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### A Missionary Rally

NOVEMBER 21 and 22 has been set apart for a general missionary rally all over the United States. Readings on various subjects of missionary work have been prepared and will be furnished free to those requesting them. They are as follows:—

"A Call to Service," by Mrs. E. G. White.

"Value and Uses of Tracts," by various writers.

"Our Periodicals a Continual Blessing," by H. H. Hall.

"Home Workers with Small Books," by I. A. Ford.

"A Missionary Follow-up System," by S. N. Curtis.

"Mission and Results of Christ's Object Lessons Work," by P. T. Magan.

These readings are all very short and are only expected to open up the subject for general discussion after the plan of Sabbath-school conventions—in fact these services will be called missionary conventions.

The plan is to devote three services to them, two on the Sabbath and one on Sunday evening or the evening after the Sabbath. This will allow about fifteen minutes for the study and discussion of each topic. The third meeting coming as it does upon the time other than the Sabbath enables the church to transact the business connected with the ordering of supplies and arranging for work.

Let us pray that this may be a season of extraordinary blessing to all, and in the meantime be studying how we can make it so.

H. H. HALL.

### The Missionary Convention

WE are very anxious that the missionary convention to be held November 21, 22 shall be more than an ordinary meeting. The subjects to be considered at that time are exceedingly practical. They have been prepared by workers of long experience, and will doubtless be replete with good things.

The attitude of many toward the proclamation of the truth for this time has been one of indifference. The importance of the hour demands a change.

If any have excused themselves from active service hitherto on the grounds of incapability or that others could do the work more acceptably, they should understand now that such excuses will not answer. Every individual is to render service. The Lord intends that every believer in the truth shall have a part in this closing work.

The forthcoming convention will afford opportunity to study together the needs of the present situation, and the plans by which individual service may most effectually be rendered. The conditions prevailing at this time certainly make it imperative that we arise and quickly finish our work. The facilities for doing the work are at our command. Every opportunity whereby we may learn better how to work should be improved. When the disciples were sent forth on their mission the injunction was, "Be ye wise as serpents but harmless as doves."

We earnestly hope that our brethren will all enter into this convention with the enthusiasm which the times demand. Let us have a general awakening along missionary lines. Shall we not make this missionary convention the beginning of a new experience in the history of our work? Let us break the spell of inactivity

that has come upon us, and arise and unitedly wage the warfare until the work is accomplished and the Savior comes. Now is the opportune time for effective work. Let us improve it.

JAMES COCHRAN.

### The Use of Tracts

MORE than a year ago all our denominational tracts published in library form, with the exception of the *Bible Student's* and *Apples of Gold* Libraries, were excluded from the postage rate of one cent a pound. The Post Office Authorities in Washington ordered the publishers of these libraries to show reason why they should not be excluded also. Sample copies of the tracts and a written reply were forwarded to the Post Office Department in Washington, and thus far the Department has taken no farther action. This has been a saving to our missionary workers of seven cents a pound on the 58,000 pages a day which has been the average daily sale since. We do not know how much longer these rates will be given, but we feel that we should take advantage of them while they last. Below some suggestions are given for doing so.

In addition to many other methods of tract circulation, such as the envelope system, use in correspondence, in reading racks, and in general free distribution, the following has been tried in different places with the best of success:—

Instead of leaving a package of tracts at each of a number of houses in a place, the worker leaves a single copy in each home he visits, inviting the people to read and return this to him when he comes a few days later. At his second visit he leaves another tract, and so on until he has circulated something on every point of the message. This plan has the advantage of hitting at a definite thing each time, as only one subject is presented at a time. It is easily followed out anywhere, is economical, and is particularly adapted to the needs of the busy people in our large cities.

Another plan is to use tracts as a visiting card. Many earnest souls shrink from trying to take orders for the *Signs of the Times*, *Good Health*, *Pacific Health Journal*, and books because of their inability to introduce themselves and their work. This class especially will find that some tract can be used to advantage as a means of introduction. When a person is met at the

door, state that you are circulating publications on various religious or health and temperance topics, some of which are free. Hand the person a tract, and this will often lead to an invitation to enter. If so, ask for the privilege of going in and showing the character of the larger publications for which you are taking orders.

A few suggestions as to the best tracts to use in the regular weekly or periodical house to house work may be appropriate here. The following selections, while not including nearly all the leading numbers, gives those which perhaps most clearly and briefly present the message for these times.

#### LIST OF TRACTS

Sabbath Question.	Price per Hund'd Postpaid
“Is Sunday the Sabbath?”	\$.35
“Which day do you keep, and why?”	.35
“Who changed the Sabbath?”	1.00
“New Testament Sabbath?”	.70
Coming Of The Lord.	
“What do these things mean?”	.70
“Way Marks to the Holy City.”	.70
“We would see Jesus.”	.70
“Heralds of His Coming.”	1.00
“Great Three Fold Message.”	.70
“Winning of Margaret.”	.70
Immortality Question.	
“Immortality of the Soul.”	1.40
“Bible Questions and Answers Concerning Man”	.70
“Is Man Immortal?”	.35
Temperance	
“The Name.”	.70
“The Fiend's Council.”	.35
“Charged with Murder.”	.20
Practical Christianity.	
“The Way to Christ.”	.70
“Prayer.”	.70

The price of these tracts is so small, and the methods of circulating them so simple, that they provide means for everybody to help carry the message. Far better will they do an effective work than can be done by argument, and, generally speaking, they will accomplish what one can seldom hope to accomplish in a conversation that must be hurried or interrupted. We hope that this plan will be generally adopted by our people, and that there will be a great revival in our tract work, and millions given an opportunity to learn of the truth through this means.

By the Authors of “*How to Use Tracts.*”

### Our Message

THE Message that has been committed to the people to be given to the world is a definite and distinct message, and God is now calling upon us to prepare ourselves for the final effort—the closing of the gospel work in the world. To me it is a solemn thought to think that soon the offers of grace and mercy that have been extended to this world ever since sin entered the fair domain of God, are to be withdrawn. The people of this world who have been neglecting and slighting this hour of grace and mercy will soon realize that it is too late to commence the work of character building for eternity.

God in His great love to us has permitted us to hear, and obey this glorious truth, and His desire is that in all our work there may appear the infinite character of God, and not the character of finite man. The great principles of His divine law must be woven into our characters, then rays of light from the sanctuary above will attend the precious truth we bear to a perishing world. The building of character for eternity is the most important work that has ever engaged the human mind, and is to be wrought out by divine power, and, when thus wrought out, it will stand before the world, presenting in our characters the principles of the throne of the living God.

As followers of Christ, and workers together with Him, our lives, beget in others a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. God calls upon us to uplift His standard of truth.

When the power of this truth obtains possession of us as God designs it should, then the given message will go with power.

“What is the chaff to the wheat?” Jer. 23:28. The Lord is to purge us from every defilement. Then He can give to us such a measure of His spirit as will qualify us to impart to others His saving power.

In every place the Third Angel's Message must be carried. Its light must dawn upon every dark place of earth which has not seen its radiance. Are you preparing for this work?

W. S. CRUZAN.

### Should Seventh-Day Adventists Sell Tobacco

IN the apostles' day tobacco using was not spoken against for the reason that tobacco was not then known. Paul wrote against the use of spirituous liquors, and said no drunkard

could enter heaven, because the manufacture and indulgence in alcoholic drinks were prevalent sins in his day; but he said nothing against the tobacco habit, because neither the habit nor the plant were known at that time.

From the first both tobacco using and liquor drinking have been excluded from our ranks.

We have not knowingly received anyone into the church who indulged in either. But the selling of these harmful indulgences has not, as a rule, been made a test of admission into the church or of church fellowship for the simple reason that it seemed a foregone conclusion that if we were not to use them ourselves we surely would not be instrumental in helping others to use them, and because in the past we have had but few if any applications for membership from either saloonists or tobacconists, or cases where those already members desired to enter the business of selling either liquor or tobacco. No believer was supposed to handle, or desire to handle, or sell, what he would not himself use.

But of late this question has come up. Some, even among Seventh-Day Adventists have for the sake of trade, put in a stock of tobacco into their stores, and sold this poisonous, soul-and-body destroying narcotic. A brother opening up a store just across the road from one of our largest churches in Australia, and at the very headquarters of our educational work there, did this. The same we learn is being done also in some places in America.

We therefore face a condition and not a theory in this thing. What position shall we take in this matter? From numerous examples in the Bible, such as that recorded in the fifteenth chapter of Acts, we learn that we are to meet emergencies when they arise, and in all to be governed by Bible principles. The Bible teaches that we are not to be partakers in other men's sins; that if in any way we sanction or encourage another in a wrong course, we are partakers in his evil deeds. It pronounces a curse upon the man who puts the bottle to his neighbors lips, and warns us against placing a stumbling block in another's way. 1 Tim. 5:22; 2 John 9-11; Hab. 2:15; Rom. 14:13; Heb. 12:13.

Christian temperance is a part of the Third Angel's Message. Inasmuch as the indulgence in either liquor or tobacco is contrary to the principles of Christian temperance, to sell either of these, and thus encourage others in the use of them, must, therefore, be inconsistent

with the profession of the Third Angel's Message. In some respects the one who sells these things is worse than the one who uses them, for while the user injures only himself, the seller injures many.

We cannot afford to lower the standard of truth at this late day. If Seventh-day Adventists can consistently be tobaccoists, they can also be saloonists, for tobacco using and liquor drinking are twin evils. Unless we are ready to approve of the liquor traffic being carried on in our ranks, we must disapprove of the handling and sale of tobacco on the part of any of our people, for the one is only a step to the other. Anyone violating this plain principle of Christian conduct should carefully consider what is involved in his acts, and if he persists in the trade he should be kindly and faithfully labored with.

W. A. COLCORD.

## From the Field

### Nebraska, District Six

At this writing we are on our way to our new field of labor. With fond recollections we look back to the dear friends we leave behind, and especially to the two little companies at Decatur and Blair, where we were born and cradled in the message. We are full of hope and courage, and know that if we put our hope and trust in God, He can use us to His glory in our new field.

Our address will now be Hemingford, Nebraska. We shall be glad to hear from all in district number six, comprising the counties of Deuel, Sheridan, Daws, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Scot Bluff, and Sioux, Neb., also Laramie, Converse, Carbon, Natrona, Fremont, Sweetwater, and Unita, Wyo. If there is an interest in your neighborhood, and you would like some work done, write us freely. We shall endeavor to visit all the companies, and, as far as possible, all the isolated members in the district.

G. A. KIRKLE.

### Nebraska, District Two

For the past three weeks we have been holding meetings at Curtis. This is an old field for the message. The company here is small, some having given up the truth and still others moved away.

A few have attended our meetings regularly, and are becoming interested. We hope for some immediate results.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and have all confidence that the work will triumph. Our desire is to be faithful in the Master's cause.

We pray that success may attend the efforts of our brethren in the various districts.

J. H. WHEELER,

O. E. JONES.

### Nebraska, District Five

DEAR BROTHERS: As I have been appointed superintendent of your district, and desire to get acquainted with you all, I ask each church and Sabbath-school in the district to write me. I would also be pleased to hear from the isolated ones. I shall endeavor to visit each of you as soon as possible.

Yours in the work,

E. L. COOK.

Oakdale, Neb.

### Newton, Kansas

ELDERS Thorn, Sutton, and Hanhardt remained at Newton to follow up the interest created by the tract work and the state camp-meeting. They are still holding meetings with a good interest. Sabbath, Oct. 3, seven adults united with the church. Two persons have been baptized since the camp-meeting, and it is expected that three others will be baptized soon. Two of those who have taken their stand for the truth will enter the canvassing work. The Lord is truly blessing the efforts of His faithful servants.

J. G. HANHARDT.

### North Denver, Colorado

We closed our meeting in Argyle Park Sunday, October 25. The Lord has greatly blessed us in this effort. Sixteen have signed the covenant, and we expect others will do so. Elders Svensson and Adkins and Brother Elmer Farnsworth have assisted in the meetings. Some of our Bible readers are also taking hold of the truth. Sabbath, October 17, two were baptized, and October 24 four more followed their Lord in this ordinance. Others will do so soon. We praise God for His good spirit that has been with us in the work in Denver.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

## From the Southwest

I ARRIVED in Keene the 24th of September. No rain has fallen in this part of Texas for over two months, and consequently the ground is nearly parched. Coming from the green fields of Nebraska, it seemed that my heart would go back to that pleasant state. I found that not only was the ground dried up but also the treasury. I was told that there was not a cent in the treasury of the Texas Conference, and \$60 has already been borrowed to meet some very urgent calls from the laborers. Then I thought of my good brethren in Nebraska and that last year our donation to missions from the title amounted to \$4,800. I see that there is still a surplus of over \$80 in the treasury. May the Lord bless my dear brethren in Nebraska both in basket and in store, for I know their faithfulness in giving the Lord His own. Still no doubt improvement can be made in that line. O, I wish that the same spirit would characterize the work in the South; yet, I thank the Lord that we have a few faithful ones here. Money is not as plentiful here as in the North. We do not have the fertile soil and abundance of grass. The main crop here is cotton, and much of that is mortgaged before it is picked.

Now that my lot has been cast with this people, I will seek the Lord for wisdom to advance the work in this needy field. I am so glad for the good letters I am receiving from my brethren in Nebraska, and I hope that you will not forget your unworthy brother who enjoyed so many pleasant associations with you.

I hope and pray that you may continue to be faithful to the Lord so that you may again donate to needy fields; for the blessings of the Lord rest upon a cheerful giver.

My family and I are quite well. I hope that we may be able to carry on the work which the Lord has given us to do in a way that will be pleasing to Him.

N. P. NELSON.

## Diamante, South America

THE school work here is progressing nicely. I have six classes daily. The students are all glad to learn more of the truth. Our program is much the same as at home (College View), but of course we lack the facilities that they have there. The bill of fare is purely vegetarian. Among the natives bread is a rare thing. Some of our canvassers have told me that for weeks and months they would see no bread,

only meat, mata (a kind of tea), and a few roots cooked with it. But among the people are many earnest souls that must be gathered out, and we are willing to deny all to gain them to the Master. We will have a camp-meeting near Diamante in a few days, which I expect to attend Sabbath and Sunday.

If our people could but realize the needs of our foreign fields they would manifest more interest in them. We have suffered some from the dampness in our needy home, but spring is coming on now, and it will be more pleasant. The outlook for a harvest is good this year. My time outside of school hours, is spent in planting and gardening.

The *Review* and *ADVANCE* are welcome visitors to me. I shall be glad to tell you more about this field later, through their columns.

C. D. LUDE.

## After the Drought

COPIOUS rains have fallen quite generally over a large portion of New South Wales and Queensland. The cry of woe has in some respects lessened. The bleating herds no longer sigh for the grassy paddocks and refreshing water holes. The effects of the drought still linger, and will doubtless continue to be seen in bleaching bones and ruined homesteads till time shall be no more. The lesson that we would do well to learn by these sad experiences is that of centering our hopes and our affections in that better world beyond, where calamity and adversity will not be found, but the sons and daughters of God shall find happiness without alloy. How much are you ready to invest in the heavenly Canaan?—*Australian Union Conference Record*.

## Kaycee, Wyoming

I REACHED home October 7, and found my family well. The Lord has blessed me richly since my return from the Nebraska Camp-meeting. After finishing my October delivery here, I expect to join Elder Berry at Sheridan.

I spent one night at the corrals, while canvassing. The foreman took me to the bunk house where the hands were, and after talking with them for awhile, I asked the privilege of studying the Bible with them. A silence pervaded the usually boisterous camp, and they listened attentively to the truths I presented. I sold \$4.75 worth of books among them, and some expressed a desire to get Great Controversy when their circumstances would permit.

This experience, with many other valuable ones, which I cannot now relate, teach me that I should be more faithful in the Lord's work. With God's help I shall do. J. W. BEAMS.

## Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

### Harry's Missionary Potato

"I CAN'T afford it," said John Hale, the rich farmer, when asked to give to the cause of missions. Harry his wide awake grandson was grieved and indignant.

"But the poor heathen," he replied; "Is it not too bad that they cannot have churches and school-houses and books?"

"What do you know about the heathen?" exclaimed the old man, testily. "Do you wish me to give away my hard earnings? I tell you I cannot afford it."

But Harry was well posted in missionary intelligence, and day after day puzzled his curly head with plans for extracting money for the noble cause from his unwilling relative. At last seizing an opportunity when his grandfather was in good humor over the election news, he said:

"Grandfather, if you do not feel able to give money to the missionary board, will you give a potato?"

"A potato?" ejaculated Mr. Hale, looking up from his paper. "Yes sir; and land enough to plant it in, and what it produces for four years?"

"Oh, yes!" replied the unsuspecting grandfather, setting his glasses on his calculating nose in a way that showed he was glad to escape from the lad's persecution on such cheap terms.

Harry planted his potato, and it rewarded him the first year by producing nine; these the following season, became a peck; the next, seven and a half bushels; and when the fourth harvest came, lo! the potato had increased to seventy bushels; and, when sold, the amount realized was put with a glad heart into the treasury of the Lord. Even the aged farmer exclaimed:

"Why, I did not feel that donation in the least! And, Harry, I've been thinking that if there were a little missionary like you in every house, and each one got a potato, or something else as productive, for the cause, there would be quite a large sum gathered."

MRS. B. MCPHERSON.

"Facts are the fuel for missionary fires."

### What I Can Do

By the pronoun "I" I do not mean simply what I myself can do, but what can each one of us as young people do in the great work for this time.

The opportunities now open to young people are greater than ever before. The fields are white ready for the harvest, and we are privileged to be laborers together with God. The world is lost in sin, and we must make a greater effort than ever before to save those who are willing and anxious to be saved.

We have often heard the expression, "You are responsible for what you do." Are we not responsible for what we do not do? In our work we are to lose sight of self, and exalt Christ. The home should be our first mission field. Are you and I ready to help those in our own homes? What are we doing for our brother, our sister, our father and mother, the one who lives next door? When we have faithfully abored for them we shall be prepared to go into a broader field.

As Christ received sinners, let us not despise them. These souls are all precious in His sight. Why did He go about working for all classes? They did not all approve His work—some regarded themselves as educated, refined and religious; but Christ's example laid bare their selfishness—He did it because of His love for them. Our Father regards all alike. He loves you as much as the shepherd did the lamb that strayed from his fold.

Let us ask ourselves, Am I ready to work to save souls? Christian young people, delay no longer. The message must be carried, and we are the ones to do it. There is a perishing world to be saved. When the cloud lifts we must be ready to move. We must learn to work independent of earthly help and encouragement. But we have help the world knows not of. "They that be for us are more than they that be against us." Do not feel that you must go to a foreign land to be a missionary. There are golden opportunities for labor at home—at our very doors.

FLORENCE C. BARBEE.

### Omnipresence

IN "pastures green?" Not always; sometimes He  
Who knowest best in kindness leadeth me  
In weary ways where heavy shadows be  
So whether on the hill-tops high and fair  
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys, where the shadows lie,  
What matter? He is there. —Henry H. Barry.

### Follow up Your Periodical Work by Personal Efforts

THE distribution of literature containing present truth has always appeared to me to be sacred work. From my first experience in the canvassing field, fourteen years ago, I have always felt it wrong to pass by a house or a person without giving them an opportunity to receive the truth from my hand.

I have often stopped an individual on the street or road to offer him a paper. It occurred to me that he might not pass that way again, and perhaps the Lord had impressed him to come that way on purpose to receive the truth from my hand. Should he be passed by unheeded, the opportunity of saving his souls might be lost forever. In our efforts to win souls to Christ, not a cottage, however humble, should be passed by, nor an open door left unentered.

It is important that wherever a periodical is sold or loaned, a special effort should be made to follow it up by personal calls and further labor if the way so opens. A party on reading the paper may become interested and wish to read more from the same source. Should the worker neglect to call again, but seek new territory each week, these interested ones may be lost. Personal experience has taught me to carefully follow up, by weekly visits, every effort put forth with our pioneer missionary papers, *The Signs of the Times*, and *Present Truth*. I have often walked several miles to deliver one paper to an interested reader. By faithfully following up such an interest by personal visits from week to week, many will read themselves into the truth, and the worker may maintain a regular list of weekly readers. Many will look for our weekly calls with pleasure. Your hopeful words and cheerful countenance may make a lasting impression on their life. Many a heart has been won to Jesus by some short, spiritual conversation. Pray as you go, and the Lord will stand by your side to strengthen and help you. When you approach a person, do so with confidence, believing that he will purchase your goods. *Faith is your victory.*

Saturday night after the Sabbath is a good time to sell our periodicals on the street, in public thoroughfares, in saloons, in stores, and at private houses. It has always been my plan when selling periodicals to say, "I will call next

week when passing this way. You may like another copy." They will then expect me.

Just now is a good time to begin work more energetically with our publications. The evenings are getting long, and people will do more reading than during the hot, sultry days of summer. "Our publications should be scattered like the leaves of autumn." Let everyone who loves the Lord, and believes that this message is to go to all the world in this generation, come forward and begin work at once. Ask your church librarian to order some *Signs* for you. May those who have not yet tasted the joys experienced in carrying the message to others, come and taste and see that the Lord is good.

The special Harvest number of the *Signs* will soon be off the press ready for distribution. May every Seventh-day Adventist in America use at least fifty copies of this special number. Many will use more than that. Let us do our best to give this paper a wide circulation, then follow up the sales by personally calling with the next issue. Continue this work from week to week. May the special blessing of God be yours to enjoy as you do personal missionary work with those near your door.

A. D. GILBERT.

### The Workers Needed for This Time

GOD calls for strong, brave Christians, whose influence is always exerted for right. His cause needs men and women who commune with God, who, because they co-operate with the heavenly angels, are surrounded by a holy influence, are needed at this time.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"THE *service* of Christ is the business of my life.  
The *will* of Christ is the law of my life.  
The presence of Christ is the *joy* of my life  
The *glory* of Christ is the *crown* of my life."

LET your food be plain and wholesome,  
From all stimulants abstain.  
Keep the body that you live in  
Clean and pure from every stain.

—*Character Building.*

An idler is a watch that wants both hands, as useless when it moves as when it stands.

—*Cowper.*

## Canvassers' Report

## IOWA

For Five Weeks Ending Oct. 16, 1903.

## MARVEL OF NATIONS AND BIBLE READINGS

	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps
Mrs. R. J. Richardson		15	\$26.50	\$4.85
Mrs. M. E. Merida	25	11	22.00	1.75
GREAT CONTROVERSY AND COMING KING				
O. N. Conklin	73	19	23.75	5.75
CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS				
Mrs. Martha Cummins	31	6	7.50	9.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
L. P. Thompson			1.00	
No. Agents, 5.	129	51	\$80.75	\$21.35
Deliveries				
Lewis Hilliard		77	139.50	1.10
Mrs. M. E. Merida		3	3.00	3.00
		80	\$142.50	\$4.10

## KANSAS

For Two Weeks Ending Oct. 16, 1903.

## GREAT CONTROVERSY AND MISCL.

C. P. Daily	27	30	17.25	
HOME HAND BOOK AND MISCL.				
Mrs. C. P. Daily	4	2	4.00	
PROPHECIES OF AND MISCL.				
Geo. Harbison	20	2	2.25	
PLAIN FACTS AND MISCL.				
J. M. Fletcher	18	14	41.75	
J. A. Minner	50	3	8.75	
PROPHECIES OF JESUS AND MISCL.				
W. H. Parker	43	31	21.00	
E. F. Parker	55	11	13.95	
LADIE'S GUIDE AND MISCL.				
S. E. Shafer		25	22.75	
Mrs. N. A. Shinkle	8	7	8.00	
DESIRE OF AGES AND MISCL.				
J. A. Westermeyer	40	10	7.25	
HERALDS AND MISCL.				
Olive Shannon	15	2		
J. W. Wilson	39	9	8.00	
	319	146	\$154.95	
Deliveries				
C. P. Daily		10	\$3.45	
J. M. Fletcher		3	.75	
W. H. Parker		16	10.75	
J. A. Minner		25		
E. F. Parker		5	5.95	
S. E. Shafer		10	11.50	
J. A. Westermeyer		26	23.00	
Olive Shannon			1.75	
Mrs. N. A. Shinkle		3	3.50	
J. W. Wilson		36	42.50	
	134		\$103.15	

## NEBRASKA

From September 26 to October 23.

## GREAT CONTROVERSY.

Lizzie Lockwood, Columbus	68	8	54.80	27.28
Willie McCabe, Curtis	118	22	48.50	14.35
DANIEL & REVELATION.				
Otto Eisele, Edison	172	57	131.75	41.25
C. W. Graves, McCook	152	14	20.10	7.05
COMING KING				
Ellen Cornish, Crab Orchard	39	15	34.50	9.25
MISCELLANEOUS				
J. W. Beams, Kaycee, Wyo.	120		24.20	
J. F. Harpster, Blue Springs	40	10	5.25	
	709	126	319.10	99.18

## Health and Home

## What is Home?

RECENTLY a London magazine sent out 1,000 inquiries on the question: "What is Home?" In selecting the classes to respond it was particular to see that every one was represented. The poorest and richest were given an equal chance to express their sentiments. Out of 800 replies received several gems were selected and published, as follows:—

1. Home—A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.
2. Home—A place where the small are great, and the great are small.
3. Home—The father's kingdom, and the child's paradise.
4. Home—The place where we grumble the most, and are treated the best.
5. Home—The center of our affections, around which our hearts best wishes twine.
6. Home—The place where the stomach gets three square meals daily, and our hearts a thousand.
7. Home—The only place on earth where faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity.

## When to Sleep

It is a good thing to know how to sit, stand, walk, and breathe. It is also worth while to know how and when to bathe, exercise and eat. We need also to know when to sleep. Those who continually turn night into day cannot expect to keep their freshness and youth many years. Those who have examined into the subject tell us that there is a peculiar quality in the sleep obtained at night which the day cannot supply. They say also that there is a subtle magnetic essence which emanates from the body after sunset which depletes the system if the current is not shut off by sleep after a few hours. Nature itself teaches us that night is the time for sleep, and that like the fowls we should retire for our nightly rest not long after sunset. It is better to go to bed early and get the rest out during the night, and rise an hour or two before sunrise, than to sit up late at night and run the rest into the light of the next morning.



## Health Notes

ENOUGH is as good as a feast.

Good digestion waits on appetite, and health on both.

We live not upon what we eat, but upon what we digest.

Cattle know when to go home from grazing, but a foolish man never knows his stomach's measures.

One-fourth of what we eat keeps us, and the other three-fourths we keep at the peril of our lives.

## Sabbath-School Dep't.

### Sabbath-School Lesson Notes

#### LESSON VI.—THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL TO THEIR OWN LAND

THE divine resources were exhausted in behalf of Israel as a nation, to enable them to fulfill their mission in the world. Throughout their almost continual rebellion against God, the inspired testimony is, "The Lord has sent unto you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord hath given you and to your fathers forever and ever." Jer. 25: 4, 5.

"But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of God arose against His people, till there was no remedy." 2 Chro. 36: 16.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; because ye have not heard my words, behold, I shall send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof. . . . And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years." Jer. 25: 8, 9, 11.

"For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place." Jer. 29:10.

The seventy years expired in B. C. 536, and it was in that very year "that the word of the

Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and put it also in writing." Ezra 1: 1.

That proclamation made the most complete and ample provision that every Jew on the face of the whole earth might have immediately set out on his journey to his own land. Concerning those who lived long distances from Jerusalem and who might be too poor to make provision for the journey, Cyrus' decree read as follows: "And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem." Ezra 1: 4.

Thus, at the end of the seventy years, the Lord, according to His good word of promise, caused that people to return to their own land. It was only their unbelief and disobedience that hindered the full realization of their complete restoration at that time.

After seventy-nine years of delay on the part of that people, under the provisions of the decree of Artaxerxes, A. D. 457, they were fully restored to their own land. This was forty-two years later than the latest prophetic utterance concerning the return of the Jews. So we see that everything the Lord promised concerning their return to their own land was fulfilled on the Lord's part.

#### LESSON VII.—GOD'S PROMISES AND ISRAEL'S FAILURE.

After the failure of Israel to fulfill their mission in the world, and the Lord had to send them down to Babylon as captives, He promised them that after the expiration of the seventy years He would visit them and cause them to return to their own land. After God had made every necessary provision for their return, He bore with their unbelief and murmurings for seventy-nine years before He got them establishd in the land of Canaan.

Then, having again planted them in their own land—the land of promise—the Lord gave them two special promises, the fulfillment of which would have been a divine guarantee that the time would come when that nation would fill the whole world, and that the whole earth would have become like that good land which was given them as a sample. One of these promises was that not an enemy in the whole world

would be able to stand before them; and the other was that every place upon which their feet should tread should be theirs. Yes, and we might mention another promise, which was that their time should continue forever.

The terrible failure on Israel's part calls forth from the lips of the divine messenger the following mournful words: "But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up to their own hearts' lust; and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my way! I should have soon subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto Him: but their time should have endured forever." Psalm 81: 11-15.

A. T. ROBINSON.

## Notices

### Washington, D. C., Memorial Church

THE debt on this church (Oct. 14) now stands at \$950. We had greatly hoped that this whole matter could be settled forever by November 1, 1903, just one year from the date of purchase, but at the present rate of donations, the debt will not be paid till January 1, 1904.

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EXTENSIVE plans are being laid for the holding of missionary conventions everywhere November 21, 22. They will be conducted much the same as the Sabbath-school conventions have been, only that the papers to be read will be prepared by those of long experience in these special lines, and the readings will be printed and sent out from Oakland, Cal. Where it is possible two or more churches or companies should meet together, and have a good old-time revival of missionary effort. See list of readings elsewhere in this paper.

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## News and Notes

Read "What is Home?" on another page.

A Sabbath-school of eleven members has been organized at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Do not forget the date of the missionary convention, Sabbath and Sunday, November 21 and 22.

Elder Russell returned from attending the recent council at Washington to College View the last of October.

Prof. Floyd Bralliar, educational secretary of the Central Union Conference, has been spending a few days at Union College lately.

Elder S. F. Svenson is conducting a series of meetings at Ni Wot, Colorado. The meetings are held in the Swedish Lutheran church.

October 26 Elder Hoopes returned from Washington, and last Sabbath spoke to the College View church in regard to the proceeding of the council.

Sunday, October 25, five persons were baptized at Calhan, Colorado, making fourteen adults who have been baptized in that field during this summer.

Two new temperance tracts are ready. One, entitled "Charged with Murder," represents a judgment room scene. The other, "The Demons' Council," a parable representing Satan and his angels counseling over the destruction of man. Price twenty-five and fifty cents per hundred, respectively.

The local camp-meeting held at Hiawatha, Kansas, was a marked success. About forty were present from the northeastern part of the state, many of whom had not attended a camp-meeting for some time. Elders McReynolds, Trubey, Huffman, Dr. Lydia E. Parmele, and Bro. C. E. Peckover were present.

At the present time, one year from the date of purchase, the debt on the Washington church stands at \$533, having been reduced during the year from \$12,900, the purchase price, to this amount. But Elder Washburn who has made such a heroic effort is anxious to have the entire debt wiped out at the earliest date possible. Who can help a little more?

Preparations are being made to build a new church at Cedaredge, Colorado. Elder States is looking after this work.

Bro. J. C. Clemens spent Sabbath, October 24, in Des Moines, on his way to Sheldon, Iowa, where he expects to labor this winter.

The Educational Superintendents of the Central Union Conference are planning to hold an Educational Council in Kansas City, Missouri, probably November 27.

Elder A. R. Ogden of Kansas, who has been laboring in South America for the past two years, has been compelled to return home owing to his wife's failing health.

Harvest ingathering services were held by the Des Moines, Iowa, Sabbath-school Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 24, 25. The church was beautifully decorated, and a very interesting program was rendered.

"Character is made up of the thoughts and actions of the daily life. If a man expects to have a brick house, he does not build it of wood. So if we wish to have the character of Christ, we must not build up a structure from material that is not Christlike."

Seven adults are keeping the Sabbath as the result of the local camp meeting held at Alta, Iowa. Others are convinced of the truth, and have expressed a desire to obey the Lord. A Sabbath-school of twenty-one members has been organized, and the Christian church secured in which to meet.

Brother Cochran, who has been appointed to take charge of the Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press in the place of Brother Nordyke who goes to the Pacific Coast, writes that the forthcoming missionary convention appointed for October 21, 22 will "mark the beginning of a new epoch in our missionary experience."

Eld. J. W. Boynton, formerly of Nebraska, writing from Alberta, Canada, says: "We have now been in this field two years. The work moves slowly, yet we see the hand of God in it. We have four organized churches, and several smaller companies. A very successful church school is in operation at this place taught by Miss LaRena Carpenter.