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Rest

SLEEP, warrior, sleep, thy battles all are done:
Rest calmly rest.

The strife is o'er, the victory is won,—
Ah, thou art blest.

No more for thee the burdens of the way,
Thou hast forgot the toils of yesterday.

The mother grieves not when her infant sleeps:
But calm and mild.

With smiling face her mother-watch she keeps
Above her child;

Content to watch, content to wait awhile,—
She knows her darling will wake and smile.

Sleep, warrior, sleep, while we, thy comrades, toil:
God gives thee sleep.

Forever done earth's tempest and turmoil,—
Why should we weep?

For soon the voice of God death's seal shall break,
And when the morning dawns, thou shalt wake.

(From the pen of Mrs. L. D. A. Stuttle in memory of
Eld. Uriah Smith.)

Tested and Tried

CHRISTIANS will be tested and tried. But if they are sincerely trying to serve God, strength will be given them for every conflict. They are not to listen to the false reports that come to their ears, but are to go straight forward in the path of duty. They are to learn to think for themselves, and their actions are ever to be in accordance with the word of God.

Do not go out of your way to call your enemy to account. His words of censure and malice are like sparks which, if not blown upon, will go out of themselves. Live down the evil reports of those whose tongues are set on fire of

hell. If you stop to dispute, you will but open the way for further abuse. Often difficulties may be healed by silence. Let the evil talker alone. Go about your own work as one who has a sacred trust to fulfil. When you are criticised, move on as one who hears not. Your heart may be wounded; nevertheless, do not allow yourself to be turned aside from your work. Give your time and attention to matters of eternal interest.

Christ is your example. He came to this world, and in humanity lived the life that He desires you to live. Study His plans and methods and purposes. His life is our lesson book. A divine-human Saviour, He stands before us with the invitation, "Come unto Me, . . . and I will give you rest. . . . My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

The life of Christ is a perfect revelation of the character of God. What then is our duty? Paul tells us. Christ revealed Himself to Paul as he was persecuting the saints, and the apostle declares, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Henceforth his one desire was to preach Christ and Him crucified. Writing to the Ephesians he says, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

To us, also, this trust has been given,—the work of making known the unsearchable riches of Christ. How high a privilege is ours, and how willingly we should make all else secondary to the fulfilment of this trust!

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Preparation for the Pulpit

It is said that Whitefield "ransacked creation for figures, time for facts, heaven for motives, hell for warnings, and eternity for arguments." When Adam Clarke was asked how a sermon should be prepared, he said: "Study yourself dead, and pray yourself alive again." Rev. Dr. James W. Alexander said: "I more and more believe that constant Bible study, using Scripture to explain itself, and culture of the heart by prayer, etc., are the great preparation for the pulpit."

Shepard, of Cambridge, Mass., said: "As to myself, I can say three things, that the study of every sermon cost me tears; that before I preached a sermon I got good by it myself; that I always went up into the pulpit as if I went to give my account to my Master." It is related of Dr. Robert J. Breckinridge that he was so overcome by emotion once in preaching that he sat down in the midst of his sermon and wept like a child. Dr. James W. Alexander says: "No man can be a great preacher without great feeling." And Dr. Lyman Beecher wrote: "If a man have no feeling, let him not attempt to preach." Payson said: "I never was fit to say a word to a sinner except when I had a broken heart myself, when I was subdued and melted into tenderness, and felt as though I had just received pardon to my own soul, and when my heart was full of tenderness and pity."—*Christian at Work.*

Effects of Example

A CHILD coming from a filthy home was taught to wash its face. It went home so much improved in appearance that the mother washed her face. And when the father of the household came home and saw the improvement in domestic appearances, he washed his face. The neighbors happened in, saw the change and tried the same experiment, until all that street was purified, and the next street followed its example, and the whole city felt the result of one schoolboy washing his face.

This is a fable by which we set forth that the best way to get the world washed of its sins and pollution is to have our own heart and life cleansed and purified. A man with grace in his heart, and Christian cheerfulness in his face, and holy consistency in his behaviour, is a perpetual sermon, and the sermon differs from others in that it has but one head, and the longer it continues the better.—*Talmage.*

A Sunshiny Husband

A SUNSHINY husband makes a merry, beautiful home worth having, worth working in and for. If the man is breezy, cheery, considerate, and sympathetic, his wife sings in her heart over her puddings and her mending basket, and renews her youth in the security she feels of his approbation and admiration. You may think it weak and childish, if you please, but it is the admired wife, who hears words of praise and receives smiles of commendation, who is capable, discreet, and executive. I have seen a timid, meek, self-distrusting little body fairly bloom in strong, self-reliant womanhood under the tonic and cordial of companionship of a husband who really went out of his way to find occasion for showing her how much he trusted her judgment, and how fully he deferred to her opinion."

The Power of the Word of God

WHEN the Lord desired to create the earth, all that was necessary for Him to do was to speak, and the earth was created. This is demonstrated by the creation of light; for the Lord simply said, "Let there be light; and there was light." In a similar way he produced vegetation. He said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth; and it was so."

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOD'S AND MAN'S COMMANDS

Man cannot call light out of darkness. If he were in a dark cellar and should try to command light to shine out of the darkness, his words would only mock him. Were he to command the clouds to give rain, they would simply be driven away by the wind and leave no moisture at all. The emptiness of his words would be clearer if he should try to make a dead man walk, or command the breathless form to breathe.

The lame man sat at the gate called Beautiful, begging. He saw Peter and John coming, and as he beheld their generous appearance, he felt sure that they would help him. Peter, moved by the Spirit of God, commanded him to arise and walk, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. The lame man might have looked upon this command as idle mockery, if it had not been inspired by the Spirit of the Lord, and spoken in the name of Jesus. He might have said, "Do you think I am a hypocrite and am

simply lying here because I am too lazy to walk, or work, and desire to beg?" These would have been the thoughts of his heart had the words of Peter been simply the words of man, and not of God. In his words were life and power to put the lame man on his feet; and, in spite of opposition, he not only walked but leaped, and with gladness testified to the praise of God. No law in this world, even though made by the strongest nation, or nations combined, could have made the lame man walk, or healed his limbs.

LAZARUS AND PETER

Lazarus was dead nearly four days, but the command of Christ brought him forth from the grave. He would not have responded had not the word of Christ opened his ears. In those words was all that Lazarus was to realize. Man's commands could not have raised the dead nor disturbed his slumber.

When the storm was raging on the sea, Christ walked on the billows and drew closer to the ship where the disciples were. When Peter learned that it was Jesus, he desired only a word from Him that he also might walk on the water. When Jesus gave him the word to come, he walked on the sea without difficulty. No command from man could have accomplished this.

THE SABBATH

God has commanded us to keep the Sabbath day holy. Through faith in Christ there is power in this command to keep it holy. Without this command, it would be utterly impossible to keep the Sabbath holy. He rested on the seventh day, and made it holy. In spite of opposition, many are now keeping the Sabbath. They ask no laws from any government to help protect it, neither do they desire laws to help them compel others to keep it,—far from this. They rise up and keep the Sabbath with joyfulness and gladness of heart. They are not afraid that the Sabbath is going to perish. No human law can give it the standing that God's word has given it. Human law could never have given Lazarus life and strength. Having God's word he arose. Because we have God's word, faithful souls are now upon this foundation, keeping the Sabbath.

SUNDAY

Why do Sunday keepers complain about the sinking condition of the Sunday institution? Why do they demand human laws to protect it and save it from perishing as a rest day from

the earth? The answer comes, —Everyone who tries to keep Sunday holy knows that he does not succeed. Sunday has no more holiness in it than man has put into it. Sunday holiness is a man-made holiness, and an attempt to keep this day holy can result only in failure. No effort of the state can help a man keep it holy. Sunday keepers will, therefore, always be fearing, doubting, trembling, complaining, and looking for crutches to lean upon in trying to keep Sunday holy. There is nothing but the creative power of God that can make a holy Sabbath day. Seventh-day Sabbath holiness is a God-made holiness, and to keep this Sabbath requires no human help.

God's people are men and women in Christ, not fretting and pining about the keeping of the Sabbath, as Sunday-keepers are about the tottering Sunday institution. Let us be glad and rejoice because the Lord says, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," and "All power is given unto me to in heaven and in earth."

F. H. WESTPHAL.

Christian Grit

DOUBTLESS you have often heard the expression that "So-and-so" was gritty; he could endure heat, cold, hardship, and even privation, and yet not murmur. When we see such a person we usually admire their grit. If they were given a task to perform, it was quickly done; or if it was of such a character that it required days, weeks, or months, or even years of hard labor to accomplish it, they had the grit, the stick-to-it-ive-ness to hold out.

We need to-day to enlist in the cause of Christ, young men and young women who have grit,—converted grit, or as we might term it, Christian grit. There are so many of our young people now-a-days that are too easily led away from right principles. They lack real Christian grit.

Whether teaching, nursing, canvassing, bookkeeping, farming, or in the humble preparation for service, all need converted, Christian grit.

G. W. PETTIT.

"Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful soul,
And a beautiful soul makes a beautiful face."

This is a grand age with great opportunities, and he who is willing to work with an honest purpose for honest results, will make life a success.

From the Field

Junction City, Kansas

THE work here moves slowly. Just now the central interest is election. Quite a sum of money is being used for this purpose. The town is full of evil, and the liquor element controls to quite an extent in everything. It is truly a wicked city. But, nevertheless, there are a few honest souls even here; souls for whom Christ died, and we want to find them.

We are now working the town with the special tracts. We go from house to house, leave a package of tracts, and after ten days or two weeks we return and leave another package as we take up the first one. We have had our meetings in private houses heretofore, but have now secured the Congregational church for Sabbath and Sunday meetings. One man has lately taken his stand for the truth.

A. E. JOHNSON.

The Scandinavian Work in Kansas

THE Scandinavian work here is progressing rather slowly, as is generally the case among this class of people. Yet it is onward, and we expect some good results.

Besides the work done here in Junction City, I have visited several Swedish settlements in the state during the winter, in the interest of *Sions Vaktare*. Several hundreds of the special number of this paper have been distributed, and some subscriptions taken. "Object Lessons" and other small books were also sold at the same time.

Although the harvest is great and the laborers are few, this work must be done; for the message must go to every nation, kindred, and tongue, and people. May the Lord water the seed sown, that it may in the end bring forth an abundant harvest. J. EMIL ANDERSON.

Amherst, Nebraska

AFTER our workers' meeting at College View, March 1 to 6, Bro. J. G. Kroeker and I left for Henderson, Neb. One family of our people live at that place. The roads were very bad, so we could hold but few meetings. We found some "Object Lessons" with the brother there, and we disposed of them, with some other books and Bibles, amounting to \$18. We found the people willing to buy our books, especially

"Object Lessons." We learn through the "Spirit of Prophecy" that the Lord will send His angels to open the way for the sale of this book. We found this true.

March 19 we left for Amherst. On our way we visited brethren J. B. Maurer and Fiels at Aurora, and while at Kearney made several calls, sold some books, and one Bible. Arriving at Amherst, we soon found a German Catholic family who were interested in the present truth. We will begin meetings at once in a school house. Pray for the work here.

P. P. GADE.

Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

Our Work

THE work of John the Baptist is our work. Of him we read, "Behold I send My messenger before Thy face, which shall prepare Thy way before Thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

By bearing a faithful witness in the daily life, in the words we speak and the deeds we do, we are to prepare the way for Christ's second coming. By revealing the principles of righteousness in our dealings with one another, we are to proclaim the message, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

The conflict is before us. The only safety for any of us now is to be one with Christ in God. Our resources must come from heaven. The Pentecostal out-pouring of the Spirit revealed truth which, presented to the people, caused the conversion of five thousand souls in a day. In order for the message to go with power today, the Holy Spirit must confirm the word spoken. Jesus is magnified through His sons and daughters when He can impart to them the power of His Spirit. Without this power, our efforts are worthless.

Paul declared that neither Jewish learning nor Grecian eloquence could reach the mark of the high calling that is in Christ Jesus. The highest eloquence, the greatest physical strength, can not give man power to convict and convert souls. It is a heart-reception of the pure principles of the gospel that makes a man an honor to God, and enables him to exert an influence that wins souls to Christ. "Not

by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Only thus can human beings prevail against Satanic agencies. Without God's aid, human might and strength have no more power than the wind that blows to impress aright the souls of men. The breath of God must be breathed into the soul before it can be filled with power.

We are to strive to enter in at the strait gate. But this gate does not swing loosely on its hinges. It will not admit doubtful characters. We must now strive for eternal life with an intensity that is proportionate to the value of the prize before us. It is not money or lands or position, but the possession of a Christlike character, that will open to us the gates of Paradise. It is not dignity, it is not intellectual attainments, that will win for us the crown of immortality. Only the meek and lowly ones, who have made God their efficiency, will receive this gift.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Sowing Seven Grains

WE are told that it is a custom among the Indians when they are planting maize to put seven kernels of corn into each hill. One was asked why this was done. "Well," said the Indian, "we put in one for the crows, another for the worms, and a third for squirrels, and we expect that the rest will bring forth fruit."

The Indians teach us a lesson. They teach us to sow good seeds liberally, and not to be disappointed if all that we sow do not bring forth fruit. Our Saviour teaches us that some will fall by the wayside, some on stony ground, and some among thorns. This we must expect as good seed-sowers. But what of it? Should it lead us not to sow at all? It should rather lead us, like the Indian, to sow more bountifully, lest, with scanty sowing, the crows and squirrels get the whole harvest. If we sow bountifully, we may rest assured that the good seed of truth will find its way into some honest and good hearts, and bring forth fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold. The inspired Word tells us, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

WE glean the following from a private communication received from sister Anna Orr, formerly of Kansas, who is now laboring in India:—

Sister Jewett and I are still traveling and canvassing.

We are now working in Colombo, the largest city in Ceylon. This is a charming island. It would delight your heart to see the beautiful flowers, and such leaves as some of the plants have. As we view these beauties of nature, they call to mind the hymn:—

"What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown:
The heathen in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone."

As we pass along on the railroad we see their idols under the trees, and the temple crowning the hilltop.

The Lord has blessed our work here among the English-speaking natives, the Europeans, and the Bergess. One week I took forty-three orders for "The Oriental Watchman," and from November 1 to February 1, I took one hundred orders for books, and 286 orders for "Good Health" and "The Oriental Watchman." A number of the books were "Christ's Object Lessons." Little talking is necessary to sell our books here. Truly the Lord is doing the work. I never loved the canvassing work so much as I do now. My health is good, and I enjoy the work. It is my desire to remain in it until the Lord comes.

It is wonderful how the Lord protects us as we wend our way through narrow, dirty streets, curious little passages, and through throngs of people.—Moors and Mohammedans, and the mixed multitude of an Oriental city. We would never find some of the English speaking people if left to our own judgment. They are tucked away in such out-of-the-way corners. There are nice resident parts where the canvassing is different. But it is wonderful to see how the Lord sends people to us, and us to them. I never saw his hand so plainly in the work as I do now.

Elder Shaw reports seven persons recently baptized at Calcutta, and good attendance at their meetings. Come over and help us that the message of mercy may be given to this benighted people. Let us press on and press together.

Openings for Labor

THE openings for labor, and the facilities for doing it, exceed anything that has been in the past. A greater number of people than was ever known before are concerned about things which are transpiring in the world. We have more publications now than we had in the past, and many of these are well up to date. All these things are calling upon us to go into the vineyard to labor.

There can be no doubt in any enlightened heart about the coming of the Lord being at hand. We must tell these things to the people. In a little while the night of darkness will have enveloped the world so completely that none can work. Work now while the light is shining. Provide tracts to sell or give away. Each individual should handle such books, tracts

and periodicals as he can use most successfully. Many subscriptions should be taken for books and papers. •

It will facilitate matters very much to have appointed hours for missionary work on specified days of the week. Three hours in the afternoon of Tuesday and Thursday, for instance, might be set aside as missionary time. Hold missionary meetings, if possible, as often as once a week. These will afford splendid opportunities for relating experiences and for counsel. Avoid all argument with the people, and with each other. Let all labor be done in love and wholly for the glory of God.

WM. COVERT.

A Rich Reward

"LET not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself: that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

What a blessed thought it is that the Lord is preparing us a mansion in heaven, and that He is soon coming to reward his faithful servants! But while we are assured of this, we read in "Christ's Object Lessons" that we are to have a place on earth to work for that home.

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is a place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is a special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." Christ's Object Lessons, pp. 326-7.

In Matt. 25:21 we have the blessed promise that, if faithful, we will be privileged to participate in His work there because we have gained a fitness for it by participating in His work here. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. Are we willing to consecrate our lives, and our talents to His service? I am glad to know that many are doing it by entering the canvassing work, and carrying the printed pages from house to house,—a work that many more can be engaged in. Let us pray that the Lord may send forth more laborers: for the fields are white already to harvest. W. F. SURBER.

"Life Boat" Work Again

We are much pleased with the interest manifested by our young people throughout the Central Union Conference in the *Life Boat* work.

We note the following in *Echoes from the Field*:—

"About a dozen of our young people in Denver joined the *Life Boat* workers, and several hundred copies of this excellent little journal were sold in the city."

Here is a splendid opportunity for our young people's societies, and young people everywhere, to work for the salvation of souls. The April number of the *Life Boat* is now ready, and we trust that all of our young people will have a part in its circulation.

What a "Gospel Primer" Did

From "Southwestern Union Record."

IN 1896 I sold a "Gospel Primer" to a family in Guilford county, N. C. With my family I spent last night with them in Salisbury.

"In a short while after we got that book," the mother said, "our preacher came to see us, and said we should hide that book, and not allow the children to see it."

"For what reason?" the mother asked. "Is it not a good book?"

"Yes," he said, "but those advertisements in the back of the book will cause them to want more books, and the books advertised there are dangerous, and will lead your children astray."

"So I hid that book five years ago," the mother continued, "and just got it out three weeks ago."

"Yes," said the seventeen-year-old son, for whom the book was bought, "I would have been an Adventist all this time if I could have read my book."

"Well," the father said, "we have the 'Primer' yet, and nearly everything advertised in it, and we are all Seventh-day Adventists, and I am getting ready to take my family into the country, where we can be free from the city evils."

We had a pleasant visit indeed, and our hearts rejoiced to see this dear family of six in perfect harmony and turning their faces heavenward.

Praise the Lord for the "Gospel Primer," and the privilege of taking it to the homes of the people, and for all the other books containing the message. W. L. KILLEN.

As flows the river, calm and deep,
In silence toward the sea,
So floweth ever, and ceaseth never,
The love of God to thee.

**Canvassing Report
NEBRASKA**

(Eight weeks ending March 31, 1903.)

	Ord.	Val.	Helps
Alfred Horn	8	\$16.52	\$11.52
Herman Langenberg	3	6.75	3.75
Ed Lomis	4	5.00	
N. F. House		153.95	
C. S. Wilbur		28.00	
P. A. Field	3	13.50	
Totals: No. canvassers, 6	18	\$223.72	\$27.02

IOWA

(Week ending March 20, 1903.)

Peter Jacobson	3	\$3.55	\$1.45
Ruby McSparran	4	4.90	1.10
C. A. VanCleve	2	3.00	2.25
CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS			
C. A. Johnson	8	10.00	7.75
LADIES' GUIDE			
Elsie Fulton	2	4.90	1.60
THE COMING KING			
Ada Lowcock	3	4.25	.25
MISCELLANEOUS			
Lizzie Keat	8	4.65	
Totals: No. canvassers, 7	30	\$35.25	\$14.40
Total value, \$49.65		Value of deliveries, \$3.50.	

Sabbath-School Dep't.

Gather in the Children

SLOWLY but surely the branch Sabbath-school work is coming to be regarded as effective missionary work. These branch schools can be conducted wherever a few children can be gathered together. The following extract from a letter shows what may be done by an isolated family:—

A year ago mother and I were talking to a neighbor lady about the training of children in spiritual things. We told her that we had our lessons every Sabbath, and invited her children to meet with us. The next Sabbath two bright boys, aged ten and twelve, came and studied with us. They said if we would have a Sunday-school they would come every time, but they were needed to work on Saturdays. We thought it would be best to have them come when they could, although we would have much preferred having them come on Sabbath.

They came four or five Sundays, and became so interested that we told them to bring others. They did some real missionary work, and so did we. Sometimes we have had as many as thirty at a time. All seem interested when they come. The children all know that we keep the Sabbath, and we make every explanation of Christ's words and example point to the commandments of God.

Those who have come every time know about Christ's soon coming, and the judgment and resurrection. Each week a card with a scripture text written on it is given

to each child, and they are very much interested in learning the verses. They have learned nearly all of the Sermon on the Mount, besides many proverbs and other familiar texts. We always spend a full hour and sometimes a little more. The children are always on time, sometimes coming an hour and a half before the time for the beginning.

Another sister living in a large city began last fall to hold a branch Sabbath-school at her home on Sabbath afternoon. She invited the children of the neighborhood to attend. In a recent letter she says:—

Our regular attendance is about thirty, but when I can do a little visiting, we have as high as seventy. Many of the children would not miss our school for anything. A number of the boys are ready to leave any play to come. I am getting acquainted with the parents, and am selling some "Object Lessons." This work is branching out into many openings for good missionary work. I use the "Little Friend" lessons in the school, and illustrate them as well as I can.

In one place there are four branch schools held regularly on Sabbath afternoon, besides the regular Sabbath-school held Sabbath morning. One of our ministers in writing of this place says:—

One great advantage of the branch work is the keeping of the young people busy in the Lord's work on the Sabbath. It also helps to develop in them a spirit of work. It also opens the way for other lines of work. When people know we are doing what we can for their children, they become more friendly, and some are asking questions upon themes which, if studied, will lead them into the truth.

Some of our workers in mission fields have found this plan a helpful one. Sister Minnie Hoffman, in Finland, writes of a branch school which she has been holding at Borga. In addition to the teaching of the Bible lesson to these children which she had gathered together, she told them of the people in other countries. These little Finnish children became so interested in the heathen in Africa that they obtained from their parents and friends a donation of \$9.80 for our African Mission.

Once more we desire to call the attention of the readers of this paper to the testimony which says: "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath-school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle." Does not the witness of these who are carrying on the branch Sabbath-school work, prove that God is ready now to fulfil His promise? Surely what these have done, many others could be doing.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Health Department

Conducted by Mrs. Lysa D. George, M. D.

"Prosper and be in Health"

"TALK health; the dreary, never ending tale
Of mortal maladies is worn and stale.

You can not charm, or interest, or please
By harping on that minor chord, disease,

Talk happiness; the world is sad enough
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough;

Look for the places that are smooth and clear,
And speak of those to rest the weary ear."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Sanitarium Items

MISS NORA REID has returned from Hutchinson, Kan., where she has been nursing a case of pneumonia.

REV. H. H. GEORGE, of Pittsburg, Pa., Field Secretary of the National Reform Association, together with his wife recently spent a week at the Sanitarium.

LET it be our happiness this day to add to the happiness of those around us, to comfort some sorrow, to relieve some want, to add some strength to our neighbor's virtue.—*Channing*.

FOR the week ending March 21st four hundred treatments were given in the Sanitarium bath-rooms; at the same time seven nurses were out in the village and surrounding towns, caring for patients.

MISS MARIA SWENSON has been nursing a case of appendicitis at Eagle. At the same time Miss Blanda Youngquist has been caring for a patient at Stromburg who had been operated on for gall stones.

DR. H. E. TRUEX spent a few days in Wichita a short time ago. He brings a good report concerning the work there. The treatment rooms, under the direction of Bro. L. C. Christofferson and wife, are well patronized.

"THANK God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know."—*Charles Kingsley*.

The Pig Was Convalescent

A CERTAIN school master in a village school had been in the habit of purchasing pork from the parents of his pupils on the occasion of the killing of the pig. One day a small boy marched up to the master's desk and inquired if he would like a bit of pork, as they were going to kill their pig.

The schoolmaster replied in the affirmative.

Several days having elapsed and hearing nothing of the pork, the master called the boy up to him, and inquired the reason he had not brought it. What was the surprise of the master when the boy replied,

"Oh, please, sir, the pig got better!"

Educational

Conducted by I. H. Hoopes

Essential Education

MUCH of the education of our days is of a superficial character. While it may, and probably does, have a certain value in disciplining the mind and training the intellect, yet it is far below what it should be in producing true manhood.

In order to defeat the work of Protestantism, as it was being conducted in the schools started by Martin Luther, the Roman Catholic church under the leadership of Ignatius Loyola, founded a system of schools the object of which was to produce a superficial education which would cause the student to show off well in society, and yet not develop in him the sturdy, self-reliant independence that might throw off the yoke of the Catholic power. The curriculum of these schools included a great many of the so-called higher studies, and the work done consisted mostly in learning to pass good examinations on material found in text books. Various devices were used to encourage the student to put forth his utmost efforts in learning these text book facts. As the result, students taught in this way readily out-classed students in the Protestant schools as far as text book knowledge was concerned.

Blindly considering text book knowledge the test of an education, almost all of the schools of the world adopted their curriculum and methods. At the present time, the pupil is hastily pushed from the front cover of the text book to the back cover, from text book to text

book, and from subject to subject so rapidly that he can only gather an indefinite idea of all the facts presented, with barely a suggestion of their relation either to himself or to the world about him. He realizes that he has only a vague grasp of the subjects his grades tell him that he has completed, and yet he goes on and takes up new subjects. By continued process of this kind he reaches his goal, graduation day, and receives a diploma, or it may be a degree. He exhibits it to the world as an evidence that he is a scholar. He knows he is superficial, but he also knows that the remainder of his class are superficial and that the last year's class, and the class before that one, were just as superficial as he is. He must be a sensible boy, indeed, if he does not conclude that all the world is superficial, and that any work that will pass is done well enough. So, he takes up the sterner duties of life, a slipshod, superficial workman who does nothing really well.

As an evidence that this heaven is already working, we note the eagerness with which the pupils ask to be allowed to take up higher studies: and the fact that so many pupils copy answers on examination day, or stay out of school altogether when such a test is given, and yet feel that they ought to be allowed to go on with their class and be promoted or graduate with them. How many cram the day before examination in order to make a good grade, and for no other reason!

To almost all young people there is a sort of halo of glory surrounding graduation day which he feels he must grasp as quickly as possible. The unthinking public encourages this idea by saying of this boy, "He graduated from the high school at fifteen," or of that girl, "She finished a college course before she was twenty," never once stopping to ask what they actually know or what their ability is for doing things. This has necessitated the establishment of the large number of business colleges and technical schools of various kinds that are so numerous, and that are drawing more and more students every year. These schools give, or claim to give, an education that will be thorough enough, and practical enough, to fit the student for everyday life. But why should not all of our schools do this? Why should not the maxim of all of our schools, elementary as well as advanced, be, "Not how much, but how well"? Why should not great thoroughness in the common branches be made the ambition of

every student, rather than the taking of many subjects and the obtaining of a diploma? If we must give a diploma, why not make it a diploma after the thorough completion of the common branches rather than after the desultory perusing of the general principles of a great many branches?

In practical life not one boy out of fifty will ever use Algebra, yet he is put at its study before he knows Arithmetic well enough to properly transact the ordinary business of life, and before he has even thought of studying Bookkeeping, a branch that is so important that it is almost a necessity to every man who would conduct his business in a diligent manner.

I feel safe in saying that not more than one out of twenty of our high school graduates can, at sight, read an ordinary newspaper article in a graceful and pleasing manner, write locals or any other sort of an article for a paper in a way that will do credit to himself, or even write a letter that is well composed, properly spelled and punctuated; yet he has studied Rhetoric, Geometry, three or four years of Latin, and many such studies. In fact, it is the common complaint of county superintendents that high school graduates cannot pass an examination entitling them to a certificate to teach in the common schools.

All this should be changed. Every boy and girl should be made to realize fully that the common branches, including Bookkeeping and punctuation, give a mental culture equal, if not superior, to that gained in the higher branches, besides being the only subjects that are of practical value in the ordinary affairs of life. He should not only be encouraged to master them thoroughly, but should be required to do so before being allowed to take higher work.

Then ever afterward he should be thoroughly tested often enough to prove he has not forgotten these essentials, instead of having it taken for granted throughout a long course of study. Were this done we might have fewer college graduates, but we would have many more men and women who have ability to do things.

FLOYD BRALLIAR.

GOD does not measure service as man does nor reward it after the same manner.

THE education given in a Christian school has as its object an aim as much higher than the schools of the world as heaven is higher than earth.

Support Your Church School

THE pioneers in the Third Angel's Message who faithfully breasted the waves of trial, difficulty, and opposition, gained an experience which enables them to educate the younger members in the cause.

The instruction of those who endured hardships, in the early days of the message, is invaluable to us now. Just so it will be with those who are standing by the church school work during its infancy. Those will prevail who stand firm as a rock in the time of emergency, when trials, opposition, and difficulties beat against the efforts to advance the work.

A practical acquaintance with the establishment of this educational system among us will give both teacher and patrons an experience and knowledge of inestimable value. But at every advance step in this reform, the enemy will contend for the right of way. If Israel prevail, they must wrestle, as did Jacob, until the victory is won. Let us not act and talk as though a church school cannot succeed without the support of the state. God's people should maintain the principles of His law. And, because they love both God and His law, they will be law-abiding people; and, like Abraham, will command their households after them, and say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

MRS. ETTA HARDESTY.

General Church School Report

IN making up the church school report for the General Conference we find that there are, or at least have been during the year, fifty-three schools employing fifty-five teachers; enrollment about 850; average length of school term, five and one-half months; while the salary of the teachers has also improved, averaging about \$20 and board. This indicates that their day of small things is almost in the past.

Most of these schools have been carrying on practical missionary work. They have sold the *Life Boat*, and our other papers; also "Object Lessons," "Marvel of Nations," and many small books. Children educated in this way will certainly grow up to be missionaries.

Each church should begin now to plan for their school next year.

FLOYD BRALLIAR.

Have You Read the April Number of the "Life Boat"?

IF not, you will be richly rewarded by reading it yourself, and placing it in the hands of others. It is certainly a helpful number, and worthy of our time and energy in circulating it. We would call attention to a few of the articles contained therein: "A Message of Hope," by Maud Ballington Booth; "Are You Expecting a Pardon," by Alonzo T. Jones; "My Son, Give Me Thine Heart," by Dr. J. H. Kellogg; and others which are more than worth the price you will pay for the paper. Let us give it a wide circulation. You will receive a blessing, and may help someone to find Christ.

Dip Down Where You Are

THE best way to commence missionary work is to begin right about us. A ship's crew was famishing for water. For days they had been restricted to the very smallest allowance. Finally, when it seemed that they would perish, a vessel was seen in the distance, and at once they signaled it for water. The reply came back, "Dip down where you are?" They could not understand this, but once more signaled for water. The reply came as before. Knowing that the salt water of the ocean was unfit to drink, they thought there must be some mistake, and once more signaled for the life-giving fluid. More slowly and carefully came back the signal, "Dip down where you are." Knowing nothing else to do, they did dip down and found pure, fresh water; for they were in the mouth of the great Amazon River and did not know it.

Brethren and sisters, have not we, like this ship's crew, been looking too far away for our spiritual refreshing? Have we not overlooked the opportunities for service that are all around us? Ought we not to-day to begin dipping down where we are by visiting our next door neighbor, the family across the street, the sick person in the same block? May we not give to one a kind word, to another a paper or a tract, to another a publication on some health topic? Then, as the Lord opens the way, let us follow it up with reading matter, with missionary visits, with Bible readings. By doing so we will be greatly blessed.

Brethren, "*dip down where you are,*" and instead of the bitter, strangling brine of the ocean which you feared, you will find the sweet, sparkling, life-giving product of the hillside spring.

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News and Notes

BRO. C. E. PECKOVER is now in Ottawa, Kansas, and will make that his field of labor.

BRO. C. T. CAVANESS, of Chiles, Kansas, spent March 24 to 27 in Topeka, Kan., auditing the Conference books.

THE Missionary Institute at Hutchinson, Kansas, closed March 23, and thirty-three persons started for their fields of labor.

BROTHER and Sister E. C. Porter, of Boulder, Colorado, have now gone to Albuquerque, N. M., where they will engage in missionary work.

BRO. W. F. SURBER, State Missionary of Nebraska, left College View last week for Auburn, Neb., in the interest of the canvassing work.

NOTIFICATION has been sent to those whose subscriptions for the ADVANCE have expired. Do not miss an issue, but send in your renewal at once.

BRO. WATSON ZEIGLER, of Colorado, is engaged in a series of meetings at Ft. Collins, Col. May the seed sown there yield a bountiful harvest.

ELDER W. A. COLCORD, Editor of the ADVANCE, is attending the General Conference now in session at Oakland, Cal., and will assist in editing the *Bulletin*.

WE were pained to learn of the death of Sister Dona Humphrey, formerly of Kansas who, has been laboring for sometime in India. We extend our sympathy to her sorrowing relatives and friends.

SABBATH, April 4, was the day appointed for the semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home, and Jas. White Memorial Home. If you have not already sent in your contributions, we trust that you will contribute liberally to this worthy cause.

FOUR tracts have been prepared and published for the present tract campaign. A fifth is soon to be issued, entitled, "The Perpetuity of the Law," by C. H. Spurgeon. It is well and forcibly written in Mr. Spurgeon's simple, logical, and convincing style. The size and price will be uniform with the other tracts of the series already issued.

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BRETHREN Loomis and Mauk, who are canvassing in the northwestern part of Nebraska, report some very encouraging experiences. They are doing house-to-house work, distributing tracts and papers, and canvassing for our books.

BRO. ALFRED HORN, who is working in Johnson County, Neb., sends us a cheering report of his work there. He is having good success with "Daniel and the Revelation," as the canvassers' report in this issue will show.

BROTHER LANGENBERG, who is canvassing in Madison County, Neb., is of good courage. He delights in selling "Prophecies of Jesus," for through that book he accepted the truth.

BRO. WM. MCCABE, at Stockville, Neb., is planning to take up the canvassing work again soon. May the Lord impress others to do the same.

SISTER M. CUMMINGS is now located in Grand Island, Neb., and will canvass for "Great Controversy."

W. F. SURBER,

Nebraska State Missionary.

"How to Punctuate"

PROF. D. D. REES, of Union College, has recently had published a very helpful little book entitled "How to Punctuate." The book treats the subject of punctuation in such a lucid manner that any one may readily learn what punctuation marks to use and when to use them. "How to Punctuate" was prepared especially for our colleges, academies, and state and church schools; and for our ministers, Bible workers, and canvassers who feel the importance of intelligently punctuating what they write.

The book contains 64 pages, and is beautifully and durably bound in red cloth, stamped with white. Price, 40 cents. Order from your Tract Society, or from D. D. Rees, College View, Neb.

WE have received from the author, Mrs. E. G. White, a sample copy of her latest work, just published, entitled, "Education." The work is gotten out in the same general style as "Christ's Object Lessons," to which it makes a fitting companion volume, and we believe it is intended to sell at the same price. It is a most excellent work, covering under a wide range of important headings, the general subject of education. It is worthy of a most careful study and reading; it is adapted to all classes, and should have a wide circulation. We trust that all our people will take a deep interest in both the contents and the circulation of this book.