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It Pays

"It pays to wear a smiling face
And laugh our troubles down;
For all our little troubles wait
Our laughter or our frown.
Beneath the magic of a smile
Our doubts will fade away,
As melts the frost in early spring
Beneath the sunny ray.

"It pays to give a helping hand
To eager, earnest youth;
To note with all their waywardness,
Their courage and their truth;
To strive with sympathy and love
Their confidence to win.

It pays to open wide the heart
And let the sunshine in."

Our Work

GOD has called this people to give to the world the message of Christ's soon coming. We are to give to men the last call to the gospel feast, the last invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Thousands of places that have not heard the call are yet to hear it. Many who have not given the message are yet to proclaim it.—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 412.

Adorn the Doctrine

If we wish men to be convinced that the truth we believe sanctifies the soul and transforms the character, let us not be continually charging them with vehement accusations. In this way we shall force them to the conclusion that the

doctrine we profess cannot be the Christian doctrine, since it does not make us kind, courteous, and respectful. Christianity is not manifested in pugilistic accusations and condemnations.—"Testimonies," Vol. 6 pp. 396-7.

Kindness at Home

HUSBANDS should try to make home happy and holy. It is an ill bird that fouls in its own nest—a bad man who makes his home wretched. Our house ought to be a little church, with "Holiness to the Lord" over the door; but it ought never to be a prison, where there is plenty of rule and order, but little love and no pleasure. Married life is not all sugar, but grace in the heart will keep away most of the sour. Godliness and love can make a man, like a bird in a hedge, sing among thorns and briars, and set others a-singing too. It should be the husband's pleasure to please his wife, and the wife's care to care for her husband. He is kind to himself who is kind to his wife.

—Spurgeon.

The Keynote

ONE thought presented at the recent Educational Convention at College View, which made an especially deep impression upon all, was that of striking the true keynote of the message. The communication read which called attention to this thought is as follows:—

As the end draws near, the work of God is to increase in strength and purity and holiness. The workers are to be filled with love for God and for one another. They are to cherish principles of the strictest integrity. When the true keynote is struck, God will reveal Himself as a God of mercy and love. Angels of heaven will ascend and descend the ladder of shining brightness, co-operating with human workers. The members of the church triumphant—the church in heaven—will be permitted to draw near to the members of the church militant, to aid them in their necessity. Let us ever remember that we are laborers together with God. In this heavenly union, we shall carry forward His work with

completeness, with singing and rejoicing. In every soul will be kindled the fire of holy zeal. Company after company will leave the dark standard of the foe to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

God's workers must gain a far deeper experience. If they will surrender all to Him, He will work mightily for them. They will plant the standard of truth upon fortresses till then held by Satan, and with shouts of victory take possession of them. They bear the scars of battle, but there comes to them the comforting message that the Lord is teaching them terrible things in righteousness. He will lead them on, conquering and to conquer.

When God's servants with consecrated zeal co-operate with divine instrumentalities, the state of things that exists in this world will be changed, and soon the earth with joy will receive her King. Then they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

And what the keynote is was shown by the following statements from "Testimonies" Vol. 6:—

The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message. The blessed hope of the second appearing of Christ with its solemn realities, needs to be often presented to the people. Looking for the soon appearing of our Lord will lead us to regard earthly things as emptiness and nothingness.—Page 406.

The idea was emphasized that the keynote is not the work of any one branch of the message, but the return of Christ to this world; and that when all branches of our work take up this message and sound forth this cry, then a great work will be accomplished speedily, and the Lord will come. Therefore, let all strike the keynote.

Some Things to Consider

CONSIDER what God says, and He will give you understanding in all things. 2 Tim. 2:7.

If you are discouraged, "consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be weary and faint in your minds."

Do you wish to be blessed of the Lord? If so, consider the poor; for He says, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor." Ps. 41:1.

If you lack energy to labor, "go to the ant," and "consider her ways and be wise."

You should consider your own faults rather than others. "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the mote out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly

to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." Matt. 7:3, 5.

Are you perplexed as to whether you can obtain sufficient food? "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?" Luke 12:24.

Do you worry because your wardrobe is insufficient? If so, "consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith?" Luke 12:27, 28.

We should not live for self alone, but "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10:24.

In dealing with an erring brother the Lord says, "Restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

We should everywhere and at all times, "consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus: who was faithful to Him that appointed Him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house." Heb. 3:1, 2.

E. T. RUSSELL.

Salt That Has Lost Its Savor

CHRIST has presented in figures the plans which we are to study, and upon which we are to act. The fifth chapter of Matthew is full of precious instruction. Read this chapter, and write it upon the tablets of your soul. The Saviour declares "Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. . . . Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden underfoot of men." If the character is not under the moulding influence of the Holy Spirit; if we have not that faith which works by love and purifies the life from all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong, what does our profession avail? If the truth that is professed is not allowed to sanctify the temper, the disposition, the words, and acts; if there is a constant denial of faith, God

is greatly dishonored. Where there should be seen the sweetness of humility, combined with firmness and integrity, there is seen a hard spirit, that is not a savor of life unto life, but of death unto death.

God requires us to exercise toward our brethren the compassion that we desire them to exercise toward us. God expects those who claim to believe in Him, to bring the Christlikeness into all their service. The mind and heart are to be cleansed from all sin, all unlikeness to Christ. God has duties for every church member to perform. His people are to exalt the power of His law above human judgment. By bringing themselves, body, soul, and spirit, into harmony with the law, they are to magnify it, and make it honorable.

God will open the way for His subjects to perform unselfish deeds in all their associations, in all their business transactions. By acts of kindness and love they are to show that they are representing the kingdom of heaven. By self-denial, by sacrificing the gain they might obtain, they will present the truth in its beauty.

But if their words and acts are unchristlike; if the spirit they cherish is not helpful; if they retain the old, unsavory traits of character; if they study how they may get the best of a bargain, to the disadvantage of someone else; if they care little whether they hurt and destroy a brother's feelings, they are as salt that has lost its savor. They are a hindrance to God's work.

How can we be as salt that retains its savor? How can we exert a saving influence?—By obeying, in every transaction of life, the plain commands of God; by being kind, benevolent, generous; by seeing the necessities of the cause of God, and trying to relieve them; by doing the work that Christ did.

Read the fifty-first Psalm. Let its lessons be practised. Not a tithe of what we should be are we in word, in spirit, in purity, in Christlikeness. This is why we have not more power with God. We profess to believe the most sacred truth, which God declares will refine and sanctify those who believe, leading them to live lives in marked contrast to the lives of worldlings. But if our profession is merely nominal, we may be sure that our influence is not exerted on Christ's side. We are as salt without savor, fit only to be cast out as worthless.

Without the help that comes from God, even those who are looked upon as the most eminent believers are in danger of falling into the sins which Satan has prepared to dishonor God. Let all who claim to be believers remember that it is only when they have the joy of Christ's salvation in the heart that they are qualified to guide sinners to repentance and reformation. It is the genuine believer, the one who not only assents to the truth, but believes and practises the truth, who is not satisfied unless he has with him the presence of God, that is a power for good in the world.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

How to Economize

ONE way in which you can economize is by paying a faithful tithe. There is something about doing this that makes money yield great dividends. The Lord has not fully explained what this something is, but He has said it is so, and you may find it true in your experience. The paying of a faithful tithe of all you earn will develop a sense of economy and thrift which will fill your barns to the overflow. This is what the Scriptures say, and we believe the Scriptures.

I believe that young people should just as faithfully tithe ten cents which they earn as should older people who earn more. When you work and earn ten cents, it should be faithfully tithed; and the remainder should be carefully used, too, after you have tithed.

Another way to economize is to limit your wants. There is great satisfaction in seeing how much one can do without. There is a genuine pleasure in curtailing your wants and limiting yourself to real needs. Many would be perfectly astonished at the results if they would make an honest endeavor to do this; if they would weigh carefully the need of everything before purchasing.

The Lord teaches us the lesson of economy everywhere. Every thing in nature is saved.—“*Talks with My Students.*”

“The highest of all service,—to recover men from the snare of Satan and bind them to God.”

“God commanded the Hebrews to teach their children His requirements, and to make them acquainted with all His dealings with their fathers. This was one of the special duties of every parent.”

✦ From the Field ✦

Stromsburg, Nebraska

"CAST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1. During the winter and spring Albert Anderson and I have held meetings in school-houses and in places where the Third Angel's Message has never been preached. We have had a good interest though we have seen but little fruit of our labor.

A sister near Newman's Grove has accepted the truth, and we hope that some of the young men who attended our meetings will give their hearts to the Lord and become workers in His vineyard.

We are now in Stromsburg, Neb. This is a Swedish town, but the Third Angel's Message has never been presented in the Swedish language. There is an English Seventh-day Adventist church five miles southwest of here which was once quite a strong church, but most of the members have moved away. Just a few remain to hold up the light of truth. Recently a brother came among them who had known the truth for many years, but had not accepted it fully until now. We request the prayers of God's people that we may open our mouths boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.

CARL SVENSON.

Missionary Trip to Germany

From College View to Brooklyn, N. Y.

I SPENT two years in Union College, where I received a speedy preparation to enter the Lord's harvest field. The days of pleasure and enjoyment, and the many blessings in which I was privileged to participate with the many students whom I learned to love, are things which will never fade from my memory, even though my lot be far away across the waters.

While still at college, the call came for workers to go to Germany and East Africa. I brought the matter to the Lord in prayer, and was convinced that I should go. So after the close of school, and after bidding good-bye to the many friends, I made a trip to North Dakota, my former home, to visit my relatives, where I remained two weeks. I also visited some of our German churches. Some of my

friends tried to dissuade me from going away so far, but I knew it was the Lord's call, and I must go. It was a rather sad day for me, when, when on the eighth of June my train pulled out from my old home town, and, on looking back, I saw my friends at the depot gradually fade away as the train sped on. The thought came to me, "Will I ever see them again?" But as I knew that the Lord was with me, and that He has said, "The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them," I left it all to Him, knowing that He would bring me safely to my destination.

I left in the evening and traveled all night, reaching the "Twin Cities,"—Minneapolis and St. Paul,—on the Mississippi in the morning. After changing cars, I went to Chicago, arriving there in the evening. The next day I went to Battle Creek, where I stayed one day. I visited the new Sanitarium, and other places of interest. Battle Creek is a nice city indeed.

On the tenth of June I took the train, and came through Ontario, and on the morning of the eleventh I crossed the great suspension bridge over the Niagara River. I also got a glimpse of the Great Niagara Falls.

One more long and weary day of traveling on a fast express train brought me to Jersey City, N. J. Then I crossed the river on a ferry, and got to New York. As the street car connections are good, a two and one-half hours' ride brought me to the eastern part of Brooklyn, where I am now. I am making a short visit with my sister, who is engaged in Bible work here. Eld. O. E. Reinke is holding meetings in a tent. They have labored faithfully, and as the result several dear souls have accepted the truth.

After a short rest here, I will resume my journey, of which I will write when I arrive in Hamburg.

M. H. WENTLAND.

India

I FEEL indeed that I am a pilgrim in a strange land. I have no home here, but by and by the Lord is going to make it up a hundred fold, yea, a thousand fold if I am faithful. We need to watch. The Saviour has not given that injunction "to watch," for nothing. Let us arouse ourselves to the necessity of constant watching. Work, watch, pray. The one who keeps working and watching will not be found asleep. I am sure the Lord is soon coming. I pray that we may all take hold faithfully, for we have not all

been doing our duty. The Lord is willing to help us. He says, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." When we have spoken and done evil things the gracious invitation comes, "Turn thou unto me." He patiently bears with us, and still gives us a place in His vineyard. Of whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much. None of our cases are too hard for Him. He can save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Jer. 23:19.

It is only a little while when He that shall come will come. We have only to trust and obey, and He will crown our labors with success. The responsibility of success or failure is with the Lord. When we give our cases up, and surrender all to God, do you think that He will fail? We are on our way to a good land. Let us go up and possess it!

It may be of interest to you to know how the canvassing work is progressing here. A sister and I are canvassing southern India and Ceylon for our papers "Good Health" and the "Oriental Watchman," also "Christ's Object Lessons" and other books. Our work is among the Europeans and English-speaking natives. Of course the class we work for are in the minority. In working for these souls some will be gathered out who speak the different languages of India, and will give their means and talents to the work of bringing the truth to the millions in darkness in this neglected land. When they have been converted, they will be able to begin work at once among the natives instead of having to spend months and years gaining proficiency in the different languages spoken here.

The work in Burma is going along nicely. In west Bombay the work will soon be organized permanently, and in Calcutta the work is onward.

ANNA ORR.

The company at York Neb., was glad to have Elder Dieffenbacher with them on Sabbath, June 20th. Two profitable meetings were held.

"No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near, to soften and subdue the heart."

Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

Report Your Work

If your sales are large, it is not boasting to tell what the Lord is doing through you. If you are accomplishing apparently but little it encourages other workers to know that you are doing something. Without courage we are defeated. The Lord wishes His servants to be of good courage. Twice He told Moses to encourage Joshua, and he did so. The people encouraged him once, and three times the Lord repeated to him the promise, "As I was with Moses so I will be with thee. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Workers, take this promise to yourself.

Paul and Barnabas, reporting their work, "caused great joy unto all the brethren." There are many who have been called to labor in the vineyard of the Lord. They hesitate, fearing if they undertake the work, it will be a failure. Your report, be it large or small, will encourage such ones.

The Lord is Blessing

THE Lord is continually instructing His people whom He has called to co-operate with Him in giving the message for this time. Brethren, as you see the work advancing, do your hearts burn within you? As we read the good letters from our canvassers which contain so many encouraging reports, we praise the Lord for success given and blessings bestowed.

Although Kansas has been visited by floods and disaster, the workers are still sending in excellent reports both of spiritual blessings received and many books sold.

Brother F. E. Fairchild of Missouri, writes that he has just completed a successful delivery. He drove through rain and mud until the waters raised to such a height that he was compelled to go in a boat or desist from further work until the floods should subside. He had excellent success. Brother A. H. Owen writes from the same state that he took in two days' time sixty dollars worth of orders; and Brother Glen George, who accompanied Brother Owen to Missouri at the close of Union College, took eighty-seven dollars worth of orders in four and one-half days. This was Brother George's

first experience in the canvassing field. Report comes from Colorado that ten new canvassers are now ready to enter the field. This makes us feel the need of the return of our old, experienced canvassers to the work that they may give the younger ones the benefit of their experiences. Who will heed the call of the Lord to return to the work?

Nebraska has been receiving good reports. We are pleased to mention the success attending the efforts of Brother Marion Carr, who is handling "Home Hand Book." Brother Carr is scarcely fifteen years old, but is showing ability to present this book to the people with remarkable success.

Iowa is looking for a large report of book sales from a number who have lately begun work, but who have not yet reported.

Brethren, the books are going to be sold, and the message is advancing whether we go with it or not. But the blessed privilege of having a part in the closing work is granted to all.

One of our oldest and most successful Bible workers told me not long since that as she looked back over her work to the large number who had accepted the message, she knew that most of them received their first knowledge of the truth from literature sold by our canvassers. She thinks the canvassers are doing a noble work, and should be encouraged to press forward.

Let us not become weary in well doing, but press the battle to the gates. Brethren and sisters, pray for us daily.

C. W. HARDESTY.

Extracts From Nebraska Canvassers' Letters

PETER MATHIESEN: "The work never seemed so precious to me in my life. God is blessing me more than I deserve. I was down to Stockholm the other day and called on the editor of their paper, and put in a good 'ad' for 'Desire of Ages.' The world's presses can be used to spread the gospel. Often during the week I would call to mind the words of Sister White. In speaking of 'Desire of Ages' she says, 'Angels will attend the steps of those who in God's name go forward to scatter this book.' This has given me courage. My desire is to walk close to the Master, and finally be with him in the better land."

Willie McCabe: "I am of good courage in the work and praise God for His many bless-

ings. I need Him more and more every day. I want to lay my whole mind and body upon the altar for service."

R. A. Pederson: "I am of good courage and feel like working harder every day. I want to see my Saviour come and feel that I must be in the work when He comes."

M. E. Carr: "It is with joy and gratitude that I write you these few lines. I feel satisfied that the Lord is ever directing the minds of the people. I give away tracts, and know that a great amount of good can be done in this way. My prayer is that the work will soon be finished, and the faithful ones gathered home."

J. W. Beans: "My field is in a very thinly settled territory, mostly ranchmen. I found one honest family, and they seemed willing to learn and to study the Scriptures more carefully. I left them tracts and secured their order for 'Daniel and the Revelation,' 'Great Controversy,' and 'Studies in Child Culture.' They live twenty miles from where they can attend services of any kind. I had the privilege of reading the Bible to them till late at night, and they seemed to enjoy the words of the Master, and asked me to stop over with them when I delivered my books. I wish you would pray for them, that they may be led into the truth."

Alfred Horn and G. H. Faris: "We have had a heavy burden for the work at Bridgport for some time, and feeling that the Lord was with us we have taken up the canvassing work where very little has been done. We have had many precious experiences since coming here, and we feel sure that we have left seed sown in some honest hearts. The people here are ready to hear the message. Sabbath, June 20, we organized a Sabbath-school of ten members. Pray for us that we may do the Master's will in all things."

There are many other good letters that we receive at the office of the Nebraska Tract Society. It would cheer your hearts to read all the letters that come in from the canvassers each week. I feel that if there are any of our workers who especially need our prayers it is the canvassers. When they stop in the homes of the people for dinner or at night they need tact to know how to speak to the people and direct their minds to things eternal. There are times when silence will be necessary. At such times a godly life has a great influence. We read that we will be rewarded for every good

impulse or desire that we may cause others to have. The canvassers are meeting different people every day, and surely need the indwelling of the Saviour that His presence may be seen and felt everywhere. Pray especially for those who are delivering, that, as the people get the books they will read them with a desire to know the truth.

Brother Garton reports that one young man has accepted the truth at Albion.

C.H. MILLER.

Canvassers' Report

NEBRASKA (Four Weeks Ending June 25, 1903)

Name	Orders	Value	Helps
Maitain Anderson	26	\$135.75	\$11.75
J. P. Anderson	11	13.50	3.50
J. W. Beams	43	83.30	33.70
E. L. Cook		31.60	17.10
M. E. Carr	21	106.00	12.75
John T. Eden	1	2.25	3.75
Otto Eisele	22	39.50	24.25
Mary Fast	7	9.00	6.75
Herman Fish	8	39.00	4.70
G. H. Faris	20	57.50	18.25
Alfred Horn	13	26.25	19.00
M. B. Jenkins	11	56.25	3.75
P. O. Johnson	14	36.00	9.90
Lizlie Lockwood	7	20.50	16.75
Herman Langenberg	6	15.75	14.80
Peter Mathieson	11	38.50	21.50
Willie McCabe	45	56.25	11.50
R. A. Pederson	34	45.50	8.25
Earnest Welch	7	22.00	14.60
C. S. Wilbur			7.23

No. Agents 20 312 834.40 263.78

COLORADO (Four Weeks Ending June 24, 1903)

HOME HAND BOOK	Orders	Value	Helps
W. E. Huffman	65	191.50	
C. B. Plummer	4	18.00	
H. O. Welty	13	76.50	4.50
W. H. Brown	4	25.50	3.50
W. H. Moore	2	9.00	3.75
DANIEL AND THE REVELATION			
B. E. Lewis	5	12.75	2.50
LADIES' GUIDE			
Carrie Rousseau	10	33.75	.75
CONTROVERSY			
Grace Dowden	1	4.50	
Mrs. Tillie Showham	5	11.25	.40
MISCELLANEOUS			
W. H. Moore	5	7.50	11.50
Mrs. M. Hall	14	8.50	
W. H. Brown	20	12.50	23.50
C. B. Plummer	54	34.45	
Chas. Feith	67	100.00	
O. Einerson	34	83.35	
Mabel Klopenstein	1	1.50	
G. Phillips	163	82.25	

No. agents 14 467 712.80 50.40
Books delivered, 308; value, \$435.60.

Our Polyglot Press is doing its first tract work this week, running a twenty thousand edition of that fine new tract "We Would See Jesus," in the German language; and the German editor tells us that he already has orders for about 15,000 copies. Other editions can be run from plates as needed; and the prospects are that soon another edition of 20,000 will follow.

Educational

Conducted by I. H. Hoopes

Notes on Convention of Educational Department of The General Conference

THE convention met according to appointment at College View, Friday, June 12, and lasted until Sunday, June 21. It was a very representative gathering. All of our Union Conference training schools were represented, and members of the General Conference Committee, Union Conference and state conference superintendents of schools, representatives from our intermediate schools, and a large number of our church school teachers were in attendance. Matters of a general nature, involving such questions as the support of church schools, text books, industrial work, organization of church schools, the relation of church, intermediate, union, and medical schools to each other, and teaching of history, science, and language were considered. There were many other features of our school work presented and discussed in a general way.

The leading thought throughout the convention was that our Saviour is soon to come, and that we who believe this have a definite work to do in giving the truth to the world in this generation. Our schools are to shape their work with this one thought in view.

The convention was remarkable especially for the spirit of love and harmony which prevailed among the workers. In the early part of the session a spirit of confession and drawing together came in. It has been felt that while it is not perhaps possible for all to look at the many features of our educational work exactly in the same way, we can, nevertheless, see eye to eye on the essential principles involved, and at the same time grant to each worker freedom in solving some of the different problems we meet in our school work in different fields, and in applying the principles of the gospel to education each in his own community. This spirit naturally led us to feel that we are to make progress in our work, and that it is our duty to gather up every ray of light and help from every source possible, and utilize it for the general advancement of our educational work. The thought was emphasized that the educational work is not the

message, but a part of it. The work of the message, involving various features, is one. Those who are engaged in the school work are to recognize this; for in so doing they will make this work a practical help to the advancement of the cause of present truth.

Everything seemed to conspire to make the convention a profitable one. The hospitality of the friends at College View was especially noticeable. Their interest in the convention and its work was marked by their faithful attendance at the meetings, and by taking part in the general discussions and topics of study. The weather throughout the convention was perfect. According to the testimony of those who have lived here for years, College View and the surrounding country never looked more beautiful than at this time.

We are looking forward to progress being made in all lines of our educational work, and so in all phases of our denominational work, as the result of this harmonious and profitable meeting.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Sec. Educational, Dep't Gen. Conf.

Convention Thoughts

"If we have the vitalizing power of God in our lives, the relations of department to department will adjust themselves."

"Not 'eye through eye,' but 'eye to eye.'"

"The problem of sin and its solution is the philosophy of history."

"The Bible is the key to history, because it has in it the origin and solution of sin."

"What was the difference between Nimrod as an expansionist and Abraham as an expansionist?"

"Christian education is the training and development of subjects for Christ's kingdom in a world of sin."

"The language in which the truth is expressed may determine its acceptance or rejection."

"The Bible is the source, means, and inspiration of education."

"Preachers and teachers must review the principles of this truth."

"When the people refused to accept Newton's discovery of the laws of gravitation, he said, 'The Lord has waited three thousand years for this to be made known, and I can certainly wait a while.'"

"If God is manifested in the tree the same as

He was manifested in the flesh of Jesus Christ, why should we not worship the tree as well as Jesus Christ? Just in that simple question lies the difference between Christianity and heathenism."

"In God's temple everything *says* glory. The Word made flesh *is* glory."

"God was not made near to us by the Word being made flowers. We are not made nigh that way. 'We that were afar off are made nigh in Christ Jesus.'"

TUESDAY evening, June 23, a reception was given in the Union College dormitory in honor of Prof. C. D. Lude, who will make South America his future field of labor. The opening address was delivered by Prof. M. E. Kern, several appropriate musical selections and recitations were rendered, and a short time given up to a social meeting, after which Prof. Lude who has been associated with Union College as a student and a teacher for the past five years, spoke of his experiences while here in school, and his desires and ambitions for the future. The closing address was given by President Hoopes. While a feeling of sadness prevailed the room at the thought of having to part with one who is so highly respected among us, yet a deeper feeling of admiration and joy filled the hearts of all that we could send from our midst one so well fitted to carry the message of truth to the dark corners of the earth.

Sabbath-School Dep't.

More Study

"THERE! I know my lesson well enough to teach it," said a young teacher one day. "I can fill up the twenty minutes, and if there is any more time I will tell them a story."

Now stories are very well. Boys and girls are never tired of them, and they may be very helpful, but to deliberately plan to fill up the time allotted to teaching the lesson with a story, other than the story of the lesson, is cheating the scholar out of his rights.

We owe it to our classes to dignify our teaching by a right understanding of what we profess to teach. What could be more pitiful than a group of bright-eyed boys or girls awaiting the touch of an earnest, warm-hearted teacher, the hour consumed, and the contact not given, life imparted to none, all for the lack of knowl-

ledge as to how to minister the touch?

The chief need of the Sabbath-school work to-day is a more intelligent understanding of God's word. Thousands of teachers all over our land are but poorly qualified to instruct the young in the wonderful truths of the Bible.

No book is so attractive as the record God has given of Himself and His people, if we but look deeply enough into its pages. It is not a mass of disconnected sayings and doings, but a grand, beautiful whole, and each book may be made to shine like a new-born star, when in the hands of one who has drunk deep at the fountain.—*Selected.*

Report of the Sabbath-school Convention at College View, Neb.

WHEN we came together for our teachers' meeting Sabbath morning, June 20, we found our church had been made beautiful with a profusion of daisies, graceful ferns, and climbing asparagus, which, added to the perfect day, lifted us a little nearer the great Maker of this beautiful.

Our teachers' meeting was necessarily a little shorter than usual, as each department must be prepared to receive more than the usual number of pupils. The Sabbath-school, from the Lincoln church met with us besides delegates from other churches and took part in the Convention.

Promptly at ten o'clock the bell rang, and the five different departments of the school took up the work of the hour.

The delegates and visitors from abroad were much interested in passing from room to room noting the work done.

The Sabbath-school was followed by a sermon by Elder Prescott and short talk by Elder Daniells. The thought emphasized by each being the "Sowing of the seed," or "service." Elder Prescott illustrated the danger of much discussion of methods of work, by a man going out to cut his grain and putting in all his time sharpening his scythe. The time was consumed and the instrument worn out, but the work was not accomplished.

The afternoon session was given up to the special topics, "How to Train Children to be Christian Missionaries," "How to Deal with the Adolescent," and the "Home Department of the Sabbath-school."

Mr. Kimberly of the American Sunday-school Union, was with us, and gave in detail the work

of the Home Department of the Sunday-school and the interest awakened in Bible study by it.

He was followed by Sr. Plummer, who gave briefly the outline for this work, and her plans for getting it before our people as soon as possible after returning to her office.

The Home Department work consists in visiting each person who is not a regular member of the Sabbath-school, giving them a lesson quarterly, and inviting them to study the lesson at least five minutes a day or thirty minutes each week in their homes.

Their names are enrolled on cards, and they are visited once each quarter, or oftener, if possible, by some one appointed for this work.

It has been recommended by our school that this department be added, and that the committee now appointed to nominate officers for the coming quarter act in accordance with this plan.

The general subject for Sunday was, "The Teacher." Elders Spicer and Colcord and Prof. Cady took up the following subjects respectively: "Essential Qualifications of a Sabbath-school Teacher," "The Teacher's Work Outside of the School," and "Preparation and Teaching of the Lesson," each followed by discussion.

Each department of the Sabbath-school took part in the music. The Primary Chorus "Away to the Sabbath-school," and the Kindergarten's "Little Feet be Careful;" added sweetness and variety to the richer and more difficult selections of the older ones.

All together we feel that good has been done in awakening a new interest in the Sabbath-school work.

MRS. M. I. REEDER.

Sabbath-school Convention, Pontiac, Kans.

I GATHER a few thoughts from the report of the Sabbath-school convention held at Pontiac, Kans., May 3, 1903, to present to the readers of the *ADVANCE*, believing they will prove helpful to some. A paper on "God's Call to Work," was read. A call into the kingdom means a call into the harvest field. There is not a greater call for laborers than society and the unsettled condition in the affairs of the world today demands. Have the little children trained to carry the word of God to the people.

Thoughts from other papers were: There is life in the Sabbath-school lessons. Teachers should visit their Sabbath-school pupils in

their homes, and study the lessons with them. There is too much interest in earthly things and not enough in the training of children. Of all creatures human beings are the only ones that do not know how to give their offspring the proper training.

The exercises were interesting and profitable. The house was filled to its full seating capacity. Brother Beeson was there and assisted in the discussions. The Lord is blessing in the convention work in Kansas.

MRS. BELLE EMERSON.

The Effect of Home Training on Sabbath-school Pupils

THE instruction given youth and children should not be of a superficial character. Parents and teachers need to plow deeper into the mines of truth. Do not teach your children with reference to some future period when they shall be old enough to repent and believe the truth. If properly instructed, very young children may have proper views of their state as sinners, and of the way of salvation through Christ. The charge of Christ all through the ages has been "Feed my lambs."

In teaching be as near like Christ as possible. Make your exercises interesting. Let the teachers show that they have thoroughly learned the lesson, and that they are intensely interested in its presentation. Parents should feel it a sacred duty to instruct their children in the statutes and requirements of God as well as in the prophecies. They should educate their children at home, and should themselves be interested in the Sabbath-school lesson. If parents study with the children they show that they attach importance to the truth brought out in the lesson, and help to create a taste for Bible knowledge.

As much or even greater care should be given by the parents to see that their children have the Sabbath-school lesson than their day school lessons. If parents see no necessity for the lesson being well learned, the school will fail to prove a blessing to either child or parent. There are many children who plead a lack of time as a reason for not having their Sabbath-school lesson, but more often it is a lack of interest.

The love of Christ should be cherished. More faith is needed in the work that is to be

done before the coming of Christ. There should be thoughtful, prayerful study to know how to work to the best advantage. "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the lesson with your children. Let the parents do their part, not only helping the children in their study, but becoming familiar with the lesson themselves. Parents, teachers, and scholars need to become better acquainted with the Bible. We must come up to a higher plane of action. Let the spirit of Christ utilize the souls of the workers." D. L. PARKER.

Keep out of Sight

A GENTLEMAN with fishing tackle and all the necessary appliances went forth to a stream and caught nothing. Toward afternoon, he spied a little ragged urchin, with tackle of the most original order, nipping the fish out of the water with marvelous rapidity. Perfectly amazed, he watched the lad for a while and then went and asked him if he could explain why he was so successful, in spite of his meager outfit, while the extensive outfit could catch nothing. The boy promptly replied, "The fish'll na' catch, as lang as ye dinna keep yoursel' out o' sight."

Here is a suggestive lesson for fishers of men. They may spend much time and effort on style and rhetorical adornment, and yet entirely fail to win souls to Christ. "Keep yourself out of sight"—the wisest advice that can be given—for only thus can the sinner be brought face to face with the Saviour. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."—*Selected.*

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News and Notes

A Sabbath-school convention will be held at Salina, Kans., July 4. A profitable time is expected.

Bro. C. T. Parmele made the office a pleasant call last week. He accompanied Sister Parmele to the Sanitarium for treatment.

The summer school is now in progress, and those in attendance seem to much appreciate the instruction being given.

Elder E. T. Russell left College View Wednesday, June 24, to attend the Hot Springs, South Dakota, camp-meeting.

Prof. Frederick Griggs remained some days after the close of the Educational Council conducting the editing of the minutes of the council.

Miss Nancy Bland, formerly a student of Union College, has now joined the company of canvassers and Bible workers at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Do not forget the collection July 4 for the Australasian field. In other words, do not forget to take your pocketbook along with you when you go to church next Sabbath.

At the recent Educational Convention much attention was given to the question of the organization and support of church schools. The courses of study in our schools also received considerable attention.

A report of the Educational Convention just closed at College View, is to be published in pamphlet form. Announcement when it is ready will be made later. It will contain matter of much interest to all our people, and worth the reading.

Brethren Fletcher and Beardsley, Union College students, who are canvassing in Seneca, Kans., write: "We are always glad to scan your inspiring columns and read of the advancement of the cause in other parts of the field. The work is onward here, and we are of good courage. Our last week's work for 'Plain Facts' is as follows:—

"Fletcher: 56 hrs., 28 orders, value \$120, helps \$10.95, total \$130.95.

"Beardsley: 40 hrs., 13 orders, value \$50.75, helps \$3.90, total \$54.65."

Elder C. A. Beeson and family made a short visit at Topeka, Kansas, last week on their way to Manitoba, Canada. Elder Beeson was recommended to take up work in this new field at our late General Conference, and we unite in wishing him success in his work there.

L. E. Koon, Union Conference Auditor, is at present auditing the Union College books. After he completes the work of auditing the College books he will then audit the Nebraska Sanitarium books, and will then go to Denver and audit the books of the Colorado Conference and Tract Society.

The recent Educational Convention at College View—the largest and most representative of the kind yet held by us as a people—was a glorious success. All who attended it were blessed. From the character of the work done at it, it is evident that our educational work is assuming more definite shape, and that great advancement is to be made in this department in the near future.

A Nebraska sister writing to us says: "I am sorry I allowed my subscription to the dear CENTRAL ADVANCE to expire. I did not know that its visits were so dear to me until it ceased to come. Enclosed find fifty cents in stamps, for which please place my name on your subscription list again. I trust it will remain there as long as I can get fifty cents to pay for it. I cannot afford to be without it."

At the late Educational Convention held at College View, recommendations were passed that immediate steps be taken to circulate Sister White's latest book "Education," and that Eld. A. T. Jones' new pamphlet "The Place of the Bible in Education," be circulated in connection with this book. Here is a field for a great and good work. But we would advise all of our people to get these works and read them first of all; then circulate them.

Remember that "Australasia is a divinely-appointed center, from which the light of present truth is to radiate to many lands." In this, "an English-speaking commonwealth, leavened with Protestant the idea, has been planted at the very threshold of one of the darkest and most populous portions of the earth." Australia is also "the true motherland of all the numerous brood of islands that dot the southern seas." Think of this when making your offerings next Sabbath.