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The True Light

"I am the light of the world."—Jesus.
Light of the world! forever, ever shining,
There is no change in Thee;
True light of life, all joy and health enshrining,
Thou canst not fade nor flee.
Thou hast arisen; but Thou descendest never—
To-day shines as the past;
All that Thou wast Thou art, and shalt be ever—
Brightness from first to last!
Night visits not Thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness;
Day fills up all its blue;
Unfailing beauty and unfaltering gladness,
And love forever new!
Light of the world! undimming and unsetting,
Oh shine each mist away!
Banish the fear, the falsehood and the fretting—
Be our unchanging day!

—Selected.

Don'ts for Preachers

- Don't let your sermons exceed forty-five minutes.
- Don't devote all your time to the saving of female souls.
- Don't pray to your congregation; pray to God for your congregation.
- Don't spring a collection on a congregation unawares.
- Don't wear out a congregation working up a collection.
- Don't treat a rich man's sins as though his money would save him.
- Don't neglect the great sins in running down the small ones.

Don't try to frighten people into heaven.
Don't debate.

Don't combat your congregation, or treat them as your enemies. "He that winneth souls is wise."

Don't preach politics.

Don't preach theory only; mix in the practical.

Don't preach all law and condemnation, and no grace and salvation; set forth the sweetness of the gospel.

Don't preach self; preach Christ.

An Appeal in Behalf of the Australasian Field

OUR heavenly Father has mysteriously linked the members of His family together. While every man has his own burdens to bear, he is not to forget that by helping others he helps himself. Christ came to our world to bless men and women by pointing out the path of self-denial. In His life He showed the power of self-sacrifice. In His work He has given us an example of what our work should be.

Whenever the Lord brings destitute fields to our notice, and gives us opportunity to help, we are never to neglect the opportunity. To respond to the frequent appeals for money may necessitate much self-sacrifice on our part; but by practicing Christlike self-denial in order to help our fellow men, we give evidence to the world of the power of the truth to transform and sanctify the character and to cleanse the heart from selfishness.

A call now comes to us from Australasia. I am familiar with the needs of the work there. I am closely joined to that field by the most tender associations. By our experience there, we know what it means to have a great work before us, and to be bound about for the lack of means, while at the same time the word of the Lord is coming to us, saying, "Annex new territory; lift up My standard of truth in new fields." In Australia we had not the facilities

that we should have had to carry forward the work that the Lord directed us to do. Although some help came to us from America, an abundance of means was expended in the home field, while we were striving, studying, and praying, but bound about, unable to advance for lack of money which we might have had, but which instead of being sent to us, was used in America.

In their efforts to carry forward the work on solid lines and to enter new territory, our brethren and sisters in Australasia have made gifts and loans to the utmost of their ability. In times of great stress, the Lord has moved upon men and women both in Australasia and in America to acknowledge their stewardship by advancing means to help in establishing the institutions being built there. Those who have come to the help of the Lord in this way, have been laying up treasure beside the throne of God.

Notwithstanding the dearth of means, much has been accomplished by the laborers in Australasia. Stern battles have been fought. Nothing but the miracle-working power of God has accomplished the work that has been done. We saw His power as we advanced from point to point; and we praise Him with heart and soul and voice.

I know that God is still going before the workers in all parts of the field. He has been with those who have, with great self-sacrifice, built the Wahroonga Sanitarium, and opened up the health work in Sydney. He will reward those who have given freely of their means to establish memorials for Him in that field. As I think of the poverty of the people there; and of the missionary work they have tried to do in addition to establishing the publishing house, the school, and the sanitarium, I look upon the whole experience as something remarkable. The work accomplished in Australasia is an object lesson for all who enter new fields. Let all say, "See what the Lord hath wrought!"

The fact that something has already been done in Australasia does not excuse us in America from extending a helping hand to that needy field at the present time. In every city and every suburb there remains a work to be done,—the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the many thousands still in ignorance of God's truth for this time.

Australasia is a divinely-appointed center, from which the light of present truth is to radiate to many lands. There comes to us from

far-off lands the cry, "Come over and help us." Some of these unentered, unenlightened fields are not so easily reached, and perhaps not so ready to receive the light, as the fields within our sight; but they must not be neglected. We are to push the triumphs of the cross. Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward. Our burden for the "regions beyond" can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

This great work cannot be accomplished without men and means. We may pray that the Lord of the harvest shall send laborers into the field; we may sit down, and to plan to proclaim the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, and tongue; but where are the faithful missionaries who will carry the glad tidings to the people? and how shall these missionaries be sustained?

God desires His people to pray and to plan for the advancement of His work. But, like Cornelius, we are to unite praying with giving. Our prayers and our alms are to come up before God as a memorial. Faith without works is dead; and without a living faith it is impossible to please God. While we pray, we are to give all we possibly can, both of our labor and our means, for the fulfillment of our prayers. If we act out our faith, we shall not be forgotten by God. He marks every deed of love and self-denial. He will open ways whereby we may show our faith by our works.

The Lord desires us to be living channels of light. He has made it our privilege to cooperate with Him as partners in His great firm, to act our part in promoting the prosperity of His cause. Let us work determinedly, with heart-willingness, with gladness of soul, in the spirit of humble obedience rendering back to God His own. We can pray with faith for God's power to be united with our efforts when we can come before Him saying, "Of Thine own we freely give Thee."

Our brethren and sisters may say: "We are being drawn upon continually for means. Will there be no end to these calls?" We hope not, so long as there are in our world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until you have done all that you can to save the lost, we ask you not to become weary of the Lord's repeated calls for means. Many have not yet done that which they might do, that which God will enable them to do if they will consecrate themselves unreservedly to Him.

Brethren and sisters, the work in Australasia demands your help. Will you not give it? To those that have means that they are not putting to use for God, we appeal in Christ's name. May the Lord move upon your hearts by His Holy Spirit, giving you a desire to be His helping hand in returning to Him His own. Arouse, and heed the call for help that comes from Australasia. Give all that you can, and the Lord will bless you in giving. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

From the Field

The Iowa State Camp-meeting

THIS meeting was held May 28 to June 7 at Colfax, on the Chicago and Rock Island railroad. The camp was located on the Chautauqua grounds near the Colfax Sanitarium. Although it rained almost incessantly during the entire meeting, the grounds being high and rolling, the camp was reasonably dry. Owing to the unfavorable weather, only about four hundred in all were in attendance, which was a small number for this large conference.

There were present from abroad, Elders Spicer, Warren, Butler, and Brother and Sister Haskell; also Dr. Selmon, who expects soon to go to China to make that his field of labor. Elder Warren labored in the interest of the young people, and also held several revival services. As a result of the revival services nearly every unconverted person on the ground came forward for prayers. The labors of Brother Butler and Brother and Sister Haskell were much appreciated. Many expressed themselves as being very much pleased to again meet Elder Butler, after his having been absent from Iowa for so many years. On their way to the meeting, Brother and Sister Haskell were water-bound for three days at Newton, Iowa, only twelve miles from the camp-grounds.

There were some slight changes made in the officers of the conference, but substantially the same persons were elected as have served the past year.

The church school work was considered, and the conference voted to pay the traveling expenses of its church school teachers either to the Union College or Berrien Springs summer training school. As there is quite a demand on the part of many in the state for a place in

which to educate their children in the intermediate grades, it was voted to establish an industrial school at Stuart, as the citizens of Stuart have donated property for that purpose to the amount of three thousand dollars. A call was made for means with which to build the industrial school, and about one thousand dollars was pledged.

Elder Butler placed before the conference the great need of means with which to advance the work for the colored people of the South, and over five hundred dollars were pledged to that enterprise. The conference also raised something over two hundred dollars for their own tent and camp meeting fund.

The Iowa conference has been divided into districts, and directors appointed over these districts. These directors rendered their reports at the camp-meeting which were very interesting. The reports showed that as a result of the labors of the directors there has been an increased amount of work accomplished in missionary lines.

Elder Lewis Johnson was present for a few days in the interest of the Scandinavian work, and Elder Westphal was also present in the interest of the German work. Professors Kern and Bralliar were present, and labored in the interest of education and for the young people.

C. W. Hardesty, the Union Conference canvassing agent, and Brother Crouse, the Iowa state canvassing agent, labored faithfully in the canvassing work, and as a result quite a number decided to engage in that line of work after camp-meeting.

Although the weather was disagreeable, the people present seemed to be well contented and of good courage. Sunday, June 3, forty-three persons were baptized in the Skunk River, by Elders Diffenbacher and Kraft.

The religious liberty work was considered, and much interest was taken in it by all present. The conference committee were instructed to select one of their workers as a permanent field secretary to labor in the interest of religious liberty. It was also decided that all the ministers of the Iowa conference should give their attention in the future more fully to this line of work. E. T. RUSSELL.

The life of a single upright, energetic man is like a bright, shining light, often looked and appealed to.

Personal

EDITOR CENTRAL ADVANCE,—

I would be glad of the opportunity, through the columns of our good Union Conference paper, to speak a word of friendly greeting to the brethren and sisters of the Nebraska Conference, very few of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting. In doing so it may be of interest to give a few items of experience since leaving the work in Australia.

After an absence from this country of about twelve years, one-half of which was spent in South Africa and the other half in the Australian Colonies, we left Queensland early in February last, owing to the illness of Mrs. Robinson, who had been engaged in Bible work almost constantly for nearly two years.

After attending the General Conference in Oakland, California, we had the privilege of spending a few weeks in Boulder, Colorado. Following the advice of our physicians in California, I felt compelled to decline the appointment made by the General Conference, to labor in Missouri, and we decided to spend a year or so in Boulder. As I had a theory to maintain, that anyone able and willing to work never need be idle, I went to work the next day after reaching Boulder, taking the first work that offered itself, and for ten days earned \$2 per day with pick and shovel. I then went to work for Brethren Cartwright and Nicholson at carpenter work, the trade I laid down twenty years ago. Some days I got most exceedingly tired, not being accustomed to such work, but eight hours of "sweet sleep" of the laboring man, with a cold bath every morning, left me fresh for the next day's toil. My appetite became splendid, my weight increased nearly twenty pounds, and I am now feeling more robust in health than for many years. I almost feel like writing this as a recipe for some of my tired and worn-out fellow-preachers.

I am glad to be able to report that Mrs. Robinson's health is rapidly improving. She will remain in Boulder for a time, and we are confidently expecting that she will be fully restored in health and permitted to again engage in the work which has for years been dearer to her than life itself.

I shall hope to meet and form the acquaintance of many of our dear brethren and sisters at the camp-meeting to be held in the Black Hills district, and later in the season the state

camp-meeting at Grand Island.

At these two camp-meetings we will be favored with the counsel and labors of your esteemed retiring president, Elder N. P. Nelson, who will be closing his labors in this conference for the present. I feel sure that all will want to show their appreciation of Elder Nelson's faithful labors in the conference, by making special efforts to be present at the camp-meetings.

Come, dear brethren and sisters, let us not forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." The awful calamities that are falling upon the earth in different places are God's voice speaking to us in thunder tones that "the great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord." Come, let us seek the Lord together. "It is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you." Come, and invite your friends to come with you. It may be the last opportunity that some will have of hearing the blessed invitation to prepare to meet our soon-coming King. Bring the children; urge the young people to come; invite the backslidden and unconverted to come; and above all, bring the Lord Jesus with you. Come praying that the Holy Spirit may be present at every meeting, to soften all our hearts, and prepare us all to receive some showers of the "latter rain."

A. T. ROBINSON.

Lincoln, Neb., June 11, 1903.

Southwestern Nebraska

At the council of the conference committee held in College View in May, it was decided that I should make quite an extended trip to southwestern Nebraska and southern Wyoming. I left College View May 21, stopped at Sett, and spent a week visiting and laboring with some who had kept the Sabbath and become discouraged. One promised to renew his covenant. There is quite an interest here, and we arranged to pitch a tent at Willsonville, and follow up the interest at this place.

From here I went to McCook, and spent Sabbath with Elder Nelson. A church was organized of seventeen members. A building committee was chosen to lay plans for erecting a church building in the near future, a lot having been donated. One brother pledged two

hundred dollars. McCook is quite an important place, and I hope a good church may be established here.

From here I went to Holdrege, and held meetings over Sabbath and Sunday. The ordinances were celebrated, and two united with the church. This is another very important point in the south-western part of the state. They have a neat little church building at this place, and quite a nice company, composed largely of Swedish brethren.

While here I learned that my wife has been called to care for her aged mother, so I came home, where I expect to remain until the the camp-meeting at Hot Springs.

J. H. WHEELER.

Work at Stromsberg, Nebraska

I HAVE been at work here since the middle of last month.

Brother Carl Svenson has also been with me in the work. He is now attending the Iowa camp-meeting, but will return next week. The people are very friendly to us.

Our work so far has been to scatter tracts and papers; we also hold Bible readings where we find an opening. Many have subscribed for our papers, and we trust the seed sown has fallen on good ground, and that the honest in heart will soon be gathered out. "Ours the seed-time. God alone beholds the seed of what is sown: beyond our vision, weak and dim, the harvest-time is hid with Him."

We intend to begin our tent meetings here the last of the month. Prof. J. Wallenkampf will join us in the work, for which we are very glad.

There are thousands of Swedish people in and around here. Very little work has been done among them in their own mother tongue. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; and still, "life holds no privilege more precious than to give itself for humanity." If all would realize this I am sure there would be more volunteers for the Lord's vineyard.

ALBERT ANDERSON.

Nebraska to Mexico

IMMEDIATELY after the General Conference at Oakland I returned to Nebraska, and in two weeks, time had disposed of our little home at Seward, packed up the few things we wished to ship, and was on my way to Mexico City.

Our little party consisted of five persons,—Mrs. Brown and her mother, Mrs. O. A. Maxson, our two little girls, and myself. We reached our destination May 11, after a pleasant trip of four days, and found kind friends to welcome us and provide a home till we could arrange one of our own.

At present, May 27, we are just getting settled in our new home, having rented a house in Mixcoac, a suburb of Mexico City.

There are many things here which seem strange to us, and we are at a great disadvantage because of our poor command of the language; but we believe that there is much work to be done in this field, and are trusting in the Lord to make us useful to the cause of truth here.

We shall be very glad to hear from our friends at any time. Address: Geo. M. Brown, Apartado, 2229, Mexico City, D. F.

Trusting that the brethren and sisters in Nebraska will pray for the work in this needy field, I am, Your brother in the work,

GEO. M. BROWN.

Building for Eternity

WE are building for eternity, but how are we building? Do we take equal care with every part, remembering that God seeth every stone and pebble we use in the structure, and that only the perfect shall stand in the Great Day? Oh, how carelessly some are building! How unmindful of the all-seeing Eye! How many unfinished rooms of devotion; how many missing stones in the foundations; how irregular and flimsy the walls! Miserable shack! Men leave solid houses and flee to storm-cellar in times of earthly whirlwinds, and forget to tremble as the cyclone of God's judgment comes sweeping down upon their rickety old structures that scarce will support their own weight. Friend, how buildest thou? Take heed! That day approacheth when every life-building shall be tried. Will yours stand?—*Selected.*

Moody's Idea of Repentance

A SOLDIER once said that, according to his idea, repentance was, "Halt! About face! Forward! March!" Repentance is not lopping off particular sins. If I have a vessel full of holes, and stop only part of them, the vessel will sink just as surely as if I did not stop any. We must break off from all sin and turn to God.

✠ Missionary ✠

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

Reasons for Taking Part in Efforts to Save the World

From "Missionary Review of the World."

1. Because "God so loved *the world*."
2. Because it is the command of Christ.
3. Because Christ Himself, as the first great model Missionary to *the world* leads the way—we should follow Him.
4. Because salvation is provided by Him for *the world*.
5. Because He has given us the gospel in trust for *the world*.
6. Because if we are not faithful to our trust, *the world* will perish in its sin.
7. Because, if by our unfaithfulness and neglect *the world* perishes, we shall be adjudged guilty.
8. Because if we are faithful to our trust, *the world* will be saved, and the reward will be ours.
9. Because Christ has taught us to say, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, *on earth* as it is in heaven."
10. Because no one, without active interest in the foreign missionary work, can sincerely make this prayer.
11. Because foreign missionary work has brought to the church in return a boundless blessing.
12. Because to stop all this work for *the world* would bring upon the church paralysis and death.
13. Because christain love is essentially *world-wide*; it utterly refuses to be limited.
14. Because this *world-wide* love includes and fosters love for our own country.
15. Because the plea that to save our own land is to save *the world*, has force only when the church at home is active in saving *the world*.
16. Because home missions had made little progress when, by direction of the Holy Spirit, foreign missions were begun from Antioch, in Syria.
17. Because, if there is a good reason for one church or one member of a church neglecting it, there is the same for the whole church.

The gospel of Christ is spread from supreme

love to Him, as the chief and impelling force, and also from love for the world.

Let us by all means, love our own country, even as Christ loved His native Palestine. In His spirit let us labor and suffer for it. Let the spirit which moved and inspired the great Apostle to *the world*, whose motto was, "To the Jew first, but also to the Gentile," be ours. For the love which reaches out to the Gentile cannot pass by the Jew.

An Offer

A CANVASSER said to me the other day: "I have been offered \$75 per month to work for another publishing house." Many such offers are made to our canvassers. The world is always asking for men who are not for sale, men who are honest and sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as in others; men who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens totter, and the earth reels to and fro; men who will tell the truth, and look the world and the devil in the eye; men that neither brag nor run; men that neither flag nor flinch; men who will stand for principle and not for policy; men who know their own business and will do it; men who are willing to eat what they have earned, and wear what they have paid for.

These are the kind of men God wants in His vineyard. These are the kind of men we are looking for to enter the canvassing field. We have some such in the work, but we need many more.

G. PHILLIPS.

Tract Work in Lincoln, Nebraska

Now that the minds of the people are stirred over the many cyclones, floods, fires, etc., we find it a good time to hand out the new tract, "Signs of Our Times," asking them if they understand that these things are mentioned in the Bible, and know what they mean.

We find some who are ready to read in Lincoln, and who are beginning to believe that we are nearing the end.

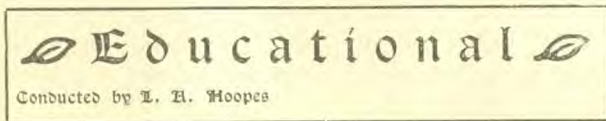
Three divisions of the church meet weekly in different parts of the city with a leader and a librarian. They discuss the work, and having been out before with tracts are full of interesting experiences. They pray together, and find these Band meetings to be a source of strength

to the work. A young lady has accepted the truth, and her neighbors are calling for light on the Sabbath question.

One of the sisters gave some tracts to a lady, who, after she had read them, gave them to a friend. This lady became interested, and desired help. The workers who called found a spiritually-minded woman, with a heart open to light, and with her prayers beseeching God to show her the truth. They were enabled to appoint Bible readings at once.

Let us not waste our precious moments, hours, yes, days in unprofitable conversation, or anything not necessary, but let us engage earnestly in the work of God, sowing precious seeds of truth for the harvest by and by, knowing that soon the night cometh when no man can work, that God at last may say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

ESTHER SMITH.



Union College Summer School

THE readers of the CENTRAL ADVANCE will remember the date of the summer school which is to be held at Union College, beginning June 10, and continuing eight weeks. The Educational Convention will occupy the first week of the summer school. There has been some delay occasioned by the floods, but already there is quite a large attendance at the opening of the school. We expect many more in from all the states in the Central Union Conference.

If the first day's work is to be any criterion as to the character of the school, we may safely conjecture that it will be the most profitable special course that has ever been conducted in Union College. The general thought that seems to obtain is that the preparation they must receive at this school is one that will fit them to be soul savers. While much of the time will be spent upon the real technique of specific lines of study, yet all these fall as a dead letter so far as our work is concerned unless we discover in them something of the science of salvation. It is needless for us at this time to enlarge upon this phase of the subject, but suffice it to say that every study in our course of instruction must be of that character that will better fit the pupil for the real work he is called upon to do.

No minister, no Bible worker, no canvasser, no teacher, can do real effective work at soul saving unless he has first learned the science of salvation for himself. He has no practical knowledge of the rich drafts from the fountain so that he can tell it to others unless he has first drank at the fountain himself.

We trust that no one who is contemplating taking up teaching work will fail to attend this summer school, even though he may be a little late in entering. The tuition is free. The board, room, light, and plain washing is placed at \$2.25 a week. There will be twenty-five cents library fee in addition.

The students will need to furnish themselves with table napkins, towels, sheets, pillow slips, pillows, and such other bedding as they may desire. The College provides all other furniture. Bring what books you have on present truth that will bear on the subjects you wish to pursue. You should plan to take in as much of the Educational Convention as possible.

On arriving at the depot, take the first street car, and ask for a transfer to College View. There will be just one fare. Bring your baggage checks to the College, and have the College transfer agent get them for you.

L. A. HOOPES.

Program of the Educational Convention

THE program of the Educational Convention to be held at Union College, June 12-21, is as follows:—

Friday, June 12

- 10 A. M. Organization of convention.
Words of Welcome, L. A. Hoopes
Response, Frederick Griggs
- 11 A. M. The Philosophy of History, A. T. Jones
- 3 P. M. History, A. T. Jones
General Discussion led by M. E. Kern
W. A. Colcord
- 8 P. M. Address: "Our Message," A. G. Daniells

Sabbath, June 13

- 11 A. M. Address: "Bible in Education," A. T. Jones
- 3 P. M. Union Social Meeting.

Sunday, June 14

- 6 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by E. K. Slade
- 10 A. M. Science, M. E. Cady
General Discussion led by Fannie M. Dickerson
Grace Amadon
- 3 P. M. Relation of Church, Intermediate, Union, and Medical Schools to each Other, L. A. Hoopes
General Discussion led by E. A. Sutherland
E. L. Eggleston, M. D.
- 8 P. M. Address: "Science," W. W. Prescott

Monday, June 15

- 6 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by T. H. Jeys

- 10 A. M. Language, J. W. Loughhead
General Discussion led by J. E. Tenney
W. E. Howell
- 3 P. M. Organization of Church Schools
M. Bessie DeGraw
General Discussion led by B. E. Huffman
S. M. Butler
- 8 P. M. Address: "Philosophy," W. W. Prescott
Tuesday, June 16
- 6 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by C. W. Flaiz
- 10 A. M. The Training of Business Men, P. T. Magan
General Discussion led by Frederick Griggs
E. E. Gardner
- 3 P. M. School Work in the South, B. E. Nicola
General Discussion led by J. E. Tenney
Mrs. Flora H. Williams
- 8 P. M. Stereopticon Lecture: "Southern Schools,"
J. E. White
Wednesday, June 17
- 6 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by H. W. Carr
- 10 A. M. Industrial Work, H. A. Washburn
General Discussion led by H. W. Carr
N. W. Kauble
- 3 P. M. Text Books, E. A. Sutherland
General Discussion led by J. W. Loughhead
M. E. Cady
- 8 P. M. Address: "Education for Missions,"
W. A. Spicer
Thursday, June 18
- 6 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by N. W. Kauble
- 10 A. M. Physiology Teaching, E. L. Eggleston, M. D.
General Discussion led by Grace Amadon
Floyd Bralliar
- 3 P. M. Supplying Conference with Workers,
A. G. Daniells
General Discussion led by H. W. Cottrell
H. Shultz
- 8 P. M. Stereopticon Lecture: "Education for Medi-
cal Missionary Work," W. B. Holden, M. D.
Friday, June 19
- 6 A. M. Devotional Exercises led by Wm. Covert
- 10 A. M. Support of Church Schools, E. A. Sutherland
General Discussion led by E. T. Russell
C. W. Flaiz
- 3 P. M. Support of Church Schools, H. W. Cottrell
General Discussion led by Wm. Covert
N. P. Nelson
- 8 P. M. Address: "Discipline," Frederick Griggs
Sabbath, June 20
- 11 A. M. Address: "The Reward of Service,"
W. W. Prescott
- 3 P. M. Union Social Meeting.

The great object in education is not to fit men for titles, but to do something. When this is lost sight of men will bow before a titled fool, and students will swarm to a man who can dangle a few capital letters after his name, like moths to an electric light.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Sabbath-School Dep't.

How to Learn the Sabbath-School Lesson

From "Atlantic Union Gleaner."

THERE are a great many ways to learn the lesson. In a few words I will state how I learn mine.

First, I find what the subject of the lesson is, and where it is found in the Bible. After reading it carefully, I try to make a synopsis or outline of the lesson to fix the leading points in my mind. I find this a great help; the minor points of the lesson are then quite readily remembered by their association with the large, prominent points.

I do not learn the lesson word for word; but try to get the answers fixed in my mind so as to be able to answer readily any question whether in rotation or not.

The notes which follow the lesson are very helpful, and I read them over two or three times at least.

One can also get valuable information often by reading some good commentary. While our lessons have been in Thessalonians, I have found the book "Life and Epistles of the Apostle Paul," by Conybeare and Howson, very instructive.

In closing, I would suggest that we all put the Sabbath-school lessons into practical, every-day life
GEORGE A. SHUMWAY.

Preparation for Teaching

NATURAL aptitude for teaching is a gift to be coveted, but will never do away with the necessity of careful preparation. The keenest blade will soon dull and lose its edge if it is not sharpened. There are many who fail, either wholly or partially, as teachers, and plead in extenuation that they possess neither knack nor fitness for this service, when in reality their lack is that of thoughtful preparation.

The kind of genius that achieves success in Sabbath-school work, as in other things as a rule, has its root in faithful, persistent labor. "Helps" are excellent in their place, but they need to be mixed with individual brain thought and prayerful meditation, in order to become available. A hurried reading of the verses on

Sabbath morning, or a mechanical asking of the questions from the lesson leaf, is not teaching. Back of that service must be both mental and spiritual preparation.

The study of the lesson should begin early in the week. If the verses are read thoughtfully on Monday, and recalled as there is opportunity during the week, they will become more and more luminous with truth and illustration, and the great difficulty will be to choose what is most important to bring before the class.

This method of preparation, if faithfully pursued, is sure to kindle an enthusiasm and interest that make the work of teaching a joy and privilege. Those who are under the pressure of heavy and varied responsibilities in home and business life, find that in adopting this plan they secure in odd moments of leisure the necessary time for study, and gain spiritual strength for every-day duties. Preparation for teaching includes much more than a general knowledge of the lesson. Adaptation, clearness in statement, and simplicity of definition are essential to success in the instruction of children, and this power is the result of study, and not of any happy gift or inspiration.

If the minister of Christ needs spiritual preparation for his work, no less is it required of the teacher. Both alike are using instrumentalities for a common end,—the spiritual welfare of those placed under their guidance. Seed sowing for eternity is a work of infinite importance; and the more fully this is realized, the deeper will be the sense of dependence on the divine guidance and help. Spiritual preparation will direct both heart and truth aright. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—*Selected*.

Follow Them Up

If all teachers made a practice of following up the boys and girls who "drop out" of their classes in the Sabbath-school, more of these boys and girls would "drop in" again, and more of them would be saved. If a boy drops out, and no one follows him up, the Sabbath-school will most likely have seen the last of him. It takes time to follow up the strays of the Sabbath-school, but such time is not wasted.

If it is possible, the boy should be looked after the first time he fails to appear in the school. The longer he stays out, the harder it

may be to get him to come back. I have heard of a school in which there was a "following-up committee." The duty of this committee was, as may be supposed, the looking up of absentees. If a boy or a girl failed to appear on Sabbath, the committee was supposed to possess full information in regard to the matter, and to report to the superintendent before the next Sabbath.

It gives a boy a sense of importance to have some one come to his home to ask why he was not at Sabbath-school the Sabbath before. It shows him that he was missed, and that his teacher and the superintendent have a real interest in him. There are many reasons why it always pays to "follow up" the absentees from the Sabbath-school.—*New Century*.

Notices

Nebraska Camp-meeting Notice

DO NOT forget the date of the camp-meeting for north-western Nebraska, which is to be held at Hot Springs, in the Black Hills district, South Dakota, June 23-30. A full attendance of all our people in this part of the Conference is desired.

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Obituary

We are sad indeed to be called upon to chronicle the death of our fellow worker, Bro. J. A. Rutlege, of Vernon, Kansas. Brother Rutlege was drowned while trying to rescue a family from the flood near Lincoln Center, Kansas. Brother Rutlege was a student of Union College last winter, and left here at the close of the special course in February to enter the canvassing work in Kansas, expecting to return to the college in the fall. Though but a young man, he had consecrated himself to the Lord's work. The students of Union College will remember his last letter of appeal to them to join in the Lord's work of scattering the pages of truth which was read in chapel shortly before the close of school, and published in THE ADVANCE of May 20. The Lord has greatly blessed Brother Rutlege in his work this spring, and in his last letter to me he stated that he was rejoicing in the Saviour's love and for the success which was attending his efforts. Life is very uncertain. We know not when we shall be called. Let us "watch and be ready." If we are faithful we shall meet in the glad reunion soon to come.

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News and Notes

Do not forget the collection on Sabbath, July 4.

Eld. L. F. Trubey, of Iowa, has moved to Hiawatha, Kansas, and will make Kansas his field of labor.

A life lost while attempting to save life! Read the obituary notice of young Brother Rutledge in this number.

There is a good attendance at both the Educational Convention and the Summer School now in progress at the College.

Our brethren in Australia have recently published and circulated a thirty thousand Edition of a religious liberty number of the *Australasian Signs of the Times*.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said: "The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and inquire why it wasn't done the other way."

We hope that many of our churches are planning not only to enlarge their clubs of periodicals, but to use their clubs in a systematic manner, and, best of all, largely in personal work.

Sabbath, July 4, has been appointed for a general collection throughout our churches for the work in Australasia. It is hoped to raise not less than \$10,000. Read Sister White's appeal in this number.

At the Colfax (Iowa) camp-meeting, Sabbath, June 6, G. R. Hawkins and Henry Rorholm were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Eld. L. F. Starr offered prayer, and Eld. E. T. Russell gave the charge.

The address by Elder A. T. Jones at the opening of the Educational Convention on "The Philosophy of History" will be of interest to all our Educators. It will doubtless appear in the *Review and Herald* in full.

The following persons are in attendance at the Summer Training School at Union College: Agatha C. Patzkowski, Ruth G. Kane, Effie M. Russell, Joseph W. Rich, Ida E. Brown, Sarah E. Surber, Agnes G. Wammack, Lala Allee, Bessie M. Nettleton, Anna A. Pierce, Retta King, Maud Johnson, Mary R. Wilcox, Josephine F. O'Neill, Rosa Wiser, Anna E. Sternes,

Ethyl Easley, Max Hill, Hattie E. Brown, Vesta B. Baldwin, Lilah E. States, Mabelle W. Glunt, Florence C. Barbee, Alice I. Teeple, Nina H. Teeple, Mrs. Pearl Morrison, Anna T. Hermansen, Ruth E. Jones, Mable M. Mosser, Ada M. Phillips. There are constantly new arrivals, and it is expected that there will be about seventy-five in attendance at the school.

The following named persons have arrived at College View to attend the Educational Conference: Prof. Griggs, of South Lancaster, Mass.; Prof. W. W. Prescott, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Prof. H. E. Giddings, Fernando, Cal.; W. S. Cruzan, Willow Springs, Mo.; Miss Fannie Dickerson, South Lancaster, Mass.; B. E. Huffman, of Topeka, Kans.; C. R. Kite, Lincoln, Neb.; Eld. A. G. Daniells, Battle Creek, Mich.; A. T. Jones, Oakland, Cal.; S. M. Butler, Educational Secretary of West Michigan Conference; H. A. Washburn, President of Bethel Academy, Bethel, Wis.; Chas. Welch, Educational Secretary, Ohio; John J. Irwin, Educational Secretary of North Michigan Conference; J. G. Lamson, President Cedar Lake (Mich.) Academy; Miss Adelaide Bee Cooper, Editor *Youth's Instructor*; Eld. H. W. Cotrell, New York; Prof. B. E. Nicola, Huntsville, Ala.; Prof. J. E. Tenney, of Graysville, Tenn.; Prof. M. E. Cady, Healdsburg, Cal.; Prof. Aul, Smithville, Mo.; Mrs. Flora H. Williams, Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, and Marcus Woodall, Keene, Texas. Others are constantly coming in.

Sometimes, by unrecognized answer, God makes reply to special prayer. You pray, and apparently nothing comes of it. But as the days go by, you find that surely something has come of it. The causes for your trouble have dissipated, slowly perhaps, but steadily and really. You have been answered, though at the time you knew it not.—*Wayland Hoyt*.

"Those who labor wholeheartedly in the Lord's vineyard, working to the utmost of their ability, are not the ones to set the highest estimate on their own services. Instead of swelling with pride and self-importance, and measuring with exactness every hour's work, they compare their efforts with the Saviour's work, and account themselves unprofitable servants."—*Testimony, Vol. 7, page 209*.

Quite a number of subscriptions for THE ADVANCE have been received since our last issue.