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### The Battle Is On

THE battle is on.

The enemy's forces are marshalling strong.  
Tho' fierce be the conflict, it will not be long  
Till victory is won.

The battle is on.

Jehovah has risen and made bare His arm.  
He knoweth His own, and will keep them from  
harm  
Till victory is won.

The battle is on.

O shrink not from danger; go forth in His might,  
And, clothed in His armor, be valiant in fight  
Till victory is won.

The battle is on.

Rejoice, for we know our redemption is near.  
Soon, soon will the Savior in glory appear,  
And victory be won.

ELLA CORNISH.

Asylum, Neb.

### How to Conduct Family Worship

In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watchcare during the day! How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children to gather once before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past!

The father, and in his absence, the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion

of scripture that is interesting and easily understood. The service should be short. When a long chapter is read and a long prayer offered, the service is made wearisome, and at its close a sense of relief is felt. God is dishonored when the hour of worship is made dry and irksome, when it is so tedious, so lacking in interest, that the children dread it.

Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day. A little thought given to preparation for it will enable you to make it full of interest and profit. From time to time let the service be varied. Questions may be asked on the portion of scripture read, and a few earnest, timely remarks may be made. A song of praise may be sung. The prayer offered should be short and pointed. In simple, earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for His goodness and ask Him for help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer.

Eternity alone will reveal the good with which such seasons of worship are fraught.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### Have You Made Anybody's Heart Sing?

"A FATHER of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in His holy habitation."

"Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof. They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together."

"I will come near to you in judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his

right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.'

"Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretense make long prayers; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his own tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is in vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

"When the ear heard me then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me, because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not, I searched out."

#### A Wife's Soft Answer

"WE were married thirty-seven years" said Mr. Gardiner Andrews, "and in all that time my wife never gave me a cross word. But I shall never forget the first time I chided her. It was on a Sunday morning, when we had been married about two years. I found a button off my shirt and threw it across the room."

"'Sew a button on,' I said in a harsh voice. She was a good Christian woman and sewed it on."

"And what did she say?" asked a little bustling woman with piercing eyes.

"She said 'Forgive me, husband, I had a great deal of work to do yesterday, and forgot it, but it shall never happen again.'"

"Oh," said the man, fixing his eyes on the picture of his dear wife, "her gentle words broke my heart. I could have gone down on my knees to ask her forgiveness. She made a different man of me, and the world has been a different place since she died."—*Selected.*

Strength comes by exercise. All who put to use the ability God has given them, will have increased ability to devote to His service. Those who do nothing in the cause of God, will fail to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.—*Gospel Workers.*

#### "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants"

LUCIFER fell because he would not confine his wants within the limits of what God saw best to give him. This is also our great danger. God has permitted an abundance of His goods to come into our hands. He has made us His stewards, and of all which comes into our hands, there is a strict account kept.

The Lord says that the tithe of all our increase is holy. It belongs to Him. If we do not confine our wants to nine-tenths of what He gives us, but use the tithe also, we are thieves and robbers. But if out of all that God gives us, it takes the whole nine-tenths to satisfy our wants, we will have nothing to give for offerings, which God requires as truly as He does the tithe. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3: 8. The amount which we are to give in free-will offerings God has purposely left for us to decide.

Almost every week there are calls for us to cut down our wants a little more and give of our means to help the work either at home or abroad. This is just as God would have it. We are being tested in our loyalty to Him. If we cannot answer every call that comes, we should not complain but continue to cut and fit our temporal wants to the limit of what is really necessary, that we may be able to answer as many of these calls as possible. The work is closing up rapidly. We cannot expect to have the privilege of giving very much longer. Let us be faithful now. When we have shown just what use we will make of God's gifts to us, Jesus will come to reward us according to our deeds.

Christ was able to redeem the world because He was willing to give up all the glories of heaven, come to this dark earth, and die for a race of rebels. We are admonished, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2: 5. If this is found to be true of us, Jesus will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25: 21.

B. E. HUFFMAN.

Do something every day to improve, beautify, and ennoble the life that Christ has purchased with His own blood.—*Gospel Workers.*

**Tithe Report of the Nebraska Conference for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1903**

Arcadia	\$ 45.99	Curtis	\$ 35.25	McCook	\$ 176.15
Alma	67.27	Dunbar	685.25	New Era	4.00
Arlington	27.83	Decatur	141.35	North Loup	12.83
Auburn	32.00	Falls City	34.00	Oakdale	86.96
Aurora	35.44	Fremont	129.90	Omaha	418.33
Beatrice	71.19	Genoa	39.85	Orum	9.00
Beaver City	40.79	Ger. Lincoln	61.25	Petersberg	21.50
Black Hills	152.85	Gothenberg	15.44	Ragan	108.76
Blairstown	104.35	Grand Island	13.50	Red Cloud	92.75
Boelus	13.65	Hartington	34.85	Seward	149.99
Box Butte	77.08	Holdrege	79.75	Sett	1.00
Calhoun	129.40	Ionia, Wy.	3.65	Sh'rid'n, Wy.	135.05
Cairo	15.00	Kent	15.00	Shelton	57.72
Cedar Rapids	27.60	Lavaca	5.00	Shickley	6.02
Ch'ly'ne, Wy.	51.00	Loup City	60.29	Stromsberg	41.34
Col. View	1057.09	Lincoln	442.16	Sartoria	79.04
Crawford	108.47	Mason City	29.83	Scattered	502.30
Culbertson	63.40	M'd'w G'y'e	54.11	York	10.20
TOTAL.....					\$5,913.77

C. H. MILLER,  
*Treasurer.*

**From the Field**

**Nebraska**

Bro. J. J. Graf is spending a short time in Dakota in the interests of the German work.

Brother Hahn, Missionary Agent, spent Sabbath, October 10, in Lincoln. He reports several new recruits to the canvassing work.

Bro. Wm. Batterson made the office a very pleasant call recently. He reports two new Sabbath-keepers as the result of his visit at Mynard.

Elder Robinson started October 13, on a tour from which he does not expect to return until late in December. While he is gone he expects to visit his home in Boulder, Colorado.

Brethren Berry and Hall met with the company at Lead, S. D., Sabbath, October 3. The company at Deadwood met with them also. The ordinances were celebrated and the Lord came very near. Sunday evening, arrangements were made for the church school work.

Sister Lockwood is now canvassing in Columbus, Neb. She writes: "We have organized a Sabbath-school of six members, Thursday, October 8, we had a Bible reading for the youth. Two outsiders were present, and others have promised to come next time.

**Stromsberg, Nebraska**

BRO. J. S. HART, of College View, Nebraska, spent October 6-12 with our little company here at Stromsberg. Although our people at this place are widely scattered, yet the homes of all were visited during his stay, and a good attendance was secured at the meetings held.

Sabbath, October 10, we studied from Isa. 40: 1, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." These words, coupled with many others of the same import, were very encouraging to us. Sunday afternoon another meeting was held, and some of the neighbors came in. The theme presented was "Redeeming Love." It is God's plan to restore the mind and body, and also the lost home of fallen man.

We were made to see new beauties in the plan of redemption. All were greatly benefitted by the study of God's word with one of His faithful servants.

HATTIE GARTON,  
*Clerk.*

**District Four, Nebraska**

BRO. L. E. JOHNSON writing from Broken Bow, says: "Sabbath, October 3, we organized a Sabbath-school here with sixteen members. Bro. Daniel Mauk will move here in about a week, so we will have quite a nice school. Sunday, October 4, I spoke in a school house about twenty miles from here. Two families living near the school began to keep the Sabbath. Friday, the 9th, I drove to Arcadia. We held two meetings with the church there, and celebrated the ordinances. The two families mentioned above, accompanied me there and enjoyed the meetings very much. The following Sunday I visited a man whom I have known from childhood. He and his wife are favorable to the truth. Next Sabbath we expect to organize a Sabbath-school in a school house about five miles east of the school house in which we have been holding meetings."

**Among the Churches of Nebraska**

AFTER the camp-meeting I went to Fremont and spent a few days, starting Sister Grobe and Mrs. McLay in the work. I next visited Norfolk. I found brethren Garton and Schroeder actively engaged in visiting the people and studying with them.

From Norfolk I went to Columbus. Here I found two faithful sisters upholding the light

of truth. If some good substantial brother would locate here, we might have a nice little church in this city before long. Returning to Fremont I learned that Mrs. McLay, while canvassing, had found two ladies who were deeply interested in Bible study, and was reading with them.

My next appointment was with the Decatur church. I spent about a week visiting the brethren, and speaking each evening. At the close of the week Elder Kite joined me, and together with the brethren we studied the school question. After seeking God earnestly, the brethren decided that what they needed was an organized church school with two teachers. The school will be held for the present at the home of Bro. M. W. Blue, who has fitted up a room for that purpose.

The brethren here are of good courage, and are taking hold of the Educational work with considerable enthusiasm. W. D. MCLAY.

#### Omaha, Nebraska

LAST fall we came to Omaha to help Brother Kirkle in the City Mission, and after it was closed we began work for the Scandinavians here. There is a large field open to us. Though much has been done, still more is undone, and each day some are found who are glad to listen to the truths for this time.

We have tried to find the Scandinavian people and work for them with papers and tracts. Besides the weekly visits, we conduct branch Sabbath-schools for the children, and in that way have reached some of the parents. Several have expressed themselves as glad that they have become acquainted with us, and that they have been caused to pause and reflect on these great and solemn truths which we have been endeavoring to present to the people.

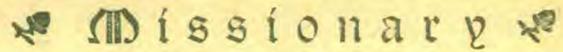
Our only desire is to hide self and lift up the Saviour; for He says, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." PETER LINDAHL.

#### Canvassers Wanted

As I travel from place to place I find that the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. It makes me glad to see such a hearty response to the call, "Go work in my vineyard." But many more canvassers are needed. With God's help, we expect to have a larger number in the field this year. I would be glad to correspond with any who have a burden for souls.

We have plenty of territory and books with which to supply you.

F. H. HAHN,  
Arcadia, Neb. Nebraska State Missionary.

Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

#### An Interesting Experience

AN account of an experience reached us recently from one of our larger churches which we consider worth passing on. When the plan for collecting the weekly missionary offerings by means of the little envelope, was being inaugurated, this church did not adopt it. But as the matter was continually agitated, they saw that they must either give the suggestion a trial, or place themselves upon record as opposed to it. The church officers decided to try it. The church became interested, and took hold with a will. The first Sabbath that the envelopes were used, eighty-four were returned, and the next Sabbath one hundred sixty-nine. In the two Sabbaths more than an average of ten cents per individual was donated, for the offerings amounted to over forty-seven dollars, and the elder wrote that by far the larger part of that amount would never have been given for missions, had not the envelopes been used.

Others are having similar experiences. The Lord in His loving kindness has committed to us a great work—not that he needs us to save the world, but that we need to work that our own salvation may be assured.

A weekly remembrance of the needs of the field seems a small matter and yet if every Seventh-day Adventist will take hold with a determination to support this work in the regions beyond, the needs of our present force of laborers will be supplied, new recruits can be placed at the front, and we can quickly surround the earth with the last message of mercy. Shall we do it? MISSION BOARD.

A recent letter from Bro. J. H. Watson reports progress in our Nyasssa (British East Central Africa) Mission. When he wrote there were forty students enrolled in the school with the prospect of more. He has promised some illustrated articles from this interesting field, which will appear in the *Review and Herald* in the near future.

## Thoughts for Canvassers

SEEK preparation in prayer. If you can only spare an hour for the work, use a part of the time in pleading for the Divine power. Then as you go from door to door, even though you meet with rebuffs, you can know Jesus is your companion and helper.

Cultivate Christian courtesy. People are often annoyed by having to leave their work, and come to the door so many times. Be sure that whatever their attitude may be, yours is that of love and tender solicitude. This is the only way of making sure of doing good wherever you may go. Some of the people will take your paper or book, and read it; all will read *you*. How important then that you should be an "epistle of Christ."

Do the work systematically. Plan for it beforehand. Set apart a certain time, though it be only an hour or two. God is dishonored by our leaving His work till the last thing, and letting it come in when we cannot think of anything else to do. When we realize that the great need of the world is for the very truths the Lord has given us, how can we help putting forth strenuous efforts to warn people?

Always look bright and cheery. Whether people buy or not, seem just as pleased, and do not forget to call on them the next time. Cheerfulness is power. A happy face is something like a benediction.—*Selected.*

## I Am Debtor to All Men

THE problem which is attracting the attention of the world is, How shall I secure my dues? People spend sleepless nights, rise early in the morning, and work hard all day in their efforts to keep someone from defrauding them of their just dues. This is a very unsatisfactory pursuit, and carries much of selfishness with it.

The Christian has a very different purpose before him. After a night of peaceful slumber he rises with the thought, How can I best fulfil my obligation to the world? He realizes, as did Paul, "I am debtor to all men."

It is my love for Christ that has led me to spend myself, for the past six years, seemingly for naught, to pay the debt I owe to the world. I have been engaged in the circulation of our periodicals in the city of Omaha. At present I am handling a club of two hundred and forty weekly papers, including English, German, Swedish, and Danish, besides a club of eighty-

five *Good Healths*. Most of these papers go to those not of our faith. What I cannot sell I give away or put in the reading racks. The Lord has used my efforts to bring a few earnest souls into the light of the present truth.

The effect of the strike here has caused me some difficulty by making it hard to collect for the papers; yet, on the other hand, it has created an interest in our literature that has given me a larger list of subscribers than I have ever had since the Omaha Exposition.

The Nebraska Conference furnishes me with one hundred *Signs*, and the German publishers with five *Hausfreunds*, free.

The Lord has enabled me to preach the gospel by being kind and considerate with the people when they cannot pay me, and even when I meet with rebuffs from them. May the Lord be glorified in my efforts to scatter the printed pages of truth. L. TROWBRIDGE.

## Our Inland Chinese Mission

MANY will remember Bro. E. Pilquist's appeal for help from the province of Honan, China, and the openings he mentioned for consecrated laborers to unite with him in service for the Master in that hitherto almost unentered land.

All will rejoice to know that God has chosen six earnest, consecrated young people—four doctors and two nurses—to answer this call. Two of the doctors are ordained ministers. All six go into the field, definitely called of the Lord to spend and be spent in giving the last message of mercy to China's millions, using their medical skill as an auxiliary in the far greater work of preaching the Third Angel's Message.

The party consisted of Drs. A. C. and Bertha L. Selmon, H. W. and Maud T. Miller, and Miss Carrie Erickson and Miss Charlotte Simpson. They sailed from Vancouver, Oct. 5, on the "Empress of India." They expect to reach their destination, Sin Iang Cheo, Honan, in about six weeks.

Remember these dear young people in prayer, both while enroute and after they reach their field of labor. With our prayers and with our offerings we may enter into their labors and share with them in the glorious work of giving the everlasting gospel to that benighted people.

"The work of the world is done by a few; God looks for a part to be done by you."

## Educational

Conducted by L. H. Hoopes

### Kansas Church Schools

I AM glad to give the following report of the church schools in Kansas.

Commencing in the northwest, we have a school at Portis which opened September 15, and is to continue six months. Miss Belle Dixon, who has had successful experience in school work, has charge of the school.

Coming south, we find a German school in the Otis church, taught by Bro. J. F. Harder. This school was very successful last winter under his direction. The large class of young people who attended did a great deal of missionary work with the German papers and tracts.

A little farther to the south we find the Felsburg church and school. Last year their school term was very short, but the brethren have not lost faith in the work. This year they have arranged for Bro. I. C. Sultz to teach a six month's school. Brother Sultz finished the Normal Course at the Keene Academy, and last year attended Union College.

Passing to the east, we come to Hutchinson, where Brother and Sister Morey taught a very successful term of school last winter. They have been employed to teach there again this winter.

Sister Hannah Jensen, who has done successful school work for years, and who taught the Pontiac school last winter, will teach a small school in Wichita.

A young man who has worked for a number of years in the schools of Wyoming, and attended the Teacher's Summer Normal at College View, has consented to come to Kansas and teach the Wellington school, which opened September 21. He reports an interesting school.

The next school on our list is found at Pontiac. This church erected a new church school building last winter, and made provisions for a school. They are nicely located in the country, as are also a number of our other schools. Miss Florence Barbee has been employed to teach at this place. She has had experience in both public and church school work.

There are two faithful families living near Lebo who have been employing a teacher for their children for two or three years. They

have now secured the services of Miss Ethyl Easley. Miss Easley has had one year in the Normal Course at Union College, and attended the Teachers' Normal last summer.

The oldest school in the state is found at Ottawa. The brethren here are not tired of church schools yet. They have employed Miss Jennie Hill, who has had two successful years teaching church school, and has had training in summer normals.

The Atchison church have, under some difficulties, maintained a church school. They have employed Miss Anna C. Anderson to teach for them this year. Sister Anderson has been faithfully tried in the canvassing work, and made a success. She has had one whole year in the Berrien Springs School, and comes back full of the spirit of her work.

Miss Vesta Baldwin has had a full year in the Normal Department of Union College, besides the summer institute for church school teachers. She has been employed to teach for seven or eight months in a school just organized at Oswego. Her school opened September 30.

Last, but not least, among the schools that have been provided for, is the school at Thayer. Here the school work has grown with the growth of the children. There is in the church a large class of young people who have advanced beyond the church school grades. After careful consideration and counsel it was thought best to employ two teachers, one for the church school and the other for the intermediate work. The church voted to invite young people who wish to do school work below the eleventh grade for a small outlay of means to come to Thayer, and agreed to furnish board and rooms for two dollars per week. Two teachers experienced in church school work have been employed. Miss Nettie Hardiman, who taught in Union College last year, will have charge of the intermediate room. Tuition for students in this room is \$1.50 per month. Miss Stella Secrist, who taught the church school at Thayer last winter, will have charge of the same room again this year. There is no tuition charged in this room.

Several other places are contemplating opening schools yet this fall if teachers can be had for them, among which are Iola, Fort Scott, Clay Center, Blaine, and Sedgwick. O, if we only had the consecrated young people who were prepared to teach these schools!

Anyone wishing to patronize the Thayer school should write at once to Eld. D. H. Oberholtzer, Thayer, Kans., and anyone wishing to move to one of the other schools should correspond with the writer at 821 W. 5th St., Topeka, Kansas.

B. E. HUFFMAN.

### Nebraska Church School Work

DURING the past three weeks I have had some blessed experiences visiting our churches in the interests of the school work.

Wednesday, September 25th, I left Lincoln for Hartington. On the same train was Sister Rosa Wise on her way to Dixon, Neb., to teach a family school at Bro. D. H. Kneeland's.

Arriving at Hartington, I held meetings there from Sabbath until Tuesday. At the close of the last meeting I called the brethren together to lay plans for a church school. In less than ten minutes enough money was raised to meet all expenses. They expect to begin the school about November 1. Some of the older young people are planning to attend. I also arranged for a family school out in the country. During the revival services several gave themselves to the Lord. One young man took his stand for God's Sabbath.

At Decatur I found the brethren quite interested in school work. Bro. M. W. Blue started a school in his own home last year, and invited the brethren to send their children. As a result of last year's efforts it seemed necessary to lay broader plans. So it was decided to employ two teachers, one taking the higher grades and the other the primary work. Brother Blue kindly opens up two good rooms in his house in which to hold the school. Sister Pearl West will have charge of the school, taking the higher grades. The primary teacher is not yet chosen. A family school was arranged for at the home of Bro. F. F. Hull.

While I was here the quarterly meeting was held. It was a precious season. One young lady gave her heart to the Lord and expressed her desire to unite with the church. The following Wednesday we gathered on the banks of a little stream to witness her baptism. Elder MacLay administered the ordinance.

From Decatur I went to Calhoun. Sister Mabel Mosser is teaching the church school at that place. She is getting started nicely. Eight pupils are in attendance. The school is held in the church until a school room can be provided.

I next visited Omaha. Here I met Elders Robinson and Loughborough. Sabbath and Sunday Elder Loughborough spoke four times, going over the rise and progress of the message.

Our brethren very much appreciated his words. Sunday evening Elder Robinson spoke. His message was timely. He called upon all to arise and take up the work now to be done.

There are a large number of children here who need the advantages of a good church school. We trust that plans may soon be laid that all these dear children may be gathered in and receive a training that will fit them for service. I appeal to the fathers and mothers in all our churches—make every effort to save your children. They are worth more to you than anything else in this world.

I feel much encouraged in our school work. Already nineteen teachers are located, and five other schools are waiting for teachers. We expect to fill these in a few days.

Brethren, don't forget to pray for these teachers. They meet trials and perplexities. Take time to pray for them, and speak a few words of encouragement to them. Soon the battles of life will be over, and we shall meet where the storms are forever past.

I would be glad to hear from you, at any time, concerning the school work, and do anything I can to help the work along.

C. R. KITE,

### Union College

UNION COLLEGE opened September 30 with an enrollment of 161 enthusiastic young people. In a week the number increased to 221. There is a better outlook for the school than for some time, as there seems to be a general awakening in regard to the value of mental discipline.

The church school which is managed independently, has almost doubled the enrollment of previous years. A number of older young people are doing grade work in the church school, so that the College enrollment represents but few below ninth grade work.

There is an earnestness and spirit of co-operation among the young people which is most gratifying. All are of good courage and expect many blessings this school year.

"Robert Moffat once said, many years ago, but the truth is as true now as it was in Moffat's day, 'It is not keeping expenses down, but keeping faith and enthusiasm up, that gives a clear balance sheet.'"

## Sabbath-School Dep't.

### Sabbath School Lesson Notes

#### LESSON IV. ISRAEL'S MISSION AS A NATION.

GOD'S one purpose in the existence of nations has always been that men might have an opportunity to seek the Lord. Whenever any nation has reached that point in its history in which it no longer afforded men the opportunity of seeking the Lord, then that nation, having outlived its mission, has passed off the stage of action. The fulfilling of that mission has been the pre-determined time limit of every nation that has ever existed in this world. Acts 17: 26, 27.

Not only the time limit, but also the boundary limit of every nation was pre-determined before the existence of nations. Deut. 32:8,9.

The mission of that nation which the Lord chose to represent His form of organized government in this world, was to become the light and salvation of all the world. Isa. 49:6.

In order for that nation to be the light of all other nations—the light of the world—it was necessary for it to occupy a position of world-wide influence. Its limit of territory was to have been the whole world. Rôm. 4:13. Its time limit was to have been forever. Ps. 81:13-15. If that nation had been true to its mission, the time would have come in its history when it would have filled the whole world, with Jerusalem as the capital city. Jer. 17:24, 25. If that chosen nation had been true to the principles of God's government in this world, those principles would have triumphed over every principle of darkness and evil. It was only on account of the disloyalty of the subjects of God's kingdom, that Satan gained the further right to bring this world to utter ruin. God's purpose will now be worked out in another way, by taking the saints to heaven for a thousand years, and allowing Satan's principles of government in this world to work out their logical results.

#### LESSON V. THE SEVENTY YEARS' CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON.

The Lord did all that could be done to inspire the Jewish nation to fulfil their high and holy calling. He "sent to them by His messengers, rising up betimes, and sending them; because he had compassion on His people, and on His

dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people." II Chron. 36: 15, 16.

God had chosen that nation to make known the glory of His character to all other nations and peoples in the world. When they had fallen from their high and holy calling, so that they could not give the light to the world, when "there was no remedy"—no other way that this mission could be accomplished, the Lord sent them down to Babylon, and through some of His faithful children made known the light to a heathen king, whom God had chosen as His servant to do the work which Israel had failed to do. He placed that heathen king in a position of world-wide influence, and then moved upon him to proclaim the knowledge of the true God to all peoples, languages and tongues. Dan. 3:26-29. The Lord is not straitened for means and agencies through which to accomplish His work; but in mercy He lingers that His people may not be cut off from doing the work to which they have been called. While this is true, the Lord always fixes a limit of time beyond which there can be delay no longer. More than seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, God had purposed and foretold that there would be a shout of triumph at that glorious event. When the time came that God's people ought to have been shouting for joy that the world's deliverer had come, they turned away from Him in unbelief, but there came a time when delay must be no longer. The Spirit of God moved upon the children to shout, and if the children had not shouted, God would have given a voice to inanimate nature, and the very stones would have shouted.

Nearly 2000 years ago God purposed and foretold that when the year 1844, A. D., was reached there should be a mighty shout of triumph in the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message. For nearly sixty years the Lord has been waiting for His chosen people to arise to the glorious occasion offered them, but unbelief has kept back and turned away these things. Jer. 5:24, 25; 3:3. But there must be delay no longer. Micah 5:7. "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference. What the Lord did for His people at that time (Pentecost) it is just as essential, and more so, that

He do for His people today. All that the Apostles did, every church member to-day is to do." *Testimonies Vol. 7, p. 33.*

A. T. ROBINSON.

### Nebraska, Attention!

AWAKE, AROUSE TO ACTION!

"ALREADY many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference. All that the apostles did, every church member to-day is to do. A work similar to that which the Lord did through His delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost, He is waiting to do to-day."

A MIGHTY STRUGGLE

The attitude of the President of the United States, recently taken, towards trades unionism, will result in the struggle between labor and capital being one of intense acuteness from now until after the next presidential election.

The publishers of the *Signs of the Times* are bringing out a special 32-page, beautifully illustrated number, early in November, dealing with this question. There is to be an article from the pen of Mr. George F. Baer, representing the side of capital; and another from Mr. Samuel Gompers, representing the side of labor. Each of these writers will set forth, from his respective standpoint, his view of this mighty conflict, and the remedy for the difficulties now existing. Then, without taking sides with either party, the *Signs* will set forth in clear lines, what the Bible says of the present situation, the only remedy, and the sure final outcome.

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY

Here is the greatest opportunity ever set before our people to arrest the attention of thousands of people to the great truths of the Third Angel's Message.

The Lord says: "When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure. If the signs that are thickening on every hand are not sufficient to arouse the sleeping energy of those who know the truth, then darkness proportionate to the light which has been shining will overtake these souls."

Eld. A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, speaks of this movement in the following stirring words: "I wish to appeal to

every believer in the Third Angel's Message in America to unite in the circulation of this special number of the *Signs*. Many millions of people are most intensely interested in the struggle. Their fortunes and their lives are involved in the final issue. Surely we can sell a million copies. We should show more zeal than the world does either in politics or this labor question. Let us prepare for a greater move than we have ever made."

SHALL NEBRASKA RESPOND BY ACTION?

"Go to work whether you feel like it or not. In this you will find both a stimulus and tonic."

Now is the time to sow some seed the fruit of which will surely be seen in the kingdom of God. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Let Nebraska now do her duty. Let us sell our full quota of a million copies of this special number of the *Signs*. In this way we can call the attention of thousands of thoughtful people to one of the great phases of the Third Angel's Message.

DO IT NOW

Do what now? Send in your order for a good large club of this number of the *Signs*. If you are a member of a church hand your order to the librarian of your church. If you are living at a distance from any church, send your order direct to C. H. Miller, 1505 E St., Lincoln, Neb.

TO OUR LEADERS

Superintendents of districts, ministers, Bible workers, colporters, church school teachers, church and Sabbath-school officers: arrange yourselves as leaders in this forward movement. Say to the rank and file of our people, "Be strong, all ye people, and work."

A. T. ROBINSON.

*Pres. Neb. Conf.*

### My Wish

I ASK, O Lord, that from my life may flow  
Such gladsome music, soothing, sweet and clear,  
From a fine strung harp to reach the weary ear  
Of struggling men,  
To bid them pause a while and listen; then  
With Spirit calmer, stronger than before,  
Take up their work once more.  
I only pray that through the common days  
Of this my life, unceasingly may steal [heal  
Into some aching heart strains that shall leap to  
Its long borne pain,  
To lift the thoughts from self and worldly gain,  
And fill the life with harmonies divine:  
O may such power be mine.  
Thus would I live, and when all working days  
Are o'er for me,  
May the rich music of my life ring on eternally.  
—*Westyan Magazine.*

## Notices

### Appointments

NO PREVENTING providence, I shall meet with the Sabbath-keepers of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sabbath, November 7; Curtis, Neb. November 14; Beaver City, November 21; Aurora, November 28. I will ask the friends at these places to call in as many as possible from surrounding churches and companies.

It has been suggested that Sabbath-school conventions be held at Beaver City and Aurora. If it is decided to do so, the Sabbath-school Secretary will be present to assist in the work. Let everyone who can possibly do so, attend the meetings. We have a message from the King. Let all come praying for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. A. T. ROBINSON.

### "Lessons in New Testament History"

THIS is a new book published, in three volumes, by M. E. Kern of Union College, College View, Nebraska, designed for use in the academic departments of our training schools, the industrial academies, and the higher grades of our church schools. The lessons are arranged in chronological order, following the plan of "Desire of Ages." The written answer method is followed, space being left after each question in which the students write the answers.

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This book, besides being used as a text book in our schools, will be of *special help to church school teachers* in preparing their work for the younger classes, and to put in the hands of older classes for study; and to those who, for various reasons, cannot be in school and desire to do *private study at home*; it furnishes a plan for a thorough and systematic study of the word of God. These lessons have been used in Union College for two years, and were recommended by the Educational Convention. The first volume is ready for delivery.

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### Reading Circle Work

THE first list of reading circle questions for the church school teachers in the Central Union Conference has been prepared by Prof. Floyd Bralliar, Educational Secretary, and mailed to the teachers. "Education" is the first book to be studied in this work. After a careful study of the chapters taken up in each lesson, the questions are to be answered from memory and the answers sent to your state superintendent. Questions will be sent out each two weeks. We trust that all of our teachers will take hold of this work heartily, for we are sure it will prove of great benefit to them.

### A Call to the Nebraska Laborers

WE earnestly call upon every laborer of the Nebraska Conference to plan his work ahead, so as to devote the latter part of November and the larger part of December, to the work of selling the special "Labor and Capital" number of the *Signs*.

WE have ordered 15,000 copies of this paper, and must endeavor to place every one of them in the homes of the people. Let no one ask to be excused. If our leaders will do their duty, we may confidentially call upon the rank and file of our people to arise to this great occasion.

I am making this call long enough before hand, so that all our ministers will have time to fill any appointments that may be out. This issue of the *Signs* will preach the message better than we can preach it. Let us show what can be done by an organized effort.

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## News and Notes

Eld. T. Godfrey reports progress in the work at Clay Center, Kansas.

Two hundred and thirty-two students are now enrolled in Union College.

Eld. J. S. Hart visited the little company at York, Nebraska, Sabbath and Sunday, October 3 and 4.

Fourteen have accepted the truth at Argyle Park, Colorado, as the result of tent meetings at that place.

L. A. Hoopes, President of Union College, is attending the General Conference council now in session at Washington, D. C.

Bro. L. E. Koon, Central Union Conference auditor, is now auditing the books of the Missouri Conference and Tract Society.

Bro. Frank Jencks, who was re-elected State Agent of the Kansas Conference, has moved his family from College View, Neb., to Thayer, Kan.

Notices are being sent out to those whose subscriptions for the CENTRAL ADVANCE have expired. Please let us receive your prompt renewal.

It is expected that Eld. J. N. Loughborough will be in College View this week. He will deliver a series of talks to the students, in the College chapel, on "The Rise and Progress of the Message."

The Capital and Labor number of *The Signs of the Times* will be furnished at the following rates: single copies, 5 cents; five to twenty copies, 4 cents; twenty-five or more to one address, 3 cents. Order of your Tract Society.

A new church school building is being erected at Thayer, Kans. The intermediate school now in operation at that place has an attendance of forty. Miss Jeannette Hardiman and Miss Estella Secrist are employed as teachers.

Elders Watson, Zeigler, and Richards have left for the west side of the range, and will spend some time visiting the churches there. They will also investigate the opening of an industrial school, mention of which was made in the conference report recently.—*Echoes*.

Andrew Carnegie, in a London interview not long ago, declared Washington to be "the proper capital of the English speaking race." As the truth for these last days is, in the providence of God, brought into prominence at this place, many more eyes will doubtless be turned toward Washington than ever before.

Bro. A. D. Gilbert writing from St. Louis, Mo., says: "We are getting a few to go out and do personal work with the *Signs*. Saturday night we sold eighty-six copies, and Sunday morning we enlisted the colored boys in the work. One little fellow, only five years old, sold two papers, others sold three and four."

Since the Nebraska camp-meeting Brother Hahn, State Missionary, has been visiting the churches and has succeeded in enlisting several new canvassers. He is making a strong effort to enlist a strong corps of resident canvassers. If all will take hold and sell a few of the many good books that we have treating on the important truths for this time, there will be a great many books sold this fall and winter. As the evenings are growing longer the people will be looking for something to read, and they will also be looking for some nice books for holiday presents. Why not begin early before they have made their selections? Come, brethren and sisters, let us be up and about our Father's business.

### A Significant Movement

JUST at the very time when our missionaries are entering Spain with the Third Angel's Message, and praying the Lord of the harvest to break down the barriers of prejudice and papal opposition, there has arisen from among the very priests of Rome a strong movement against clericalism, and a cry in favor of freedom of thought. The leader in this movement has already been persecuted and denounced by Rome as a heretic. He is forbidden to speak in the churches, but addresses large congregations in the streets and public halls. It is reported that there are some two or three hundred priests of Rome who are largely in sympathy or closely allied to this truly Protestant movement. God's providences are certainly in advance of His work, and it can truthfully be said, "There shall be delay no longer".

—*Australian Union Conference Record*.