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REJOICE ALWAYS.

"As we talk of the mansions that Christ is preparing for us, we shall forget the petty annoyances that we meet day by day. It is our privilege to sing the songs of Zion now, to turn our eyes to the light, to bring hope into our hearts and into the hearts of others. God desires us to gather up his promises, that we may be strengthened and refreshed. Let us take our eyes off the curse, and fix them on the grace so abundantly provided.

"Comfort, encouragement, and support have been provided for every condition of life. Let us rejoice in the love of God. Let us praise him who has made promises so royal. Let these promises keep our hearts in perfect peace. Jesus lives. His hand is guiding us. Constantly our hearts may be filled with the peace that passeth all understanding, even the peace that Jesus gives. Let us make the prom-

ises of God's Word our own. In times of test and trial these promises will be to us glad springs of heavenly comfort."

IN VIEW OF THE OPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS.

God requires the training of the mental faculties. He designs that his servants shall possess more intelligence and clearer discernment than the worldling, and he is displeased with those who are too careless or too indolent to become efficient, well-informed workers. The Lord bids us love him with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and with all the mind. This lays upon us the obligation of developing the intellect to its fullest capacity, that with all the mind we may know and love our Creator.

If placed under the control of his Spirit, the more thoroughly the intellect is cultivated, the more effectively it can be used in the service of God. The uneducated man who is consecrated to God and who longs to bless others can be, and is, used by the Lord in his service. But those who, with the same spirit of consecration, have had the benefit of a thorough education, can do a much more extensive work for Christ. They stand on vantage ground.

The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others. None can know where or how they may be called to labor or to speak for God. Our heavenly father alone sees what he can make of men. There are before us possibilities which our feeble faith does not discern. Our minds should be so trained that if necessary we can present the truths of his Word before the highest earthly authorities in such a way as to glorify his name. We should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God.

Let the youth who need an education

set to work with a determination to obtain it. Do not wait for an opening; make one for yourselves. Take hold in any small way that presents itself. Practise economy. Do not spend your means for the gratification of appetite, or in pleasure-seeking. Be determined to become as useful and efficient as God calls you to be. Be thorough and faithful in whatever you undertake. Procure every advantage within your reach for strengthening the intellect. Let the study of books be combined with useful manual labor, and by faithful endeavor, watchfulness, and prayer, secure the wisdom that is from above. This will give you an all-round education. Thus you may rise in character, and gain an influence over other minds, enabling you to lead them in the path of uprightness and holiness.—*Object Lessons.*

FIELD REPORTS.

AMES.

THE Ames church enjoyed a visit from Eld. N. C. Bergerson and family Sabbath and Sunday, September 1, 2. Bro. Bergerson preached Friday evening, and Sabbath and Sunday such sermons as inspired the hearers with new courage to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The ordinances were celebrated on Sabbath. To the writer, at least, it was a precious season. I believe all felt truly that as oft as we do this we "do show the Lord's death till he come." Three were taken into the church.

Sunday evening a business meeting was held. An entirely new set of officers was elected, not because the old officers did not do all they could for the good of the cause, but that the burden might be distributed among the members. Bro. Bergerson made an earnest appeal for each family to secure a copy of "Ministry of Healing" for its library, and also for each person to sell as many copies as possible.

Five promised to buy one copy each, and two will try to dispose of three additional copies each.

MRS. MARTHA E. NICHOLS.

FAIRFIELD.

WE now have a tent pitched in Fairfield, near the center of the town. This is a nice, clean, well-to-do place, and a town of churches. The people are contented and pleasure loving, and have much going on to occupy their minds. It must be something like the days of Noah. But in spite of all this, we have a real good hearing. Some are interested, and we hope to see a few obey the truth. We have been holding meetings in the tent almost two weeks, and the interest seems to be increasing. We are holding Bible readings in the homes, and visiting, and are determined not to leave Fairfield until we are sure our work is finished. We are of good courage, and glad that the Lord gives us a part in this last great message. Surely the time is short, and there is much to do. May God help us all to arise and shine. A number of Miss Camp's Bible readers are among those attending the meetings.

Last June as we were coming to Fairfield, we sold a paper to a Swedish Methodist minister. He noticed a report from Sweden in it, and came back to where we were sitting and began to ask questions about the truth and the work abroad. We had a very nice visit, and learned that he lived twelve miles from Fairfield, where he has a large Swedish church. He has been instrumental in adding one hundred members to this church. We wrote to him, and sent literature, and about one week ago he came to the tent to study the Bible with us. After a long study on the prophecies, he concluded to stay until after the night meeting, and had to go home in a rain. This week he came back, and said, "Mrs. Syp, I had to come back. I have been studying on those prophecies, and must know more." We had a long study, and he stayed until after meeting again. He has invited us to his home, and we are praying and hoping that he will accept the truth. We are so glad for our papers, as they give us opportunity to meet with the people. This man has ordered a prophetic chart.

We are of good courage in the work.

L. P. AND MINNIE SYP.

"SURRENDER your will and entire being to God, the Creator of heaven and earth."

OBITUARY.

LOSEE.—Died, at her home in Charles City, August 18, Mrs. Sarah Losee, of dropsy of the heart, aged seventy-eight years.

Sister Losee was blind for about ten years; but while walking in physical blindness, she rejoiced in the light of the third angel's message, as a result of Eld. L. F. Trubey's labors in that place several years ago. She was a cheerful, lovely Christian. One daughter and two boys are left to mourn her departure, besides many relatives and neighbors, who knew and loved and respected her. MARY G. GORHAM.

CRANE.—Died, at Grinnell, August 11, Theodore F. Crane, aged 62 years, 5 months, and 18 days.

Bro. Crane was born in Madura, South India, a son of missionary parents, but his childhood was spent in Pennsylvania. In 1857, with his parents he removed to Iowa. He was associated with the student volunteers from Iowa College in the South during the Civil War, and was also a graduate of the law department of the State University. For a number of years he was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Grinnell. He was stricken with apoplexy Thursday morning, August 9, and passed away Sabbath evening. He left home apparently well, but was suddenly cut down. This is one of life's solemn lessons—we know not when "our time is." He leaves a wife, a son, and two daughters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Prov. 14:32 and Eccl. 7:2-4. L. F. STARR.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

WHAT SHALL WE READ?

IF we haven't been reading, let us begin at once. But let us be careful to select the right kind of reading. In the October number of the *Educational Messenger* will begin the reading course outlined as mentioned in the BULLETIN of last week. I am sure that by reading of these noble lives and this great movement, our young people will gain a better knowledge of this message and the progress it has made. I think that every young person in Iowa should read the *Messenger*, and that these books should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home. Order them at once of the Iowa Tract Society.

We are often very anxious about food and raiment; but there is nothing more important than good mental and spir-

itual food for the upbuilding of our characters. If all our young people would read these lives and catch the spirit that actuated the pioneers in this message, the gospel of the kingdom would soon be carried to the whole world and Jesus would come.

F. J. WILBUR.

"ALL who will gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their defections, and loyalty from their treason, will triumph with the third angel's message."

THE BOOK WORK.

A CALL FOR CANVASSERS.

THE canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work. The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light God has committed to his church to be given to the world. The books sold by our canvassers open to many minds the unsearchable riches of Christ.

In the service of the Lord there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood, as well as priests of various orders, bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine, because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us.

Why are not more wide awake? Each worker may now understand his special work, and receive strength to take hold of it anew. Distinct and peculiar development of the boundless glory of God will bring tributary offerings of varied kinds to the feet of Jesus. Every new disclosure of the Saviour's love turns the balance for some soul in one direction or the other; for the end of all things is at hand. The men of the world are rushing on to their ruin.

Their schemes, their confederacies, are many. New devices will continually be brought in to make of no effect the counsel of God. Men are heaping up treasures of gold and silver to be consumed by the fires of the last days.

Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. The canvasser whose heart is meek and lowly and humble can accomplish much good. Going out two and two, canvassers can reach a class that can not be reached by our camp meetings. From family to family they carry the message of truth. Thus they come into close touch with the people, and find many opportunities to speak of the Saviour. Let them sing and pray with those who become interested in the truths they have to give. Let them speak to families the words of Christ. They may expect success, for theirs is the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Canvassers who go forth in the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings.—Mrs. E. G. White.

BRO. NELS H. OLSEN writes: "The Lord has greatly blessed me this week, both spiritually and financially. I have with the Lord's help taken more orders than I expected to take. The Lord is with the canvasser who trusts in him." Bro. Olsen worked forty-one hours, and took orders to the amount of \$44.75.

"ADVERSITY is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity."

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps.	Value.
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel.....	38	4	\$15.50	\$27.75
Arwid R. Scott.....	67	8	.25	20.25
John Myhre.....	82	18	10.75	58.75
N. H. Olsen.....	89	29	9.00	73.75
Hannah Mott.....	60	14	18.70	47.45
L. C. Scott.....	40	2	1.75	6.75
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Peter Jacobsen.....	25	4		\$ 6.00
James Merritt.....	49	20	\$ 5.50	35.50
Vaughn Trimble.....	17	2	.80	3.80
Ida Cook.....	4	1	.50	2.00
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Aaron Dean.....	8			\$ 4.75
Carrie Christiansen.....	16	18		10.75
Elsie Fulton.....	3			2.75
Ute church.....				184.00
SUMMARY.				
No. of canvassers reporting.....				13
" orders.....				117
Value books sold.....				\$484.85
Value of deliveries.....				\$

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAF.

THE TWO WAYS.

IN the time of Christ the people of Palestine lived in walled towns, which were mostly situated upon hills or mountains. The gates, which were closed at sunset, were approached by steep, rocky roads, and the traveler journeying homeward at the close of the day, often had to press his way in eager haste up the difficult ascent, in order to reach the gate before night-fall. The loiterer was left without.

The narrow, upward road leading to home and rest, furnished Jesus with an impressive figure of the Christian way. The path which I have set before you, he said, is narrow, the gate is difficult of entrance; for the golden rule excludes all pride and self seeking. There is, indeed, a wider road; but its end is destruction. If you would climb the path of spiritual life, you must constantly ascend; for it is an upward way. You must go with the few; for the multitude will choose the downward path.

In the road to death the whole race may go, with all their worldliness, all their selfishness, all their pride, dishonesty, and moral debasement. There is room for every man's opinions and doctrines, space to follow his inclinations, to do whatever his self-love may dictate. In order to go in the path that leads to destruction, there is no need of searching for the way; for the gate is wide, and the way broad, and the feet naturally turn into the path that ends in death. . . .

Yet do not therefore conclude that the upward path is the hard and the downward road the easy way. All along the road that leads to death there are pains and penalties, there are sorrows and disappointments, there are warnings not to go on. God's love has made it hard for the heedless and headstrong to destroy themselves. It is true that Satan's path is made to appear attractive, but it is all a deception; in the way of evil there are bitter remorse and cankering care. We may think it pleasant to follow pride and worldly ambition; but the end is pain and sorrow. Selfish plans may present flattering promises, and hold out the hope of enjoyment; but we shall find that our happiness is poisoned, and our life embittered by hopes that center in self. In the downward road

the gateway may be bright with flowers, but thorns are in the path. The light of hope which shines from its entrance, fades into the darkness of despair; and the soul who follows that path descends into the shadows of unending night. . . .

The road may be rough, and the ascent steep; there may be pitfalls upon the right hand and upon the left; we may have to endure toil in our journey; when weary, when longing for rest, we may have to toil on; when faint, we may have to fight; when discouraged, we must still hope: but with Christ as our guide, we shall not fail of reaching the desired haven at last. Christ himself has trodden the rough way before us, and has smoothed the path for our feet.

And all the way up the steep road leading to eternal life are well-springs of joy to refresh the weary. Those who walk in wisdom's ways are, even in tribulation, exceeding joyful; for he whom their soul loveth, walks, invisible, beside them. At each upward step they discern more distinctly the touch of his hand; at every step brighter gleamings of glory from the Unseen fall upon their path; and their songs of praise, reaching ever a higher note, ascend to join the songs of angels before the throne. "The path of the righteous is as the light of dawn, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."—Mount of Blessing.

STUDY.

NOWHERE is study more needed than in our Sabbath-schools. It can not be too strongly emphasized. Teachers in the public schools who fail to study and improve are soon left behind, and replaced by those who have energy and determination enough to study. This ought to be so in our Sabbath-schools. . . . Attention, application, accuracy, method, punctuality, and dispatch are all essential to good teaching. We should study these things, but above all things else we should not neglect to diligently search the Word.

Teachers, of course, should be students. They can not teach unless they are. They may fill the place, and stand up and make motions during the period of the recitation; but this is not synonymous with teaching. But let none get the idea that only teachers should study. Every member of the class should be a close student of the lesson. It is laborious work for a leader to be compelled to drag through a recitation a half dozen or more persons who are ignorant of what is in the lesson.—Sabbath School Worker.

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—THE Cedar Rapids tent company has moved to L. Ave. and 3d St., West Cedar Rapids.

—MRS. C. A. SNOOK-CONREY, of Elk Point, South Dakota, is in Des Moines visiting friends and relatives.

—ELD. AND MRS. F. M. CORBALEY have moved from Boulder to Denver, and are located at 1019 S. 15th St. Sister Corbaley feels that she is improving.

—BRO. H. DETWILER, for many years a member of the Des Moines church and a resident of this place, went recently to Bristow, where he expects to make his home for a time.

—WE have received the sad news that Prof. and Mrs. B. J. Wilkinson, of Washington, D. C., buried their little one a few days ago.—*Educational Messenger*. Mrs. Wilkinson will be remembered as Miss Maude Morrison, formerly of Iowa.

—BRO. JOHN MYHRE, who has been doing some excellent work in the canvassing field this summer, writes that he has sent in his last report for this year, and expects to attend school this winter and prepare for better service in the Lord's work.

—A LETTER from Garden Grove reports the workers there as of good courage. Garden Grove is an old battle field, Elds. C. A. Washburn and E. W. Farnsworth having held tent meetings there twenty-seven years ago, but they are having good congregations each night.

—ELD. L. F. STARR was called last week to Mountain View, California, to be present at the meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Press to help decide the matter of rebuilding. He took his little boy Harvey with him and he will have the pleasure of a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Black, who live at Mountain View.

—THE insurance on the burned Pacific Press has been adjusted, and the company receives \$72,500 on the policy carried for \$100,000. It is said that prospects for selling the Oakland property are fair, also that the old *Signs* press, which is being taken from the ruins, is in much better shape than was supposed, and that possibly by getting some repairs for it it can be used again.

—“STUDIES IN GOSPEL HISTORY,” by M. E. Kern, a series of forty-five lessons on the life of Christ, and the second edition of that part of the author's “Lessons in New Testament History” that deals with this subject, was adopted by the recent educational convention for use in the ninth grade. It can be used in lower grades by omitting some of the more difficult questions, and is valuable for private study. It is printed on calendered paper and substantially bound in cloth. Illustrated, and 350 pp. Price, 75 cents. Order of Iowa Tract Society.

—MRS. M. G. GORHAM, of Spirit Lake, sends us the following item: “There was a very interesting meeting of Seventh-day Adventists at the Baptist church at Milford, September 8. Sister E. M. Abbott, from California; Bro. A. O. Wilson, of College View, Nebraska; F. F. Abbott and wife, of Chicago; and Lewis Johnson and family, of Spencer, this State, exchanged greetings and experiences and testimonies of God's goodness and mercy.”

—ELD. AND MRS. G. R. HAWKINS, who are laboring in Keokuk, write as follows: “The battle is on in Keokuk, and we can use hundreds of copies of late periodicals, the *Signs, Review, Liberty, Life and Health, Instructor, Little Friend*, etc., and thousands of pages of tracts. Don't everyone think some one else will answer the call; and we need them right away. Then, too, do not forget to ask God's blessing upon them as you send them.”

—THE Des Moines church school opened yesterday with Miss Ida Brown, of Pacific Junction, in charge. No school was held last year, and we are glad to note that the children in attendance are glad to get back to the church school. The attendance is not large, but we are hoping that more may enroll later, and that we may have a truly successful school.

—ELD. J. H. KRAFT was called to Monroe this morning to conduct the funeral service of Mrs. Mary Bowman, who died suddenly just after arriving in Pennsylvania for a visit.

—WE understand that Brn. C. W. and David Smouse, of Mt. Pleasant, have been in Maryland attending a family reunion.

—THE Iowa Tract Society has a good supply of weekly report blanks. Send in your orders, missionary secretaries.

—“WHEN the grace of Christ is in the heart, tender compassion will be manifested for one another.”

—A LETTER from the conference president is being sent this week to the church elders and isolated members, which should receive attention.

—“THE Story of the Convention,” the report of the recent educational convention, is a most interesting little brochure. Procure a copy, and become conversant with the plans on foot for more successful work along educational lines. Price, 10 cents.

—CANVASSERS and others should notice that the new “Heralds of the Morning” is now ready.” About thirty pages have been added, in which is given a story of the earthquake, with illustrations. The retail price is \$1.75, postpaid. Send in your orders to Iowa Tract Society.

—SPEAKING of the disclosures attending the collapse of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, of Chicago, the *Watchman* wisely says: “The only absolutely safe way of investing means is to lend it to the Lord. He will repay with interest, and his promise can not fail. He can repay not only in money, but in that which is worth more than money,—life, health, and preservation from evil. . . . It is infinitely safer and better to trust in God than in man.”

—CANVASSERS should take notice that from this time on “Bible Readings” will be issued in three bindings only, and take orders accordingly. Cloth, marbled edges, \$2.25; library, full law, \$3.25; full morocco, \$4.25. However, the Iowa Tract Society has a few copies of the old edition on hand which will be sold at the regular prices while they last. Marbled, \$2.00; gilt, \$2.50; library, \$3.00; one-half morocco, \$3.50; full morocco, \$4.25; plain, \$1.00.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A hand to pick corn by the month or by the bushel. State full particulars in first letter. Address P. C. Knudsen, Box 73, R. 1, Brayton, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Sept. 15, 16, 1906.

The Lord willing, we shall have a general meeting at our tents here the third Sabbath and Sunday in September. The first service will be held on Friday evening. We hope that the brethren and sisters living near will make arrangements to attend.

E. G. OLSEN.