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Give Christ the Best

GIVE Christ the best! O young men strong and eager,
And conscious of your own abounding life,
Ready to throw your soul's fresh, growing powers
Into some noble cause or lower strife,
Christ Jesus was a young man, strong and brave;
Give Him your heart's allegiance; give to Him
The best you have.

And you in whom the same young life is throbbing,
But with a steadier pulse and gentler flow,
Whose hearts were made for sacrifice and loving,
Whose soul's ideals grow with you as you grow:
O, give to Christ your first, most sacred love,
And of your heart's devotion give to Him
The best you have.

And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood
Gave up His precious life upon the cross;
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best He had. —Anon.

"Object Lessons" Work

THE remaining months of this winter is a good time in which to take hold and finish the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." It should be taken hold of in earnest. Why not between now and April work with all diligence and dispose of the number allotted to us? I quote the following from a letter received from Elder Daniells:—

Ever since our Council closed in November I have felt very anxious with reference to the "Object Lessons" work throughout the country. I feel that we must, if possible, close up this work in all our conferences before the next session of the General Conference. We now have two full months in which to do this work. There is scarcely a conference in the United States that has more than three books per member on hand to dispose of. I see no reason why our people cannot rise up and dispose of that number of books during the next two months. I am sure they could if they were sufficiently aroused. Would it not be a glorious achievement if every state conference would carry its jubilee banner to the coming General Conference? What is the prospect of every conference in the Central Union Conference doing so? I shall make a most earnest effort to accomplish this in the Lake Union. In my mind it would be better for each state conference to turn its entire force during the time between now and the next General Conference to the "Object Lessons" work and finish it up, than to allow the work to dally along, and have a considerable amount of work left over for another year. Let us rally all our forces and press the battle to the very gates.

I hope that our people may sense the situation and take hold of this work in earnest, as indicated in Elder Daniells' letter.

In regard to the "Object Lessons" work in Kansas, Elder McReynolds writes:—

Referring to the "Object Lessons" work in Kansas, I will say that it is not dead. We will send Union College another thousand dollars this week. We have demonstrated that we have some ministers and workers who are abundantly successful in their efforts. These we are directing to keep right at it, going from church to church where they have not sold their books, and getting the church members to assist all they can. While it will take some time longer to do it that way, it seems the best plan. We have also a few lay members who have developed quite a considerable talent in this line.

As ministers and people, let us take hold of the work in earnest, and not rest until it is done. Then our educational institutions can sing the jubilee song, and as conferences and people we can rejoice with them that the work has been accomplished.

E. T. RUSSELL.

One Copy

ONE sister in Wisconsin tells of five families sharing in the study of one copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" which she sold. The purchaser loaned it, and the borrower introduced it to the neighbors, and thus the circle was extended. Some have read it through twice, and others who have read it once desire to read it again, and still others who have not read it are asking for it.

A Sanitarium for England

ENGLAND needs a sanitarium. The brethren there are ready to do all in their power to raise the money to pay for one. But they would like some help. The Old World stretches out her hands and asks assistance from the New.

A well equipped, thoroughly furnished hydropathic institution, only seventeen miles from the heart of London, has been found, and is now offered to us at a very low price. It was built only four years ago. The man who built it died a year afterwards. Its estimated value is \$25,000. The widow desires to sell it, and will take \$13,500 for it, or only a little over half its original cost and real value. A nice piece of land goes with the institution, which is located just outside the fog and smoke of London in one of the most beautiful and far-famed counties of England, that of Surry. The climate is mild and pleasant, and the country about rolling and hilly. There are beautiful valleys and brooks, also many lakes scattered here and there.

The brethren in England are pleased with the place. But they have not bought it. They wish to know first if we will help them. Fifteen hundred dollars would perhaps be required to equip the institution fully for thorough sanitarium work, making the total cost \$15,000. Our English brethren agree to undertake to raise \$5,000 of this, if we, more numerous and more blessed, will raise \$10,000. Shall we do it? Shall we say to them, "Yes; we believe this is a providential opening. We approve of your policy to raise the money before purchasing. Go ahead, and we will help you"?

The request, it seems to us, is reasonable. God wants sanitariums located in all lands. England surely must not be passed by. Fifteen thousand dollars is a very modest sum to invest in a sanitarium for England, compared with the sums which have been expended in establishing like institutions in this country.

Here is a worthy enterprise calling for help. Let all consider what they ought to do. The cause in England is as dear to God as the cause in America. In many respects London is the "hub of the world." It is the metropolis of a great empire.

We hope that many hearts will be touched by this appeal, and that there will be a most liberal response on the part of all our people in the Central Union Conference. Sabbath, February 7, has been set apart as the time for our offerings to this important undertaking. Let all show by their gifts to this that they believe in a *cash policy*, in *paying as we go*.

W. A. COLCORD,

Statistical Reports

BLANKS have been sent out to all the state conference secretaries to obtain a full statistical report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902. These statistics are needed in the preparation of matter to be submitted at the General Conference, which is to convene in March. Statistics are of special value to those who carry responsibilities in planning for the work in general. Our work goes by campaigns. No general would undertake a campaign without first having some knowledge of the territory to be covered, and the strength of his enemy's force, also the strength of his own resources. The work of the Third Angel's Message is of greater consequence than that of any general in any of the world's affairs.

Our work for this time has assumed such proportions that those who have the management of it must have access to every available worker and resource. It is for this reason that reports are called for which will give a concise statistical picture of the work in all its branches.

Suitable blanks containing the items desired have been prepared. The blanks, however, will do no good if they lie in the desk of the secretary, the clerk, or the treasurer. The utility of the report lies in its being replete and prompt. In order to secure these features, every officer, from the church clerk, church treasurer, Sabbath-school secretary, to Conference and Union Conference secretaries, must be prompt in filling out the required blanks. There should be no delays on the part of anyone. Each local officer should begin at the commencement of each quarter to collect items for his next quarterly report. No phase of his report should be de-

layed one day after the close of the quarter, except the financial part, and that should require only a short time; for the treasurer can certainly reckon up the amount of money received and paid out during the quarter in a very short time. Any money received after the last day of the quarter belongs in the next quarter's report. All that is required of anyone is faithfully to perform the duties that naturally devolve upon him by his accepting the position as an officer in the church, Sabbath-school, or conference.

L. A. HOOPES,
Sec. Cent. Union Conf.

A Lesson from Noah's Carpenters

HELPING on a good work is not always a specially commendable thing. There must be a moral quality in it, a choice, or purpose, of well doing. A man deserves no credit for helping a neighbor on his way when he really intends to do that neighbor harm. Nor does a man deserve spiritual approval because he does work on a new church, for which he receives full day wages. Doctor Dodd used to say that Noah's carpenters were no better than their neighbors, while they worked daily on the place of safety and scoffed at Noah's prophecy and preparations, until the flood came and swept them away with those who had not been employed as they were. We ought to take warning by the lesson of Noah's carpenters.—*S. S. Times.*

Plan Accordingly

THESE are the last days. Plan accordingly. The day of probation will soon close. Plan accordingly. The safest and best place we may invest our means is in the bank of heaven. Plan accordingly. The time is near when all property will vanish in smoke. Plan accordingly. The righteousness of God will endure forever. Plan accordingly. Faith in God's word will enable us to see all things in the light of eternity. Plan accordingly.—*Review and Herald.*

The New Tracts Ready

THREE of the new tracts for the tract campaign are now ready, viz., "We Would See Jesus," "Signs of Our Times," and "God's Remedy for Present-Day Isms." Get a set and read them for yourself, then circulate them. Price one cent each.

From the Field

Laborers in the Colorado Conference

FOLLOWING the recent Conference, the following recommendations were made by the Conference Committee concerning the laborers and their respective field of labor in the Colorado Conference:—

That Wm. Kennedy and W. F. Hills labor in Durango and vicinity.

That L. A. Spring labor a month at Fruita, then go to Gunnison.

That G. M. Alway work at Leadville for a short time, then go to Fruita.

That H. A. Aufderhar spend a few weeks at Arvada, then go to Wray and labor in that vicinity.

That Mrs. Minnie Procter make Albuquerque, New Mexico, her field of labor.

That Miss Lida Moore close her work in Florence, then go to Las Vegas, New Mexico, to engage in Bible work.

That H. L. Procter take up the work in Glenwood Springs.

That Elder Wilson remain in Pueblo.

That other laborers not mentioned remain for the present in their respective fields, and that the superintendents of districts continue unchanged for a while.

Ionia, Wyoming

BRO. E. H. COOK and I are engaged in a series of meetings at this place, and hope soon to be joined by Eld. Geo. Berry to finish the work of establishing a lively company to stand as a living witness to the truth in the Big Horn Basin.

Thus far the attendance has been good considering the circumstances. The Lord seems to be removing hindrances, and giving us liberty in the presentation of His word.

We also hope to hold meetings on Shell Creek, afterwards, should the Lord open the way.

Pray for us and the work here, that all may be done to God's glory. J. W. BEAMS.

Lincoln, Nebraska

THE week of prayer brought a precious experience to the church at this place. The first Sabbath a revival service was held. About twenty-five came forward to seek God for special victory, while all in the church but two or

three arose to consecrate their lives anew to God. Meetings continued all the week, and the last Sabbath another revival service was held. Nearly two hundred were present, and almost all arose to say that they heard the voice of God saying to them, "Go forward." Seven precious souls expressed a desire to unite their lives with this people. We thank God for what He hath wrought.

C. R. KITE.

Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

The Happier Life

FORGET the ache your own heart holds,
By easing others' pain;
Forget your hungering for wealth,
By seeking others' gain;
And make your life much brighter seem,
By brightening the years
For tears dry quicker in the eyes
That look for others' tears.

Heartache fades quickest from the heart
That feels another's pain,
The greed for wealth dies soonest if
We seek another's gain;
Life's sands run lightly if we fill
With kindness all the years,
And tears dry quicker in the eyes
That look for others' tears.

Selected.

Bearing Fruit

ELDER H. R. JOHNSON gives a very interesting account of what the Lord is doing through the agency of "Christ's Object Lessons." He tells how a grocer in a certain city in Wisconsin became interested in the book to such an extent that he procured a number of copies, that he might have them to loan to his neighbors. Among many others a certain unconverted man got hold of the book, and his interest soon became so intense that he sought the Lord for relief from his sins, and was converted. He then turned a room, which had before been used for card playing, into a place for Bible study and prayer. He has now taken fifty copies of the *Life Boat*, and expressed a desire to engage in the sale of "Object Lessons." He thinks it is the most wonderful production he has ever found.

A number of other persons have also been converted, and several of them are keeping the Sabbath as a result of this interest which grew out of the circulation of "Object Lessons." Several others are so deeply interested that they are seeking the Lord, and asking for more light

upon the truth. Altogether, it is the most interesting account that has come to us with reference to "Object Lessons" since the work of circulating it began. We believe that the reading of this work will yet be the means of many others being converted.

WM. COVERT.

The World's Press Can Be Used

SOMETIME ago I canvassed the editor of a local paper for "Patriarchs and Prophets." He seemed interested in the work, but said he was not able to buy. I then proposed to let him have the book at half price, if he would recommend it to the people through his paper. To this he agreed, and in the next issue, in large type in the center of the page, occupying two-column space, appeared the following editorial:

HAVE YOU SEEN THE BOOK?

We mean "Patriarchs and Prophets, or the Conflict Between Good and Evil"? This book will kindle new interest in neglected portions of God's word. It clothes with new meaning the promises and prophecies of the Bible, vindicates God's way of dealing with rebellion, and shows the wonderful grace of God in devising a plan of salvation for sinful man. It takes us through the history of this work to a time when God plans and purposes were unfolded to his chosen people.

Though this volume deals with themes that stir the heart to its depths and awaken liveliest emotions of the mind, the style is lucid, the language plain and direct.

Every principle of the Bible and every condition of life is dealt with in its pages. There is no thought presented but that a practical lesson is drawn from it, and the very darkest parts of the Bible are made plain.

We have examined the book, and pronounce it one of the best of the age—one that should find a place in the home of every family. We subscribed for a copy, and unhesitatingly recommend this book as being the book to buy. Our readers can make no mistake in buying this book.

This was not without its influence. The most of the people for several miles around the place take this paper, and I have been carrying a copy of this number with me, reading this article to the people after showing the book, and this has been a great help in selling the work.

God has placed many things in our way to help spread the message, and He wants us to be wide awake and utilize these agencies.

C. F. DART.

Revival of "Old-fashioned" Methods

I BELIEVE there is nothing our people need so much as a thorough awakening along the lines of the "old-fashioned" tract and missionary

work. Somehow it seems to have died out to quite a degree during recent years. We cannot go on as we are now going. The time for the close of this work—the time which God has himself set for its close—is right upon us; and the Lord has said if the present “order of things” is continued, this work will “come to naught.” But this work must not come to naught; therefore, the present order of things must not continue. It appears to me that it will be impossible for this people to finish the work of this message with the triumphant success which it must achieve, unless they take a strong, determined stand under God, on the following points:—

1. Every member of the church who knows this message must bring all his powers into service.

2. The Third Angel's Message, the special message for this time, must be preached in clear lines, which will constitute a definite warning to the world.

3. We must reach out to the foreign lands, where the doors have hardly been opened, and carry the message to them by more powerful measures than have yet been adopted.

These are the mechanical means at least. Complete consecration of self and all we have, with an implicit faith in God and in His message for this time, is the foundation for it all.

E. R. PALMER.

Can I Be A Genuine Missionary?

It is amazing how many there are who have never experienced the joy that comes from doing some real act of kindness to another. We sing and talk and pray about the reward that awaits the faithful, until we almost forget that faithful service for humanity brings a reward even in this life. So many have become convinced that they cannot do what someone else is doing, that they actually neglect to do the little things which they can do.

The Lord does not set us unreasonable duties, but just a series of simple things, the doing of which prepares us for the more difficult things. The friendly visit to one of our neighbors, bringing some little delicacy to a sick acquaintance, speaking an encouraging word to some of our young people, handing a copy of the *Life Boat* to a man who perhaps would not look at a tract, praying for the sick and discouraged, holding Bible studies with some interested neighbor,

conducting live missionary studies in your own homes, are all in line with the special work for this time. This is the work that must be done to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the truths that make us in a special sense a peculiar people. It has been presented to us again and again that we are to carry out in our missionary operations Isaiah 58.

How easy it is to teach the Sabbath truths when people's hearts have been won to the Master by kindly ministry. There are people all over the land who know that we are right in theory, but they are watching to see wherein this great flood of truth is making us better. This thought should bring us to our knees in humble supplication for a new experience.

Arrangements are going forward which in the near future will make it impossible for us to either buy or sell. Unless one lives in a city like Chicago, where he sees this thing taking place right before his eyes, he can hardly comprehend how near that time we are. We must place ourselves before the world in a correct light now. This is one reason we are pushing the *Life Boats* into the army and navy. In response to this work we are receiving most encouraging letters from even the great military officers.

It will be worth everything to us just a little ahead to have these men understand our position, our work, and our principles. It will take money to use ten thousand copies of the *Life Boat* in this way each month; but I trust our brethren will appreciate the importance of this missionary move. If we had taken hold of this kind of work years ago, doubtless some of these leading men would to-day be rejoicing in the truth.

We wish THE CENTRAL ADVANCE Godspeed. It circulates in a district that has in times past produced men and women who have been the back-bone of this cause. God grant that in its pages may be found words that shall be an inspiration to our people. In your prayers remember those who are trying to hold up the banner of truth in darkest Chicago.

DAVID PAULSON.

The Power of Kindness

WE often find people whose pathway is overhung with clouds. The waves of trouble roll over their heads. Grief comes to them as an unbidden guest. Sorrow and affliction gather around them, and their hearts almost sink be-

neath their weight. It is in these hours that the heart especially needs sympathy and comfort. Shall we withhold these from them? Shall we not seek to comfort the discouraged and help the distressed, thus brightening our own lives? Here is a vast field for usefulness and a work in which all may engage. We all need the smile and light glowing forth from the faces of others as much as the little flower needs the warmth of the sun or the cooling shower. Words of kindness fall upon the heart like the gentle dewdrop upon the open flower. They are worth more than silver or gold.

Kindness will remove prejudice, soften the heart, and prepare it for the reception of the truth. Like the leaves of the oak which all the winds and storms of winter have failed to remove, but which will quietly yield to the power of the sap in the spring and gently drop one by one, so the power of kindness will do what the storms of argument will never accomplish.

N. P. NEILSEN.

A Canvasser's Experience

I WOULD like to say something that will interest and encourage many of our people to become canvassers. I myself delight in getting the message before the people: I find so many starving for the truth. Just the other day I showed my prospectus for "Coming King" to a Baptist minister, and he was so interested that he gave me an order.

A short time ago a colored man bought five small books from me. He is a seeker after truth, but not a church-member. I visited him a few times, and gave him some instruction in the Bible. The last time I visited him, he said that before reading these books he was about to join a church; but since reading them, he had decided to wait until he found a people keeping all the commandments of God. Of course I shall not neglect to furnish him reading matter until he finds what he is after.

I only wish I could speak face to face with the brethren on this line of work. I used to think I could not canvass, but I am glad to say that God can use anyone who loves the message and has a longing for the salvation of souls. I am of good courage, and would be very much at a loss should I be deprived of the privilege of giving this grand and glorious gospel to the children of men.

Surely there never was a better time for giv-

ing the message, and the Lord is only waiting to bless the one who goes to work. The people are dying for the truth. God help our people to arouse from their slumber and go to work for the salvation of souls.

F. M. MASTERS.

Canvassing Report for Four Weeks Ending December 31, 1902

NEBRASKA			
	Ord.	Value	Helps
COMING KING			
E. W. Clemens	20	\$20.00	\$ 3.75
Lizzie Lockwood	2	2.00	0.75
HOME HAND BOOK			
O. E. Cummings	6		
Pearl Field	4	18.50	8.75
GREAT CONTROVERSY			
Mrs. M. Cummings	3	4.75	
H. A. Whittaker	3	8.50	4.00
DANIEL AND THE REVELATION			
Edward Everett	1	2.25	3.40
Alfred Horn	4	9.00	4.25
DESIRE OF AGES			
R. E. Gardner	2	5.00	13.10
MISCELLANEOUS			
Herman Langenburg	8	14.75	5.10
Maggie Warnock			19.80
C. S. Wilbur	7	7.00	8.15
No. canvassers, 12	58	91.75	77.05
IOWA			
Lewis Hilliard	39	\$45.75	\$3.70
Mrs. S. M. Rocholm	21	10.95	
Minnie Hahn	8	4.25	
Mrs. E. A. Seeley	47	14.50	
Mrs. I. G. Smith	10	5.15	
F. L. Smith	13	10.50	6.00
Lizzie Keat	71	21.50	
Mrs. M. A. Carr	6	1.75	
No. Canvassers, 8	215	114.35	9.70
COLORADO (Four weeks ending December 20, 1902)			
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS			
R. M. Dennis	61	\$171.50	\$51.75
MARVEL OF NATIONS			
J. W. Blackstone	20	30.00	
MISCELLANEOUS			
B. E. Lewis	6	6.25	
O. Einarson	12	27.75	
Lida Moore	51	74.00	
No. canvassers, 5	157	309.50	51.75
KANSAS (Four weeks ending January 2, 1903)			
W. H. Haddon	29	\$15.25	
H. E. Reeder	6	10.10	
N. G. Wells	6	25.25	
Mrs. M. A. Ellis	13	7.50	
J. D. Wells	15	19.75	
Maud Davis	20	19.25	
Jessie Wells	23	24.25	
Mrs. S. E. Shaffer	15	9.50	
Mrs. S. E. Lindsay	8	4.50	
J. F. Balzar	12	17.75	
W. H. Parker	24	14.05	
Mary I. Steele	3	7.00	
J. W. Wilson	27	12.50	
No. canvassers, 13	201	186.65	
Grand Totals	38	631	\$702.25 \$138.50

STABILITY of organizations must depend upon stability of individual characters. Any number of depraved units cannot form a greater people.

Educational

Conducted by L. H. Hoopes

Bible Work in Union College

WE are told in Christian Education that "nothing is more calculated to energize the mind and strengthen the intellect than the study of the word of God."

Accordingly all students attending Union College are encouraged to take this all-important line of work. At the present time, two hundred and sixty-two are enrolled in the various classes of Bible study. Four Bible Doctrine classes, one English, one German, and two Scandinavian, are considering the points of faith held by our people. There are classes also in Daniel and Revelation in English, German, and Scandinavian. In all of these there are classes studying the Epistles. The Special Course Bible class are taking up such subjects as seem adapted to their needs. This class now numbers twenty-two.

In the elementary work, the Old Testament and New Testament History classes are well filled, necessitating two classes in each. In the former the work is being taken up systematically, chapter by chapter; in the latter, outline lessons are being followed in a chronological study of the Life of Christ.

In addition to these classes, much of the Bible study is obtained in connection with the History work.

A Church School in Wyoming

A LETTER received from Brother Max Hill gives an interesting report of the church school at Sheridan, Wyoming, taught by Miss Myrtie Ferrin. The school is held in the church. Speaking of the Bible work he says:—

After the regular lesson, they had a review of the nations of prophecy, which had been previously studied, and the children could name these nations, their rulers, the symbols used in the Bible in describing them, and every scholar could tell where they were mentioned. They also showed excellent ability in repeating texts which they had memorized.

He says that while all the common branches were well taught, and seem to interest the children, it was plain to be seen that the Bible classes were the favorites among the scholars. One class was studying the story of Esther, another

the experience of the children of Israel in the wilderness. The enrollment is not large, but the attendance is good. The children have done well in practical missionary work, such as selling the *Life Boat*, etc.

In closing, Brother Hill says, "Truly there is no more important branch of the work than the church school work." We are glad to receive such good reports from our church schools. Truly this is important work, and one that must be taken up everywhere.

Hero Worship

A FEW weeks ago I arrived in Lincoln over the B. & M. R. R., and as the train pulled up to the depot, I noticed an immense concourse of people, and the air was filled with the shouts of the multitude. It was not the yell of the unrefined and uncultured, but the refined and cultured(?) yell of university students. The State University foot ball team was returning from Minnesota, where they had defeated the Minnesota foot ball team in a heated contest. As the victorious athletes alighted from the coach, they were caught up and borne on the shoulders of their enthusiastic admirers, and placed in a chariot drawn by several hundred people through the principal streets of the city. Truly, people are hero worshipers now, as truly as in the days of Julius Cæsar, when they styled him the "invincible Deity," "Cæsar, the Demigod." And now, as then, the ones blessed to-day are cursed tomorrow, as illustrated in the experience of Admiral Dewey and Lieutenant Hobson. How fickle public sentiment! How fleeting worldly glory!

As the victors were being drawn through the streets of the city, a friend asked, "Would you like to send a son to college to get that kind of education?" It caused me to meditate, and I thought how thankful we ought to be that the Lord has blessed us with light in regard to the education of our children, and instructed us, as parents, that as far as possible we should separate them from evil influences. How necessary it is that we should plan, and if it is required, sacrifice, that our children may attend schools where they will receive the right education,—an education that will fit them for usefulness in this life and for citizenship in heaven. I prize, as never before, those institutions that give Christian training.

E. T. RUSSELL.

"THERE is nothing save the selfish heart of man that lives unto itself."

An Opportunity to Do Something

HERE is an opportunity for all to do something. For years you have been associated with the teachers in the public schools of the United States. You yourself, perhaps, were educated by them. Many of your children have been under their care. What have you done to bring the truth of the Third Angel's Message to them? There is no more conscientious class of people in the country than the teachers. They form a vast army of men and women, and yet we are letting them go on with their work year after year without consideration, when precious truths should be brought to their attention.

We have spent thousands of dollars to circulate health literature; thousands of dollars have been expended in placing the truth of religious liberty before the public; but how much have we devoted to our public school teachers?

The March *Advocate* will be prepared especially for the public school teachers. It will deal with subjects in which educators of the land are interested. Every teacher in the country should receive a copy. Shall the teachers in your neighborhood be passed by, or will you see that each one has an opportunity to read the March number of the *Advocate*?

Our Sabbath schools and our church schools represent the educational feature of the denomination. By them the scattering of educational literature may be done easily and advantageously. Every Sabbath-school worker in the land may have a part in this movement. There are two ways in which we can reach the public school teachers. Each Sabbath-school may take a club of *Advocates* sufficiently large to supply the teachers in its neighborhood, or the Sabbath-schools may raise a fund and send in a list of the names and addresses of the teachers in their respective localities, and the papers will be mailed to them from the *Advocate* office. Let every individual take a part in this. Let the children do what they can. Every penny will help. Will each Sabbath-school superintendent please bring this matter to the attention of his school?

Orders for the March number should reach the office by February 10. Price, four cents apiece in small clubs, or at the rate of three dollars per hundred (three cents per copy), in clubs of fifty or more. Address,

The Advocate, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Sabbath School Dept.

The Children of Our Sabbath-schools

OUR Sabbath-schools are not places where we come merely to be entertained or to pleasantly spend an hour on the Sabbath. They are the places where we come to draw nearer to God by the study of His word, and to take an upward step in our journey homeward.

In articles from Mrs. E. G. White which have appeared in the *Sabbath School Worker*, we have been told that:—

The Sabbath-school should be a place where the jewels of truth are searched for, and rescued from their environment of error, and placed in their true setting in the frame-work of the gospel.

Our Sabbath schools are instruments of God for the education of our youth in the truths of the Bible. Constant efforts should be made by both parents and teachers to interest the youth in matters of eternal importance.

The Sabbath-school is not a place for entertainment, to amuse and divert the children, although rightly conducted, it can be all of this; but it is a place where children and youth are educated, where the Bible is opened to the understanding, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little.

The object of the Sabbath-school should be the ingathering of souls. While we know that a great responsibility rests upon the teachers, too much is expected of them by some parents. The work must not be left altogether for the Sabbath-school teacher and church worker. It should find its foundation and support in the work of the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility committed to them, and they are called upon to watch for the souls of their children as those who must give an account. It was the early home-training of the four Hebrew children in the service of the Lord which made them hold firm even against the decree of the king himself. Upon this point we quote again:—

Parents should command their households after them, as did Abraham, to keep the way of the Lord. If this is not done, Satan will gladly undertake the work of the parent, and train the child as it pleases him. Let parents do their duty to those who depend upon them, and fashion their characters after the divine pattern. Let parents with living faith and entire reliance upon God, do the part assigned them, and God will do His part, and thousands of children, who are now without God and without hope in the world, will be added to the church.

Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson with your children. Give

up the social visit, if need be, rather than sacrifice the hour devoted to the precious lessons of sacred history. If the time that is worse than wasted in gossip, in ministering to pride, or for the gratification of appetite, were devoted with equal interest to the study of the Bible, what encouragement would be given to our Sabbath-schools! Let parents do their part, not only helping the children in their study, but becoming familiar with the lessons themselves.

MAY L. ZANER.

Be What You Teach

It is the teacher's exalted privilege to *be* what he would teach. It is what we are that teaches most effectually. As Emerson puts it, "Say not to me in words; for what you *are* stands over me, and thunders so I cannot hear what you say." Let the Sabbath-school teacher be an example in faith, in charity, in doctrine, and in deportment. Let him show the beauty of the natural and the true, in contrast with the false, the artificial, the untrue. Let him teach the love of God, giving line upon line, precept upon precept; little by little adding new features until the truth in all its beauty and attractiveness can be seen. Sister White says, "Let the teacher pray and work until he sees his charges bound to the truth and in possession of the love of God which passeth understanding."

Teachers cannot spend too much time in their grand work. The poet says,—

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small.
Love so transcending, so divine,
Demands my time, my life, my all."

Though we are a busy people, our love for the Sabbath-school should be so great that the cares of home cannot crowd to the background our most cherished interest in this work. The teacher should be so filled with the love of Christ that he will see the divine image in the child rather than the defects of character. Love begets love, patience brings experience, and success will follow. We cannot lead others to Christ unless we have a rich, deep experience in the things of God ourselves.

ALVA MOORE.

THE Sabbath-school should not be made a place for controversy; it is not the place to make differences of opinion manifested. Let all this kind of work be kept out of the school, and let harmony be maintained. If ideas are advanced that are questioned by members of the school, let not a combative spirit arise and discussion and controversy follow.—*Sabbath-school Work.*

Health Department

Conducted by Mrs. Lyla B. George, M. D.

"Prosper and be in Health"

The Use of Drugs

Statements of Physicians

DR. MASON GOOD, a London professor, says: "The effects of medicine on the human system are in the highest degree uncertain, except, indeed, that it has already destroyed more lives than war, pestilence, and famine combined."

Prof. John Bigelow, M. D., says: "Artificial medicine undermines the strength of the patient and leaves new morbid manifestations, and more disease than it took away."

Prof. J. W. Carson confesses: "We do not know whether our patients recover because we give them the medicine, or because nature cures them. Perhaps bread pills would cure as many as medicine."

Dr. J. Forbes remarks: "Some patients get well with the aid of medicine, more without it, and still more in spite of it."

Dr. Bostwick expresses the truth concerning much of the practice of medicine to-day when he says: "Every dose of medicine given is a blind experiment on the vitality of the patient."

How To Live Long and Be Happy

THE well-known American writer, Julian Ralph, in a recent London letter to *Collier's Weekly*, says:—

One of the foremost surgeons, who is a medical adviser to the Throne, was called in to prescribe for a lady friend of mine who is very active in fashionable life. She was suffering from nervous break-down. He found her generally out of order in brain, eyes, heart, and digestive organs. I am going to tell you freely what he said, though it cost her fifty dollars to hear him. "I cannot cure you," said he, "but you can easily cure yourself. All you have to do is to go to bed at ten o'clock every night, no matter what company you are entertaining or what temptation you have to go out and stay out late. I do it and for years I have refused to allow my business or pleasures to interfere with my habits. If you do not do it, your friends will say, Mrs. — was a clever woman. How well she used to entertain us. But she is dead and gone. If you do it they will have no chance to declare you are dead for many a year to come. There, that's my prescription. You will not follow it, I know, but it is all I have to offer or suggest."

TIMELY rest has saved many a person a nervous breakdown or a spell of sickness.

Notices

Nebraska, Notice

HAVING been asked to labor in the Mexican mission field I have resigned the position of Educational Secretary of the Nebraska Conference. The Conference Committee at its recent meeting appointed Eld. C. R. Kite to act in this capacity.

All correspondence pertaining to this branch of the work should be addressed to him at College View, Neb. GEO. M. BROWN.

Special Notice

In the big fire that destroyed the Review and Herald building the 30th of December, the subscription list of our Danish-Norwegian paper was burned, and consequently the names and addresses of the subscribers lost. We earnestly ask our brethren and sisters in Nebraska to help us restore the list for the state. Will every one kindly do his best to make this known to our subscribers, and have them send us their names and addresses, and state the time their subscription expires, as soon as possible. To send the yellow label on the last copy received would be a good way. We need your help in this great calamity.

EDITOR *Evangelists Sendebud,*
Battle Creek, Mich.

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THE Publishing Houses and State Tract Societies have a few books which are slightly damaged by water or the cloth covers shelf worn, etc. The bindings are alright, and the paper stock neat and clean, only the outside cloth or leather covers is all that is spotted or damaged. These books will be sent postpaid while the stock lasts, at the following low prices, which in many cases is half price:—

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Obituary

MORSE.—Died at his home in Manhattan, Kansas Jan. 5, 1903. Archia Morse, aged 36 years, 8 months, 6 days. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss.

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THE work at Washington requires another church. Instead of building, a suitable one already erected has been secured. The property, conveniently situated in the best part of the city, is estimated to be worth over \$20,000. It has been purchased for much less than this. Considerable money has already been raised toward the enterprise, but several thousand dollars yet are required. Washington is an important point. A good building properly located will certainly prove of value to the work there. The first Seventh-day Adventist church, located in another part of



the city, has been turned over to the colored brethren and sisters of that place. Another building, for the other portion of the church and for aggressive work, seems imperative. All who desire to contribute towards this worthy enterprise can send their donations to THE CENTRAL ADVANCE, acknowledgement of which will be made in the paper; or to J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who has the matter in charge.

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News and Notes

HELP buy a sanitarium for England.

THE colored work is progressing nicely in Kansas City.

A CHURCH organized at Clyde, New Mexico, was received into the Colorado Conference at its late session.

THE Lincoln church was dedicated Sunday, Jan. 18, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Eld. E. T. Russell.

ELD. C. A. BEKSON reports excellent meetings at Kansas City, Kansas. Four souls were added to the church.

LETITIA BROWN, of Oswego, Kansas, reports a very interesting and profitable work of prayer service at that place.

BLISSING with the first issue in January 1903, the club price of the *Signs of the Times* has been fixed at 30 cents per copy per year.

ON account of the Review and Herald fire, two numbers of *The Youth's Instructor*—January 7, January 15—have necessarily been omitted.

TWO SISTERS laboring under the direction of the Colorado Conference have been requested to make New Mexico their field of labor. See report on another page.

ELD. N. W. ALLKE, President of the South Dakota Conference, has for some time been a patient at the Nebraska Sanitarium. He is receiving treatment for throat trouble.

SISTER CARRIE KNIGHT, of Humboldt, Kansas, reports that they held a very profitable Sabbath-school convention there December 6, and that Elder Russell was present with them on that occasion.

SISTER EDITH CORNFORTH, of Ft. Scott, Kansas, writes that they have rented the Dunkard church in which to hold services, and that they are expecting Eld. R. W. Parmele soon to hold a series of meetings there.

BRETHREN Marcial Serna and H. A. Aufderhar were ordained to the gospel ministry at Denver, Col., December 30, during the recent Colorado Conference. Elder G. W. Angelbarger offered the prayer for consecration, and Elder E. T. Russell delivered the charge.

MISS CARRIE KERNS and Miss Lilah States are conducting a church school at Boulder, Col.

"WE Would See Jesus," the first of the series of four special tracts, is out. It is issued as *Bible Student's Library* No. 173, price one cent. Send in your orders to your Tract Society. The remaining tracts will follow shortly. Do not wait for them before beginning work.

ELD. GEORGE M. BROWN has been called by the Mission Board to labor in Mexico. He passed through College View last week enroute for his new field of labor. He was expecting to meet Elder Daniells at Ft. Worth or Laredo, Texas, and from there they were intending to go to the City of Mexico together.

DURING the recent Colorado Conference, interesting reports were given of the work in New Mexico by Elders Hoover and Serna, showing how ripe that field is for the message, and how God is working for that people who are so eager for the truth. Earnest appeals were made for workers that the truth might be carried to our long-neglected Spanish brethren.

THE *Sentinel of Christian Liberty* is now being published as a weekly, instead of a monthly, magazine. It presents a neat, attractive appearance, and is filled each week with short, stirring articles and paragraphs. This should have a place in our missionary work. It would be well if all our own people were constant readers of the *Sentinel*, and every church ought to have a club of the paper to use for missionary purposes. The publishers, The Pacific Press Pub. Co., 11 W. 20th St., New York City, N. Y., will be glad to send sample copies free to anyone for examination.

WORDS of commendation are generally most cheering, and THE CENTRAL ADVANCE has received some most cheering words from its readers. Bertie L. Herrell, Secretary of the Colorado Tract Society, writes: "I am much pleased with THE CENTRAL ADVANCE, and hope you may be able to secure a large number of subscribers for it in our conference. We have mentioned it in our forthcoming issue of *Echoes*, hoping to assist you in that way." Sister A. E. Johnson, of Kansas, writes: "I am pleased with the paper. I think all in the District ought to have it." If you have not subscribed for the ADVANCE, why not send in your subscription at once, and also urge your friends to take it? The subscription price is only 50 cents per year, or 25 cents for six months.