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### GETHSEMANE.

In golden youth when seems the earth  
A summer land of singing mirth,  
When souls are glad and hearts are light,  
And not a shadow lurks in sight,  
We do not know it, but there lies  
Somewhere veiled under evening skies  
A garden which we all must see—  
The garden of Gethsemane.

With joyous steps we go our ways;  
Love lends a halo to our days;  
Light sorrows sail like clouds afar;  
We laugh and say how strong we are.  
We hurry on; and, hurrying, go  
Close to the borderland of woe  
That waits for you and waits for me—  
Forever waits Gethsemane.

Down shadowy lanes, across strange streets,  
Bridged over by our broken dreams;  
Behind the misty caps of years,  
Beyond the great salt fount of tears,  
The garden lies. Strive as you may,  
You can not miss it on your way.  
All paths that have been or shall be  
Pass somewhere through Gethsemane.

All those who journey soon or late  
Must pass within the garden's gate;  
Must kneel alone in darkness there,  
And battle with some fierce despair.

God pity those who can not say,  
"Not mine, but thine;" who only pray  
"Let this cup pass," and can not see  
The purpose in Gethsemane.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### TRUE WORTH.

In his Word the Lord has shown what man may become if connected with the Source of all wisdom. The soul of every one is precious. All heaven is interested in the plan of salvation, and its power is waiting our demand. We may choose wisely, and through Christ become more precious in the sight of God than the golden wedge of Ophir, or we may become as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal; but if we do degenerate, we shall lose heaven with all its riches.

Character can not be bought with gold; it can not come to us by accident. Character is attained by individual effort, aided by the grace of Christ. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be urged against hereditary tendencies.

If the character is left to be molded as chance may direct, it will become deformed and unlovely. In every one there are weak points, and Satan takes advantage of these. Temptations will thicken about the pathway; but the Lord will help those who ask him in sincerity. Then stand fast in the strength of Jesus. Swerve not from the right to gain favor or to avoid difficulty. Christians can afford to be straightforward, and firm as a rock to principle; and all the excellence of character we attain will be gained by moving in this straight line.

Be kind and considerate of others; but at the same time be frank and sincere, for the Lord despises dissembling. The standard of the world is not the criterion for the Christian; God and the right should be his motto. Truthfulness and frankness should be cherished. He should deal honestly and righteously in this present evil world.

We can go through the world but once; we can not come back to rectify mistakes; therefore every move should be made with goody fear and careful consideration. Honesty and policy will not harmonize; either truth and honesty will triumph, or policy will prevail, and honesty cease to direct.

The two principles can not act together; they can never be in agreement.

These things will bear thoughtful consideration, close, critical examination. We are in the investigative judgment, and the work for the time is solemn heart-searching. The duty devolves upon every one to consider, to watch, and to pray. You are not bidden by the Lord to examine your neighbor's heart. Let your investigative powers be put to work to discover what is in your own heart, the defects in your own character, the work to be done in your own home.—Mrs. E. G. White.

### MISSION NOTES.

It will be learned with regret that Dr. A. W. George, our missionary in Constantinople, because of failing health was obliged to abandon the sanitarium work recently begun with prospects of good success in that city. And now, February 13, the sad news comes that the effort to regain his health in the highlands of Switzerland was unsuccessful, and that death has brought an end to his sufferings. This seems doubly hard, as no one is available to enter upon the work he left in Constantinople.

A pilgrim in China who was toiling up a mountain in search of peace was asked what he was looking for, and his answer was full of pathos: "I am looking for heaven, and I feel and feel, but I can not find the door." How true and sad a picture of a groping world vainly seeking after God and trying to find the door, while we keep it locked and hold the key.

From South America word comes that a company of nine Sabbath-keepers is reported as ready for baptism in the province of Buenos Ayres, some of whom came from Europe.

Writing from Karmatar, India, a few weeks ago, Bro. W. W. Miller says: "I baptized four Santals this week. The place of baptism was beautiful. The green rice fields were in front of us, and a huge rock formed the back-ground. About one hundred natives were present. They kept the best of order."

A recent letter from Eld. L. R. Conradt says he has good news from Brn. Enna.

and Carscallen, who recently located the new mission in British East Africa. They settled upon virgin soil for the missionary, as no missionaries had preceded them. They secured a beautiful location about twenty-five miles south of Kisumu, and from where they are they can see some two hundred native villages. The government officials were very friendly to them, even assisting in securing a good location. Eld. Conradi wrote the officials beforehand, introducing the missionaries, and the Lord blessed it to the extent that they were very kind and helped them in every way possible. The language of the natives has never been reduced to writing, and our workers there have a mammoth task on their hands. Our prayers should ascend for the work in British East Africa.

The European general conference is putting forth a noble effort to establish an old people's home for that part of the field. They have a building in process of erection at Friedensau, Germany, and some legacies are being bequeathed this enterprise. That there is a lively interest in the movement in that part of the field is shown by the fact that of the twenty thousand dollars needed for the building, seventeen thousand is already in hand.

"No man liveth to himself. The character will manifest itself. The looks, the tone of the voice, the actions,—all have their influence in making or marring the happiness of the domestic circle. They are molding the temper and character of the children; they are inspiring, or tending to destroy confidence and love. All are made either better or worse, happy or miserable, by these influences. We owe our families the knowledge of the Word brought into practical life. All that it is possible for us to be to purify, enlighten, comfort, and encourage those connected with us in family relation, should be done."

Either get the nature of Christ within you, or take not the honors of Christians upon you.—Secker.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### KNOXVILLE.

The work is onward at Knoxville. While the dragon is wroth, we are not discouraged, for we see the work is fast closing up. The Spirit of God is gradually being withdrawn from the earth, and the people are being left in darkness. Sophistry is taking the place of sound doctrine, people are turning away their ears from the truth; but we are full of hope and courage. T. Godfrey.

The rest of our field reports have not arrived yet.

## OBITUARY.

Hamilton.—Died, at the home of her mother on the Auten homestead three and one-half miles south-west of Knoxville, Sunday evening, February 10, Estella Hamilton, aged 44 years, 1 month, and 27 days.

When but a child Stella received an injury from which she never recovered. Her suffering was intense during her last illness, which lasted two weeks. She fell asleep not without hope; for she looked forward to the coming of the Blessed One, she was "looking for that blessed hope." We laid her to rest in Graceland Cemetery to await the coming of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Job 14:14, 15. T. Godfrey.

## THE BOOK WORK.

### PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED.

The prospects for the canvassing work for 1907 are brighter than they have been for a number of years, and I am receiving very encouraging reports from all parts of the field. Just a few years ago we were told that the canvassing work would be revived, and would go forward with increasing success. How many realize that we are now living in the days when that prophecy is being fulfilled? Many things that we were told through the spirit of prophecy would come to pass are rapidly being fulfilled; but the sad part of it all is that very few know the day of their

visitation. The work of publishing the gospel of the kingdom is great, the laborers are few; but the work is now going rapidly. Soon the harvest days will pass, and many will then realize that they have lost golden opportunities, and failed to do their appointed work of scattering the printed page. See Jer. 8:20.

Dear reader, do not think that you can not sell the books. They can and must be sold; and what is more, they are being sold. God has said, "the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." Dan. 11:32. Do you know your God? Do you know that those who are faithfully working there are meeting with good success? God is no respecter of persons; what he is doing for one he will do for others who will give themselves to him for service. Let us hear from you, brethren and sisters. We shall be glad to do all we can to help you get started in the work. Do not put it off until it is forever too late.

R. J. Bryant.

## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Val.
"Great Controversy."				
John Manuel	75	18	\$17.95	\$64.95
John Weeda	33	4		10.00
Maurice Hart	34	1		2.50
James Merrit	28	5	2.00	14.50

"Heralds of the Morning."				
J. V. Trimble	84	23	\$13.00	\$53.25
Mrs. Carrie Merrit	21	3	3.00	8.25
Blanche Merrit	22	1	.25	2.00
Mable Merrit	26	1	.75	2.50

Miscellaneous.				
Hannah Mott	44			\$ 19.50
Lewis Hilliard	173	49		105.50
R. J. Bryant	70	58		126.25

Deliveries.				
	Books	Value		
Lewis Hilliard	108	\$196.00		
Hannah Mott	175	73.50		
J. V. Trimble	17	29.75		

Summary.				
No. canvassers reporting	11			
" " not reporting	9			
Value books sold	\$409.20			
" " delivered	299.25			

## YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

### A MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE.

As we decided at our young people's convention to do more for the foreign fields, we have been making inquiries as to where we might best help. The foreign mission department of the general conference has suggested that it would be a nice thing for our young people in Iowa to help Bro. C. E. Rentfro in his missionary enterprises in Portugal. That is a hard field, and while Bro. Rentfro is doing a good work, he needs some assistance in getting out literature and educating native workers. I trust that all our young people will take hold of this

right away. Send all donations to the Iowa Tract Society, and state that they are for Bro. Rentfro in his work in Portugal.

F. J. Wilbur.

**REPORT OF WORK DONE DURING THE QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1906.**

No. of societies.....	16
Present membership.....	193
Members of State home department..	29
Missionary letters written.....	184
"    "    received.....	111
"    "    visits.....	87
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	67
Subscriptions taken for periodicals...	33
Papers sold.....	317
Papers mailed or given away.....	1,246
Books sold.....	66
Books loaned.....	49
Pages of tracts sold.....	4,583
"    "    given away.....	10,116
Hours spent in Christian help work..	1,758
Persons supplied with food.....	84
Articles of clothing given away.....	133
Hours spent in reading to others....	21
Persons interested.....	8
Children brought into Sabbath-school..	8
Offerings for home missionary work..	\$12.23
"    for foreign missionary work..	35.72

F. J. Wilbur, Sec.

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.**

**"ASK NOT TO BE EXCUSED."**

Ask not to be excused from writing a letter to United States senators from your State remonstrating against H. R. 16483 known as the "Wadsworth Sunday Bill for the District of Columbia." It will be remembered that the bill has already passed the house of representatives and is now in the hands of the senate committee for the District of Columbia. This bill may be acted upon by the committee most any day and recommended favorably to the senate.

It will also be remembered that the fifty-ninth congress closes March 4. While we are hoping that the bill will die in the hands of the District of Columbia senate committee, it could, however, in the closing hours of congress, be acted upon and passed very quickly. It should be understood that statesmen are pleased to know the wishes of their constituents. It has been demonstrated that earnest letters do have a salutary effect upon statesmen by calling their attention to evils underlying any proposed measure or emphasizing the evils of which they may already have a knowledge.

It will be seen that should any action on the bill be deferred until the last day or two of congress, nearly every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States would have time to write a short and pointed but courteous letter to the senators from his respective State, making a most earnest protest against the proposed Sunday bill

for the District of Columbia. Let no one "ask to be excused" from writing his senators, and let him write at once.

K. C. Russell.

**"LIBERTY."**

The fourth number of "Liberty," which is now ready, completes the first year of this new magazine. As to age, it is a mere babe, but in influence and power it has proven to be a giant. Its average circulation during the nine months it has been published reaches nearly fifty thousand copies an issue. No doubt, it will have a circulation of one hundred thousand copies before the close of its second year.

The fourth number of "Liberty," while it reveals improvement along religious liberty lines in foreign countries, presents conclusive evidence that the pagan and papal philosophy of union of church and State, is rapidly growing in favor in the United States. The special message for this time is, therefore, "Proclaim liberty to the captives." Let the people understand that the spirit of the gospel is opposed to bondage of any kind, and has no part in religious coercion; that God has left every man free to choose or to reject divine government; that the right to believe and to worship includes the equal right not to believe and to refuse to worship; that religious freedom is heaven-born,—a gift of God, and does not admit enforced observances.

The fundamental principles of religious liberty upon which the foundation of this nation was built, are being eclipsed by the philosophy and sophistry of National Reformism, and those who are heaven-favored with a clear conception of the only worship and service acceptable to God, have resting upon them a binding obligation to impart this knowledge to those about them. A mighty struggle between truth and error is upon this nation. The issue is clearly drawn, and its culmination is not far in the future.

Let all the readers of the Bulletin ponder the present crisis, and arrange to do their full duty in disseminating the gems of truth associated with the gospel of liberty. Send for a liberal supply of the magazine and sell them in your community. The people will buy them readily if they are properly presented. They are interested. This is a live, interesting issue in which all intelligent people are more interested than appears upon the surface.

"Liberty" is a quarterly magazine of 32 pages. The subscription price is only 25 cents a year, or 25 or more copies in one order to one address, 2½ cents a copy. The retail price is five cents a copy. Order through the Tract Society. D. W. Reavis.

**THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.**

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

**THE BIBLE.**

As a book of study, the Bible is superior to all other books as a means of strengthening the intellect. What fields of thought the youth may here find to explore. The mind may go deeper and still deeper in its research, gathering strength with every effort to comprehend truth; and yet there is an infinity beyond.

What subjects are presented in the sacred Scriptures for the mind to dwell upon. Where can be found higher themes, or themes so intensely interesting? Where in all the round of human science can be found anything that will compare with the Bible in interest and sublimity, anything that will so call out the mind in deep and earnest thought?

Open the Bible to our youth, draw their attention to its hidden treasures, teach them to search for its jewels of truth, and they will gain from their research such strength of intellect as the study of science and of philosophy could not impart. The grand subjects upon which the Bible treats, the dignified simplicity of its inspired utterances, the elevated themes which it presents to the mind, the light, sharp and clear, from the throne of God, enlightening the understanding, will develop the powers of the mind to a degree that is truly marvelous.

The reader may move through the most inspiring scenes. He may hold converse with patriarchs and prophets; he may behold Christ, who was equal with God and the Commander in heaven, coming down to humanity, and working out the plan of redemption, breaking off from man the chains wherewith Satan had bound him, thus making it possible for him to regain his godlike manhood. This is a subject that may well call out our deepest thought and most earnest affections.

If they fulfil the purpose of God, even the most experienced Christians will be continual learners in the school of Christ, that they may become efficient teachers. And it is impossible to teach without learning. We can not explain and enforce the great truths of the Bible without seeing clearer light ourselves. Our own views will be enlarged, and the effort to make the words of God plain to others will fasten them in our own minds.

Men may have enjoyed a training in the schools, and may have become acquainted with the writings of great theologians; yet truth will open to the mind and impress it with new and striking power, as the Bible is searched and pondered, with an earnest, prayerful desire to understand its sacred truths.—Mrs. E. G. White.

# Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, FEB. 26, 1907.

—"Your busiest day is your best day."

—Broken crackers, 5 cents a pound at the Sanitarium Bakery.

—Eld. C. C. Jensen and Bro. F. J. Wilbur spent the Sabbath with the friends at Grinnell.

—Bro. J. W. Dorcas, of the Sanitarium Bakery, made a trip to Cedar Rapids and Lisbon last week.

—Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, of Nevada, came to Des Moines last week to spend some time at the Sanitarium.

—Bro. F. J. Wilbur wishes us to announce that another supply of "Morning Watch" calendars is expected before long, and that all orders will be filled as soon as possible.

—Quite a number of renewals to the Bulletin have been received during the last few days. Let the good work go on; there are a number more that should be received immediately.

—Owing to the imperfections of old type, the title report published last week did not remain correct during the printing of the entire edition. Ottumwa's title was \$67.70; Oakland's, \$29.95.

—Mrs. C. C. Jensen, who has spent several weeks at the Sanitarium, returned last week to Davenport, where she will visit with relatives and continue the recuperation of her strength after quite a serious operation.

—There is opportunity for a conscientious Seventh-day Adventist young man to enter the Iowa Sanitarium Bakery as an apprentice in the manufacturing department. Reference required. Address the Iowa Sanitarium Food Co., Des Moines, Iowa.

—A copy of "The Bulletin," a little publication put out bi-monthly by the young men's literary society of Tacoma Park, D. C., has just been received. It is printed in brochure form, and presents a very creditable appearance. Mr. C. E. Holmes, a former Iowa boy, is editor.

—In addition to what is said in "Prophecy Being Fulfilled" in the canvassers' column, we wish to say that there seems to be a general feeling that this will be a good year for the canvassing work. We are very glad that this is so, and only trust that all our people will do all they can, by selling books themselves or assisting those who do canvass, to make it the best year in the history of the canvassing work in Iowa.

## "HOME AND HEALTH."

"Home and Health" is the name of a new book that will come from the press about April 1. The book will contain 560 pages. I have read 520 pages of the advanced proof sheets, and can not find words to express my high appreciation of the work. The two following paragraphs quoted from the preface of the book sets forth in a concise way the object of the work:—

"The object of this book is two-fold: first, the prevention of disease by teaching the principles of life and health; and, second, the classification in convenient form for reference of such recipes and items of information as are most needed in the home.

"No attempt has been made to present technical or professional information. That is not its mission. It has been prepared for practical daily use by the common people, and is written in the plain, simple language of the home. Its principles and suggestions, however, are intended to be in harmony with that splendid scientific movement which is gaining ground so rapidly in all the world in behalf of temperance in all things, plain, healthful living, sanitary homes, and nature's remedies for the treatment of disease."

Our readers will hear a great deal of this book the next few months. It is a most timely production, and evidently will be one of our most popular subscription books. It is a work, too, that can be easily handled by many of our good sisters who hitherto have not ventured to take up the sale of our large and strictly doctrinal books. We are suggesting to our State agents that they get their workers for this book largely from this class of individuals. The prospectus of the book will be ready about March 1. The book will be in three bindings: strong buckram cloth, \$2.50; library, \$3.50; full morocco, \$4.50. Those desiring to take up the sale of this book should apply to the State agent for contract and territory.

James Cochran.

## PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT.

"The three hundred copies of the special 'Watchman' came promptly, and we sold them easily. By thus meeting the people, we found several who were much interested in our work, and who are now studying the truth each week in their homes. For this we are thankful." This quotation is from a letter written by a sister in New Mexico. It reveals several very interesting facts, to some of which your attention is directed:—

First: Through the selling of these soul-stirring papers, people were found who were hungering for spiritual food.

Second: This sister, and those associated with her, seized the opportunity to interest their neighbors and follow the effort with Bible instruction in their homes.

Third: The special "Watchman" (End of the World issue) sells easily. On this point, another lady who had just finished selling seven hundred and twenty-five copies of the special, and who was ordering one thousand more, wrote: "I have sold all the specials without any difficulty at 10 cents each, and am sure they are worth it."

These statements are so suggestive that anyone who thinks of the importance of the advent message, and whose heart is open to the calls for help so constantly presented in the unwarned, unsaved condition of the multitudes in every city, town, and community will ask at once, "Where can I get these gospel-filled papers to carry to my neighbors?" You may send your orders to the Iowa Tract Society, and they will receive prompt attention. Prices, 1 to 4 copies to one address, 5 cents; 5 to 24 copies, 4 cents; 25 to 299 copies, 3 cents; 300 or more copies, 2½ cents.

The publishers of the "Watchman" have sent out thousands of copies of this good number; but they are still filling many orders, and expect soon to issue another edition. Send your orders at once.

L. D. Randall.

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

Wanted.—A good girl for general housework. State wages in first letter. Church privileges. Address, Mrs. L. A. Adams, Box 87, R. 3, Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Wanted.—A strong, experienced farmer, a Sabbath-keeper, to work on a farm to begin when spring work opens up. \$25.00 a month for a good man. Write, giving references, L. W. Baylies, Neola, Pottawattamie county, Iowa.

Wanted.—A Seventh-day Adventist man to work on the farm the coming season. I will pay good wages and transportation one way to the right person. Correspondence is solicited immediately. State age, experience at farming, and wages expected in first letter. Lewis Willson, Walnut Grove, Redwood county, Minnesota.

For Sale.—My home at Stuart, consisting of one acre of ground, a four-room cottage with summer kitchen and good cellar, and barn and hen house. A good well of water. Fenced with woven wire. Plenty of fruit, cherries, plums, apples, grapes, raspberries, currants, and mulberries. Located ½ mile from the Academy. Address S. B. Kephart, 1420 11th St., W. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.