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### My Work

LET me but do my work from day to day,  
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,  
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;  
Let me but find it in my heart to say,  
When the vagrant wishes beckon me astray,  
"This is my work, my blessing not my doom;  
Of all who live, I am the one by whom  
This work can best be done in the right way."  
Then shall I see it not too great nor small  
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;  
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,  
And cheerful turn when the long shadows fall  
At eventide to play and love and rest,  
Because I know for me my work is best.  
—Henry Van Dyke, in the Outlook.

### Do Your Own Work

NO OTHER one can take your place in this world; no other one can bear your responsibilities at the judgment seat of Christ. Hence as one who must give an account for himself to God, see to it that you do your own duty. Your work may be small, low, insignificant. There may be grander work, but it is not your work; it may be the Lord's work, but you may be planted in a small corner, to do a different kind of work, fully as important, though much less pretentious.

See to it that your *own work is done*. You may have chances to surrender it to friends, you may have promises of generous aid, you may find opportunities to attach yourself and your work as the fifth wheel to some great ma-

chine, and you may thus lose your individuality, your opportunity, and find the work which was intrusted to you at last neglected and undone. What is done is done, and one thing finished is better than a dozen things begun. See to it that nothing holds you back from completing the work which God has laid upon you, the work intrusted to your hand. Work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.—*H. L. Hastings.*

### Our Children

OUR children are a legacy from the Lord, and as such should be highly prized by us as parents, and also by the church. If we half appreciated the preciousness of the gift, like Hannah with Samuel, we would from their earliest infancy dedicate them to the Lord, and like the mother of Moses, would train them for His service.

Our children are talents which the Lord has entrusted to us; and, as parents, He will hold us accountable as to how we have improved on the talents thus granted us. One thing is certain, He will not say "well done" to us if we misdirect their minds and cause them to bury their talents in the earth. It is true that many parents are doing this, although they may not be conscious of the fact. They direct the minds of their children to the world by placing before them worldly inducements, and in their conversation they are continually dwelling on worldly things. Then they wonder why their children have so little interest in spiritual things. The children in their lives are reflecting the lives and teachings of their parents.

We desire eternal salvation for ourselves and for our children. This being so, why not be wise unto salvation? Why not instruct our children in the things of God? Why not talk to them of God's power and of His kingdom? Why not teach them that this world is nothing

compared to the eternal world? Why not instruct them how to form characters for heaven? Why not teach them that the work of the Third Angel's Message is the grandest work in the world, and that they should fit themselves for workers in this the grandest of all movements.

Greater pains should be taken by both parents and churches in the education of their children. There should ever be held before them the responsibility of becoming workers in some branch of the cause. O, that we might manifest the same spirit of consecration as did the Waldenses when they dedicated their children for missionaries, well knowing that it meant hardships, trials, and possibly a martyr's death for them. In contrast to their spirit of self-sacrifice there are many parents to-day professing this precious truth who would not for one moment consent to their children entering the work if they were so situated that they could spare them. O, shame on such parents! May God pity them! Some who are wealthy reason that they cannot afford to send their children to our training schools because they must have their services; but what for?—That they may make more money and buy more land. Thus they and their children are fast becoming clusters of the vine of earth, and not fruit of the heavenly kingdom.

As parents, as churches, and as conferences, let us see to it that our children receive an education for service. We should not be satisfied until we see our church schools, academies, and colleges well patronized by our children and youth. Let us take special interest in this good work that our young people may be trained for service.

E. T. RUSSELL.

#### Her only Friends

"MAMMA," asked a little four-year-old, "how do you spell 'ginger'?"

"Put away your book, dear. It is time for you to go to bed."

"Papa, how do you"—

"Don't bother me, Katie."

"What does it mean when it says"—

"Didn't you hear your mother?"

Katie threw her book on the floor.

"I don't believe there's anybody loves me," she burst forth, "except grandpa and God. Grandpa, he's in Michigan, an' I don't know where God is!"

Moral: Give your children a little of your time.

#### Passion of Utterance

THE silence of Christians of to-day is largely attributed to the superficiality of their experiences. Put love enough into the heart and it flames forth on the tongue. Two disciples matched themselves against their persecutors, when the conviction of Christ's divinity captured them. "We can die," they said, "but we cannot keep silent. We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard."

There is no propulsion like the propulsion of experience. The greater passion always controls. The world needs witnesses. Were there more heralds with a martyr's zeal, more glory would be gained to the kingdom of Christ. Religious earnestness will not seem strange when enough become earnest to make it normal. Sinners never become anxious for themselves until they see others anxious for them. The miracle of Christ's life was his exposure of the human soul. His passion for humanity comes from His clear vision of human need. The spiritual insight of most Christians in this generation needs cultivating. They may be half skeptical but not know it. Inferior tastes and perverted judgment come from the neglected study of the word of God. Appetite for spiritual food grows with cultivation. Your place is not with the current but against it. Life is rich and beautiful when seen through Christian eyes. To discover this is to want others to discover it. Our religion will do us no good until we long that it may do others good.

Truth is all conquering or it is not conquering at all. That which is divine has no rival. Christianity acknowledges no competitors. He who allows that another man's religion is as good as his own, has one that is not worth having.

If we are not enthusiastic and aggressive in pressing upon others the supremacy of Christ, our experience needs deepening. Silence can deny as effectually as speech can proclaim. When we keep silent no one is so surprised as the unbeliever. The moment the church is vital enough to be distinct from the world, many will be eager to identify themselves with the church. The moment a man is genuinely and deeply converted he becomes an evangelist. He may never mount a platform nor preach a sermon but the passion for humanity is a present and ever active passion. So majestic are

the claims of Christianity that non-professors wonder at our lack of earnestness. A true mother never relaxes her hold on the life of her child. Nor should we conceive of a child of God relaxing his hold on the lives of men about him. The passion to give to others the light of life is born of conviction.

The tongue is connected with the heart. Set the heart aglow and the tongue flames. They cannot but speak, who with Peter and John, have actually seen and heard. Witnesses multiply as experiences deepen. Let the tongue of fire and the gift of Pentecost be seen and may the reader and writer experience this blessed reign of righteousness.

L. F. STARR.

## From the Field

### In the South

IN leaving for the Southern field I experienced the same feelings that I did when I left Dakota for Nebraska. My son Andrew, who has been laboring for some time in Manitoba, came to College View with his family July 12th. On the 16th we started for the Arkansas camp-meeting. We reached Kansas City in the afternoon and stopped off four hours. The sight that met our eyes along the Kansas River, as the result of the recent floods, was beyond description. Here and there were piles of freight cars together with wrecked dwellings and bridges. Large iron bridges were washed out, and where the piers once stood were deep cavities filled with freight cars piled one upon another. Only those who have seen it can appreciate the situation.

We arrived at Van Buren, Kansas, the next day about noon, and were met by two young men of Nebraska who have been laboring here for sometime. They conducted us to their lovely camp under the stately oaks. The shade is splendid, and the small white tents pitched around their large new one make a beautiful appearance. There are about one hundred encamped on the ground. God has been blessing in all of the meetings, and especially the Sabbath that we were with them did the Lord come near to His people.

The weather has been all that could be wished for. The nights have been cool and pleasant. From here we go to the camp-meeting at Waco,

Texas, about 350 miles further south.

Brethren, remember us at the throne of grace that God may be with us in our work here.

N. P. NELSON.

### A Tour in Northeastern Nebraska

ELDER N. P. NELSON and the writer left Lincoln, Thursday, July 9, to visit some of our churches in the northeast part of the state. On Thursday evening we held service in the Omaha church, a goodly number being present. We were entertained while in Omaha, at the home of Brother Reed, proprietor of the Reed Printing Co. We found Brother Reed's son, our faithful and beloved Brother Ripley Reed, lying at the point of death, but rejoicing in the blessed hope of the soon coming of the Saviour.

At the evening service in the Omaha church an incident occurred, illustrating how our trials may be turned into great victories and blessings. Some repairs had recently been made upon the church property, the charges for which were considered exorbitant, and considerably exceeded the provision made to meet the demands. The party who made the repairs threatened to bring the case into court the following day if the account was not settled in full. The brethren were much perplexed when, after raising all they could there was still a deficiency of ten dollars. After some serious counsel as to what could be done, the money was again counted and found to be just sufficient to meet the account. It was then learned that a stranger who happened to be in the meeting had handed a sister a ten-dollar bill to place in the collection, and which amount had been overlooked in first counting the money. This deliverance from trouble called forth many heartfelt expressions of praise to God.

On Friday morning we took an early train for Blair, where we spent a few hours at the home of Brother Geo. Kinkle, who joined us later in the day on our journey to Tekamah. Here we found a company of earnest believers in the truth. They had just completed a neat house of worship. A report of the dedication services, copied from the "Burt County Herald," is as follows:—

The Seventh-day Adventist church was dedicated with appropriate services on Saturday last, the day observed by that church as the Sabbath. It is the building formerly owned by the Presbyterians, which has been fitted up and presents a good appearance. It has a seating capacity for 150. The total cost of the building as given

in the report was \$807.51, and it was dedicated free from debt. Elders A. T. Robinson and N. P. Nelson officiated at the dedication, after which the church was formally organized to be known as the Tekamah Seventh-day Adventist Church. L. E. Colsen was ordained as local elder. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was then celebrated.

In the same issue of the paper in which the above appeared, was a lengthy article, giving a historical sketch of the organization, development, and growth of the Tekamah Presbyterian church, by whom this building was formerly owned, and which organization was effected in 1869. The church was organized with a membership of eight, the exact number of the members of the church recently organized by Elder Nelson and myself. The writer of that historical sketch says, "I was the only male member, and was ordained elder of the church." This is also true of Brother Colsen, whom we ordained as elder. The writer also states: "Rev. Carroll preached the sermon that day and received the members, after which the first communion service of this church was observed." Substituting another name for that of Rev. Carroll, would make this read as a exact report of the proceedings at the organization of our church. These things are suggestive of the possible growth and development that may await the little band of believers there, if faithful to God.

Sunday the 12th, Elder Nelson left us to go to his new field of labor in the South. I have greatly enjoyed the association and counsel of Elder Nelson during the few weeks that we have been together. I feel sure the prayers and best wishes of all our people in Nebraska will follow him as he goes out from us.

Brother Kinkle and I went to Decatur on Monday and remained there over Sabbath, July 18. We held five services in all, which were well attended. We also visited nearly all the families of our people living there. The evening after Sabbath an enthusiastic church school meeting was held. After a lively discussion of church school work it was unanimously voted to ask the Conference to co-operate with the church, by sending a thoroughly competent Bible worker, who is also a qualified school teacher, to work in the district in which the church is located. There are quite a number of people here who are interested in the truth. The plan proposed is to have a Bible worker go there, the church to employ her during the

time while school is in session, and the Conference support her in the Bible work the rest of the time.

On our return journey we visited the church at Arlington, where I spoke Sunday evening, July 19.

A. T. ROBINSON.

*1505 E Street, Lincoln, Neb.*

### Petersburg, Nebraska

COMING back from our good camp-meeting in the Black Hills, South Dakota, I found that our three tents had arrived, and we have pitched them nine miles in the country under some large cottonwood trees in a Norwegian settlement, and have begun our meetings. Shortly after pitching our tent a hard wind and rain storm swept over us, flooding our camp, but no damage was occasioned. We are trusting in the guiding hand of God, and have nothing to fear even though we may meet with trials and oppositions.

The pastor of a large church not far from us has forbidden his members to attend our meetings or buy our books; however, brethren P. O. Johnson and Emil Anderson have sold a goodly number. Some of our books have been burned here before.

We pray that God may break and burn the wicked bands of sin and Satan that the honest may go free. We are well and of good courage. Along with much opposition, there are omens of good. Pray for us. A. C. ANDERSON.

### Tithes and Offerings

OVER twelve hundred dollars have come into the Nebraska Tract Society office during the last eight days for various purposes, \$198.37 of which have been for the Australian field. We are glad to see these good donations coming in, and feel sure the Master will have rich blessings in store for those who are thus giving of their means for the advancement of the work.

It also does our hearts good to see the tithes coming in. But we feel sure there are those who are not returning to the Lord that which He says is His own. When we stop and consider how much the Saviour has done for us, in giving up His home in heaven, and at last His life on the cross, how can we be so ungrateful as to withhold that which is His, and is so much needed to carry the message of salvation

ANNUAL TITHES REPORT OF THE NEB. CONF.

Amount Received for Year Ending June 30, 1903

Church	1st qr.	2nd qr.	3d qr.	4th qr.	Totals
Albion.....	\$ 57 70	\$ 69 00	\$ 50 50	\$ 10 45	\$ 10 45
Aurora.....	17 00	46 23	18 03	13 00	212 90
Alma.....	18 00	23 00			94 26
Arlington.....	32 12	5 25	2 65	36 76	41 00
Auburn.....	10 00				76 73
Ashland.....					10 00
Arcadia.....		125 76	46 07	84 37	256 20
Box Butte.....	288 11	29 10	125 50	138 70	581 41
Blair.....	146 68	65 15	59 53	37 40	308 76
Beatrice.....	70 34	11 00	58 04	50 98	190 36
Black Hills.....	241 47	327 70	224 70	214 50	1003 37
Beaver City.....	81 97	115 35	96 57	17 35	311 24
Bartley.....		15 00		8 00	23 00
Brownville.....	7 00	17 30	25 00		49 30
Broken Bow.....	10 00				10 00
Brayton.....	5 00	6 00		36 75	47 75
Big Horn, Wyo.....	60 61	49 70	60 53	10 15	180 99
Boelus.....	22 45			6 35	28 80
Culbertson.....	36 95	84 40	40 70	59 92	221 97
College View.....	970 41	1274 38	1189 63	1047 30	4481 72
Cheyenne, Wyo.....	58 85	35 70	67 83	33 70	196 08
Curtis.....	61 74	167 83	42 20	107 75	379 52
Crawford.....	59 59	38 62	45 95	44 56	188 72
Cedar Rapids.....	34 49	25 00	8 65	25 76	93 90
Central City.....	11 19			10 00	21 19
Cairo.....	5 00	17 00		3 00	25 00
Calhoun.....	32 63	37 50	36 15	31 07	137 35
Cortland.....	21 00		25 00	10 00	56 00
Dunbar.....	542 24	123 64	30 00	81 00	776 88
Decatur.....	236 62	65 35	487 50		789 47
Fremont.....	148 00	78 83	87 82	10 00	324 65
Falls City.....	37 60	115 00		60 00	212 60
Grand Island.....	22 94	57 85	5 00	35 15	120 94
Gothenberg.....	22 86	44 80	39 04	9 75	116 45
Lincoln (Ger.).....	56 00	39 00	58 75	51 36	205 11
Genoa.....		9 60	108 00	17 50	135 10
Hastings.....		92 47	2 75		95 22
Harold.....	7 75				7 75
Holdredge.....	31 93	47 75	27 00	63 95	170 63
Hartington.....	1 56	66 47	2 00	119 52	189 55
Kearney.....	4 00	3 54	6 00	6 16	19 70
Kent.....	38 97		5 91		44 88
Lincoln.....	486 83	458 95	346 02	277 25	1569 05
Lavaca.....		58 30	21 00	10 00	89 30
Loup City.....	142 45	76 93	60 37	22 45	302 20
Liberty.....		6 05			6 05
Mason City.....	12 05	7 15	13 30	22 00	59 50
McCook.....	8 00	102 60	285 30	88 60	484 50
Milburn.....				56 75	56 75
Morrilville.....	15 50	5 00	4 22		24 72
Meadow Grove.....	43 74	29 85	96 08	69 40	239 07
Nebraska City.....	26 00	15 40	39 15	43	80 98
New Era.....	23 00		5 00	4 00	32 00
North Loup.....	8 85	19 13	7 50	73 65	109 13
Omaha.....	398 64	352 08	294 04	347 62	1392 38
Oakdale.....	136 31	72 25	83 43	69 97	361 96
Omaha, (Scand.).....			25 00		25 00
Orum.....	22 50	22 24	15 15	2 00	61 89
Petersberg.....	72 27	58 65	9 50	4 16	144 58
Red Cloud.....	87 21	75 50	81 49	93 72	337 92

to lost sinners? Let those who have been unfaithful in this matter tell the Lord all about it, and in the future return to Him His own. C. H. MILLER.

## Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

**Canvassers' Report**  
**NEBRASKA**  
Four Weeks Ending July 24, 1903

Name	Orders	Value	Helps
M. Anderson,	30	\$176.75	\$22.50
G. M. Dunkin,	1	5.00	
G. H. Faris,	28	72.50	20.75
M. E. Carr,	23	129.00	11.75
Alfred Horn,	28	75.00	12.75
Ida Sutton,		16.50	12.00
H. Langenberg,	12	28.25	4.55
D. E. Welsh,	9	28.75	18.50
P. A. Field,	37	109.75	22.25
Ellen Cornish,	12	12.50	4.50
L. Lockwood,	6	16.50	13.25
Otto Eisele,	19	60.00	11.00
H. A. Fish,	5	24.50	6.05
J. P. Anderson,	3	9.75	1.25
Lester Adams,			
E. Stansbury,	5	30.00	6.50
Willie McCabe,	47	67.50	19.00
C. S. Wilber,	3	6.50	61.83
P. Mathiesen,	6	23.25	25.50
J. T. Eden,	6	15.00	4.00
Stella Alred,	9	9.00	5.25
Elsie Baer,	9	9.00	3.00
E. Everett,	7	16.70	22.35
M. B. Jenkins,	18	100.25	11.25
R. Pederson,	14	21.75	3.25
Mary Fast,		5.50	12.25
J. W. Beams,		1.50	10.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>\$1,070.70</b>	<b>345.28</b>

**Deliveries**

G. H. Faris.....	\$ 9.00
Ida Sutton.....	10.50
J. P. Anderson.....	14.00
Lester Adams.....	21.75
J. T. Eden.....	16.50
Mary Fast.....	3.90
J. W. Beams.....	14.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90.40</b>

**IOWA**  
For One Week Ending July 10, 1903

H. P. Hansen,	12	34.00	0.60
G. W. Graham,	3	14.50	2.25
Mrs. Cummings,	3	6.75	5.75
H. F. Meeker,	4	10.75	1.45
Elsie Fulton,	3	12.00	1.20
No. Agts. 5	25	78.00	11.25

**Deliveries**

C. A. Van Cleve.....	\$50.75
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**COLORADO**  
For Four Weeks Ending July 18, 1903

W. Huffman,	48	284.50	4.70
G. Vreeland,	12	49.50	2.50
W. H. Moore,	47	122.75	

Ragan.....	18 87		27 95	15 65	62 47	C. Rousseau, 18	61.00	1.50	
Satoria.....	16 87	39 72	8 00	5 00	69 59	C. Smith, 13	39.00	0.75	
Seward.....	125 37	62 01	158 38	78 67	424 43	R. M. Dennis, 5	13.75	0.25	
Stromsberg....	239 81	55 57	425 99	106 68	828 05	W. Hopkins, 29	79.00	16.25	
Shickley.....		15 94	17 02	55 23	88 19	Grace Dowden, 3	10.00		
Shelton.....	42 15	45 60	53 24	72 18	213 17	E. Howlett, 4	11.00	2.25	
Sett.....		12 23				W. H. Moore, 8	12.00		
Saronville....	10 00					H. M. Hiatt, 25	31.25		
Sanitarium....	124 91	87 85		455 00	697 76	M. Klopfenstein 4	5.50	1.50	
Sheridan, Wyo.	115 78	190 00	77 62	58 20	441 60	P. C. Howlett, 1	1.25	1.50	
Scattered.....	439 86	356 31	557 71	356 52	1710 40	Rosa Brooks, 1	1.00		
York.....			22 98		22 98	N. F. House, 21	66.00	54.75	
						C. B. Plummer 67	55.95		
						Mary Layton, 21	15.25	4.50	
						G. Phillips, 10	11.75		
						W. H. Brown, 26	40.00		
						Myrtle Hall, 7	6.00		
TOTALS..	\$6127 74	\$5555 58	\$5823 44	\$4873 04	\$22379 80	No. Agents 20	370	916.45	90.45
						Total Deliveries.....			\$131.55

C. H. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

### Canvassing Work in Colorado

We are much pleased with the prospects for the book work in Colorado. Our people are realizing more than ever before the importance of this work. One of our brethren who was teaching school, receiving \$85 per month, has quit teaching and is now canvassing for "Home Hand Book." His last report was as follows: 45 exhibitions, 27 orders, value \$158.

Another brother who was employed here in Denver as bookkeeper, at a salary of \$75 per month, has given up his position and is canvassing for "Desire of Ages." He is doing good work. A sister who is canvassing for "Ladies' Guide" is taking an order for about every two exhibitions. She worked twenty hours and took ten orders, amounting to \$33.75. We have other canvassers doing equally as well. I do fear, however, that there are some of our canvassers who are not pushing their work as they should. Many souls, for whom Christ died, are perishing for want of the light of truth contained in our publications. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work.

Let no one say "I cannot sell books." The Lord will impart to us a fitness for the work if we will connect with divine power; and courage, perseverance, faith, and tact, will come as we put the armor on. If we meet with trials and hardships, we should profit by them and lean more and more upon God. Let us remember that both in times of encouragement and of discouragement the heavenly messengers are beside us. A great work is to be done, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The all important question for us to decide is, Will we do the work and wear the crown or will we let others do the work we should have done and wear the crown we might

have worn?

Let the warning be given before it is too late. *Now* is the time for the last warning message to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at this time. I fully believe that if ever there was a crisis it is now. Let us not ignore this work or treat it as of little importance. While the angels are holding the four winds let us work with all our energy.

G. P.

Brother Otto Eisele, of Oxford, Neb., writes:—

My courage in the Lord and His work is good. In my delivery He has blessed me richly. The hail has gone over my territory twice, and some who ordered books lost everything they had, but notwithstanding this, my delivery has been good.

Were it not for the Bible truth in my books I could not canvass. One publishing house offered me eighty dollars per week if I would work for them, but I do not care for large wages. I would rather work for small wages and get the truth before the people than to put trashy reading in their homes. Enclosed please find draft for \$139.69 to apply on my account of \$145.45. Will send balance soon.

Brother R. A. Field, of Cushing, Nebraska, writes:—

I have just completed a large delivery with good success. My sales for "Home Hand Book" and helps were over \$80 in one week. At another time I worked three and one-half days and sold books amounting to \$57.50. I am enjoying abundant blessings from the Lord, which blessings all will enjoy if they have a true estimation of the value of God's truth for to-day. Go out expecting to work, and believe and know that you have the truth. God does the rest.

Your encouraging and helpful little paper, the *ADVANCE*, is always read with interest. Its columns fill me with a determination to pray for and expect greater results in my field.

## Educational

Conducted by E. H. Hoopes

### Church Schools

AS REPORTS come from various communities where church schools have been held in the past, there are manifest needs brought to our attention.

#### System and Organization

First, there is need of a more thorough and systematic organization, a closer relationship between the church, the conference, and the teacher. There must be a co-operation on the part of all or there will not be a successful school conducted. There are certain limits which it is proper for each one of the above parties to pursue, and when they go beyond that there is undue friction.

In the first place, each person should understand that the church school is a special target of the enemy, and that they will have a conflict that is more severe than what is met in the public schools. For this reason there should be a uniform system as far as practicable for all the schools, so that no church should understand that they could carry on the school work independent of the general plan. There may be certain particulars in which they can lead out with success, but the general plan must be in all the schools. The pupils must understand that there is a certain discipline that must come in all their school work just the same as in the public schools.

#### Discipline

This suggests another need, and that is the point of discipline. On this point more failures have been made in our church school work than any other that has come to our notice, and because of this failure there has been more discouragement to all parties concerned. This discouragement has overbalanced, in the minds of the patrons and of the pupils, the good that is to be obtained in the church school over and above the public school. It certainly must be apparent to all that there is a difference in the grading and the courses of study pursued so that they will not exactly coincide with the public school grades. Then if the pupil does not make a decided success in the course he does take in the church school he finds himself below the grades in the public school. This is

a source of discouragement. For this reason the most strenuous efforts should be put forth by both parents and teachers to have the spiritual instruction of the church school of the very highest type, so that there will be that realization that the pupil has actually received more in the church school than he possibly could receive in the public school. The discipline of the church school has very much to do with this phase of the subject, and on this very point there must be the closest co-operation on the part of both parents and teachers to see that the child comes up to a proper standard of discipline in his deportment, in his attendance, and in his study in the school.

Parents should maintain the same attitude toward the church school teacher that they do to the public school teacher, so that their children will not understand that they can do just as they please in the church school. On the other hand the teacher must realize that his parish is made up of the children of that neighborhood, and especially of the school, and that the success of the school depends largely on awakening an interest, a spiritual revival, in the hearts of the children. In this degenerate age this is one of the focal points in the work of our schools.

#### Co-operation of the Conference

The conference should hold a steady rein over the educational work of the conference. Its teachers should possess the deepest religious experience. Those who love the children and who fear God; who think more of the salvation of a soul than they do of the follies and frivolities of this world; who have real, moral back-bone, and who will not wink at follies and imprudence that are carried on in the school.

At the Educational Convention an effort was made to unify and systematize all our school work. Much time was devoted to the consideration of church schools. A report of this convention will be published, and as soon as advertised each parent should secure a copy of the report.

In this connection let me say that all our training schools are endeavoring to equip teachers who love the children, and who fear God, and who can step into these important responsibilities at the earliest possible date. When we take into consideration the large number of

children of Sabbath-keepers who should be in church schools, and the scarcity of church school teachers, we certainly see good reasons why persons who have had a success in the public school work should attend a short course in one of our training schools, and as quickly as possible become familiar with church school methods so that they can take up this line of work without delay.

In this, as in all other subjects and plans of operation, our ideal is far in advance of the real, but if we are wise we will utilize what we have at hand and go forward and do the best we can under the circumstances.

#### Financial Support

Another need of the school is the financial phase of the question. In this we must not ignore the fact that the obligation rests upon the church to educate her children. Each individual, each church, and each conference must devise a wise and consistent plan whereby everyone will be called upon to perform his God-appointed duty in this matter. When we consider that we have an obligation to educate the world in the principles of the Message, we should not forget that this same obligation rests with even greater and more manifold degree in the matter of educating our own children.

The plan recommended by the convention, placed the responsibility, first, on the parents to do all they could, and then the church to second their efforts in doing all they could, and then the conference to follow by such a plan as would guarantee to every child of believers an education based on Christian principles. This plan will appear in the published report of the Educational Convention.

In this, as the matter of discipline, it will be seen that every member of the church has a responsibility to perform whether he has children or not. Everyone should understand that the church school work is an indispensable factor in the Third Angel's Message, and demands the full co-operation on the part of every believer in present truth. He should remember that the child of the Sabbath-keeper is a member of his own household in the faith, and that as such he must make a provision for his household or be classed with those worse than unbelievers. (See 1 Tim. 5:8.) Certainly the most liberal construction that we could place on this passage of scripture would apply to the spiritual necessities of the family. L. A. HOOPES.

### Text Books Used by the Public Schools

From the Wisconsin Reporter

A FEW words of explanation in regard to our attitude to the public schools seems to be necessary. We have no disposition to fight them. In fact they do a great deal of good work. When I make this statement some one will ask, "Why then do our people think it proper to establish church schools for the benefit of our children?" In response I will say that we have a good many reasons for doing this. If the only question was to learn how to read and write, make calculations, and learn scientific facts, public schools, as they are operated, would answer a very good purpose for these things.

The principle consideration is the salvation of our children. We want them to become Christians. They will never become Christians unless they believe the Bible. They will not continue to believe the Bible if they study the text-books used in the public schools and believe the propositions contained in these books. The text-books now used in the schools account for the existence of things by the process of evolution and deny the Bible statement made in regard to creation. As soon as a child imbibes these propositions with reference to evolution he must in doing so learn to deny the Bible truth with reference to creation. But when this is done he has let go the truths of Christianity. He cannot longer believe the account given with reference to our first parents and the garden of Eden. In fact so far as faith in the Bible is concerned he has become an infidel. The more thoroughly the student believes the text-books which he studies in the schools the farther he is carried away from the Christian faith. If children cannot safely believe the text-books put in their hands why do parents want them to study in the schools from these books?

Some of our people have asked if it would not be well to send their children to our church schools during the winter and to the public schools during the summer. In answer to this question I would say, "If it is essential for the safety of our children that we have church schools, then the more we make of these schools the better. We cannot patronize the public schools if we are consistent in the matter of our church schools. If the public schools are good enough for our children in the summer

then they are good enough for them in the winter. The thing for us to do is to provide church schools for our children, see that these schools are furnished with capable teachers and then send our children to them."

Some have complained of the cost of the church school saying that we cannot afford them. It is true that they cost some money, but if our schools are needed to save our children, then we should plan to have them even though there is considerable expense connected with the work. A child saved in the kingdom of God is of far more value than the cost of our schools. One reason why we accumulate property in this world is that ourselves and families may be made comfortable in this life, but what is the value of the present life, compared with the life to come—the life we receive through redemption?

This whole question needs to be most seriously and thoroughly considered. We either need church schools or we do not. If we do not need church schools for our children then we do not need colleges for our young people. The world provides these for the more mature minds just as the state provides public schools for the children and youth.

It is illogical and inconsistent to talk about the need of colleges and academies being provided for the advancement of our cause and at the same time make little or nothing of the subject of church schools. If we need any schools for any grade of work apart from what are furnished by the world, then we just as truly need a full line of all grades of work. For my part I believe we need schools. We need them for our children, we need them for our youth, and we need them for the more mature of our young people; and when they are provided they should be patronized. *There is no question among us that needs to be more thoroughly considered than the question of our schools.* There is no work among us that needs to have more attention than does this. Brethren and sisters, shall we give this subject the care and influence that it needs? WM. COVERT.

An anti-corset decree has been issued by the Minister of Education in Saxony, who holds that tight lacing is as fatal to intellectual development as the cigarette. By this decree no girl wearing a corset may attend the public schools or colleges

### Our Summer School

A NUMBER of the church school teachers met with the instructors in the College building, June 10th, to arrange a program for the summer school. "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" was taken as our motto.

The first two sessions of the school were devoted to consecration, prayer, and praise services in which the presence of God was felt in a goodly measure. The next nine days we all attended the Educational Council. This proved very helpful.

The Sabbath-school work was made prominent by a Sabbath-school convention conducted by the College View Sabbath-school, June 20–21. The regular class work was then taken up. A desire prevailed to learn just what God would have taught in the schools of His planting. The field thus opened to the mind is truly so large and grand that all realize that eternity is none too long in which to obtain a Christian education. The importance of laying the foundation aright in this life is kept constantly before the teacher.

Classes in drawing, vocal music, hydrotherapy, and agriculture, are conducted in the afternoon. A visit was made to the Nebraska State University Experiment Farm for a lecture on judging stock. Elder Hoopes delivered a lecture on the "Bad Lands of South Dakota and Montana," which proved very instructive. It showed how God is leaving no means unemployed whereby the hearts of men could be led to accept the truths of salvation. Some recitations have been held in the grove and on the lawn where the instructor could point the minds of the teachers to God's materialized words as well as the written ones.

The daily prayer of all present is that God will teach those lessons and give those experiences which will best prepare the teachers for efficient work as shepherds and watchmen on the walls of Zion. ALICE IONA TEEPLE.

### How to Teach

SOME teachers ask questions at random; that is, they do not ask any particular student to answer them. This is a great mistake. It would be much better for the teacher to ask each one individually in turn to answer his or her question. This will create a greater interest in the lesson.

## Notices

### The Missouri Camp-meeting

THE state conference and camp-meeting of Missouri will convene at Windsor, Mo., August 13-23.

The place selected for the encampment is in the northeastern part of the city. The location is beautiful. It is in a grove of large trees, and the ground is well carpeted with white clover and bluegrass. A fine spring of sparkling water is at hand,—an important feature of an encampment at this time of the year.

There will be from the General Conference, Elders H. Shultz, W. A. Spicer, E. T. Russell, Luther Warren, and L. A. Hoopes, also Bro. C. W. Hardesty, who with the conference laborers of the state, will engage in the labor of the meeting.

Church officers' meetings, Sabbath-school meetings, and canvassers' meetings will be held in addition to the regular line of meetings including youth and children's meetings.

We feel assured that there will be a good attendance at this meeting, and we are confident that there will be a great spiritual benefit to all who attend.

R. C. PORTER.

### Kansas State Camp-meeting

THE Kansas state camp-meeting will be held in a beautiful park, located almost in the center of the city of Newton, a town of six or seven thousand inhabitants. It is a fine ground, and has as good water as can be found in the state. The park has electric light. We expect to have a real old-fashioned camp-meeting.

The Conference will open at 5 P. M., August 26, and we expect all general business, such as elections, and work of that nature, to be disposed of before the first Sabbath of the meeting. This will leave us nine full days for the spiritual interests of the meeting and general instruction in the work of the Message.

Elders Warren and Colcord are to be with us from the beginning to the close. Elder Spicer will be present the last week. We expect Elder Russell to attend during the Conference and the early part of the camp-meeting.

Our workers' meeting will begin the 20th of August. Workers, do not fail to be in attendance from the very beginning of this meeting.

We expect Elder Colcord to be with us during this time as well as throughout the camp-meeting.

The prospects are good for having the largest camp-meeting this year that has been held in Kansas for a number of years. The spirit to attend seems to be general; this is very encouraging. Although Kansas has been devastated by floods and severe storms in many places, there will be good crops throughout the greater part of the state.

We trust all who possibly can will plan to attend this meeting, and will come with a spirit to seek for a closer relation to God, that they may be fitted for more successful work when they return to their homes.

C. McREYNOLDS.

### Do You Want a Teacher?

WE are anxious to know how many of our churches desire to have church schools this coming year. With this we also ask how many of our brethren who cannot arrange for a church school would like to have a teacher come into their home and teach their children. Surely the time has come for us to go forward in this work. God will help us to overcome difficulties. Let us seek to save our children. God wants us to be a united family in His kingdom. I feel glad that God is stirring our hearts. Almost every day I am receiving letters asking about church schools and teachers, and now, brethren, let us seek God that we may know just what to do at this time. Let me hear from you; let us plan together, and in the great day of God when our names are called may we answer, "Here am I, Lord, and the children that thou gavest me." Address me at College View, Neb.

C. R. KITE.

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## News and Notes

Six persons were baptized at the Cherokee, Kansas, camp-meeting.

Eight persons were baptized at College View, Sabbath, July 25, and five more the following day.

A report of a local camp-meeting held in southeastern Kansas will appear in our next number.

Eld. H. M. J. Richards is engaged in a tent meeting at Palisades, Colo. A good interest is reported. Six have taken their stand for the truth.

It is time the Nebraska churches selected their delegates to the Conference to be held in connection with the state camp-meeting, September 3-13.

Sister Parmele left the College View Sanitarium last Thursday to join her husband, Bro. C. F. Parmele, who is engaged in the tent work at Hiawatha, Kansas.

Lost, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.—*Horace Mann.*

Brother L. E. Koon, Central Union Conference Auditor, is now in Denver, Colo., working with Bro. H. H. Hall, of the *Signs* office, auditing the books of the Colorado Conference.

Elder J. H. Wheeler of College View, Neb., is now engaged in a series of tent meetings at Sutherland, Neb. His daughter, Mertie, joined him last week, and will assist in the music.

Eld. T. H. Jays, of Stuart, Iowa, has been called to assist in the tent work at Waverly, Iowa, in the place of Eld. F. A. Washburn, who left for Colorado on account of his wife's failing health.

Elder J. N. Loughborough, of Oakland, Cal., arrived in Grand Junction, Colorado, July 16. Bro. H. M. J. Richards met him there and together they went to Palisade, where Elder Loughborough spoke in the tent Friday evening and Sabbath morning, July 17 and 18, on the Spirit of Prophecy. A large and attentive audience was present. Sabbath and Sunday, July 25 and 26, were spent at Canon City. Eld. Watson joined them at that place.

Elder L. F. Truby, of Iowa, has moved to Hiawatha, Kansas, and will make that his field of labor.

Avarice, pride, jealousy, prejudice, covetousness, niggardliness, and sensitiveness are all forms of selfishness.

Do not fail to send in your renewal for the CENTRAL ADVANCE when you receive notice that your subscription has expired.

A very interesting missionary program was rendered in the College View church last Sabbath. Several of the church school teachers who are attending the summer school, took part.

The readers of the ADVANCE will remember that Eld. N. P. Nelson is now President of the Southwestern Union Conference. He left Lincoln, Neb., July 15, to attend the Arkansas City, Ark., camp meeting. From there he expects to go to Waco, Texas, and attend the Texas state camp-meeting. He will then attend the El Reno, Oklahoma, camp-meeting.

Elder J. N. Loughborough left Oakland, Cal., July 14, to labor in the Central Union Conference. He expects to visit each state and place before the people that which he considers meet in due season. He intends to visit the churches at Grand Junction, Salida, Canon City, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver, and Boulder, Colorado, after which he will probably visit the Nebraska Conference and hold a series of meetings in Omaha. Other appointments will be made later.

### Nine "Nevers"

If possessed of the spirit of true politeness you will never—

1. Accept a favor of any kind without expressing gratitude to the giver.
2. Talk while others are reading.
3. Whisper or laugh during public worship.
4. Laugh at the mistakes of others.
5. Answer questions addressed to others.
6. Leave a stranger without a seat.
7. Try to overhear others engaged in private conversation.
8. Make yourself the hero of your own story.
9. Correct your elders or in anywise treat them with disrespect.