  
We look back on the darkness and sorrows of time,  
We shall see that the pain and the sickness here,  
Were but backgrounds for pictures of happiness there;  
And Heaven's rest will be sweeter for toil-filled years,  
And all eyes shall be brighter for bathings in tears,  
And the river of peace will be sweeter for those  
Who have drunken where Marah in bitterness flows,  
And the Christ will be dearer because of the fall,  
And the Father be nearer,—“The all and in all.”

—Selected.

### What a Little Girl Did

A LITTLE girl living in Minnesota, being converted and learning of Christ's soon coming, began looking around for someone whom she might lead to the Saviour and tell the glad tidings. Hearing of a man, a lawyer, in a distant town, she obtained some *Signs of the Times* and a few tracts, wrapped them, and sent them to him, accompanying them with a nicely written little letter. After sending them she went into her room and asked God to bless her effort.

At first the man paid but little attention to the papers. But they kept coming, and before long he received another letter expressing the hope that he was enjoying reading them. This aroused his curiosity, and he thought he would examine them more closely and see what was in them. As the result he was converted, and became a believer in the soon coming of Christ.

A camp-meeting was to be held soon, and the little girl wrote him again inviting him to attend. He accepted the invitation, and came to the meeting. And who do you suppose he wished most to see of those assembled there? Was it the President of the General Conference or some of the leading speakers? Oh no; it was that little girl who led him to Christ, and through whose efforts he learned to love the truth.

And who did the little girl desire most to see there, some relative or friend? No, no; it was that man whose heart had been won to Jesus through her labors and prayers. They met, he taking her little hand—the hand that penned those letters—in his, she clasping his strong, manly hand in hers, and for the first time they looked into each others faces. They were happy; angels were happy, for, says Jesus,

“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

Solomon said, “He that winneth souls is wise.” Are you winning souls? “They that be wise shall shine as the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”

Mr. Moody once said: “I had rather have a soul come to me, when I get home to glory, and take me by the hand and say, ‘Mr. Moody, by the grace of God, you are the one that brought me to this place,’ than to have a monument of gold.”

DANIEL NETTLETON.

### A Tract Did It

WRITING from Prince Edward Island, Canada. Brother Wm. Guthrie says:—

This is a land of churches, and a large part of the population are church members, and under the influence of popular doctrine. A few years ago a man came here from England, and warned the people against us. The ministers also are very bitter, and do all in their power to keep the people away from the public services. The conditions are such here, therefore, we are compelled to reach a large class by the use of tracts and papers. Much of the work here must be done in this way.

A short time ago I visited a young man who was nearing death's door, and found him without hope. We had a short talk, and I left him a tract. At my next visit I found him happy. He had found the Saviour through reading that tract. I prayed with him, and told him, as a child, simply to believe God's promise, “He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.” He said, “I can do that.” He died about four hours later, and now rests in Jesus. A tract did it.

We have distributed about 40,000 pages of tracts and papers, and are planning to put out something like 200,000 pages more. We trust that the judgment will reveal many saved, as was this man, as the result. May the spirit of love and service take supreme control of all our hearts; that none may be lost through our inactivity.

### Seed Sowing

WHEN John Williams, the martyr missionary of Aromanga, went to the South Sea Islands, he took with him a single banana tree from an English nobleman's conservatory. And now from that single banana tree, bananas are to be found throughout the whole group of islands.

Before the negro slaves in the West Indies were emancipated, a regiment of soldiers was stationed near one of the plantations. A soldier offered to teach a slave to read, on condition that he would teach a second, and a third, and so on. This he faithfully carried out,



though severely flogged by the master of the plantation. Being sent to another plantation he repeated the same there, and when at length liberty was proclaimed throughout the island, and the Bible Society offered a New Testament to every negro who could read, the number taught through this slave's instrumentality was no less than six hundred.

Moral.—The value of setting good efforts in motion, and of sowing even one seed of truth.

### A Seed That Grew

THE following is a letter which we have just received from a gentleman in Texas:—

I received the tracts and am well pleased with them, especially with "The Lord's Day." I have a book written by Waggoner, entitled, "From Eden to Eden." I find it to be the best work I have ever read on that line, and have decided to keep the Sabbath from now on.

This gentleman goes on to ask us various questions concerning our truth, and seems to be intensely interested. Dear reader, are you sowing such seed as this? H. H. HALL.

### Work for All

WERE we able to reckon the amount of latent talent there is in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, we would doubtless be greatly surprised. There are many young men and women among us who are turning their attention to worldly pursuits, and many others who seem to have no particular aim in life. There certainly can be no just reason for this. There is a place in the cause of God for all of the consecrated talent among us. No other work is so satisfying, nor is there any work which offers so great returns, or one in which the returns are so sure. From the parable recorded in Matthew 25, it is evident that every intelligent human being has been given at least one talent, and the Lord expects him to improve upon it. The man in the parable who buried his one talent in the earth, was treated the same as he would have been had more talents been imparted to him and allowed to remain unused. This fact shows the importance of improving upon the talents graciously bestowed upon us, be they few or many. The man in the parable who faithfully improved upon his two talents, received the same reward as the one who had been faithful in the use of his ten. What an encouragement to labor, though we may possess but few talents! Yet many are content to bury their talents in the earth.

The Master's instruction to each one is: "Go work in My vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." If a man desires more than that, he is dishonest. With this promise at the start, why should anyone hesitate to engage in the Lord's work? Perishing souls are appealing to us for the light of truth. Their blood will be found on our garments if we neglect to answer their pleas. The avenues of usefulness are abundant, and are multiplying on every hand. We might mention among these, the Medical Missionary work, tract work, colporteur work, canvassing, office work, school and Bible work, the ministry, nursing and visiting the sick and afflicted, and helping the poor. Surely everyone can find a place in one of these lines. Seek it. If you do not understand how to make the move, ask the advice of those now engaged in the line of work in which you desire a part. Do the duty lying nearest. Be faithful in that which is least, and thus learn to be faithful in much. R. W. PARMELE.

### The Young People's Era

THE world is in great need of young Christians. Never was there a time when there was so much for them to do, and never were there so many avenues of usefulness open to them. Never were their abilities so fully recognized and valued, and never was so much done to impress upon them the beauty and helpfulness of the Christian's life. It is the young people's era, and they are blessing the world by making such full use of the opportunities which God has given them. He has a work for you to do. He is pleading for admission into the hearts of boys and girls, and if you will but bid Him come in and reign therein, heaven will seem nearer and nearer with the advancing years, instead of farther off.—J. B. Miller.

THE word *worship* signifies "worth-ship," and when applied to God means the giving to Him the honor of which He is worthy. Thus the twenty-four elders who fall down before God and "worship Him that liveth for ever and ever," say, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, honor, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created." Worship, therefore, is a most natural and consistent thing to every loyal subject of the King of heaven.



## Health Department

Conducted by Mrs. Lora W. George, M. D.

"Prosper and be in Health"

### Sixteen Lost, One Saved

At a dinner given to General Harrison, when he was a candidate for the office of President of the United States, one of the guests, rather conspicuously, "drank to his health." The General pledged his toast by drinking water. Another gentleman offered a toast, and said, "General, will you favor me by drinking a glass of wine?" The General, in a very gentlemanly way, begged to be excused. He was again urged to join in a glass of wine. This was too much. He rose from his seat, and said, in the most dignified manner:—

"Gentlemen, I have twice refused to partake of the wine-cup. I hope that will be sufficient. Though you press the matter ever so much, not a drop shall pass my lips: I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink. That vow I have never broken. I am one of a class of seventeen young men who graduated at college together. The other sixteen members of my class now fill drunkard's graves—and all from the pernicious habit of wine-drinking. I owe all my health, my happiness, and prosperity to that resolution. Would you urge me to break it now?"

The effect on the company may be imagined.—*Selected.*

### A Cure for Crime

A WRITER to the *North American Review* asserts that manual training is almost as good a preventive of crime as vaccination for smallpox.

"What per cent of prisoners under your care have received any manual training?" a Northern man asked the warden of a Southern penitentiary.

"Not one per cent.," replied the warden.

"Have you any mechanics in prison?" "Only one mechanic, a house-painter."

"Have you any shoemakers?" "Never had a shoemaker."

"Have you any tailors?" "Never had a tailor."

"Any carpenters?" "Never had a man in prison who could draw a straight line."—*Michigan Christian Advocate.*

WHATEVER you dislike in another person take care to correct in yourself.

### Vegetarian Athletes

"Is a vegetarian diet proper for those who are to engage in athletic sports?" asks the *Revue Scientifique*. We must certainly answer in the affirmative if we accept the results of a recent contest in Germany, where the six foremost places were gained by vegetarians. Says the *Revue*:—

The trial consisted in a walking match from Dresden to Berlin, 200 kilometers (124 miles). It was an international championship contest, and the entries included French, English, Russians, Austrians, and Americans, besides about twenty Germans. A very severe rule forbade the contestants to stop for sleep, and gave them one hour for eating. The start was made at 7:45 A. M. "Les Ventes Illustrees" remarks that the first six arrivals at Berlin were all vegetarians. Karl Mann, the winner, who was twenty-eight years of age, and who has lived on vegetarian food for ten years, covered the distance in 26 hours, 53 minutes. He was declared champion pedestrian of the world.—*Literary Digest.*

## Educational

Conducted by L. H. Hoopes

### Industrial Academy, Stuart, Iowa

DECEMBER 17-21 I visited the Industrial Academy which has been opened by the Iowa Conference, at Stuart, Iowa. The school, although hampered by the lack of proper facilities, has an attendance of over forty bright young people. It was an inspiration to me to see the way they were taking hold of the work. I have never seen a deeper spiritual work done than was done during the time I visited them. The school has been in operation three weeks; and, although many of the students had come in without knowing anything of a personal Saviour, I think every one is now professing a good experience in the Lord. It was a glad sight to see those dear young people coming home to their Heavenly Father, with tears in their eyes, rejoicing that he would receive them. Best of all, the burden of all seemed to be to fit themselves for usefulness in the Lord's vineyard.

I feel that the industrial academies and church schools are to be the means in the Lord's hands for reaching our young people and saving them from the snares of Satan.

Although the school in Stuart is held in town this year, it is only until a proper location can be secured in the country. It is hoped and expected that a farm will be bought and buildings prepared during the coming summer.

FLOYD BRALLIAR.



### Be Separate From Sinners

HAS it occurred to you that we ought to be separated from every evil influence and from every evil association? If we are not, it may prove our ruin; for "evil communications corrupt good manners," and "by beholding we become changed." As a plant reveals in its appearance what its surroundings have been, so we show by our character and expression what our surroundings have been. As with plant life, so with spiritual life. The environments, if good, will tend to promote spiritual growth, and if bad, will tend to destroy the same. This being true, how essential that we choose as associates those of good character, those whose lives will prove an inspiration and help to us.

Abraham, the "father of the faithful," in separating from evil associates, set an example, that it would be well for us to follow. Gen. 12: 1, 2; Josh. 24: 2. Ruth, the Moabitess, left her idolatrous associates that she might be brought fully under the influence of the people of God. Ruth 2: 10. As weeds are detrimental to plant development, so evil companions are detrimental to the development of pure character. It is difficult to have a healthy spiritual growth while surrounded by the weeds of sin.

When Lot first entered Sodom, the filthy conversation of the Sodomites vexed his righteous soul day by day; but as he remained in the midst of the moral corruption, hearing evil words and beholding their vile acts, his spiritual senses were to a great extent benumbed, so when the angels desired him to leave the wicked city, he lingered until they laid hold of his hand and led him out and warned him to escape for his life.

Some who read this article may be in Sodom or be partaking of the sins of Sodom; if so, I beseech you to flee for your lives. In order to gain entrance into the celestial city, you will have to forsake evil as did Christian, in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," when forsaking the city of destruction, he started on his journey for the celestial city.

I entreat you, if you are surrounded by evil, change your abode as did Abraham and Ruth. In the language of the inspired writer, I would say: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." E. T. RUSSELL.

## Notices

### The Kansas Institute

A CANVASSERS' institute will be held at Hutchinson, Kansas, from February 26 to March 23. The Kansas Conference has made liberal offers to all who will attend this institute and give themselves to this branch of the work. No one who desires to consecrate himself to the cause of truth can afford to disregard this opportunity. For particulars write to Frank Jencks, State Agent, 821 W. 5th St., Topeka, Kans. C. W. HARDESTY.

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## News and Notes

BRO. FRED CLARK, of Topeka, Kan., arrived in College View last week to attend the Special Bible Course.

ELD. LEWIS PROCTOR, of the Colorado Conference, has been sick at Boulder for some time with smallpox.

ABOUT forty new students were present at the opening of the Special Course at Union College, January 5th.

FRANK OGDEN, of Wichita, Kansas, reached College View last week, and will remain during the Special Bible Course.

ELD. T. GODFREY, of Concordia, Kansas, has lately moved to Ellsworth, and will make that his field of labor for a time at least.

MRS. J. M. REES, of Kansas City, Mo., has been quite ill of late, having been confined to her bed for six weeks. She is now slowly improving.

ELD. G. F. WATSON, President of the Colorado Conference, was unable to be present at its last session on account of being confined at home with smallpox.

At a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board council, Dec. 16, Eld. D. U. Hale, of Keene, Texas, was invited to go to the Gold Coast, West Africa, and make that his field of labor.

WATCH the *Review* and keep in touch with the announcements regarding the "Tract Campaign," and then pick up your trumpet and blow a distinct blast in harmony with the key note.

THE prospects are that the three foreign papers heretofore published at Battle Creek, the Danish-Norwegian, the Swedish, and the German, will, before long, be printed at College View.

At the Mission Board council, Dec. 16, Eld. I. G. Knight and wife, of Humboldt, Kansas, were invited to go to Central America, to take charge of the work left unprovided for by Eld. Hutchins' death.

THE believers at Ottumwa, Iowa, have been organized into a company, with Bro. Hoyt as leader. They expect soon to be able to organize a church. A church school will be opened there in about two weeks.

ELD. R. W. PARMELE and Dr. Lydia Kynett were united in marriage at Melien, Wis., November 29. THE CENTRAL ADVANCE extends to them its well wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

WORD was received Wednesday, January 7, by Elder Russell, of the death of Pearl Nordyke, daughter of Bro. B. R. Nordyke, of Kansas City, Mo. We extend to brother and sister Nordyke our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

ALREADY we have received quite a large number of new subscriptions for THE CENTRAL ADVANCE. Our present list of paid-up subscribers is something over five hundred. We hope this number will be considerably increased. Send in your subscriptions, friends.

THE plates, copy, and all, of the new tracts intended for the tract campaign, were destroyed in the recent fire at Battle Creek. Type-written duplicates, however, were preserved, from which the tracts will be reproduced and supplied, it is hoped, with but little delay.

WORD just received from Eld. G. A. Irwin, of Australia, states that he has been laid up recently with a very severe carbuncle on his neck. He sends encouraging word regarding the work in that field. He will probably attend the next General Conference, to be held in April.

REMEMBER that the Nebraska institute for canvassers will be held February 12-20, at College View. We trust that many will take advantage of the liberal offer made by the Nebraska Conference. For particulars write to the State Agent, W. F. Surber, College View, Nebraska.

NEWS reached us last week of the burning of our mammoth printing house in Battle Creek, Mich. Our hearts were made sad to hear of the destruction of the plant that has served us so long and faithfully in printing literature containing present truth. See account of the fire in another column.

THE *Colorado Echoes From the Field* says: "We are pleased to see that a revival of the old time missionary spirit is here again, and that a greater effort is being made to get our tracts and periodicals before the world than ever before." We hope that all within our ranks will catch the spirit, and swell the message to a loud cry.