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Ode to a Lily

O STAR on the breast of the river!
O marvel of bloom and of grace!
Did you fall right down from heaven,
Out of the sweetest place?
You're as pure as the thought of an angel;
Your heart is steeped in the sun,
Did you grow in the radiant city,
My pure and holy one?
Nay, nay, said the lily, I fell not from heaven;
None gave me my saintly white;
It slowly grew in the darkness,
Down in the dreary night.
From the ooze of the slimy river,
I won my glory and grace.
White souls fall not, my poet,
They rise to the sweetest place.

—Selected.

The Best Way to Combat Error

FAITHFULLY preaching the gospel is by far the most successful way to combat error. Get the truth into the conscience if you would expel heresy from the head. Satan goes walking around among the churches with a chip on his shoulder, and is never so happy as when he can induce some over-zealous, inexperienced or pugnacious theologian to turn aside from preaching Christ and Him crucified and devote his attention to knocking the chip off his satanic majesty's shoulder. Brethren in the ministry, if you wish to worry the devil, pay no attention to that chip, but instead, go right on faithfully preaching the Word.—*Religious Telescope.*

Family Worship

If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and scepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the arch-rebel leads the way.

And yet, in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear Him. They cannot "come boldly unto the throne of grace," "lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Heb. 4:16; 1 Tim. 2:8. They have not a living connection with God. Theirs is a form of godliness without the power.

The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin souls. Prayer is communion with God, the Fountain of wisdom, the Source of strength, and peace, and happiness. Jesus prayed to the Father "with strong crying and tears." Paul exhorts believers "to pray without ceasing," in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, making known their requests to God. "Pray one for another," James says. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Heb. 5:7; 1 Thess. 5:17; James 5:16.

By sincere, earnest prayer parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Shall We Join Trades Unions?

In different places our brethern engaged in various lines of work have of late been visited by representatives of union labor for the purpose of inducing them to join union organizations. Whether we shall unite with these organizations or not is an important question. Knowing the condition of things that would exist in these last days, the Lord has given the most explicit instruction as to the course we should pursue in this matter. Here is the word He has sent us:—

“Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.” Isa. 8: 12, 13.

“Men are seeking to bring those engaged in the different trades under bondage to certain unions. This is not God’s planning but the planning of a power that we should in no wise acknowledge. God’s word is fulfilling; the wicked are binding themselves up in bundles ready to be burned. We are now to use all our entrusted capabilities in giving the last warning message to the world. In this work we are to preserve our individuality. We are not to unite with secret societies or with trade unions. We are to stand free in God, looking constantly to Christ for instruction.”—*Testimonies, Vol. VII, p. 84.*

Alienations in the Home

In the wreck of many a home there lingers still the memory of months or years of very tender wedded life. The fatal estrangement that rent the home asunder began in a little difference which a wise, patient word might have composed. But the word was not spoken—an unwise, impatient word was spoken instead—and the trivial breach remained unclosed, and grew wider, until two hearts that had been knit together as one were torn forever apart. Rarely are estrangements the work of one day, or caused by one offense; they are growths.

“It is the little rift within the lute
That by and by will make the music mute,
And ever widening, slowly silence all—
The little rift within the lover’s lute,
Or little pitted speck in gardnered fruit,
That, rotting inward, slowly moulders all.
— *Home Making.*”

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.”

A Wise Use of Our Talents

In the parable of the talents, the servant to whom were entrusted five talents traded upon them wisely, and in the day of reckoning was able to return double this number to the Master. The one also who received two talents, doubled these. But the man who received only one talent, hid it in a napkin, and buried it in the earth. When the Master returned and reckoned with His servants, the sentence pronounced upon this slothful servant was, “Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.”

To every man and to every woman God has given a work for Him. He has not given to all the same work. Some have a greater number of talents than others have. God’s children are to use their talents according to their several ability. Those who have five talents should faithfully put them out to the exchangers. To those who have two talents the Lord says, “Trade upon your talents, using and improving them to My glory.”

THE ONE TALENT

Those who have received only one talent (and to each is entrusted at least one), should resolve by God’s grace to use it wisely. Instead of burying it, say: “Though I have but one talent, I must make the most of it. I will be faithful in the little things: for the Word declares, ‘He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much.’ I will use to the very best advantage that which is given me. I will not waste one jot of my powers in indulging appetite or in gratifying pride of appearance. In my family I will strive to be a faithful parent, teaching my children to be honest and truthful, kind and patient, and training them for the future, immortal life. By God’s help, I myself will try to be all that I desire my children to be; for in speaking of His disciples, Christ said, ‘For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified.’”

My brother, my sister, if you have buried in the earth the one talent entrusted to you, I beseech you to improve it before God inquires, “What have you done with the talent that I gave you?” Thank Him that He has manifested His great love to you by entrusting you with even one talent. By word and act show that you appreciate this gift, and that you regard it as a treasure of greater value than any-

thing else you possess. Put your talent out to the exchangers.

THE TALENT OF SPEECH

The power of speech is a precious possession, given us by the Master to be used in blessing our fellow beings. In using this talent aright, we honor Him. But we dishonor Him by using the gift of speech to tell of our discouragements and to magnify our trials. We need stronger faith, more perfect trust. How changed would be our experience if the time we spend in repining were spent in beholding Jesus and in telling others of His love! Then our words would be profitable. Then we should offer to God thanksgiving instead of complaint. Then we should have no inclination to talk about our trials, so filled would our minds be with the thought that we are receiving abundant blessings.

THE TALENT OF MEANS

Often the talent of means is laid away, hidden and unused. Money lying idle in banks is regarded by the Lord as buried talent. God desires His followers to use the talent of means in His service. We should do our part in helping to carrying forward the different lines of His work in all parts of the earth. A great work is to be done in the cities. Camp meetings are to be held in different places. Those who have means may multiply their talent by using it to help support laborers in proclaiming the message of truth for this time. When through this instrumentality someone is led to accept the truth, our talent is doubled. And when this convert brings others into the truth, there is a still further increase of talents. Those who double their talents in the work of saving souls, bring joy to the angels and call forth songs of praise from the heavenly choir.

THE REWARD OF FAITHFULNESS

To him who uses aright his one talent, as well as to the wise steward of many talents, the Master will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The well doer is not rewarded in proportion to the number of his entrusted talents, but in proportion to his faithfulness in using wisely that which he has, and the unselfishness that prompts his efforts.

Dear reader, God desires to use you in His

service. There is a place for you to fill in this world. For no other purpose does He entrust men and women with talents. If you are faithful in filling the place He desires you to fill, He will work in your behalf, and you will see of the salvation of God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Rules for Killing a Church

1. DON'T come. Ps. 42: 4.
2. If you do come, come late. Ps. 84: 10.
3. If too wet or too dry, or too hot or too cold, don't think of coming. Ps. 122: 1.
4. Don't imagine the front seats are intended for you, people might think you conceited.
5. Come bound to find fault. Ps. 100: 4.
6. Don't for the world ever think of praying for your pastor or the church. II Thes. 3: 1.
7. Don't sing. I Cor. 14: 15.
8. Don't encourage the pastor, but tell his faults to others. Gal. 6: 1. If his sermons help you, don't let him know it, it might make him vain.
9. Don't attend prayer meeting, and if you should, don't take part. Acts 3: 1.
10. If you see a stranger in the audience, don't offer to shake hands with him, or invite him to come again, people might think you bold. Heb. 13: 2.
11. Never try to bring anyone to church with you. John 1: 41.
12. Don't believe in missions. Matt. 28: 19.
13. Don't give much to benevolence. I Cor. 16: 2.
14. Let the pastor do all the work. Isa. 41: 6, 7.
15. See that his salary is always behind. I Cor. 9: 14.
16. If he doesn't visit as often as you think he should, treat him very coolly. He has nothing particular to do and could come oftener.
17. Don't take your denominational paper.
18. Try to run the church. Mark 17: 44, 45.

—*Christian Messenger.*

The Best Time for Bible Reading

THE best time for Bible reading is in the morning. The mind and body are fresh after the repose of the night, and the highest powers of thought may be brought to bear upon the portion read.

With most people, each recurring morning

brings its own pressing cares. Business cares, the daily toil, and the duties of the home crowd in upon the time, and seem to demand first attention. Several hours may necessarily pass with many before they can find time to sit down to anything like quiet reading. Let such adopt the plan of taking early each morning some passage from the Bible for morning study and meditation. For one month make a fair, steadfast trial of the plan of studying the Bible when the mental powers are at high water mark.

You wonder at the familiarity of this or that person with the Psalms, the epistles, or the gospels. It has been gained a little at a time, by patient, regular daily reading,—by thoughtful, prayerful reading of that which was prized as something worth treasuring.

We shall all gain immeasurably by giving more time and thought to the reading and study of God's holy word. A few tired, sleepy, wornout moments at night cannot sufficiently feed and fortify the soul in these days of peril and conflict.

From the Field

Nebraska Work and Workers

BROTHER Chris Nelson and wife are attending the Medical College in Lincoln.

Brethren Schroeder and Garton are laboring in Norfolk, following up the interest awakened by the recent tent meetings at that place.

Bro. Albert Anderson reports a growing interest among the people at Stromsburg. He expects soon to go to district No. 4, to which he was appointed.

Miss Pearl West is engaged in Bible work in the Tekamah and Decatur districts. She reports several interested ones, some of whom have already taken their stand for the truth.

Sister E. A. Cushman is doing Bible work in Lincoln, and some new ones are taking hold of the truth.

Eld. D. Nettleton spent Sabbath and Sunday, September 26 and 27, with the company at Oldenbusch, where several were awaiting baptism.

Two church schools are in successful operation in Lincoln. One in the Lincoln church building, taught by Sister A. Pierce; and one on the north side of the city, taught by Sister Elsie Baer.

Bro. Walter Rich is teaching the church school at Red Cloud.

Bro. L. B. Porter is spending a few weeks at his home in Decatur.

Bro. W. H. Campbell has sold his home in College View, and moved his family to Hemingford, where he will have charge of the church school, and assist Brother Kirkle in ministerial work.

Bro. O. A. Hall and wife have moved to the Black Hills district. Brother Hall will be associated in labor with Brethren Berry and Beams, in district No. 7.

Eld. L. E. Johnson is now located in Broken Bow, and reports favorably to that place becoming the center of the work in district No. 4. It is expected that a church school will be conducted there this year.

Eld. C. R. Kite has recently been making a tour of the churches in the north-western portion of the state, in the interest of the church school work.

The superintendent of district No. 1 is arranging with the ministers residing at College View, to hold services with the various churches and companies in the district. As far as possible, all churches and companies in the district will be supplied with ministerial help.

Eld. A. C. Anderson has removed his family from Lincoln to Newman's Grove. He writes that he is of good courage in the Lord.

Elder Graf reports quite a good interest in Grand Island. Brother Loy and wife, Sister Warnock, and Brethren Mourer and Huenergardt are working in that city.

Bro. O. E. Jones has gone to his new field of labor, in district No. 2. He expects to join Eld. J. H. Wheeler in a series of meetings at Curtis.

Eld. G. W. Berry, of Blue Springs, Neb., passed through College View last week enroute for Wyoming, his new field of labor. He expects to be with the church at Sheridan, Wyo., October 15.

The Work in the South

NO DOUBT friends of the cause in Nebraska are much interested in the progress of the work in the Southern field. So much has been said in the Testimonies concerning this Southern work that the friends of the cause everywhere

have manifested a great desire to see it advanced.

There are difficulties to be met in this field not experienced in the North. The curse of slavery is seen everywhere. Its effects will be felt to the close of time. The color line will be an obstacle for us to surmount as long as probation lasts. In all this Union Conference containing nine sovereign states, we have but two thousand Sabbath-keepers,—not as many as there are in the state of Nebraska. Perhaps nineteen hundred out of this two thousand are poor in this world's goods. So the Spirit of Prophecy has truly said that it is the hardest field in the world, and yet we have been instructed that we should erect small, inexpensive buildings in this field, in which to train laborers for this work. Under the circumstances it seemed like a Herculean task. The difficulty was how to obtain means with which to erect these buildings.

After plain, pointed testimonies were sent us to the effect that we ought to erect a small sanitarium at Graysville, Tenn., to be operated in connection with the school at this place, we procured the land, with a spring high up on the mountain side, and began the erection of a building 32x64 ft., four stories above the basement. By energy, perseverance, and economy, we have carried it through to that point where it is now being plastered. We are told that patients enough to fill the building await its completion. Students are waiting to enter it for training. Winter is approaching and we need a few hundred dollars to complete the building, and enable us to occupy it.

We are thankful for what friends of this needy field have done in the past. If any who read these lines feel moved upon to assist in this worthy enterprise, let them send their donations to the Southern Conference Association, Graysville, Tenn.

SMITH SHARP,

Manager.

"O LORD! how happy should we be
If we could cast our care on Thee,
If we from self could rest;
And feel at heart that one above,
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
Is working for the best."

"Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God has sent His only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him."

—1 John 4: 9.

Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

Faithful Service

NOT to be always wanting some other work to do,
But cheerfully to take the task that Christ has set
for you,
And bear the little cross of humble, daily life
With that same dauntless courage you meant for
nobler strife,
And to share the yoke with Jesus
Wherever He may lead,
Whether in pleasant pastures His tender flock to
feed,
Or whether upon the mountain His blood-stains
mark the way,—
So, soul, you'll be the winner,
When this day's work is done,
And better fitted for service when tomorrow greets
the sun. —Selected.

A Closing Work

AS I hear of the calamities that from week to week are taking place in the world, I ask myself, What do these things mean? Are they permitted to come to arouse those who are transgressing the law of God? The most awful disasters, by fire and flood, are following one another in quick succession. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

There are many, many in the churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which say so plainly that the end is near. O how many who have not sought their soul's salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved."

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is rapidly fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields. They

will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth, and who will devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.

HOMeward BOUND

The Lord is soon coming, and we must be prepared to meet Him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is coming soon, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O how glorious it will be to see Him, and be welcomed as His redeemed ones! Long have we waited, but our faith is not to become weak. If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever and forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward Bound." We are rearing that time when Christ will come with power and great glory, to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Another Call

BEGINNING about January 1, 1901, the Lord gave this people a series of articles through the columns of the *Review* concerning the importance of the colporter work and evangelistic canvassing. New canvassers were called for, and old experienced field laborers were encouraged to return to the work of the Lord. Many responded, and a revival has been experienced. But the Lord has told us that as long as probation lasts the canvasser will have a work to do, so let us not feel that because one grand rally was made that it is to accomplish its work in a year or two and then pass away into oblivion. Not so, the Lord continues to call for consecrated canvassers and tells us that the circulation of our literature is a work committed to His church.

Our church members are to "arise and shine." In this crisis we should urge upon the attention of the people the last merciful message of warning. We must not fail to carry out the Lord's purpose, as did the Children of Israel when they entered the land of Canaan. The Lord instructed them to take possession of the whole land, but after making a partial conquest they settled down to enjoy life. This showed unbelief, and they began to depart from God. We have no excuse that we should do likewise.

The Lord intended that their experiences should be for "ensamples...written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." O, let us not make the Lord's work secondary to worldly interests.

We are told that there is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing, and that it should no longer be neglected. At the same time we are instructed that there should be a *more general* interest in the canvassing work, and as this is a work given to the church, it involves not only the presidents of conferences, but every one who is called to help make up the body which is to give the Third Angel's Message.

Parents, what can you do? Educate your children to become the Lord's missionaries, and instruct them "diligently...when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up," that the chief aim of their existence should be to live the truth, and teach it those in darkness.

Church officers, elders, librarians, and leaders of missionary meetings, have excellent opportunity to encourage young men and women to engage in the house-to-house work, and every local campaign organized for the sale and distribution of books and other literature containing gospel truths, is a lift to the canvassing work. A good time of the year to arrange such a crusade is from now on until the holidays.

Church school teachers should educate their pupils to be missionaries in this great cause. "Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work."—Test. Vol. 6, p. 203. You must now train for the Lord's work those who will in the near future engage in some branch of gospel labor.

Then there those with whom the Lord's spirit is now pleading to engage in the work of carrying our publications to the people. "Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us."—Special Testimonies.

Let us adhere to the Lord's plans to work unitedly, that we may keep in operation every part of the work. Remember that a *more general* interest should be taken in this work. We solicit your prayers and support.

C. W. HARDESTY.

The Ten-cent-a-Week Offerings Again

IN reply to a communication regarding the adoption of the ten-cent-a-week plan by the College View church, Miss Estella Houser, who is connected with the work of the General Conference headquarters, at Washington, says:—

We can assure you that it was really encouraging to us to know of the result of adopting this plan in a church as large as that in College View. It certainly is evident that even these small sums, gathered regularly from our people, will increase our offerings for mission work still more, if the matter is given attention regularly.

The church in College View has been so loyal in helping the different missionary enterprises that have been suggested to it, that I am satisfied that it will take hold of this plan gladly.

I like, too, the plan you mention of putting the envelopes in the hands of the people. This is always a difficult problem in a very large church. I think this is the hardest matter to settle in Battle Creek. I have written your experience already to our church, and will pass this on also. I hope you will let us hear from you again. At the rate you have begun, your offerings for one quarter will be larger than those of many states in the past.

We receive very encouraging letters from our little churches frequently, and our offerings are increasing largely as the result of the systematic plan of giving that is being adopted.

A Letter

I HAVE been enjoying my work very much since the Grand Island, Nebraska, camp-meeting. On my way to Tekamah I stopped at Calhoun a few days and had several rich experiences there. The first Sabbath I spent here we had two meetings. There was present a man from Indiana who showed much interest. Sunday afternoon he telephoned for me to come and study the Bible with him before he left for home. As I opened to him the prophecies he would run ahead and relate the history. He thought that it was so wonderful. Before leaving I secured his order for the *Signs of the Times*. After the reading, and prayer, his niece, an intelligent young lady, said to her mother, "I am going to present myself to your church for membership next Sabbath. I am ready and willing to give myself to the work." The mother wept for joy.

I have given fourteen Bible readings since coming here, and find many interested ones. The Lord is so good to give me a little part in his work.

PEARL WEST.

Tekamah, Neb.,

September 23, 1903.

We quote the following from a private letter received from Prof. C. D. Lude, formerly of Union College, but who has recently gone to Argentina, South America:—

I enjoyed my ocean trip very much. On reaching Buenos Ayres I was met by brethren Snyder and Town. We stayed over night in the city, and then proceeded to Diamante, about seven miles from the school. The first Sunday after my arrival I visited some German churches, and was invited to preach for them. I am glad to be able to do a little in the Lord's vineyard. The advancement of the message here rests upon the youth.

Upon reaching my new field of labor I at once took up the school work. We have about forty-five students enrolled, most of them under fourteen years of age, a few, however, are much older.

I have not been disappointed in my new field, but like it thus far very much. The country is much like eastern Nebraska—rolling, but bare. In many places there is not a tree nor bush, even along the creek bottoms. We have been planting shade trees around our one-story school building, and peach trees in the garden. The soil about our school is rich, dark and loamy.

The weather at present is very cold, and I have been obliged to don overcoat and mittens. Stoves are a very scarce article here, with the exception of the cookoven, and these are often in a deplorable condition.

German, English, French, and Spanish are spoken here. All are acquainted with the Spanish except myself, and they say that I am progressing nicely in its study. Last Sunday I went with Brother Fulton to Parana, the capital of Entre Rios, about thirty-five miles north of Diamante, to trade. The people trade on Sunday up to the noon hour. The storekeeper was much surprised, after talking awhile in Spanish, to learn that I had been there but a few weeks, judging from my dark appearance that I was an Argentinian.

"HERE is the Man."—A teacher in a Sabbath-school was once called to the bedside of a dying boy who had been a member of his Sabbath-school class. The boy said,—

"I want to thank you for what you have done for me. When you get to heaven, I will meet you and take you by the hand, and lead you to Jesus, and say, 'Here is the man who put me on the way to heaven.'"

This thought should be an encouragement to Sabbath-school workers and to all who labor for the salvation of others.

Touched Her Heart

WHILE canvassing for the *Life Boat* in a certain place, I went into a store where there were several lady clerks. As I told them of our work for the outcast and fallen, they at once became interested. I related how many, in their innocence, came from the country or from

country towns to the large cities to earn an honest living, but were led astray; and how in our work we had been able to bring about the happy union of many a mother and daughter, in some cases where the mother had been hunting for her daughter for as many as ten years.

One lady became especially interested. Handing me twenty-five cents for a *Life Boat*, with tears in her eyes, she said, "I have no girls of my own, but take *this*, it may help some mother's daughter." ALICE BURKHARDT.

Canvassers' Report

For 2 Months Ending September 26, 1903

NEBRASKA

	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps
DANIEL AND REVELATION				
E. Everett, College View	114	6	\$13.00	\$11.09
E. G. Spealman, Lincoln	11	1	3.00	.25
H. Willers, Lebanon	134	34	108.00	9.00
A. Horn, Alliance	120	30	76.25	27.25
HOME HAND BOOK				
E. L. Stansbury, Falls City	138	42	204.00	3.25
P. A. Ffied, Cushing	132	29	123.00	85.50
M. E. Carr, Mason City	156	27	108.00	12.25
M. Anderson, Mason City	182	65	342.00	21.25
M. B. Jenkins, Mason City	178	65	305.10	16.25
G. M. Dunkin, South Auburn	79	10	54.50	4.25
HERALDS OF THE MORNING				
R. A. Pederson, Aurora	54	5	6.75	8.50
Ida Sutton, Cheyenne, Wyo.	29	7	10.50	2.75
Mary Fast, North Platte	56	13	18.00	13.55
GREAT CONTROVERSY				
G. H. Faris, Alliance	57	16	50.05	
J. P. Anderson, North Loup	100	3	7.50	13.30
J. J. Hayden, Sutherland	68	2	5.25	1.75
John T. Eden, Talmage	86	2	4.50	4.25
Lizzie Lockwood, North Platte	69	11	31.25	17.00
Otto Eisele, Edison	77	23	62.50	15.25
Willie McCabe, Stockville	74	25	35.25	4.25
PROPHECIES OF JESUS				
H. Langenberg, Norfolk	20	2	3.00	5.25
DESIRE OF AGES				
Peter Mathiesen, Aurora	80	2	8.50	3.50
COMING KING				
Ellen Cornish, North Platte	45	13	17.50	10.75
Stella Alfred, Central City	51	13	13.00	3.25
Elsie Baer, Central City	51	6	6.00	1.00
MARVEL OF NATIONS				
R. J. Woolsey, Cortland	136	30	39.00	10.35
MISCELLANEOUS				
C. S. Wilbur, Grand Island	256	2	4.50	41.36
J. F. Harpster, Blue Springs	227	40	37.00	
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Sabbath-School Lesson Notes

LESSON I. ADAM AS PRINCE.

THE Lord made Adam the Prince, or sub-ruler of this world, one of the provinces of His great empire. The Lord Jehovah has never given over His kingship to any part of His dominion. Gen. 1:26.

Adam, as prince of one of the portions of the kings realm, is called one of the sons of God. A fair inference would be that a similar relationship existed on the part of the head of each other world created. Luke 3:38.

The sons of God—representatives of worlds—had a place of meeting for counsel. When Adam forfeited his dominion to Satan, he lost his seat in that council, and the usurper became the one to represent this world. He is represented as the official accuser of Job, as one of the brethren. Job 1:28

In the controversy begun in heaven, by the great arch-rebel, the foe of man-kind was conquered through the death of Christ, rightful representative of this world. No longer has the accuser admittance to that council. One who is wonderful in counsel now speaks authoritatively in that council. (See Early Writings p. 30, reference to the angels holding admittance cards-) Rev. 12:7-13.

The Lord gave Adam a sample of what the whole earth would have become at the touch of his hand, has he not forfeited his rulership. Gen. 2:8.

Adam was commanded to fill the world with his posterity. As fast as his seed multiplied the limits of their Eden home would have extended until the whole earth became like the sample the Lord gave them. Gen. 1:28.

Under the rule of Satan the world became so far ruined that there was only one true man left in it. Gen. 6:5-8; 7:1.

LESSON II. NOAH AS PRINCE.

After the destruction of the old world by the flood, the same dominion was given to Noah, as had been given to Adam. Gen. 9:2.

To Noah was also given the command to fill the world with holy and righteous beings. This command, like every other command of God, was a pledge of its fulfillment. Had Noah and his decedents proved true and loyal to

their king, the righteous seed would have covered the whole earth, even as the waters cover the sea. Gen. 9:1.

Satan set up his form of organized government in the earth, the avowed object of which was to overthrow God's plan that the whole earth should be peopled. The Lord so overruled that effort of Satan's, as to make it the origin of all the nations that should people the earth till the end of time. God's one eternal purpose in the existence of all the nations has been that out of them might be gathered a holy and righteous people to eventually fill the whole world. Gen. 10.

LESSON III. THE CALL OF ABRAHAM.

Under Satan's form of organized government the world again became so nearly ruined that but one righteous man remained. Then after this second apparent failure, on account of man's disloyalty, the Lord called this one righteous man out from the darkness of heathenism, and promised to make of him a righteous and holy nation. Thus the Lord established His form of organized government, in the territory claimed by the usurper. Gen. 12:1-3.

God's purpose concerning the nation of Israel was that that nation should become the light and salvation of the whole world. Just as He had given Adam a sample of what He designed the whole world to become, so He gave to the nation of Israel a land flowing with milk and honey, as a sample of what the whole world would become under their obedient rule. Psalms 81:13-15 tells us what the Lord would have done through that people, had they proved true to their high and holy calling, by keeping God's commandments.

A. T. ROBINSON.

How to Sustain the Interest in the Home Department

If the interest is not sustained, it will soon die. The Home Department of the Sabbath-school cannot be maintained without continued effort. The members of each Sabbath-school should feel their responsibility to extend the influence of the school to every believer, and to all others who can be reached by this means. This duty has long been neglected, but does not release us from its obligation. Our schools should organize for permanent service in Home Department work. Every member of the school should feel the deepest interest in the success of this work, and be ready to respond to any

call that may be made for his personal efforts. The membership of this division will probably change from time to time. If those in charge are alert to see that everyone who cannot for a time attend the Sabbath-school, is enrolled as a Home Department member and continues the study of the Sabbath-school lessons, there will be no diminution of interest.

The visitors appointed to call upon Home Department members should do faithful work, visiting their members as often as may be advisable, studying the Sabbath-school lesson with them, if agreeable, and keeping them informed on all matters of interest to the church or school. If prevented from visiting a member for a longer time than usual, a friendly letter will show that he is not forgotten. These visitors should prove faithful Christian friends to those who are shut in by sickness, or suffering any trouble, reporting any need of additional help or visitors to the Home Department Secretary. By careful work of this kind, devoted Home Department members may be encouraged, wavering ones may be established, and indifferent persons interested.

If the Home Department secretary can possibly do so, it will be well for that officer to visit each Home Department member at least once a quarter. The secretary should be ready to supplement the work of younger and more inexperienced laborers.

The entire school should become interested in the Home Department work. Various phases of it may be presented at the teacher's meeting, and an occasional report may be given to the school by the Home Department secretary. A well-looked-after Home Department in every school will cause the uplifting of thousands of hearts now heavy, and the changing of what is now an element of weakness to the denomination into an element of strength.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Bro. S. N. Haskell, Editor of *The Bible Training School*, published in New York City, writes: "We read your paper, THE ADVANCE, with interest, and consider it one of the best Union Conference papers published."

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It Is a Mistake

To work when you are not in a fit condition to work.

To go to bed late and rise early, and imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained.

To imagine that if a little work or exercise is good, violent or prolonged work or exercise is better.

To conclude that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in.

To sleep exposed to a direct draught.

To imagine that whatever causes one to feel immediately better, such as alcoholic stimulants, is good for the system, without regard to the after effects.

To eat as if you had only a minute in which to finish the meal, to eat without an appetite, or to continue eating after the appetite has been satisfied merely to gratify the taste.

To give unnecessary time to a certain established routine of housekeeping when the work could be done more expeditiously and the time more profitably spent in rest, reading, or recreation.

Notices

To Church School Teachers

"How to Punctuate," by Prof. D. D. Rees, of Union College, is a little book that makes punctuation easy for the grammar student. This text was prepared especially for our schools, and has been placed in the suggestive course of study as outlined by the text-book committee of the Educational Conference recently held at CollegeView, Neb. "How to Punctuate" should be correlated with grammar in all our schools. This book can be obtained through your tract society. Substantially bound in cloth, 40 cents.

LOST: On the Nebraska camp ground, a flat knife with a silver handle. Very valuable to the owner. Anyone knowing where it is will please notify Bro. J. S. Washburn, 1728 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

The Bible Training School

THE October Bible Training School, will be a special judgment number, reminding us that in October fifty-nine years ago the judgment opened in heaven.

It should be placed in every home, and read and studied. The end of all things is near at hand, and we do not realize it as we should. We are sleeping on a verge of a precipice.

Let our brethren and sisters send for quantities of the Bible Training School, and scatter them in their neighborhoods. The Bible studies for the month on "The Marriage of the Lamb," and "The Coming of Christ" are of especial interest, and would be very suitable for Sabbath study during the month of October.

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S. N. HASKELL.

A New Tract

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News and Notes

A sanitarium and Life Boat Mission have been added to the work in St. Louis.

Brethren Paul Curtis and H. L. Stenberg, both Iowa workers, are in attendance at Union College.

Eld. J. S. Washburn writes that the outlook for the work in Washington "is brighter than ever before."

A solemn thought—we are about to enter the sixtieth year of the judgment. October 22, 1903 we pass the line.

Students are arriving at Union College each day, and everything bids fair for a large attendance this year.

Prof. E. E. Gardener, of Battle Creek, Mich., has entered upon his work in the Business Department of Union College.

Bro. H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Oakland, Cal., was in College View last week in the interest of the publishing work.

The Tailoring Department of Union College is doing well. At present Bro. J. F. Nelson, Manager, reports twenty-five orders on hand for suits.

Brother J. C. Becker has resigned his position in the Kansas Tract Society office, and Brother Henry Meyer, of Kansas, has been chosen as his successor.

The camp-meeting at Wiota, Iowa, was quite well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather. A large number of laborers were present. Several gave their hearts to God.

We understand that Eld. C. McReynolds, President of the Kansas Conference, expects to be in attendance at the General Conference Council to be held in Washington, D. C., beginning October 7.

The collection that was planned to be taken up the third Sabbath in October in behalf of the foreign publishing work at College View has been postponed. Announcement concerning it will be made later.

Eld. E. T. Russell yesterday week for Washington, D. C., to attend the General Conference council, which will convene at that place October 7.

Over ninety scholars are now in attendance at the church school at College View. A third room has been opened up, and another teacher, Miss Emma L. Runck, of Alma, Nebraska, employed.

Elder Porter reports a fair interest in the work at Rolla, Missouri. Some are taking their stand, among them a young minister. At Hannibal, he says, about sixteen have taken their stand for the truth.

Writing under date September 22, Elder Daniells says, "I hope your school will open with a large attendance, and that the coming year will prove the most valuable and excellent in the history of Union College.

M. E. Ellis, Foreman of the Printing Department of Union College, and Miss Emma Collins, of Dodge Center, Minnesota, were married recently at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside at College View.

Last week we received an announcement of the marriage of H. M. Hiatt, of Wellington, Kansas, to Miss Edith Cornforth, of Williams, Nebraska. Sister Cornforth has been for some years a Bible worker in the Kansas Conference, and Brother Hiatt has been connected with the church school work in that state.

We are informed that Bro. B. R. Nordyke, of the Pacific Press Branch, at Kansas City, Mo., has been called to connect with the publishing work at Oakland, Cal., and that Bro. James Cochran, of Kansas City, who for many years has been Secretary of the Missouri Tract Society, and Treasurer of the Conference, will take the place made vacant by the removal of Brother Nordyke.

Bro. A. D. Gilbert, from England, who is spending some time in the United States in general missionary work, spent Sabbath and Sunday, September 26 and 27, with the churches at College View and Lincoln, Neb. One hundred and twenty-five copies of the *Signs of the Times* were taken by the College View church, and sixty copies by the Lincoln church, to be used in missionary work.