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A FORWARD LOOK.

BEHIND us are disobedience, failure, sorrow, and sin; before us are obedience, joy, and victory. "To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart." We live a day at a time. Tomorrow we shall never see. It is always to-day with us. The best day for taking a forward look, to look "for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ," is to-day. The Apostle Paul would stand on this mountain-top of opportunity, and speak some such word as this: Forget the past. Forget the mere mechanical victories. Rest not satisfied with what you have attained. Look forward; stretch forward. There are better things ahead.

The prize of the upward calling is attractive to those alone who climb, and who, in deep love with Christ, aspire to his nobler fellowship and

more intimate companionship. This one thing, the forward look, means a whole life devoted, in heart, mind, and will, to the supreme purpose of knowing God. How realistic is the picture traced by Paul of the Christian as running in a race. How eager is the forward look, how fixed the forward poise. In such intensity lies success. May all God's children, then, at this time come to the fore by spurning distractions and pressing toward one chosen aim.

But much depends upon the way in which we look at things. The man with the muck rake looks down; the social butterfly glances from flower to flower. But Paul fixes his gaze on Christ, "Looking unto Jesus,"—a good thing for all to be doing, and at all times during our sojourn here. Paul and all the loyal of the past did not have forty aims,—if they had had varied aims, we should never have heard of them. Instead, they threw their whole lives and energies into one channel.

Look up constantly. Hold out the cup of cold water. A good deal of religious life is much like the practise of marking time among soldiers. They lift one foot up, and then put it down where it was; they lift up the other foot, and put it down where it was. They march, but they do not move. So it is with many who are "going through the motions" of a Christian life, but are not making any advancement. They say their prayers, but do not pray; they go to church, but not to heaven; they talk in meeting, but bear no testimony.

God has put possibilities within the reach of all. Will we grasp them? The reviving time is here; and may it be a time of general awakening among God's people. Will you allow him to work on you as he brings this about? The great sin of the rich fool consisted not in the acquisition of houses and lands, and barns filled with much goods laid up for many years," but in his caring for nothing but well-filled

barns and saying to his soul, "take thine ease." His selfishness would not permit him to use the goods in blessing others. He took no far-reaching forward look. God help us to look and live.

L. F. STARR.

GOD'S PLAN OF WORK.

WHEN the Lord commanded the children of Israel to build the tabernacle, and gave them the plan for the furniture, its curtains, and everything pertaining to it, all were not given the same work. The Lord chose his workers, and then fitted them for their work by giving them skill, and imparting to them his wisdom. To each worker was appointed work according to his ability. No worker was to lay hold of one portion of the work, and place himself in the way of his fellow laborers. Each was to do with the strictest integrity the part appointed him. The plan of the great Deviser was followed, and the tabernacle came forth from the hands of the workers complete, each part in harmony with every other part.

Industry in a God-appointed work is as much a part of true religion as is devotion. We are not to think that in any of the work essential in the building of the tabernacle one part was menial and the other not. Every part of God's work means service. He declares of his people, "Ye are laborers together with God." We are to bear the image of God, and every soul saved through the sacrifice of the Son of God must in this life be made complete in Christ. There is much to do in order to fit us for the courts of the Lord. The roughness of spirit, the coarseness of speech, the cheapness of character, must be put away or we can never wear the garment woven in the heavenly loom—the righteousness of Christ.

The Lord designs to bring his people as material from the quarry of the world, that he may work them. They are in need of the ax and the hammer, of planing and polishing; for

if this work is not done the stones will retain their roughness. They will be unsymmetrical, unfitted for the place Christ has prepared for every one who will enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who, under the education of Christ, make it possible to reach the highest attainment, will take every divine improvement with them to the higher school. But those who are unwilling to have their characters molded after the divine similitude make the angels sad; for by clinging to their sinful habits and practises they spoil the design of God.—*Bible Training School.*

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.

WHILE we were attending the recent session of the Northern Union conference held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 1-11, it was suggested that we take up work in the Manitoba conference, and labor in the province of Saskatchewan. Arrangements for our transfer were finally made, and April 23 we left Edmonton, Alta, for Regina, Saskatchewan. We stopped at Calgary, Alta, and spent a week visiting and selling "Ministry of Healing." We arrived at Regina on May 1. Bro. Conroy met us at the station. He had been hunting two days for a house, and we continued the search all the next day without success. Houses are filled, and rent is very high. We then sent to Winnipeg for tents, and went to McLean, where Bro. Ross lives, and remained until May 7. On returning to Regina, we found a house, which we are now using as headquarters for our work in this city. Our new forty-foot tent is on the way from Kansas City, and we expect it in a few days. We have made seats enough to accommodate about two hundred people, and we hope that we shall not be disappointed in our congregation.

We expect that at the next session of our local conference this province will be set off from the Manitoba conference as a mission field of the Northern Union. Saskatchewan is a large field, about eight hundred miles north and south, by four hundred east and west. There are three workers in the province, two English and one German. There are about one hundred Adventists here, but we hope to see many more accept the truth the coming year. We have three church organizations.

We are of good courage, and thankful for the experiences of the last two years. We wish to thank our faithful brethren for the papers and tracts that have been sent us. Some have sent

clubs of *Signs* direct from the office. We are receiving a club of five at present that is sent us by some good friend. We need much literature to give the people. Send it on, prepaid, and pray for the great North-west.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL CURTIS.

"PRAYER is indeed the Christian's very vital breath. To cease to pray is to cease to live. The gate of prayer is never shut, and we should keep the path to it well trodden."

FIELD REPORTS.

HAMPTON.

It was my privilege, in company with Eld. N. C. Bergersen, to visit at Hampton, Sabbath and Sunday, April 21, 22. The Spirit of God was present, and we enjoyed timely instruction from Bro. Bergersen. We experienced a deeper sense of our need of depending on none but Christ for an example.

May 12 I was again with the brethren and sisters. We enjoyed seeing one dear soul follow her Saviour into the watery grave. We ask for the prayers of God's people.

J. M. MOORE.

CEDAR FALLS.

It took some little time to arouse an interest among the Danish-speaking people of Cedar Falls, where hardly any have heard this message. There are three large Danish churches here, two Lutheran and one Baptist. After I visited from house to house for a time, some became interested, and then I began public meetings. The interest has been growing gradually. One day a lady told me she had been praying God to send a faithful minister to this town, and that she believed he had answered her prayer by sending me. She had also been longing to hear a Seventh-day Adventist, and was very thankful to have the privilege of hearing this truth. She said, too, that she would like to visit one of our large companies to see how they conduct themselves and live out this wonderful truth. Brethren and sisters, let us be very careful in all our actions, because not only is God watching us, but there are those who are seeking for truth who watch us to see if we practise what we teach. Let us remember that we are the light of the world.

Others here are very much interested. Pray for us. H. ROHOLM.

OBITUARY.

JENKINS.—Died, Oct. 20, 1905, at Knoxville, Wm. H. Jenkins, aged 50 years, 1 month, and 29 days.

Bro. Jenkins was born in Scotland. He was twice married, the first time to Miss Isabel Scott, by whom he was the father of six children, the second time to Miss Lydia Blakeman. In January of 1905 he was stricken with paralysis. Although from that time he suffered most severely, he looked to the Source of power for comfort and consolation. He gave liberally to the work, and was faithful. Eld. J. H. Kraft conducted the funeral services, which were held from our church here in Knoxville.

MARY E. WALL.

JOHNSON.—Died at Minot, North Dakota, May 17, 1906, of meningitis, Rasmus Johnson, aged 21 years, 10 months, and 11 days.

Rasmus was born in Denmark, but in 1885 his parents came to America, and located near Pilot Mound. Two years later they moved to Ruthven. Two months ago Rasmus went to Dakota to do carpenter work and to take a homestead. He was sick only forty-eight hours, but half of that time was unconscious. He was a regular attendant at Sabbath-school and meeting when here at Ruthven, and while not among our own people in Dakota, those with whom he boarded spoke highly of him and said he was faithful to his profession. He was brought back to Ruthven, and Eld. E. G. Olsen conducted the funeral services. He used 1 Sam. 20:3 as his text, and dwelt upon the uncertainty of life. We hope to meet Rasmus again, where partings will no more take place. The father, mother, five brothers, and one sister, and a host of friends mourn his death.

AMELIA FREDERICKSON.

THE BOOK WORK.

WHY STAND IDLY WAITING?

MANY of our young people are standing in the market place waiting for some one to call them, not having recognized the voice of the Father calling them to his vineyard. Dear young people who know the third angel's message, there is no better work for you than that of giving this message to others. "And they that be wise [margin, teachers] shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." People are crying to us for the light of present truth. Is there anything more in accord with the text than the placing of our books with the people? I reached

home a few days ago after a year spent in the canvassing work, and the word came to me from a neighboring town "I want a book like you sold Mr. ——" ("Daniel and the Revelation"). A Baptist minister told a canvasser the other day that one could not read "Great Controversy" and believe it without accepting these truths. "Heralds of the Morning" is another book that is filled with the precious truths of redemption. Come, let us fill this State with them. You may say, I can not canvass. But can you not smile and be friendly? Can you not tell of the love of Jesus, and then show the bindings of your book. Kind words and the precious truths sell the books. We are just the channels.

Come and join us in this work. The angel waits to record your efforts. The State agent will help you, and we all will pray for the blessing of God to rest on your work. "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11. Why stand idle longer? Come at once, and enlist in the service of God.

E. D. SPARKS.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

"WHITHER AWAY."

THE students of Union College have sent out an appeal entitled, "Whither Away," which is excellent. I trust all who have received it will read it carefully. It would be an excellent article to read at the young people's meeting. Any who have not received it can obtain a copy by addressing M. E. Kern, College View, Neb. It sets forth the importance of young men and women having a definite purpose in life and continually working toward the mark of our high calling. F. J. WILBUR.

YOUNG PEOPLE, ATTENTION!

ONE of the best evidences of the value of education is the interest students have in getting others to enter school. It has been a great encouragement to me to see the Union College students so intent on interesting other young people in education. Why did they prepare and send out the appeal entitled "Whither Away" at considerable cost of time and money?—Because of their interest in you, dear young people. Many of you have received it. Study it, and let it be read in the young people's meeting or in church. If you have not received a copy, write to the young people's department of

the Central Union conference, College View, Nebraska, and ask for one. Send us the names of young people whom you would like to see interested in education. M. E. KERN.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

The following report is for the quarter ending Mar. 31, 1906:—

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| Societies..... | 11 |
| Membership..... | 148 |
| Membership of State Home Department..... | 12 |
| Letters written..... | 99 |
| Letters received..... | 45 |
| Visits made..... | 501 |
| Bible readings or cottage meetings held..... | 209 |
| Subscriptions for periodicals..... | 11 |
| Papers sold..... | 118 |
| Papers distributed..... | 2,025 |
| Books sold..... | 13 |
| Books loaned..... | 953 |
| Pages of tracts given away..... | 26,598 |
| Hours spent in Christian help work..... | 254 |
| Persons supplied with food..... | 32 |
| Articles of clothing given away..... | 97 |
| Hours spent in reading to others..... | 22 |
| Children brought into Sabbath-school..... | 3 |
| Persons interested..... | 10 |
| Offerings for home missions..... | \$15.86 |
| Offerings for foreign missions..... | \$23.01 |

F. J. WILBUR, Sec.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAF.

REVERENCE.

"REVERENCE is a feeling of deep respect for God and sacred things. It is the feeling which leads men to worship. It is manifested toward God primarily, because he is so great and good and wonderful. He made all things,—the sun, the moon, the stars, the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. He made us also, and hence we should reverence him. We should have reverence for the worship of God; for reverence is an essential element of worship. We can not truly worship without reverence. We should reverence the Bible, for it is God's Word; and the house of God, for it is the place of his worship."

"Reverence, being directed toward God, is always present in the heart of one who has a just sense of his relation to God. It is outwardly manifested in the worship of God and in the place of his worship. It is shown by sitting still and listening respectfully to the service; by not sitting up, but by bowing the head or kneeling during prayer; by entering the church directly, and not hanging about the door; by taking off the hat on entering, and not talking aloud inside; by not running in the church; by not laughing or whispering unless it is necessary, and then very

quietly; and by not going out until the service is over, and the people are dismissed."

"How may reverence be taught?—By beginning early in the home,—the earlier the better, with the grandparents if possible. The unfeigned faith which dwelt in the grandmother Lois and the mother Eunice was a marked characteristic of the child Timothy. So it is with reverence; the child may be started in life with a strong tendency to reverence. If so, he should be thankful as he grows up."

"Let the example of reverence in bowed head and form, and in quiet, respectful deportment at family devotion and when grace is said at meal-time, be kept before the child from earliest fancy, and the lesson will be too deeply impressed to be ever forgotten. Thus the habit of outward reverence will have been formed even before the feeling of reverence has filled the heart, and habit will aid in producing the feeling. The habit and the principle go together; each helps the other."

"Parents and teachers must be what they want their pupils to be. They must subdue in themselves noise, bustle, and hilarity in voice, manner, and movements. They must cultivate quiet modesty and cheerful respect in the performance of all duties connected with the worship of God. Such example will be unconsciously copied by children and youth."—C. C. Lewis.

OUR Sabbath-school services at the camp-meeting were made especially interesting by the talk on contributions given the first Sabbath by Eld. A. G. Daniells, and the following Sabbath by G. B. Thompson. Our Sabbath-school contributions are an important factor in the work of the foreign mission board, a source of income upon which they can always depend. Nearly all of the foreign conferences donate the entire amount of their collections to missions. We, in this country, are five times as able to do this, and it would mean seventy-five thousand dollars more each year for the opening up of new fields and the extension of work already begun.

The following recommendation was adopted at our recent conference: "Resolved, That we keep before our schools the needs of the mission fields and the importance of planning continually that we may increase our contributions; and we recommend that all Sabbath-school contributions be devoted to missions."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JUNE 26, 1906.

—"SHALL We Slay to Eat," paper, post-paid, 25 cents.

—MID-SUMMER offering for foreign missions, Sabbath, June 30.

—BRO. A. F. FERGUSON passed through Des Moines last week to join Brn. Wm. J. Johnson and E. Rosenwold in a tent effort at Boone.

—THE tent company at Cedar Falls has a nice location, and is at work. Although the attendance at the meetings is small, they are laboring in hope.

—FROM the *Watchman* of June 12 we learn that Dr. F. A. Washburn, one of our Iowa boys, has been chosen medical superintendent of the Nashville, Tennessee, Sanitarium.

—As a matter of justice to the writers, we will say that the two field reports published this week were written before camp meeting, but have been crowded out until now.

—BRO. ED SWAP joined Brn. J. M. Moore and H. F. Meeker at Tama last week, and Bro. J. W. McComas united with Eld. J. C. Clemens and Bro. R. E. Burke in labor at Humboldt.

—THE tent company at Carson, Brn. J. T. Spriggs and W. M. Andress and their wives, are of good courage. They are permitted to use the school grounds, where they have a wind break, and have found the lumberman of the place friendly.

—ELDS. RHOADS, Starr, and Kephart, the two former with their wives, have located in Prescott with a tent, and will hold a series of tent meetings. They are of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Their tents are pitched on the lots east of Dr. W. E. Messenger's office, where they invite the public's attendance at their meetings.—*Prescott Argus.*

—UNION COLLEGE calendar for 1906-1907 is ready. Many will be interested in the announcement of an affiliation with the Nebraska Sanitarium and the medical department of the Nebraska University, whereby the first two years of the University's six-year combined college and medical course may be taken at Union College. Copies of the calendar may be obtained free by addressing the President of Union College, College View, Nebraska.

—OF the Souvenir Edition of the *Signs*, some have said that it is better than booklets that have sold for twenty-five and fifty cents. The illustrations are fine and true to nature, and the descriptive matter not only thrilling but accurate. Among the many interesting features are: A relief map of San Francisco in colors, showing the fire-swept district; two beautiful and striking views of the burning of San Francisco, also in colors, one of which is a panoramic scene 6x18 inches showing the whole city with about one-half of it in flames; and an illustrated article on a violent eruption near Healdsburg, at the time of the earthquake, in which the side of a mountain was blown away, of which no account has appeared in any other journal. Send in your order. Price, 6 cents a copy.

—UNDER date of June 18, the Pacific Press writes that the new tract, "The Earthquake; Its Lessons," will be ready soon. They consider it good enough to pay for the long wait since it was first announced, and it will sell at 1 cent. Order of Iowa Tract Society.

—THE Iowa Tract Society has a few copies of "Everlasting Covenant" on hand which will be sent out post-paid for 85 cents.

AMOY, CHINA.

It is now a little more than a year since we arrived in China, and almost a year since we first came to Amoy. During this time the Lord has been with us and blessed us and our work. We have had good health, generally speaking, and have been especially blessed in obtaining a working knowledge of this difficult language. Our hearts have also been cheered by some fruit of our labor. Five men have been baptized since we came here, four of whom accepted the truth under the efforts of Eld. Keh and myself. Two of the five were baptized at Canton in December, the other two the 2d of May. Besides these, there are four or five keeping the Sabbath who, we hope, will soon be ready for baptism, and a number of others who are keeping the Sabbath, but are not well enough informed on other points of truth to receive baptism.

As we look over the results of the year's work, our hearts are made glad, and our courage is strengthened. While more has been accomplished than we could have hoped for, we realize that it has not been accomplished by any strength or wisdom of our own.

To God belongs all the glory. The work here needs the financial support of our people in the home land; for the more it spreads, the more money it requires to keep up the expenses. But it needs something else even more; it needs your prayers. Perilous times are before old China, and God's work here needs the prayers of every one of his children. Let us pray that angels may be sent to hold the winds of strife until China shall have heard this last message of mercy. And we hope you all will pray for us, that we may do the Lord's work faithfully until he comes.

W. C. HANKINS.

WORK AND PRAY.

DEVOTION is not all. Peter wished to stay on the mount of transfiguration, to go back no more to the cold, sin-stricken world below: but no; down at the mountain's base, human suffering and sorrow were waiting for the coming of the Healer, and his disciples must leave the rapture of heavenly communion, and hasten down to carry healing and comfort. It is always so. While we enjoy the blessedness of fellowship with God in the closet, there come in at our closed doors, and break upon our ears, the cries of human need and sorrow outside. The truest religious life is one whose devotion gives food and strength for service. The way to spiritual health lies in the path of consecrated activity.—*Miller.*

"WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US."

Report for Quarter Ending Mar. 31, 1906:—

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| No. of societies..... | 120 |
| " " societies reporting..... | 65 |
| " " isolated members..... | 250 |
| " " isolated members reporting..... | 45 |
| " " letters written..... | 72 |
| " " letters received..... | 45 |
| " " Bible readings held..... | 109 |
| " " subscriptions for periodicals..... | 123 |
| " " periodicals distributed..... | 1,800 |
| " " pp. reading matter distributed..... | 29,507 |
| " " missionary visits made..... | 684 |
| " " hours spent in Christian Help work..... | 450 |
| " " articles of clothing given away..... | 85 |
| " " persons supplied with food..... | 18 |
| " " children brought to Sabbath-school..... | 79 |
| " " persons interested..... | 48 |

We hope to hear from a larger number of the societies and isolated members during the present quarter.

IOWA TRACT SOCIETY.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

DES MOINES,

July 7, 1906.