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Fifty Thousand Dollars For Missions! Annual Offering For 1903

CAN we do it? Will we do it? We can, if we will. On our part it means an increase over our offering of last year. But why not? Every year the end is nearer, and the need is greater, and the time for work shorter. Just as much as we expect great things from God, in these closing hours of earth's history, we are to attempt great things for Him.

Commence at once to plan for the offering. Let every individual decide to make 1903 the banner year in his gifts to missions. Then it will be the banner year for every church. It will be the banner year for every conference. And it will be the year that will open the way for the banner of King Emmanuel to penetrate deeper than ever before into earth's dark corners.

Begin today to lay aside for your contribution to the 50,000-dollar annual offering. Only a little time is left us to lay up treasure above. Pray as you plan, and He who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, will devise the plans for you.

Fifty thousand dollars annual offering to missions for 1903 means a message of courage to every lone worker in the field, and new recruits in many fields now pleading for help. Will we do it?—by His grace, we will.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

Use of our Literature

A READING FROM THE "TESTIMONIES"

1. What is the result of work with our tracts and papers?

"I have been shown that but few have any correct idea of what the distribution of papers and tracts is doing. The missionary work is opening doors everywhere, and preparing minds to receive the truth when the living preacher shall come among them. The success which attends the ministers in the field is due in a great degree to the influence of the reading matter which has enlightened the minds of the people and removed prejudice. The tract and missionary field is an extensive one."

2. If there is any work more important than another, what is it?

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. There should be a most thoroughly organized plan, and this should be faithfully carried out. Churches in every place should feel the deepest interest in the tract and missionary work."

3. Which is doing the greater work, the silent messengers or the living preacher?

"It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do."

4. How is the great lack of ministers to be supplied?

"The great lack of men to go from place to place to preach the word may be in a great degree supplied by tracts and papers and by intelligent correspondence."

5. In what line of work may each have a part?

"All can do something. Some can do more than others, but all should become intelligent as to how they can work more successfully and methodically in spreading the light of truth, by scattering our publications."

6. Are we using fully the facilities we now have for spreading the truth?

"We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their ability in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals, including our health journal, and to introduce our books and pamphlets."

7. How are the sisters mentioned in connection with this work?

"Our sisters have been too willing to excuse themselves from bearing responsibilities which require thought and close application of the mind; yet this is the very discipline they need to perfect Christian experience. They may be workers in the missionary field, having a personal interest in the distribution of tracts and papers which correctly represent our faith. All cannot go abroad to labor, but all can do something at home. . . . Hundreds of our sisters might be at work to-day if they would. They should dress themselves and their children with simplicity, in neat and durable garments free from adornment, and devote to missionary work the time now spent in needless display. Our sisters may meet together to consult as to the best manner of labor. Money can be saved to present as an offering to God, to be invested in papers and tracts to be sent to their friends. Let each sister feel indeed a responsibility to help all within her reach. . . . Women of firm principle and decided character are needed,—women who believe that we are indeed living in the last days, and that we have the last solemn message of warning to be given to the world. . . . Sisters, God calls you to the work in the harvest field and help gather in the sheaves."

8. What is the real value of our literature as a "preacher" of the truth?

"But few have correct views of what can be done by personal efforts in a wise distribution of our publications. Many who will not listen to the truth presented by the living preacher will peruse a tract or a paper; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains. Impressions are made upon their minds which they cannot readily forget. The seed of truth has in some cases been buried for years beneath the rubbish of the world; but after a time some earthly sorrow or affliction softens the heart, and the seed springs up and bears fruit to the glory of God.

"Again, many read these papers and tracts, and their combativeness is aroused, and they throw the silent messengers from them in passion. But new ideas, although unwelcome, have made their impression; and as the silent messenger bears the abuse without retaliation; there is nothing to feel the anger which has been excited. Again the hand takes up the neglected paper or tract, and the eye is tracing

the truthful lines, and again in passion it is thrown from them as their pathway is crossed. But the mind is not at rest; the abused paper is at last perused, and thus point after point of truth commences its convicting work; step by step the reformation is wrought, self dies, and the warfare against truth is ended. Had the living preaching spoken as pointedly, these persons would have turned away, rejecting the new, strange ideas brought before them. The papers and tracts can go where the living preacher cannot have access to the people because of their prejudice against the truth."

9. What is the present situation of the people of God?

"Men and women are needed to act a part in this great work, in spreading the light of truth by circulating our publications. This work has not been taken hold of as it should be by those who profess the truth. The larger part of the members of our churches are not working Christians; they are living as though there were no great emergency,—no fearful danger of their fellow-men losing eternal life. Many fold their hands at ease, yet profess to be followers of Christ. Not only men are wanted, but women also should set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the very best manner of working for the Master, qualifying themselves to do that part of the work for which they are best adapted. The burden of the work has been left principally upon ministers, while many church members have stood looking on to see how matters were coming out. . . . All will, if connected with God, see something to do, and will do it. They cannot be soldiers in the Lord's army unless they shall obey the call of the Captain, and bear responsibilities which some one must bear."

A very encouraging report has been received from Sumatra. Brother Munson writes that their attendance on the Sabbath now is from thirty to thirty-five. Among these are several Chinese men. A native woman has recently asked for baptism, and another who for a time had given up her hold on the Lord has repented, and is conscientiously keeping the Sabbath and all the other commandments.

WE need not expect the Lord to hear us when we pray unless we are willing to hear Him when he speaks. If we listen to his words, He will listen to ours. If we turn a deaf ear to His instruction, how can we expect that He will listen to our petitions. H. L. HASTINGS.

What Ought Israel to Do at This Time

"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the time, to know what Israel ought to do." 1 Cor. 12:32.

The only advantage of Israel having an understanding of the time, lies in the fact that it enables her to know what Israel ought to do. The only advantage in knowing what Israel ought to do, is in doing what Israel ought to do. It was "that servant which knew his Lord's will and prepared not himself," who was adjudged worthy of many stripes. Our responsibility is measured by our privileges. To whom much has been given, of him shall much be required.

At different times in the history of the world the Lord has sent special messages of truth to the world. The Apostle speaks of such movements, as "the present truth." Let us notice some of the characteristics of the "present truth" for any given time.

First, while it continues to be present truth it is always unpopular; second, after it ceases to be present truth and becomes a historical truth of the past, it becomes popular; third, so long as it is present truth, the eternal destiny of every soul in the world is bound up in their acceptance or rejection of it; fourth, the people raised up to proclaim a message of present truth will give the message with no uncertain sound, and with absolute knowledge that it is the message for the hour.

Noah was unpopular and preached an unpopular message. In after generations he was universally believed to have been a man of God, raised up to give the message of salvation to the generation in which he lived. He knew he was giving such a message to the world. John the Baptist was sent to herald a message to prepare the way for the first advent of the Saviour. He knew he had a message based upon the prophetic word. "As saith the prophet Esaias," was his authority, to those who came to inquire concerning his claim to be giving a message for his time.

The religious teachers of John's time, and of the time of Christ, while believing in Noah's message, in Abraham, Moses, and all the prophets, denounced John as a fanatic, and Christ as a devil. The religious teachers of our time, while believing in all special messages of the past, treat as fanatic and dangerous

teachers, those who are giving the special message for our time.

Since 1884 the saving truth for the world has been, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." Following this is the most solemn message of warning that has ever sounded in the ears of humanity, against those who worship the beast and his image. Having understanding of the time, knowing that the judgments of God, in the seven last plagues, are about to fall upon the men and women now living upon the earth, what ought Israel to do in such a time as this? Ought she not to arise in the name and strength of Israel's God, and give this message to all the world?

"Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses and this house to lie waste?" Is it time for men who believe such a message as this, to have their means invested in bank stock or tied up in other worldly enterprises, while our missionaries in foreign lands are crippled for the necessary means to carry forward their work; while the Mission Board is unable to respond to their calls for the money needed to support themselves and families? How much will bank stock or property of any kind be worth during the last year of human probation? It will be of no value outside the use that can be made of it to help bring lost souls into the ark of safety. How much will it be worth during the last month? The last week? The last day? In "Early Writings" a time is spoken of when there will be a most bitter wailing because when means was called for it was withheld. To me it is an alarming fact that so many of our people seem to be clinging to their property with what seems like an almost death-like grasp. Will not the time come when there will be a letting go, a cutting down, a lessening of the hold upon this poor old earth that is soon to reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man? Has not the time come when every believer in this message should invest his surplus means in its proclamation? We often wonder and question why this work does not go forward with the power spoken of in the word of God. When the cords that bind the interests of God's people to this earth are severed, we will see the most glorious triumph to this cause that has ever been witnessed since this old earth fell beneath the dark shadow of sin. God hasten the glad day, for Jesus' sake.

A. T. ROBINSON.

The International Publishing Association

THE International Publishing Association has purchased a two-story frame building, in College View, Nebraska, 24 x 50, with a good cellar under it, at a cost of \$900. There are six rooms on the second floor, which will provide ample room for editorial work. In the front of the first story will be located the manager's office, and immediately back of that, the stock room. Attached to the rear of the main building is a one story building in which will be placed the two printing presses.

It is designed to build a one story addition on the west side of the main building, about fourteen feet in width, which will be used as a composing room. There will also be provided a small building in which to place the engine, and a well to furnish water for the plant. It is to be hoped that the total cost of the property, including improvements, will not exceed \$1800.

The reason why the Board of Trustees deemed it advisable to purchase rather than to build was in order to save expense, as, at the present cost of material, in order to build a plant with sufficient space, it would require quite a sum of money, so they would have means invested in the plant which they desire to use in the circulation of literature.

It has been recommended by some, and the Board of Trustees deem it advisable, to purchase the stock of foreign publications at present owned by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and thus make the International Publishing Association the foreign publishing house and distributing center of our foreign literature in America. They hope soon to be able to fill all orders for books, tracts, and pamphlets in the German, Swedish, and Danish-Norwegian languages. I hope all who read this article will bear this in mind.

E. T. RUSSELL.

Special Missionary Rally

IN our last issue we made mention of the special course for workers to begin January 7 and close March 3. We have since planned for this course, and decided to make it a special missionary rally in the interest of our foreign publishing work. We are very anxious that all our workers who can spend no longer time in school, meet with us during the winter weeks. We are especially concerned about the success of our International Publishing Association, which has recently located its headquarters at College View. It will be necessary for very definite work to be done to give this foreign department our most hearty cooperation. Are there not many who speak the German, Swedish, or Danish-Norwegian language who can spend a few weeks in the special course, and receive a preparation to go immediately into the field at the opening of the spring season? Printed announcements will be sent out later in each of these different languages. L. A. HOOPES.

Notes from the Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

THESE are busy days at our office in Oakland. Four cylinder presses, besides the large perfecting press, are constantly at work on the Capital and Labor number of *Signs of the Times*, and the whir of machinery can be heard from early morning till late at night. Running at the rate of 25,000 per day, it will take forty days to print 1,000,000 copies. Extra hands have been employed so that now our force numbers nearly 250.

Before the date of the Missionary Convention November 21, 22, 150,000 of the special *Signs* had been mailed from the office and only about half the orders filled at that date.

Orders are still coming in at the rate of from twenty-five to fifty thousand per day. The mails seem to be too slow, so now they come by *wire*. Here are a few samples:—

Four thousand *Signs* immediately, half to Hilgert and half to Fitzgerald,
Hilgert & Fitzgerald,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please send me two hundred and fifty copies special *Signs*.
Charles E. Palmer, Everett, Mass.

Ship to Sharp, Rochester, N. Y., twelve hundred Labor *Signs*.
A. O. Burrell,
Rochester, N. Y.

Mail me two thousand special *Signs*, Tremont Temple, Boston. Rush.
K. C. Russell, Malden, Mass.

Make the order special *Signs*, Philadelphia, two thousand. Rush forward.
R. A. Underwood,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Send us at once twenty-one hundred special *Signs*.
Review & Herald Pub. Ass'n.,
Washington, D. C.

At chapel services a week ago last Sunday morning, the office employees subscribed for nearly 5,000 copies.

Orders for tracts are coming in about as freely as for the special *Signs*, and our facilities are being taxed to the utmost. But notwithstanding the rush of work and long hours, a spirit of cheerfulness and devotion pervades the entire institution. All seem willing and anxious to do all they possibly can to get the work through, and in the best possible manner. Should some of the orders be delayed just a little, we trust the brethren will be patient with us. The matter contained in this paper will not be out of date for a long time to come.

One brother writes asking if he can be assured of being able to get these papers all through the months of January and February of next year. Of course he can. We will continue to print as long as they are called for.

Three Ways of Doing

WE feel confident that every Seventh-day Adventist will want to take an active part in helping to circulate the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs of the Times*. We wish to call attention to three ways in which this may be done.

1. By taking a certain number and selling them on the street, or from house to house. For those who can spare the time, this is the better way, for it brings us face to face and in personal touch with the people. If necessary, this can be done in the evening after the regular day's labor, and without expense. Indeed it may be made a source of income, as twenty-five papers cost only 75 cents and can be sold for \$1.25.

The statistics which this number contains are worth the price of the paper, to say nothing of the general articles and striking illustrations. The paper will sell at sight.

2. Those who cannot take the time, or for other reasons cannot engage in selling the paper from house to house, can take a club of from five to one hundred or more, and mail them to their friends or a select list of names. Ministers, school teachers, and professional men should certainly have a copy of this paper. Perhaps some will feel a burden to send to such. The price to you is only three cents per copy in lots of twenty-five and upwards, a very inexpensive way to do missionary work.

3. Possibly there may be some who do not have the time even to attend to remailing the papers. Such can send a list of names to the office of publication and have the papers sent direct to the individuals. The charge when sent this way is as follows:

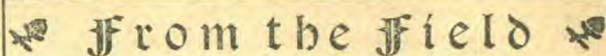
1 to 20 copies	5 cents per copy.
25 to 99 copies	4 " " "
100 or more copies	3½ " " "

This price includes wrapping, addressing, and mailing.

The retail price of this special number is 5 cents per copy. 5 to 20 copies, 4 cents per copy, 25 or more copies to one address, 3 cents per copy.

Address, *Signs of the Times*, Oakland, California, or your state tract society.

It is better to believe that there is some good in everybody than to believe that there is no good in anybody.



From the Field

Fort Scott, Kansas

WHEN our work in Fort Scott began, there were six Sabbath-keepers in the city. Through the blessing of the Lord resting upon the work of our Bible workers, about six more began its observance. Mrs. Parmele and I located here the first of May, and have since engaged in gospel medical missionary work. We have held three series of tent meetings, and one school of health, besides giving many other lectures on the subject of health and temperance. About eighteen in all have promised to obey God as the result of our work this summer. Some have moved away, some of the seed sprang up quickly only to wither when "the sun waxed hot," and still others are bringing forth fruit.

Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 13 and 14, Elder McReynolds was with us and a church of fifteen members was organized. Three more were added to the church Sabbath, November 21, and many others are keeping the Sabbath, who we hope, will take their stand with us soon, on every point, and come into church fellowship with us.

It became necessary for this little company to have a permanent home, and after asking the Lord for wisdom to know what should be done, we set out in quest of a place. Through the guiding hand of our Father, we have been able to purchase a church building for \$300, that cost the former owners \$800. This building is completely furnished, and has plenty of room for our meetings, and for church school purposes. We praise the Lord for His blessing, thus bestowed upon us. E. W. PARMELE.

Newman's Grove, Nebraska

BROTHER P. O. JOHNSON and I are still laboring in this the largest Norwegian settlement in the state. The work is advancing, although the people move slowly, and there is very decided opposition on the part of some. Brother Johnson is doing well taking orders for "Great Controversy." One sister is now ready for baptism. A. C. ANDERSON.

There is no excuse for our existence as a people if we do not push this grand truth to the front in all parts of the world.

Valentine, Nebraska

WE are now located in Cherry county, after a long and tedious ride across the state. Our hearts have been cheered many times as we met with our scattered brethren and sisters along the way, and united our voices with theirs in praising God for His loving kindness to us. Many of these isolated ones do not have the privilege of meeting with those of like faith very often. This is a glorious truth that binds us together in Christian love.

This is a large county, and there is plenty of room for our people from the cities to settle here and spread the light of truth. There are only a dozen Sabbath-keepers in the county. We have visited most of them, and are glad to find them so much interested in the advancement of the cause that is so dear to us all. One sister conducts a Sunday-school, that she may give the light of truth to those about her. All whom we have visited are willing to assist in selling the special number of the *Signs*. Our hearts rejoice to see the good work advancing.

C. S. WILBUR.



Self-Supporting Missionary Work

FOR years the Lord has been calling our attention to the importance of giving the message to the people in the large cities, and also showing us that this work has been sadly neglected. We quote the following from 'Testimonies,' Vol. VII, page 40:—

When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls. Those in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth.....We all need to be wide-awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities.

We appreciate the fact that this is a difficult problem to deal with on account of the expense. In many of the large cities tent meetings cannot be held on account of local restrictions, and hall rent is so high.

We are convinced that the work of warning the people in the large cities will have to be done largely through our publications; and, if

taken hold of in the right way, it can be made nearly or quite self-supporting.

Our "pioneer paper," the *Signs of the Times*, can be used as an entering wedge. The special number on the subject of "Capital and Labor" will be a splendid one to begin with. Then let this be followed by the sale of the regular issues, securing subscriptions, and selling small books, tracts, and pamphlets. We have these covering almost every phase of the Message.

Bro. George A. King has been engaged in this work in New York City for many years. We quote the following from a letter recently received from him:—

I think the time has come when we can work faster with the Message by using the *Signs of the Times* as a pioneer for the book work as well as for Bible work and ministerial work. I have been working several years on the difficult problem of reaching the people with books in these large Eastern cities. We have sold many thousands of dollars' worth of books and have done a good work, but I think it is clear now that for the future the *Signs* or some other paper will have to play an important part in our work here.

As to the value of our periodicals, and especially the *Signs of the Times*, in this work, the following extracts from the Testimonies are right to the point:—

Our missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented.

Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper; if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make it intensely interesting, and then to circulate it everywhere.

This silent preacher, the *Signs*, enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness of error.

It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do.

It is the purpose of the publishers to make the *Signs of the Times* all that its name implies by calling attention to current events and show what they mean in the light of prophecy. The subject of Capital and Labor cannot be exhausted in one number and this question will be discussed in future issues. Then there will be articles covering every phase of the Message, presented in such a way as not to create prejudice, thus making the *Signs* truly a "Pioneer Paper."

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Are there not those who will volunteer to take hold of this work in the large cities?

C. H. JONES.

"Signs" and Book Work

TO THE readers of the ADVANCE I would say that I am assisting the brethren in District One. I find them of good courage. Many are waiting to get their *Signs* so that they can get to work. Some expect to take up the book work in connection with the *Signs* work. May the good work go on.

I would say to all, go to work. Don't wait for the state canvassing agent to come and start you. The Lord is able to start you if will only let Him.

As you go out to sell the *Signs*, sell and take orders for books for a Christmas delivery. May God help you. F. H. HAHN.

Of Course He Did

AS ONE of our canvassers was talking with a lady in Kansas City the other day she said to him, "I do not belong to any church. My husband does not belong to any church, but last week we commenced reading the Bible. I like that book (he was handling 'Desire of Ages') and believe the Lord sent you here with it."

Of course the Lord sent him, and we have hopes that these people will accept the truth as the result.

But suppose, dear reader, the canvasser had failed to go, what then would have been the result? Are you quite sure the Lord has not some person or persons to whom he would like to send you on a similar errand? If so, do not delay any longer, but immediately go.

H. H. HALL.

Canvasser's Report

For Two Weeks Ending Nov. 6, 1903.

NEBRASKA

	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps
GREAT CONTROVERSY				
J. T. Eden, Grand Island	167	6	\$19.25	
Lizzie Lockwood, Columbus	73	10	18.25	\$25.25
Otto Eisele, Furnace Co.	103	29	65.20	15.00
HERALDS OF MORNING				
Willie McCabe, Curtis	114	12	17.25	8.25
COMING KING				
Ellen Cornish, Columbus	16	4	3.50	4.00
DANIEL & REVELATION				
Chas. Lee, Custer Co.	101	17	50.00	5.00
Edward Everett, Cass Co.	40			
MISCELLANEOUS				
Chas. W. Graves	254	23	53.40	4.55
TOTALS	868	101	\$226.85	\$62.05

Sabbath-School Dep't.

Sabbath-School Lesson Notes

LESSON IX—THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DAVID'S THRONE AND KINGDOM

SAUL, David, Solomon and their successors sat upon the throne of the Lord. 1 Chron. 29:23. That throne represented the Lord's form of organized government, established in the territory of the usurper. That throne could only be established in righteousness, and its establishment contemplated the doing away with all wickedness. Prov. 15:5.

That throne could have no possible fellowship with the throne of iniquity. Ps. 94:20. On condition of obedience to the commandments of God, He had promised that there should "enter into the gates of this city [Jerusalem] kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, and this city shall remain forever." Jer. 17:25.

God bore long with the perverseness of His chosen people. More than two hundred years before the last king was permitted to sit upon the throne of David—the throne of the Lord—the Lord promised to "raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old." Amos 9:11. This promise, it is true, remains to be fulfilled to spiritual Israel, (Acts 15:13-16), but God's purpose was that that nation should be a spiritual kingdom. It was only their failure to become such, that made it necessary to vacate the throne of the Lord in this world. When that throne could no longer stand without its being compromised with iniquity, the Lord said of wicked Zedekiah, the last king who sat upon the Lord's throne, "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end... I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." Eze. 21:25, 27.

"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." John 1:47. An Israelite in God's sight is not merely a person belonging to national Israel, but one in whom is no guile. Such a company is mentioned in Rev. 14:5, of whom it is said, "And in their mouth was no guile: for they are without fault before the

throne of God." This will be the church which Jesus Christ will "present to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing." Eph. 5:27. After beholding this company, John says, "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle." Rev. 14:14. This is the coming of Him, "Whose right it is" to sit upon David's throne. Then the true Israel of God, after one thousand years reign in heaven, will be eternally established in this earth, with the throne of David, occupied by its rightful king, nevermore to be removed. "And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." Dan. 7:27.

LESSON X—A GREAT THREEFOLD MESSAGE

In the beginning God made a revelation of His character in the things which He created. Had man never sinned, the great book of nature, spread out before him as a lesson-book, would have continued to unfold the character of the Creator, until it would have revealed fully the character of Him whom to know aright "is life eternal." But after the earth was marred and defiled by sin, it reflected but dimly the Creator. As sin and wickedness increased, the mind of man became so darkened thereby that he could read no traces of God in His created works. This world was then in perishing need of another revelation, by which man might gain a knowledge of his Creator. The Lord did not leave the world to perish in this need. He gave to men His written word. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Thus the character and will of God was made known anew to men.

But there came another time when even those who read and interpreted the written word every Sabbath day, "knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets." Those who were the teachers of the people knew so little of Him whom the Scriptures revealed, that they fulfilled the very scripture they were reading in the synagogue every Sabbath day, "in condemning Him." This world was then once more in perishing need of another revelation of God. The Lord did not leave the world to perish in its need. He "so loved the world that

he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

Now, in these last days, with the great book of nature—science, falsely so-called—exalted above the knowledge of God; the Bible misinterpreted in thousands of pulpits; the character and work of Jesus Christ misrepresented by the great mass of His professed followers, this world can no longer read aright the character of a God of love and justice. Once more the world is in perishing need of another revelation of His character. The Lord does not leave the world to perish in its need, but in the last great message of His everlasting gospel to a lost and perishing world, He makes the grandest and fullest revelation of Himself, through the revelation of Jesus Christ in His remnant people. "For I think," says the apostle, "that God hath set forth us, the last of the apostles, as men doomed to death; for we are made a theater unto the world, and to angels, and to men." I Cor. 4:9. "For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Before the church can shed this light upon a lost world, she must "have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor. 4:6,7.

When "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people," the Lord sets His remnant church as a lighthouse upon the shore of the great sea of moral darkness, bidding her "Arise and shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee... and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isa. 60: 1, 3.

"Few have any adequate idea of what the distribution of tracts and papers is doing. The missionary work, in circulating the publications on present truth, is opening doors everywhere, and preparing minds to receive the truth." *Gospel Workers*, p. 140.

" 'Tis not for us to trifle, Life is brief,
And sin is here.
Our age is but a falling of a leaf;
A dropping tear.
We have no time to sport away the hours,
All should be earnest in a world like ours."

Educational

Conducted by L. H. Hoopes

The Teacher's Work

"I DO want to see all of my pupils saved," are the words of one teacher when writing to me about how she should proceed in getting two boys of her school interested in their studies. This is a holy desire, and it should be borne in the heart of every teacher. A longing desire should take possession of each one, to so shape and mold his school work that it will be the means of salvation to all of his pupils.

God has permitted these lambs of the flock to be placed under our care, with the specific instruction that we should take our position "as true educators, and by words and expressions of interest for their souls, pour into the hearts of the students the living stream of redeeming love." What a noble and holy calling is this of the teacher! And what a glorious privilege we have of coming to the Great Teacher with our burden of labor, and receive rest, taking His yoke and learning of Him, finding rest to our souls.

We will need to yoke up with Christ, our Great Teacher, so that the divine influence of his Spirit in our lives may be reflected in bright rays upon the lives of our pupils, and thus a steady stream of light will flow, reflecting the image of Jesus.

It is the privilege of every teacher in training, disciplining, and educating the youth to represent Christ's character and His Spirit. What a solemn, sacred, and important work it is! So much depends upon studying Christ's manner of teaching. Make the Word of God the "root and branch of all wisdom and intellectual attainments." We have His promise of divine help and abiding presence.

We are not to become discouraged if it seems at times that the teaching of God's word has but little effect. Rely upon the Lord's promise, keep sowing the seed of truth, and it will spring up and eventually bear fruit. The lingering seeds of truth will finally take root in the heart, even of the careless, and will reflect the faithful persevering efforts of the God-fearing teacher.

We want to pray constantly for the converting power of God to take hold of our pupils, and, to make our prayers effective, we are to labor to this end.

W. S. CRUZAN.

Iowa Industrial Academy

I HAVE just spent a week at the Stuart, Iowa, Industrial Academy. In many ways the work here has been carried on under difficulties. The buildings were not completed when school opened, and for a month the school was held in the large barn which was on the land. The day I arrived they moved into the Academy building with the class work, which had been conducted in the cottages. However, the floors were not laid nor the plastering completed.

It was an agreeable surprise to see how the work was carried on with the workman all about and not one word of complaint from either students or workmen. I heard not one word of complaint while there. When we came up to the Friday night social meeting I was especially pleased to see twenty-seven students rise to their feet to testify, as soon as the opportunity was given, others rising to take their places as they sat down.

The three buildings will be completed some time in the early part of December. These consist of the Academy building and two neat, eight room cottages, and will cost about \$5500. The present enrollment is sixty-six. New students are coming in every day or two.

FLOYD BRALLIAR.

To the Young People

YOUNG people of our age have splendid opportunities to develop the talents which God has given them. Each person has at least one talent; it depends on him how much it is increased.

Endeavor to secure an education both of the hand and the head. If you do not have the means with which to go to school, do any honest work to get it. Young women can canvass, do house work, or needle work; young men can do farm work, and many other kinds of work.

If you can teach school, but feel the need of a better education, you should spend your vacations in some of our training schools. If you can attend school but three or six months in the year, you will be greatly benefited. However, if this is not possible, take up some regular studies during the long winter evenings at your home. You can accomplish much in this way. Correspondence with some teacher, or school, may aid you in the most difficult places.

I speak from experience both as to work and study. I shall be glad to aid any one in plan-

ning for study and pursuing their work. There are men and women who are willing to aid those who help themselves. Always press forward. Make stepping stones of your mistakes.

J. C. ANDERSON.

Hollenberg, Kansas.

Word from Elder Loughborough

ON returning to the Pacific coast Elder Loughborough writes: "I remember with pleasure the few days I spent with the students and people at College View. May the Lord bless the work in the school, and from it may many go forth to do efficient service for the Master is my prayer."

Notices

"Aikan Vartija"

OUR dear laborers in Finland have asked me to speak a good word in our papers for "Aikan Vartija. This I will gladly do.

Aikan Vartija is the name of our little paper in the Finnish language, published at Helsingfors, Finland. It is the only paper in the world in that language which brings the message of God for this time to its readers. Therefore it ought to reach all who speak that language.

Our brethren have just issued a special number which contains select matter upon the main points of our faith, and they ask us to help them to bring this to the 300,000 Finlanders who reside in this country. This we ought to do. Let therefore, as many as have Finnish neighbors, or know where they live, send for as many as they can use, and let us see that all get a copy. In this way we may be instruments in the hands of the Lord of bringing the light to some soul that we may soon see shine as the sun in the kingdom of our God.

The writer has been in Finland many times, and is convinced that there are persons of that nationality who are just as upright as those of any other nation in the world. They are a small, oppressed people, who love their country, language, and freedom as much as the people of any other nation.

Brethren and sisters, let us do what we can for them. The special number of *Aikan Vartija* should be ordered from The International Tract and Missionary Society, Jäkaregatan 2, Helsingfors, Finland. The price is five cents per copy, when it is ordered in clubs. Do not forget to send for them.

L. JOHNSON

Holiday Editions of the German, Swedish, and Danish Papers

THESE are to be holiday editions of the German, Swedish, and Danish papers published at College View, Nebraska. These "specials" will contain twenty-four pages and cover, and will be fully illustrated. Such topics as "The Signs of Our Times," "The Eastern Question," "The Second Coming of Christ," "Capital, and Labor" "The Third Angel's Message," and others of equal interest will be considered.

The publishers of the *Signs of the Times* have reduced the beautiful and impressive double-page illustration which they are using in the special Capital and Labor number, for each of these foreign papers. This adds greatly to their attractiveness, and will enable those who are working with the *Signs of the Times* to easily circulate these papers, for the illustrations will show that they are somewhat similiar.

Are there not many of our readers who know of those in their vicinity who speak these languages? If so would it not be well to order enough copies to supply each of them?

And then there is another phase of the question which demands our attention. In the cities of New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, and Chicago there are more than four million Germans, Swedes, and Danes. There are workers who would gladly carry these papers to the people if the papers were furnished them. They cannot afford to purchase and use them themselves, however. Donations for this purpose are being received by the International Publishing Company, College View, Nebr. The price will be three cents each where ten or more copies are ordered at one time. Fifteen thousand copies of each paper can be used judiciously.

"Signs of the Times Badges"

TO THOSE who will agree to spend some time each week in the sale of *The Signs of the Times*, either on the street, in stores, or from house to house, we will furnish free of charge a ribbon badge, containing the words, *Signs of the Times*.

This will give impression of a "band" of workers organized to circulate this paper, and will at once indicate the business of the individual wearing it. For the above, please address the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Oakland, Cal., or 18 West Fifth St., Kansas City, Mo.

Notice to the Members of the College View Church

THERE are on the membership list of the College View, Nebraska, church the names of quite a number of persons who have not yet reported for some time—some even for a number of years. Some of these cannot be located.

A new membership list is to be made out at the beginning of next year, and all absent members who do not report before that time, and whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained, will no longer be considered members of the church, and their names will be dropped from the church roll.

MRS. M. E. KERN,
Church Clerk.

Teachers, Attention

THE *Advocate* is about to publish a directory of Christian teachers. There are five hundred or more teachers connected with elementary and intermediate Christian schools, and every one of these names should appear in the directory. In behalf of this effort, every teacher is respectfully requested to send in his name and address at once. Educational secretaries and superintendents are asked to co-operate. This directory will be valuable for many reasons. A copy will be mailed free to every name sent.

Address, The *Advocate*, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Double Wedding

MONDAY afternoon, November 16, at 4:30 there was witnessed the marriage of Miss Louella Willson, formerly of Boulder, Col., to Clarence E. Peckover, of Topeka, Kans., and Miss Minnie Studer, of Benkleman, Neb., to J. N. Herboltzheimer, of College View, Neb., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Rokey, Boulder, Col.

The ceremonies were performed by Pastor F. M. Wilcox, chaplain of the Colorado Sanitarium. About sixty guests were present to witness the pretty ceremony. Miss Valeda Willson and Miss Ruth Reid were the only relatives present.

At eight o'clock of the same evening a reception was given in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rokey. Dainty refreshments were served, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Many elegant and useful presents were bestowed upon the happy couples.

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News and Notes

Sabbath, November 21, three persons were baptized at Fort Collins, Col.

A canvassers' school will be held at Boone, Iowa, Dec. 29, 1903 to Feb. 6, 1904.

Sunday morning, November 29, Elder Anglebarger began a series of meetings in the Denver, Col., church.

Elder N. P. Nelson has been suffering from an attack of *la grippe* and pleurisy. We trust that he has fully recovered ere this.

Bro. N. B. Emerson is spending some time in Kansas City, Kan., superintending the building of the colored church at that place.

We are sending out a few sample copies of each issue of the CENTRAL ADVANCE. If you receive one please consider it an invitation to subscribe.

Prof. M. E. Kern, of Union College, attended the Educational Council and Young People's State Convention at Kansas City, Mo., November 27-29.

Eld. J. J. Graf made the office a pleasant call last week. He has charge of the German work in Nebraska, and has spent the greater part of his time since the campmeeting among the churches.

Bro. T. G. Johnson, who has for some time been connected with the Montana Tract Society, reached College View last week. He expects to be actively connected with the International Publishing Association. He is a member of the Board of trustees, and will probably take quite an active part in the circulation of literature in the different foreign languages.

Eld. C. McReynolds, President of the Kansas Conference, writes: "A church of fourteen members was organized at Ft. Scott, Nov. 14, 15. Several workers have been laboring there during the past summer, and as the result fourteen have united in church fellowship, and about as many more are keeping the Sabbath. It is expected that five or six of these will unite with the church in a week or two. We also expect to purchase a church building in which to hold our meetings."

THE state young people's convention held at Kansas City, Mo., was well attended, both by the young people from Missouri and Kansas. "The Best Method of Tract Distribution," "House to House Work with our Papers," "How to Conduct Missionary Correspondence," "How to Conduct Cottage Meetings," "Educational work from the Standpoint of the Church School," "Educational Work from the Standpoint of the Sabbath-school," "What Is Your Aim?" under the subheads, "The Ministry," "The Office Worker," "The Stenographer and Bookkeeper," "The Salesman," "The Publisher," were among the subjects considered. Special attention was given to Bible work, and how to reach all classes in the cities with our books and papers.

Importance of the Week of Prayer

THE week of prayer should be considered a season of great importance by every believer in the present truth. The Lord calls upon those living just before the second of Christ to pray and to be constant in prayer. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

As the judgment hour is fast passing, how precious are the moments and how necessary that we should watch as those that must give an account. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that He shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth to serve them." Luke 12:37. "The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." I Peter 4:7. "And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch." Mark 13:37.

If there has ever been a period in the experience of this people when they needed to watch unto prayer, it is now. We are near the close of the investigative judgment, near the second coming of Christ, and Satan with all his forces is at work to ensare the world. And especially are his plans laid to overcome this people. This being true, every one professing this precious truth should seek God most earnestly, for in the Lord is victory.

Let us all plan without fail to attend the week of prayer services December 12-19.

E. T. RUSSELL.