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"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger."

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Good Advice Boiled Down

DRINK less, breathe more.
Talk less, think more.
Ride less, walk more.
Worry less, work more.
Waste less, give more.
Preach less, practice more.

—Selected.

Criticising

THIS is an exceedingly bad habit, yet it is one that a person is liable to fall into almost unwittingly; and there is no class of people who, from the very circumstances in which they are placed, are so liable to indulge this pernicious habit, as our own workers. It is a shameful condition of things, but none the less true. Those above all others in whom should be seen brotherly love and hearty co-operation, feel at perfect liberty to criticise one another, and even to criticise those who are holding offices of responsibility.

Now that kind of thing is altogether wrong. It destroys spirituality and brotherly love entirely, and among those who should be noted for the love which they bear one another, it begets strife and hatred. When the world has no love for the truth nor for those who profess the truth, they certainly ought to love one another.

To criticise another is equivalent to saying, "I know better how to perform the duties of that office than the man does who holds the office." It is a question if those who are given to such work realize how egotistical it sounds—how utterly heartless it appears, to those not given to this vice. It looks to them as if those who indulge in this practice were trying to tear down what they profess to be building up. Instead of having their attention attracted to the work which we as a people are trying to do, they are led to see only the faults and foibles of the brethren, which we as individuals are constantly pointing out.

THE CAUSE of all this abominable work is selfishness. Those who indulge this awful vice have lost sight of Christ, and can see only themselves and their own selfish interests. Their views of everything

have become horribly distorted in consequence. They can see only the disagreeable things, the unpleasant things. They can see only the office and the salary, but not the work to be done. They seem to think that the office and the salary were created for their special benefit. If the office does not pay or the work is not done properly, so much the worse for them. The office must be maintained and the salary paid just the same. And if any attempt is made by those having the work at heart, to correct the error, the distorted vision of the office-holder looks upon the attempt as a personal attack upon himself. He is of so much more consequence than the work to be accomplished that he must have first consideration; and not getting it, he feels at liberty to criticise and say what he thinks of those in charge of the work.

Our work needs workers—those who are willing to go out into the field and work; and that means ministers who are willing for the love of souls to go to the ends of the earth if need be and endure hardships as good soldiers of the cross. It means canvassers and colporters who will take our literature to the people at their homes, and that means hard work, meeting with much to discourage in the way of rebuff and discomfort, but with the knowledge that he is doing work that will tell in eternity.

It means managers for our offices who will locate in our large cities and towns, and, in addition to the simple work of keeping the accounts of the office, will visit the members of the church and encourage them to faithful attendance at church and Sabbath-school; and for recreation will interest the outside people by giving an occasional Bible study of a few minutes to different ones as he becomes acquainted with them.

But our work has no place for critics. Criticism is excluded. Criticism is the devil's passport into the church, or the church-member's passport out of it. Let us all have done with it.

The Canvassing Work

It is taken for granted that everybody is interested in the canvassing work, though few are actively engaged in it.

For some time we have desired to hold a canvass-

ers' institute, but for divers reasons it has not been done. We are soon to assemble in our annual gatherings of the local conferences, and the canvassers will probably all be present at these meetings.

It would seem to me that we should improve this opportunity, and give special attention to this important line of work during these annual sessions.

We hope to have a meeting each day in the interests of the canvassing work, and thus strengthen and encourage this department. The canvassing work is at a low ebb; there are few in the field where there should be many.

While the Testimonies encourage young men who are preparing for the ministry to get an experience in the canvassing work, they also show that mistakes have been made by encouraging some to leave the canvassing work and go into the ministry. Notice the following:—

“There are some who are adapted to the work of the colporter, and who can accomplish more in this line than by preaching. If the Spirit of Christ dwells in their hearts, they will find opportunity to present his word to others, and to direct minds to the special truths for this time. Men suited to this work undertake it; but some injudicious minister flatters them that their gifts should be employed in preaching instead of in the work of the colporter. Thus they are influenced to get a license to preach; and the very ones who might have been trained to make good missionaries to visit families at their homes, to talk and pray with them, are turned away from a work for which they are fitted, to make poor ministers, and the field where so much labor is needed, and where so much good might be accomplished, is neglected.”—“Manuel for Canvassers,” by Mrs. E. G. White.

I believe great care should be taken not to discourage young men who are called to the ministry, and yet we can see by what has been written that good judgment should be exercised, lest the canvassing work be hindered.

The placing of our publications before the people is a very important work, and while we are not to prescribe the work of any individual contrary to his own convictions, yet we can give counsel and suggest plans and urge all to seek direction from God.

The canvassing work should be encouraged, and I trust that all our canvassers will attend the annual session of the conference in which they are located, and assist in reviving and encouraging this department of our work.

Canvassers are urged in “Manuel for Canvassers,” to read the sixth chapter of Isaiah, and take its lesson home to their hearts.

I am sure the conference committees will acquiesce

heartily in giving due time and study to this line of work during the conference sessions.

Should there be any canvassers who think they cannot attend, we should be pleased to know why. Come to the feast; come one, come all.

W. H. THURSTON.

Your Son and Daughter

GOD himself directed the education of Israel. We look to that people and admire the system that God gave them by which to give their children the true education for life's duties. All admit that that education was the best the world has yet seen. It developed the best characters the world has known. It prepared the youth not only for the highest positions in this life, but looked toward the eternal life.

There is no phase of life that this education does not provide for. Look at some of the men whose characters were molded under its influences. Joseph was reared in the tent life of that time. His parents were shepherds, wandering from place to place. Near their tents were hundreds of cattle, sheep, and goats; and he learned the care of them. His father carefully instructed him. He was taught to love the Lord from his earliest youth. The law of chastity was written in his mind. Gentleness, fidelity, and truthfulness—the characteristics which he manifested in Egypt—were faithfully taught him by his father. This training was manifested when he was in the land of strangers. David is another who was educated in the schools of the prophets. It was the influence of this early training that gave a mold to his after-life.

In the system of education which God gave Israel the parents were to constantly recount the events of creation, rehearsing the events of each day of the creation week. In the morning the child could be taught that it was on the first day that light was made. “God said, Let there be light; and there was light.” When the child was old enough to notice the blue expanse, his attention was called to the time when it was made. Thus day by day there was opportunity to teach the child the great works of the Lord. While this was going on the child was learning numbers. Then the promises of the Lord can be told to the child as they are found in Genesis and other books of the Bible.

At our schools these great truths are taught, and adapted to the capacity of the pupil. What earnest efforts the parents would make to give the youth such an opportunity if they realized its importance to their sons and daughters. Many of these youth are at the turning of the road.

"There are two ways for travelers, only two ways :
One's a hill pathway of battle and praise ;
The other leads downward ; though flow'ry it seem,
Its joy is a phantom, its love is a drem, 'tis only a
dream.

There are two guides for travelers, only two guides :
One's the Good Shepherd, e'en through the death
tides ;

The other,—the serpent, beguiling with sin,
Whose beauty external hides poison within, death
poison within.

Our children are about to enter one of these ways.
Now is the time to save them from the destruction
that is awaiting the world. Those who have been,
and are now, managing the Academy, do all they
know how to meet the wants of these times.

A. O. BURRILL.

FROM THE FIELD

Brantford, Ont.

On July 1st and 2nd Elder Miller visited our little
company at Brantford ; and we had a refreshing time.
The Lord was indeed with us as we celebrated the
ordinances. At the close two of our Sabbath-school
pupils offered themselves for membership, and they,
with another sister, were baptized on Sunday after-
noon.

Our prayer meetings are full of interest, and we
are cheered and encouraged to see the children's
meetings also well attended. These meetings are
held on Friday evening, and are led by the young
people. A warm interest is manifested by them,
and we hope to see some of them yet go out as
workers in the Master's vineyard.

MRS. R. CORNISH.

Notes

We take this means of acknowledging the receipt
of a pair of beautiful floor rugs sent to us by express.
The donor gave us no clue to his identity so that
we are unable to write to him personally.

At the present writing we are at the home of Miss
Edith Pangburn, Selton, who was a student at the
Lornedale Academy during the last two terms of the
year. It is her intention to return to the school
another year.

It was a great pleasure to meet the friends of the
truth at St. Thomas. We especially enjoyed the

hospitality of Brother and Sister Geo. F. Wilson,
where we met our old friend John, a former student
of nearly two years.

A young man who has recently come to the faith
in St. Thomas intends to come to school at Lorne-
dale Academy the coming year.

Miss Victoria Robinson is keeping the books of the
London Health Food Company of which her father
is manager. We are in hopes to see her return to
to school another year to finish the Nurse's Pre-
paratory Course.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a
case of Health Foods, sent to Lornedale Academy
through the courtesy of the London Health Food
Company. We trust that our brethren will take
advantage of this Company's kind offer to supply
them with "Life Chips" at \$1.50 per case.

The friends at Exeter are all of good courage.
We were privileged to spend a few days with them
on our trip, and we enjoyed the visit very much.
They have renewed their subscription for a club of
Signs, and we took several subscriptions for the
MESSENGER.

Miss Pansy Prouty who was a student at Lorne-
dale Academy for a year, is staying at her home in
Exeter at present. We were in hopes to have her
return for another year, but she could hardly see her
way clear to do so.

The General Conference Text Book Committee

On the last day of the General Conference, the
General Conference Committee appointed the mem-
bers of the Department of Education, whose names
were recently published in the *Review and Herald*.
The members of this department at once organized,
and appointed various committees, among which
was a committee on text books. The addresses of
its members are given below, and they should be
preserved by all interested in their work :—

TEXT BOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman, C. C. Lewis, College View, Neb. ; Sec-
retary, M. E. Kern, College View, Neb. ; M. E. Cady,
College Place, Wash. ; B. E. Huffman, College View,
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WORK OF COMMITTEE

It was expected that the Text Book Committee would examine all text-books now in use in the schools of the denomination, not only those written by our own teachers but also those obtained from other sources, also that they would examine manuscripts submitted to them, and be prepared to make definite recommendations to a general educational convention for the denomination, to be called next summer. It is the desire of the Committee to do thorough work; and in order that they may have material upon which to begin, they would request all who are interested in the improvement of text-books for our church schools, intermediate schools, academies, and colleges, to comply with the following requests as soon as possible :—

1. Will those authors having text-books already published or about to be published kindly send copies to the members of the Committee at the addresses given above, with such suggestions in regard to the purpose and use of their books as they may think helpful?

2. If authors will send manuscripts of unpublished text-books to the secretary of the Committee, the Committee will take pleasure in examining them, and in making such recommendation as their merit may deserve.

3. The Committee will be glad to receive suggestions from any one in regard to the best plans of carrying on their work, and of selecting the best books for conducting the work of Christian education.

Address all communications to the secretary, Prof. M. E. Kern, College View, Neb., or to the undersigned.

C. C. LEWIS, Chairman.

"WORK done for Christ endures forever."

Auditor's Statement
to the Canadian Publishing Association

167 Dundas St., Toronto, Ont.,
July 19, 1905.

Executive Committee

Canadian Union Conference, Elder W. H. Thurston, President, Toronto, Ontario.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

THAT I have given the books of your Treasurer a careful examination for the time from July 1, 1902, to July 14, 1905. I have checked the books from original letters from correspondents having money represented in them, and from receipt stubs, and from Bank stubs. The Ledger was in exact balance July 1, 1905. The cash in the safe, and the deposit in the Metropolitan Bank of Toronto agree to a cent with the records. I think your funds have been honestly and carefully handled, and correctly recorded.

I have taken the liberty to offer some instruction in methods which I believe will improve the book-keeping if adopted.

(Signed) W. H. EDWARDS, Auditor,
Lake Union Conference.

The Sabbath-school Worker

THE August number of the *Sabbath School Worker* is an excellent one. Mrs. L. Flora Plummer being again connected with the work editorially, will be a guarantee of future excellence and practical worth in the Sabbath-school work.

The August number contains an announcement of the reorganization of the Sabbath-school department Committee, a thoughtful article on "The Teacher's Duty to her Class," "Helpful Suggestions in Reviewing the Children," and other helpful articles. Under the heading, "Practical Experiences," are given two ways of overcoming a real difficulty which kindergarten teachers often meet. The missionary exercise is interesting and instructive, the principal article having been constructed by Elder J. L. Shaw, one of our missionaries to India. The blackboard illustrations for primary lessons are simple and may easily be reproduced, while the picture, "Raising of Jarius Daughter," may be used by teachers in the class.

The *Worker* is worth more than the price asked—twenty-five cents in clubs of two or more copies, and thirty-five cents in single subscriptions.

IF we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility. —Longfellow.