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TRUTH.

I WOULD not ask the Lord that life might be
A pleasant road;
I would not ask that He would take from me
Aught of my load;
Nor would I ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet.
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things too sweet.

For one thing only I would pray and plead,—
Give me the truth.
Though strength should failer and though heart
should bleed,
I'll ask for truth.
I would not ask that blessings great be shed
Upon me here.
But oh, I plead the path of truth to tread
Without a fear.

Truth crushed to earth again shall surely rise.
I'd help it so;
I'd float truth's banner to the vaulted skies
As on I go;
I'd give the rarest, richest gem for truth,
The all in all;
For he who firmly binds himself to truth
Shall never fall.

—Selected.

THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE.

It would be presuming on the ignorance of our readers to repeat the story of the tortoise and the hare; but there is a lesson for us in the familiar old fable. The sluggard is told to consider the ways of the ant and be wise; likewise should we as we recall this story, realize that by everlasting stick-to-it-ive-ness we may accomplish seeming impossibilities.

There are many ways in which the lesson might be applied, but we shall consider only one. We are admonished to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The Lord designs that the life of the Christian, from the moment of his conversion to the hour of his death, shall be one steady, triumphant march. It may not be with the speed of an Alexander, but it may be a

constant plodding along, through thick and thin, until the war is over. The Christian life should be an illustration of the law of succession. "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness; and to Godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

But such a condition can not obtain if we are double-minded. We can not drive the furrow through straight to the end, if, having put our hands to the plow, we look back. If we would make a triumphant march, we must keep our eyes and mind on the goal that is set before us. The line of march may at times seem difficult, "Because strait is the gate;" our brethren may prove false and fall out by the way, for "some shall depart from the faith;" our relatives may set themselves in array against us, for "a man's foes shall be they of his own household;" and we may be persecuted upon all sides, for "all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution,"—but the one thing necessary for us to do is to forever settle the question, "What is truth?" and then determinedly press onward. Instead of looking to man, with all of his faults and failings, we are to keep our eyes on God and His everlasting truth. Thus doing, we shall grow in grace daily,—by persistent stick-to-it-ive-ness we shall, like the tortoise, win in the race.

OUR DEBT.

Nor long ago I listened to a plea for means, from a representative man of the M. E. church, with which to cancel a debt of about ninety-two thousand dollars on their educational institution at Mt. Pleasant. He told how during the years 1891 to 1894 their colleges in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Colorado became involved from sixty to two hundred and forty thousand dollars. But now the South-east district intended to raise this debt by

October 1. Many have thought S. D. Adventists were the only people whose colleges were struggling under the burden of debt; but it is plain that we have not had a monopoly on debts. Little by little we are rising above the tide by which we were almost submerged, and the song of freedom will soon be sung on the day of jubilee throughout our borders.

But there is another debt that ought to burn within the heart of every S. D. Adventist. It is the gospel debt, that of giving to the world in this generation the third angel's message. But shall we go into debt financially to the world in order to pay to the world our spiritual debt? Or will we learn by past experiences and not permit our spiritual debt to be hampered by the financial? The Iowa conference has stood second to none in helping the different enterprises of this denomination to cancel their financial debts. Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been given for the advancement of God's cause outside of our own State. Yet we are now permitting an enterprise to languish within our own borders for lack of means. Do we not owe our sons and daughters an education that will fit them to take part in the payment of this our gospel debt to the world? Has not the Lord said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth"?

Just now we are engaged in putting up our Academy buildings at Stuart, where this study may be successfully carried on. Shall this work stop? or shall a debt be incurred? I do not believe Iowa will permit either. Therefore, brethren, let us make haste to the support of our school work. The workers in this conference are supported by the Lord through His people; therefore, would it not be well for them to give a part of the means which is given to them for this work? Would it not be a stimulus to our brethren? Come, brethren in the ministry, and those en-

gaged in conference work, shall we not lead out just now in giving to our school fund? Will you not have part in erecting these buildings to be used in educating the sons and daughters of those who support you in the field? Brethren, will you not follow the example of the workers and give? Surely you will not permit the work to stop or to be burdened with debt after you, with us, authorized their building. This is your school and mine. Let us by our prayers and means see to it that the power of darkness does not triumph in either stopping the work or having the school commence burdened with debt. Let us not wait, but answer our prayers by giving of our means at once, in this time of need.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER.

THE SOUTHERN SANITARIUM, GRAYSVILLE, TENNESSEE.

WORK on the building was begun more than one year ago, after direct instructions concerning it were given through the spirit of prophecy, the very spot on which it is located being pointed out. It is the only health institution conducted by S. D. Adventists south of the Ohio river. It is less than half a mile from the Southern Training School, in connection with which it is to be conducted for the training of workers especially for the southern field. In the Southern Union Conference, comprising nine large States, there are only about two thousand members. Several hundred of these are colored, and generally they are very poor, while the great majority of the whites have very little of this world's goods. We have endeavored to follow the instructions received and are trying to erect an inexpensive building, 32x64 ft., with four stories above the basement. When completed it will cost but ten thousand dollars. It is located on the mountain side, seventy feet below a pure soft water spring that afforded four hundred barrels of water daily during the driest season known. Dr. J. H. Kellogg says it is the best located of any of our institutions. The building is enclosed and lathed, and we are just beginning to plaster. We are trying to finish and occupy it before cold weather. We wish to dedicate it free of debt. In order to do this we must at once raise two thousand dollars.

Every dollar raised lessens the burden of the general conference just that much, for it will be credited on the appropriation made by the general con-

ference committee to the southern work. We can not tell you how much we need this institution. The spirit of prophecy says we have "the hardest field in the world" and that "it is a destitute field." "It has been strangely neglected;" and over and over again we are told that "the work will close in the South sooner than it will in the North." Let me request all who have the *Southern Watchman* to read the leading editorial, by Geo. I. Butler, in the issue of July 30, concerning this institution. We confidently expect that the churches in Iowa will respond to the call of their committee for a special offering for this enterprise September 5, and that before the month closes we shall receive a substantial offering from Iowa. We want to close up this work at once so that I can turn my attention to the colored work at Huntsville, Alabama, which so badly needs my help.

Please consider the emergency of the situation. Winter is close at hand. Patients are waiting to enter the institution. Young men and women are waiting to enter it and prepare themselves as nurses and workers in this southern field. What more can I say? This enterprise has every endorsement from the Southern Union Conference as well as the General Conference and the spirit of prophecy. Send money as soon as possible to the Iowa Tract Society.

SMITH SHARP.

FIELD REPORTS.

RUSSELL.

ELD. C. T. ADAMS was with us Sabbath and Sunday, August 1, 2. We appreciated his visit very much, as he was one of the brethren who held tent meetings here about five years ago. We had preaching Sabbath and Sunday evening. The words spoken Sabbath evening were very impressive. The subject was "Truth;" the text, Psa. 15:2. May we at all times speak with a true heart. Quite a number of outsiders came in to hear the word. Our little company is of good courage, for the Lord is with us, both in joy and sadness. Let us all work for the Master, for the time will soon come when no man can work.

ELLA BADER.

PRAIRIE CITY.

AUGUST 7 we began meetings at this place, with about one hundred present at the first service. We have now held six meetings, with a good interest

manifested. The ministers are very cordial, attending all the services, and the people are very kind. We are enjoying a good degree of God's presence and Spirit. There are two sisters here who keep the Sabbath and seem to have had a good influence with their neighbors. We hope to be able to so present the message of God, and to live before the people in the right way, that some may accept the truth for this time.

J. C. CLEMENS,
F. L. MOODY,
O. KITTLE.

MANNING.

It has been a long time since I have reported; but it has not been because I had nothing to report. On the other hand, God has been blessing in the feeble efforts put forth. As the readers of the BULLETIN already know, it was announced that a German tent meeting would be held at Adair. After the tents had been shipped to that place, it was discovered that it was a mistake, for the most of the residents of the town are English, and the writer desires to make a decided effort among the Germans. For this reason, I visited Manning, a place of fifteen or eighteen hundred people, about two-thirds of whom are German. But, like most all foreigners, they care little or nothing for religion. Bro. E. J. Dietel, of Hawkeye, joined me at this place, and has been of good service. We can say nothing as to the interest yet, for we have to work it up. Our attendance is not large, but those who do come seem to pay good attention. We can not but believe that God has a people here, and it is our prayer that He will lead in the work so that the trumpet may be given a certain sound.

Our hearts were made glad a few nights ago when an elderly German sister, who came from Germany only three months ago, entered the tent and stated that she had prayed the Lord to send some one here to hold meetings and she felt to praise Him for answering her prayer. I would ask the brethren in the State to pray for the German work in Iowa.

J. H. KRAFT.

EVERY young man and every young woman should be a junior partner with the Lord Jesus for the salvation of the world.—*Chamberlain.*

"MORE people spend their time in wondering why they are not loved than in trying to make themselves lovable."

THE BOOK WORK.

HOW TO MEET THE PEOPLE.

THE canvasser in going up to a house, should walk straight with head erect, and with a quick step, as though he were on business,—and so he is; he is about the Lord's business. Do not forget to breathe a prayer for strength. Give a sharp rap at the door, and make it appear as though you expected to be invited in. When you go in be seated on the left side of your customer. Hold your book with the left hand, and in front of the customer. Turn the leaves at the lower corner with the rubber of your pencil.

First give the title of your book and the name of the author, and show the portrait. Outline the different sections, and create an interest on the start if possible. Here is where your success lies. Talk quite rapidly but distinctly, while turning the leaves of the book. Keep yourself master of the situation, and the chances are that you will not go far in your canvass before he will ask the price of your book. Give the prices and show the bindings, beginning with the best. If you fail to get an order, take up the canvass where you left off. Watch the points that interest him most and dwell largely on them. Reserve a few points to refer to if the order pulls hard. Don't give up until you get the order, for it might be the means of saving that soul in the kingdom of God.—*C. H. Allen.*

"EVERY duty we omit obscures some truth we should have known."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS
ENDING AUG. 7, 1903.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps
THE COMING KING.				
Sam Gatenby.....	50	4	\$ 2.50	\$5.00
F. O. Canady.....	63	12	5.00	17.50
Mrs. P. J. Parker.....	8	2	2.00	2.25
HOME HANDBOOK AND COMING KING.				
J. H. Schmidt.....	75	10	\$17.50	
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Lizzie Keat.....	60	3	\$ 9.00	\$6.25
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	80	36	\$48.20	\$6.05
DELIVERIES.				
Books. Value. Helps. Lost.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	3	\$ 4.25		
Mrs. Martha Cummings..	9	23.27	\$3.35	
P. O. Ness.....	76	\$8.00		
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				7
" " orders.....				67
Value of ".....			\$ 84.20	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 37.05	
Total value.....			\$121.25	
Value of deliveries.....			\$115.52	

THE SANITARIUM.

CONDUCTED BY EMMA A. PERRINE, M. D.

TEA, COFFEE, AND THE TESTIMONIES.

"TEA and coffee do not nourish the system. The relief obtained from them is sudden, before the stomach has time to digest them. This shows that what the users of these stimulants call strength, is only received by exciting the nerves of the stomach, which convey the irritation to the brain, and this in turn is aroused to impart increased action to the heart, and short-lived energy to the entire system. All this is false strength, that we are the worse for having. They do not give a particle of natural strength."—*Vol. 2, p. 65.*

"The second effect of tea drinking is headache, wakefulness, palpitation of the heart, indigestion, trembling of the nerves, with many other ills." "The influence of coffee is in a degree the same as tea, but the effect upon the system is still worse. Its influence is exciting, and just in the degree that it elevates above par, it will exhaust and bring prostration below par."—*Id., p. 65.*

"Tea, coffee, and tobacco are all stimulating and contain poisons. They are not only unnecessary, but harmful, and should be discarded if we would add knowledge to temperance."—*Review, No. 8, 1888.* "Light has been given showing the injurious effects of tea, coffee, and flesh meats; but this light has been disregarded, even by some who profess to believe the testimonies."—*Unpublished.*

"He calls upon them to sacrifice their idols. They should lay aside such hurtful stimulants as tobacco, tea, and coffee."—*Vol. 1, p. 224.* "The use of unnatural stimulants is destructive to health, and has a benumbing influence upon the brain, making it impossible to appreciate eternal things."—*Vol. 1, p. 549.* "Tea has an influence to excite the nerves, and coffee benumbs the brain; both are highly injurious."—*Vol. 4, p. 365.* "Tea is poisonous to the system. Christians should let it alone."—*Vol. 2, p. 64.* "We should bear a clear testimony against the use of tea and coffee."—*Vol. 7, p. 135.*

J. D. SHIVELY.

FOUR things come not back,—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity.—*Arnold.*

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA, YOUNG
PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

"In addition to the young people living at Healdsburg, about one hundred and fifty more attended the convention, making a total of something like three or four hundred young people who enjoyed the meetings. Those in charge were, Elds. A. T. Jones, B. F. Richards, A. S. Kellogg, and W. S. Sadler, and Prof. M. E. Cady. Four meetings each day were held. Between these there were counsel meetings, when the officers of Young People's Societies met with the church elders, and talked over the work to be done, the best way to avoid friction, etc. These meetings were of great value.

"The first day was spent in addresses outlining the willingness of God to do great things for His followers, as is abundantly shown in the history of His people, and the promises in His Word of what He will do. Eld. A. T. Jones spoke Sabbath afternoon on 'Young People of the Bible,' and drew interesting lessons from their careers. He emphasized the fact that God calls people where they are, and if they fill with faithfulness and diligence the places they hold to-day, the Lord will give them a greater work later on. The evening meeting was addressed by Dr. T. J. Evans, superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium, who called attention to the fact that as each member of the human body has its own work, and will suffer if it fails to do it, so each young person will lose in blessing if he does not do the work God has called him to do. He referred to the value of personal experience as being of more utility in helping others than anything else can possibly be.

"At eight o'clock the last meeting of the convention was held. The first speaker was Prof. Sharpe. His text was Esther 4:14, and he spoke of the importance of rising to the occasion of a great possibility. The great need of the world to-day is for Daniels and Esthers, and he appealed to the young men and women present to be equal to the demands made by the world upon them.

"He was followed by Eld. Kellogg, whose subject was the importance of being so familiar with Bible prophecies that we could introduce them aptly into any conversation. He urged a closer acquaintance with the Bible so as to be able to associate current events with what the Scriptures have foretold."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, AUG. 18, 1903.

—LOCAL camp-meeting at Alta, September 1-6.

—MRS. W. E. PERRIN, of Des Moines, is visiting at Bloomfield, her former home.

—ELD. B. E. FULLMER and wife left Des Moines last evening to attend the Cedar Rapids camp-meeting.

—MISS GRACE O'NEIL, of Adel, spent the Sabbath in Des Moines as she returned from the summer school held at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

—WE are glad to announce that the tract "We Would See Jesus" is ready in the German language. Send us an order and circulate it among your German neighbors.

—PROF. FLOYD BRALLIAR was in Des Moines last Sunday, arranging for the printing of the announcement of the Iowa Industrial Academy. It will be ready in a few days.

—MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS, of this city, is visiting home friends at Cedar Rapids and will attend the local camp-meeting which convenes there this evening.

—MISS CORA SHAW, of Des Moines, who has been attending the summer school at Berrien Springs, Michigan, has been engaged to teach the church school at that place and will remain there this winter.

—BRO. JOHN KILGORE, father of Eld. R. M. Kilgore and Mrs. C. F. Stevens, died at Washington, Iowa, Monday, August 3. He was among the oldest Adventists in the State, and many of the brethren and sisters will remember him.

—WE have been informed that the Iowa Industrial Academy at Stuart will open Tuesday, October 6. For the annual announcement or other information, address Eld. T. H. Jeys, Stuart, enclosing a stamp for reply. It will also be of interest to the readers to know that work on the buildings is progressing quite rapidly. One cottage is enclosed, the second one nearly so, and the material for the foundation of the main building on the ground. Those who can pay their pledges are asked to do so, as the money is needed for the erection of the buildings. Send all money for the school to the Iowa Tract Society, as the pledges have all been deposited in this Office.

—WE wish to call your attention to the appeal in this issue of the BULLETIN from Eld. Smith Sharp, the business manager of the Southern Sanitarium, at Graysville, Tennessee. While considerable has been done in different places to set before the people the true principles of health reform, yet the great southern field east of the Mississippi has never had a place where workers could be trained to go out and represent that part of the message. The southern field is said by the Spirit of God to be the hardest field in the world. There is nothing more successful in breaking down prejudice and creating an interest to hear the truth than properly represented health work. The Southern Sanitarium is organized according to the instructions God has given and will certainly be a strong help to the cause of truth. After careful consideration our conference committee has appointed Sabbath, September 5, as the day for a special collection for this Sanitarium. We ask our brethren throughout the State to study the needs of this very needy field and give as the Spirit of God may prompt. If there are those who have not the money now but can give later, let them give pledges. Send all money and pledges to the Iowa Tract Society.

—BY invitation of the Commercial Club, of Onawa, where Dr. Amelia Zipf has been since camp-meeting, Dr. J. D. Shively recently made a trip to that place to present the sanitarium idea in detail. A very interesting meeting, with about two hundred people in attendance, was held at the opera house, and very hearty responses to the plans outlined were made by the physicians and business men. The people of Onawa are interested in having a sanitarium and hospital located there, and if they accept some of the fundamental principles of our work with which they had not before been acquainted, it will be possible for us to associate with them in the enterprise.

—THE conference committee, through the treasurer, Bro. J. W. Dorcas, recently sent a draft for five hundred dollars to the Mission Board to be used in supporting Dr. and Mrs. Selmon in China. Eld. A. G. Daniells acknowledged receipt of the draft, and spoke very appreciatively of the contribution. Had it not been for this donation, Dr. Selmon would have had to take the field to raise the money. To this he would not have objected, but the delaying of his departure would have caused him disappointment.

TO THE BRETHREN IN WESTERN AND SOUTH-WESTERN IOWA.

ALL doubtless noticed the announcement that a meeting would be held at Council Bluffs. We have decided to change the location of the meeting to Wiota, the first station east of Atlantic. The date set for this meeting is September 15-20. We believe this will be a large meeting. God's people met anciently three times a year. They came to the house of God bringing their offerings of gratitude. There they saw through the sacrificial offerings the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Those who did this were preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Begin now to prepare to attend this meeting, and may we see the glory of God as never before in all our lives.

L. F. STARR.

THE NORTH-WESTERN CAMP-MEETING.

This meeting is appointed for Alta, which is located on the Illinois Central railroad but a few miles west of Storm Lake. It will be an important meeting for north-western Iowa, and we earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit may stir your hearts to come. "It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings." "Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in our ranks of truth." Strengthen the meeting all you can by being present with your families. Put forth extra efforts to attend this gathering. "Brethren and sisters, it will be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you." "You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You can not afford to lose one such privilege."—Vol. 6.

Dear brethren, carefully consider the above quotations from the spirit of prophecy, and take heed to what the Spirit of God says to you. God will not disappoint His children. He is waiting to give His people the rich blessing of the Holy Spirit. "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." May we hasten to prepare for the coming of our Master and Lord.

L. F. STARR.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, business notices not exceeding eight lines in length will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

FOR SALE.—Walnut Grove Poultry Farm, a fruit and poultry farm of ten acres. Fair improvements. Five hundred dollars down, balance on easy terms. Young poultry included. A nice location, with plenty of water. Immediate possession given. All letters answered that contain a stamp. Box 97, Anita, Iowa.