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### The Clergyman and the Peddler

A CLERGYMAN who longed to trace  
Amid his flock a work of grace,  
And mourned because he knew not why  
Yon fleece kept wet while his kept dry,  
While thinking what he could do more,  
Heard some one knocking at the door,  
And opening it, there met his view  
A dear old brother whom he knew,  
Who had gotten down by worldly blows,  
From wealth to peddling cast-off clothes.

"Come in, my brother," said the pastor,  
"Perhaps my trouble you can master,  
For since the summer you withdrew,  
My converts have been very few."

"I can," the peddler said, "unroll  
Something perchance to ease your soul;  
And to cut short all useless speeches,  
Bring me a pair of your old breeches."

The clothes were brought: the peddler gazed,  
And said, "No longer be amazed;  
The gloss upon the cloth is such,  
I think perhaps you sit too much,  
Building air castles, bright and gay,  
Which Satan loves to blow away.  
And here, behold, as I am born,  
The nap from neither knee is worn!  
He who would great revivals see,  
Must wear his pants out at the knee.  
For such the lever prayer supplies,  
When pastors kneel, their churches rise."

—Selected.

### Our New Foreign Publishing House

THE International Publishing House recently located at College View, is situated in the business center of the village, only half a block from the Lincoln street car terminus, and about the same distance from the post office. The building is 68 feet long by 40 feet wide. The

main part of the building is two stories high, the type room and press room being only one story. The rooms below consist of business office, type and folding room, stock room, press room, and shipping room; above there are three very nice editorial rooms, and two small rooms for assistants, stenographers, etc., making ten rooms in all. All the rooms except the stock room, are well lighted, and are nicely and tastily fitted up for their various purposes.

### The Offering for the International Publishing Association

I wish to call special attention to the offering to be taken the first Sabbath in February, in behalf of the International Publishing Association, of College View, Neb. I feel that the special attention of our people throughout this country should be called to this important matter.

Everyone should clearly understand that the International Publishing Association has been formed for the purpose of giving a great impetus to the circulation of German and Scandinavian literature in the United States. We have heard over and over again from our German and Scandinavian brethren of the vast population of these nationalities in this country, and have been importuned many times to put forth greater efforts in their behalf.

For years efforts have been made to place German and Scandinavian ministers and Bible workers in the field to work for these nationalities. Some headway has been made. But we are all aware that but little has been accomplished compared with what must be done. We know that the press is one of the mightiest and most economical factors in the world for the dissemination of thought.

After looking the matter over carefully, it has been agreed by all that if we ever reach the vast German and Scandinavian population of the United States we shall have to do far more

than we ever have in the circulation of literature in these languages. This has led to the organization of the International Publishing Association.

In order for this association to work effectively, the necessary facilities must be provided. It is believed that \$6,000 will put the association in shape to do a large, efficient work in this line. The offering to be taken February 6th, is to raise this amount. Should the donation exceed this, the surplus is to be applied to the work in Washington.

We most sincerely hope that this amount will be raised. We believe it is due our German and Scandinavian brethren. For many years they have been giving of their means very liberally to promote the work among the English-speaking

people in this country.

We have never before launched any large special enterprise in America for these nationalities. As we think of the many thousands of dollars they have devoted to the work among the English people, we

feel that now the amount that they require to advance their work should be freely and promptly given by our churches as a suitable expression of our appreciation of the help they have so cheerfully rendered us in the English work.

A. G. DANIELLS.

#### The International Publishing Association

##### A Call to Our English-Speaking Brethren

THE corporation known as the International Publishing Association was formed at Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 6-9, 1903. Briefly stated the steps which led to the formation of this association are as follows:—

The General Conference held at Oakland, Cal., March, 1903, provided for the formation of

a committee of fifteen to have charge of the foreign publishing work in America. Six members of this committee were to be appointed by the General Conference Committee, and nine by the Central Union Conference Committee. In due time the committee was appointed.

Through a call made by W. C. White, Chairman of the Publishing Committee of the General Conference, and E. T. Russell, President of the Central Union Conference, this committee met at Grand Island, Neb., September 6-9, and formed the International Publishing Association. The action of this committee in the creation of the association, and laying plans for placing the foreign work on a firm basis, was endorsed by the General Conference Council held at Washington, D. C., in October, 1903.

At this council a resolution was passed recommending that a general donation of \$6,000 for this work be called for the first Sabbath in February. If the collection should amount to more than this sum, the surplus is to be donated to the work in



The International Publishing Association Building

Washington.

The object of this association is to print, purchase, and sell religious, health, and educational literature throughout the United States, in the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, and other foreign languages.

Thus it will stand to these different nationalities in the denomination what the Review and Herald Publishing Co., and the Pacific Press Publishing Co., are to our English-speaking people.

The Association has purchased and fitted up a building at College View, Neb., as economically as possible, in which to do their work. In this they have set a commendable example. No means have been expended unnecessarily

for outward show, yet they have a good, neat, commodious plant. All expenses have been met thus far, but \$6,000 will be needed by the first of April in order to meet certain obligations and be prepared to do efficient work.

For years our foreign brethren have contributed liberally to conference and institutional work. Our sanitariums and publishing houses represent the sweat, toil, and sacrifice of these brethren as well as of our English brethren. In times of necessity they have shared our denominational burdens, and when appeals have been made for means with which to assist any worthy enterprise, they have responded liberally. The money that has been used thus far in the work of the foreign publishing association has been donated by our foreign brethren. They have taken hold of the work nobly, and we feel assured that they will continue to lift with heart and hand until the work is done. Shall we not assist them by a liberal contribution Sabbath, February 6? I am sure this will be pleasing to the Lord. May the Lord stir the hearts of our brethren to abound in the grace of giving at this time for the benefit of this needy enterprise. E. T. RUSSELL.

#### Reasons for Giving to the International Publishing Association

SABBATH, February 6, has been set apart as a day for taking up a collection in all our churches throughout the United States, in behalf of the International Publishing Association, located at College View, Nebraska. The following are some reasons why we should give toward this enterprise:—

1. Because the Third Angel's Message is to go to every tongue and people.
2. Because there are from fifteen to eighteen millions of foreign-speaking people in the United States.
3. Because the printed page in their mother tongue is an economical and effective way of getting the truth before these people.
4. Because our foreign-speaking brethren in the past have freely contributed toward the support of the English work in this country. For our English speaking brethren to reciprocate now and help the foreign work here can be only fair.
5. Because when the Review and Herald Office was burned about one year ago, our foreign brethren connected with it were left practically

without a dollar with which to begin anew.

6. Because these brethren, instead of being disheartened, have taken hold of the work with courage, and have not only kept their papers running, but have a new plant nearly completed and ready for active and energetic operations.

7. Because all the means that have been used for the equipment thus far have been raised by the foreign editors from their own nationalities. To help those who try to help themselves ought indeed to be a pleasure.

8. Because economy has been exercised in the purchase and fitting up of the plant, no needless money having been spent for outward show, comfort, or adornment.

9. Because we ought to support the foreign work at home as well as abroad.

10. Because all souls are equally precious, Christ having died for all.

11. Because the cause of truth is one the world over.

12. Because in Christ there is neither German nor Scandinavian, English, Spanish, French, or Italian, but we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Save up your dollars and dimes, therefore, for February 6, and let us have a rousing good collection. If you should chance to give a little too much, remember you will simply be helping the work in Washington just that amount.

W. A. COLCORD.

#### Churches Don't Die That Way

A DEVOUT colored preacher whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal, gave notice to his congregation that in the evening a collection would be taken for missions, and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish, well-to-do man said to him before the service, "Yer gwine ter kill this church if yer goes on sayin 'Give! Give!' No church can stan it. Yer gwine ter kill it."

After the sermon the colored minisister said to the people, "Brother Jones told me I was gwine ter kill this church if I kep' a askin yer to give; but my brethren, churches doesn't die that way. If anybody knows of a church dat died 'cause of its been givin' too much to de Lord, I'll be much obliged ef my brother will tell me whar dat church is, for I'se gwine ter visit it, and I'll climb on de top of dat church under de light of de moon, and cry, 'Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord.'"—*Selected.*

### How God Trains His Workers

GOD has given to every man his work, and we are to acknowledge the wisdom of His plan for us by a hearty co-operation with Him. It is in a life of service only that true happiness is found. He who lives a useless, selfish life is miserable. He is dissatisfied with himself and with everyone else.

The Lord disciplines His workers, that they may be prepared to fill the places appointed them. Thus He desires to fit them to do more acceptable service.

A life of monotony is not the most conducive to spiritual growth. Some can reach the highest standard of spirituality only through a change in the regular order of things. When in His providence God sees that changes are essential for the success of the character-building, He disturbs the smooth current of the life.

There are those who desire to be a ruling power, and who need the sanctification of submission. God brings about a change in their lives. Perhaps He places before them duties that they would not choose. If they are willing to be guided by Him, He will give them grace and strength to perform these duties in a spirit of submission and helpfulness. Thus they are being qualified to fill places where their disciplined abilities will make them of great service.

Some God trains by bringing to them disappointment and apparent failure. It is His purpose that they shall learn to master difficulty. He inspires them with a determination to make every apparent failure prove a success.

Often men pray and weep because of the perplexities and obstacles that confront them. But if they will hold the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end, He will make their way clear. Success will come to them as they struggle against apparently insurmountable difficulties; and with success will come the greatest joy.

Again, God sees that a worker needs to be more closely associated with Him; and to bring this about, He separates him from friends and acquaintances. When He was preparing Elijah for translation, He moved him from place to place, that he might not settle down at ease, and thus fail of obtaining spiritual power. And it was God's design that Elijah's influence should be a power to help many souls to gain a wider, more helpful experience.

Let those who are not permitted to rest in quietude, who must be continually on the move, pitching their tent tonight in one place, and tomorrow night in another place, remember that the Lord is leading them, and that this is His way of helping them to form perfect characters. In all the changes that we are required to make, God is to be recognized as our companion, our guide, our dependance.

There are many who are not satisfied to serve God cheerfully in the place that He has marked out for them, or to do uncomplainingly the work that He has placed in their hands. It is right for us to be dissatisfied with the way in which we perform duty, but we are not to be dissatisfied with the duty itself, because we would rather do something else. In His providence God places before human beings service that will be as medicine to their diseased minds. Thus He seeks to lead them to put aside the selfish preference, which, if cherished, would disqualify them for the work He has for them. If they accept and perform this service, their minds will be cured. If they refuse it, they will be left at strife with themselves and others.

Many are ignorant of how to work for God, not because they need to be ignorant, but because they are unwilling to submit to His training. Moab is spoken of as a failure because the prophet declares, "Moab hath been at ease from his youth, . . . . and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity; therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed."

Thus it is with those whose hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong are not purged from them. Their hearts are not cleansed from defilement. They were given an opportunity to do a work for God, but this work they did not choose to do, because they wished to carry out their own plans.

The Christian is to be prepared for the doing of a work that reveals kindness, forbearance, longsuffering, gentleness, patience. The cultivation of these precious gifts is to come into the life of the Christian, that, when called into service by the Master, he may be ready to use his highest powers in helping and blessing those around him. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

FAITH and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God, trusts God; and he that trusts God, obeys God.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

## From the Field

### Colorado

THE work seem to be prospering throughout the state of Colorado. January 6 I left Lincoln, Neb., for Denver, where I spent one day at the conference office. While in the city I visited the vegetarian cafe, located on Glenarm St. Brother Weller, the manager, told me that they were doing fairly well. During the summer, through the influence of those connected with the restaurant, patients were sent to the Colorado Sanitarium who paid that institution over twelve hundred dollars. During the past year the Sanitarium has prospered, and it begins the year 1904 with bright prospects before it.

I remained at Boulder from January 8-23, and while there was engaged with Eld. H. M. J. Richards in holding a series of meetings. As the result of the meetings several reconsecrated themselves to God, and others gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time. A canvassers' institute was also held here, conducted by Brother Phillips. Some ten or twelve persons were in attendance, fitting themselves to engage in this branch of the work.

The Colorado Conference Committee held a meeting January 10-12, at which plans were laid for their future work. The Boulder church is having quite a successful church school, conducted by Bro. A. W. Lane and Sister Lilah States. It has an enrolment of between sixty-five and seventy scholars. During 1902 the weekly offerings of the church amounted to \$30. In 1903 they were \$212.31. This was quite a marked improvement over the previous year.

E. T. RUSSELL.

### Lead, South Dakota

THE work at Lead was begun by Elder Berry, Mrs. Hall and me, October 1, 1903. The first Sabbath and Sunday we were here meetings were held and the ordinances celebrated. A number of our people from Lead and Deadwood were present. The Lord came very near and blessed us.

All necessary plans were soon laid for the opening of the school, which began October 12 to continue eight months. The number enrolled at present is thirteen. The attendance is not as large as we had hoped for, but those in the school are doing good work.

During the week of prayer the school was dismissed, and the time spent in visiting our people, some of whom were not able to attend the services. Meetings were held both at Lead and Deadwood. During the last two days of the week of prayer the brethren from Lead, Deadwood, and Dumont met together, and enjoyed a blessed experience. Our annual offering amounted to \$35. The amount was not as large as we desired, but we have decided to be more faithful in carrying out the ten-cent-a-week plan during the year 1904. The sewing society had assisted the children in making some quilts which were sold and the proceeds distributed among them to be given in the offerings.

The *Signs* work has been heartily entered into by many. One little boy sold eleven copies in a few minutes before school time. A brother in Deadwood worked about four hours, and sold one hundred copies. Others are doing quite well also.

We are trusting in the Lord for grace and strength to conduct the work here in such a way that will redound to His glory.

O. A. HALL.

### Nebraska, District No. Two

Report for Last Quarter of 1903

DURING the first part of the quarter a short series of meetings was held at Curtis. This is an old church, and at one time was quite a strong church, but at present on account of removals the company is rather weak. As a result of our meetings here four decided to obey.

Two Sabbath-school conventions were held in the district during the quarter, one at Beaver City and one at Aurora. The former was well attended.

Most of the churches in the district have taken an active part in distributing the special number of the *Signs*, several thousand being sold.

Six church schools are in progress in the district, which are doing very satisfactory work. Calls are coming from all parts of the district for work, which will be looked after as far as possible and as soon as possible. The harvest is truly great but the laborers are few.

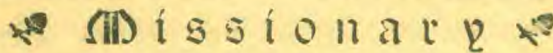
} J. H. WHEELER,  
} O. E. JONES.

Our heavenly Father requires no more nor less than He has given us ability to do.

## Nebraska Tithe Report

For Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1903

Albion.....	\$ 2.85	Hartington....	\$ 12.02
Alma.....	71.75	Holdrege.....	32.75
Arcadia.....	77.74	Loup City.....	132.61
Auburn.....	5.98	Mason City....	28.10
Aurora.....	53.95	Lincoln.....	471.35
Beatrice.....	65.07	McCook.....	88.93
Beaver City...	102.15	Meadow Grove	62.27
Black Hills....	138.12	Milburn.....	15.00
Blair.....	108.68	Nebraska City	17.10
Box Butte.....	352.10	New Era.....	5.00
Brownville....	20.00	North Loup....	18.27
Broken Bow....	63.12	Oakdale.....	70
Calhoun.....	21.76	Omaha.....	407.84
Cairo.....	46.75	Orum.....	8.45
Cedar Rapids...	85.12	Ragan.....	5.76
College View	1,078.43	Red Cloud.....	166.06
Cheyenne, Wyo.	31.50	Seward.....	105.18
Courtland.....	5.00	Sett.....	151.00
Crawford.....	136.70	Sheridan, Wyo.	362.97
Culbertson ...	451.53	Shelton.....	42.07
Curtis.....	41.62	Shickley.....	30.00
Dunbar.....	127.42	Stromsburg....	57.90
Decatur.....	71.57	Sartoria.....	10 56
Fremont.....	69.33	Scattered.....	519.29
Genoa.....	15.00	York.....	16.65
Ger. Lincoln....	35.37	Tekamah.....	4.25
Gothenberg....	72.40	Total	\$6,133.79
Grand Island...	11.20		



Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

## The Science of Canvassing

THE canvassing work developed by this denomination means much more than merely selling books. It means intelligent, God-fearing effort to save men and women. He who goes into the work without this high ideal will soon return a sadder, if not a wiser, man. To this people has been committed the highest and noblest calling ever yet given to man, the work of heralding the last gospel message to the world,—a work in which God the Father, Christ the Son, and all the loyal angels are actively engaged, while sinless beings on other worlds look on with amazement and joy.

While God has chosen the "foolishness of preaching" to save men, He has, by the making of books in these last days, made it possible for the humblest of His disciples, by only a little

wisely directed effort, to place a whole series of sermons in every home.

The science of canvassing means hunting out men, and making a personal appeal to them. In the closing work of the gospel the case becomes so urgent that God says to His servants, "Go ye quickly into the streets and lanes.... the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in." When on earth, Christ called His disciples "fishers of men"; but in the closing struggle He wants "hunters" as well.—*C. F. P., in Kansas Worker.*

## A Report From China

AFTER traveling for six weeks we at last reached our destination in central China, and looked for the first time on our future home. As I write this letter Mrs. Miller, Miss Erickson, and Miss Simpson are sitting at the table writing letters.

There are fifteen Chinese living in the house which we occupy. The inquirers also stay here while they are being taught the Bible. They all cook their meals together. Their stove is made of mud with an iron kettle in the top where they put the food which they desire to cook. A Bible class is held twice a day for the Chinese, and the room is always filled. During the interval between the classes the room is used for them to study in.

Living is quite high here, but it does not cost much to build a house. We have just had a kitchen and dining room built. The material cost only six dollars, and the construction but \$2.75. The floor is made of burned brick, and the roof of bamboo. We expect to put in a board floor soon, as most of the Chinese houses have them to prevent dampness. We have American doors, and windows with glass in them, but instead of the sash sliding up and down we have hinges on which they swing. I had a Chinese carpenter make two windows for me. When he got the first one done, I examined it, and found it was not true; so I cautioned him about the next one. But when it was finished it had the same defect. Explaining he told me that he had made it to match the other one, and that two wrongs would make one right. I could not persuade him differently, for his fathers made them that way.

Our house rents for thirty dollars per year. It had previously rented for more, but the people were so anxious to hear the gospel that they rented the house to us for this sum.

As soon as the Mandarin (who corresponds to our city Mayor) learned that Brother Pilquist was coming to this place, he sent his soldiers through all the streets of the city telling all the people that Mr. Pilquist was coming, and that they should treat him kindly, and that they should do him no harm, for he was coming to help them. The Mandarin himself sent them a gift which meant "You are my brother, and you are to stay here." When we arrived he sent us word that he would visit us in a few days. And so he did. He came with his procession of soldiers, which always accompany him, and expressed great interest in our plans. He asked Brother Pilquist if we could "feel the pulse and pinch the skin," as these are the two requisites of a good Chinese doctor. When Brother Pilquist told him that we could, he felt very glad. He said he hoped we would soon learn the language so that we could devote all our time to healing the sick in this place.

Since the people have learned that we have come to heal the sick, the little chapel, which is at the entrance of our house, is filled with sick people who want to see a doctor. When we go out on the streets we are followed by crowds of people, and are often stopped by the sick who ask us for physical help. A man sick with the palsy stopped Brother Pilquist and me and asked that he might be cured. We told him that our medicine had not come yet, but that when it did we would do what we could for him. Two of the brightest young men among Brother Pilquist's converts were anxiously awaiting for us to come so that they could learn to be medical missionaries.

Sin Tsi Hsien, the city in which we live, is a walled city, having a wall thirty-five feet high and two and a half miles in circumference. It is in the center of the Great Plain, and is the most fertile as well as the most densely populated region in the world, there being eight hundred and fifty inhabitants to the square mile. During the Boxer movement the people here had no hatred towards the missionaries. They say that they never will take part in any such affair, even though asked to do so by the officials.

We are now trying to secure a place in the city for a training school for the native Christians, and also to train young men and women from the home land. Here is the place to train missionaries for work in China. We have good teachers to teach them the language, and native evangelists who can teach them the best

ways to work among the people. We will soon be printing our tracts and pamphlets in the Chinese language, and we have native canvassers selling portions of the Bible.

We are the only physicians in this province of 22,000,000 people, a large per cent of them sick with some kind of disease. If the people from the States could only see the situation as it is here they would quickly raise money and laborers for this needy field.

We are now wearing Chinese clothing. I never felt better than I do among this simple-minded people. They are good natured and patient, and have many traits of character that are to be coveted by us. We hope to be remembered by you in your prayers. The truest happiness is found in making others happy. This is what we are trying to do for the Chinese, and God is helping us.

HARRY MILLER, M. D.

Funds Received and Disbursed by the College View (Neb.) Church, 1903

Tithe.....	\$ 4,848.02
Church Expenses.....	337.29
Poor Fund.....	122.15
Books, Periodicals, and Tracts.....	380.27
Annual Offerings (Church).....	193.44
Annual Offerings (College).....	146.89
Ten cent-a-week Offerings.....	343.18
Various Donations.....	544.81
Pledge for Annual Offerings.....	100.00
Donations not passing through regular channels.....	93.49
Total.....	\$7,109.54

COMPARISON OF MISSIONARY DONATIONS

	1902	1903
Weekly Offerings.....	\$ 69.45	\$361.70
Annual Offerings.....	256.63	293.44
Various Donations.....	410.82	544.81
Total.....	\$736.90	1,199.95

MRS. M. E. KERN,

Church Clerk.

Consecration

TAKE my soul and body's power;  
 Take my memory, mind and will;  
 All my goods, and all my hours;  
 All I know and all I feel;  
 All I think, or speak, or do;  
 Take my heart—but make it new.

## E d u c a t i o n a l

Conducted by L. H. Hoopes

### The Special Course at Union College

WHAT THOSE IN ATTENDANCE SAY OF IT

CONCERNING the special course I can say that it is the best I have ever attended. Both teachers and students are very much in earnest in their work. The instruction given thus far has been intensely practical, and highly spiritual. Elders Robinson, Hoopes, Colcord, Nettleton, and Professors Serns and Rees are doing excellent work in their various lines. I believe the special course will prove a blessing to all in attendance, and especially to the younger workers.

W. D. MACLAY.

Our special course for workers has now gotten nicely started. The attendance is good, but we feel that many more should avail themselves of the advantages which this course affords, especially those who intend to enter the canvassing work. Elder Robinson has just commenced a series of Bible studies that are just what we need in our work.

F. H. HAHN.

When Jesus said to His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile," I believe He meant also to teach them more perfectly how to preach the word. I believe this also applies to us as workers in the Lord's vineyard who are gathered here at Union College taking the special course. The instruction we are receiving from Bible and History is invaluable to us as workers. May the Lord help us to so assimilate it into our very life and being that we may be able to pass it on to others when we go into the field. Praise the Lord for these blessings.

B. M. GARTON.

A very interesting feature of the special course is the series of lectures that are being delivered. The class in the Work of the Gospel Ministry, held at 11 A. M. each day, is another very interesting feature. The Holy Spirit has impressed upon the hearts of all in attendance the importance of heeding the words, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. It is indeed a solemn and holy calling to be a servant of God, "separated unto the gospel of

God... To watch for souls, as they that must give account."

The Germans, Swedes, Danes, and Norwegians have classes in Bible, History, and Language in their own languages. The interest in these departments is good also.

L. JOHNSON.

### Among the Schools

THE last two days of the week of prayer I spent at the industrial school at Elk Point, South Dakota. It is located four miles out in the country, near enough to plenty of wood, which is their only fuel. Last year their crops on the farm were very profitable, especially three acres of potatoes.

During the time I was there I was very much encouraged by the work being done for the students. Nearly thirty of them came forward on the Sabbath and consecrated their lives to God.

I then visited the church school eight miles out from Exira, Iowa, taught by Miss Christine Owens. Though the church is small, the Spirit of God is bearing witness to the work done there. The brethren are of good courage, and feel like persevering in efforts to educate their children for Jesus. One thing that encourages me as I visit the schools in Iowa is to find the patrons all pleased with their teachers.

I next attended the dedicatory services of the Stuart (Iowa) Academy. In a board meeting following, the crops to be grown next year were considered. Under instructions from the board I have since secured a contract to grow fifteen acres of seed sweet corn for a large seed company.

At this writing I am visiting the school at Dubuque, Ia., taught by Miss Minnie Wolford. Miss Wolford has had four years of experience in church school work, and is giving excellent satisfaction here. This is the first attempt to carry on a school at this place. The brethren all say that the results have already justified the expenditure necessary.

I visited the Iowa Sanitarium last week, and was pleased to learn that patients have been coming in during the last few weeks, until the rooms are nearly all full.

FLOYD BRALLIAR.

### The Bruised Reed

THE shepherd in olden time played upon these reeds. They were very easily bruised;



but when they were bruised they were never mended. The shepherd could so easily make another one, he would snap the old one and throw it away, and get another. The Bible says it is not so with our Shepherd. When the music has gone out of a man's soul, God does not snap him in twain and throw him away. He mends and restores.—*Talmage.*

### Power of Evil Habits

LET none flatter themselves that sins cherished for a time can easily be given up by and by. This is not so. Every sin cherished weakens the character and strengthens habit; and physical, mental, and moral depravity is the result. You may repent of the wrong you have done, and set your feet in right paths, but the mold of your mind and your familiarity with evil will make it difficult for you to distinguish between right and wrong. Through the wrong habits formed, Satan will assail you again and again.—*Christ's Object Lessons.*

### Alliteration

"APT alliteration's artful aid" expresses in few words a euphonious form of speech very common in simple Saxon phrases which we use more or less every day of our lives. Alliteration consists in employing words in succession, or at short intervals, beginning with the same sound or letter. We speak of "making up our minds," "talking by turns," "waging war," "rallying round," "running riot," "running a risk," "tit for tat," "poetry and prose," "house and home," "bag and baggage," "safe and sound," "look and live," and the like. The same artifice is also employed in setting forth antithetical words, such as "make or mar," "kill or cure," "peer and peasant," "saint and sinner," "grave and gay," "foul and fair," "sweet or sour," "friend or foe," and so on *ad libitum*. Proverbs which have been said to "embody the wisdom of many in the wit of one," also abound in illustrations of the same pleasing practice: "One swallow does not make a summer"; "Waste not, want not"; "Time and tide wait for no man"; "A cat may look at a king"; "Every dog has his day"; "From the frying pan into the fire"; and so forth. The best writers and speakers of the day not infrequently make use of this unique form of speech, the writings of Arthur T. Pearson, editor of the *Missionary Review of the World* being a good illustration.

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## Health and Home

### Home

HOME'S not merely four square walls,  
Though with pictures hung and gilded;  
Home is where affection calls,  
Filled with shrines the heart hath builded!

Home! go watch the faithful dove,  
Sailing 'neath the heaven above us;  
Home is where there's one to love!  
Home is where there's one to love us!

Home's not merely roof and room,  
It needs something to endear it;  
Home is where the heart can bloom,  
Where there's some kind lip to cheer it!

What is home with none to meet,  
None to welcome, none to greet us?  
Home is sweet—and only sweet—  
When there's one we love to meet us.

—Charles Swain.

### The Influence of the Home

THE family is the first institution God made in this world. It antedates even the Sabbath. It is therefore of primary importance.

The influence which the family exerts in the world is greater than many realize. It is the foundation of society, the church, and the nation. If the families are right, society will be right, the church will be right, and the nation. The laws of nations themselves are but the reflex of the training of nurseries. The condition of the church is largely determined by the home training of the children. Society is governed according to the individual training of our sons and daughters.

"Men are only boys grown tall,  
Hearts don't change much after all."

Therefore one of the most practical ways to work for society, the church, and the nation, is to work for the family.

Many who are preaching the message for this time seem to overlook the fact that this message is to "turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers,"—terms which indicate the family relationship. To give little or no attention to the family, the home, and home influences, therefore, is to overlook important relationships, and to neglect an essential part of our work.

In view of the far-reaching influence of the home, it is not strange that the enemy is doing his utmost to ruin homes and break family ties. This is one of his most effectual means of bringing the world to a state of lawlessness

and confusion. As the work of the gospel is to counter-work the work of Satan, it will seek to unite and strengthen family ties, and make the home what God designed it should be.

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### The Rich Man

A TAX collector one day came to a poor minister in order to assess the value of his property and determine the amount of taxes. The minister asked the man to be seated, which he did. Then the latter took out his book and asked, "How much property do you possess?"

"I am a rich man," answered the minister.

The official quickly sharpened his pencil and asked intently, "Well, what do you own?"

The pastor replied, "I am the possessor of a Saviour who earned for me life everlasting, and who has prepared for us a place in the Eternal City."

"What else?"

"Healthy and obedient children."

"What else?"

"A merry heart, which enables me to pass through life joyfully."

"What else?"

"That is all," replied the minister.

The official closed his book, arose, took his hat and said, "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation."

—*Christian Work.*

### The Telegraph Headquarters

THE brain is the capital of the body, the seat of all the nervous forces and of mental action. The nerves proceeding from the brain control the body. By the brain nerves, mental impressions are conveyed to all the nerves of the body as by telegraph wires; and they control the vital action of every part of the system. All the organs of motion are governed by the communications they receive from the brain.

—*Test. Vol. III, p. 69.*

### The Mother of the Wesleys

THE Wesleys were peculiarly linked to their parents by natural piety, though the mother, rather than the father, influenced their minds and developed their characters. The father was a man of strong will, but occasionally harsh and tyrannical in his dealings with his family; while the mother with much strength of un-

derstanding and ardent love of truth, was gentle, persuasive, affectionate, and simple. She was the teacher and cheerful companion of her children, who gradually became moulded by her example. It was through the bias given by her to her sons' minds in religious matters that they acquired the tendency which, even in early years, drew to them the name of Methodists.—*Character.*

## Notices

### Offer Still Holds Good

THE offer made last November that all new subscribers to the *Youth's Instructor* who would send seventy-five cents for a year's subscription, should receive the last seven numbers for 1903 free, still holds good. You will thus secure all the articles by Edison Driver under the general title, "Around the Work Table." This series will consist of the following articles: A Climbing Sailor, and How Sailors Make Him; A Chemical Lecture; Grandpa's Talks on Centrifugal Force; The Modern Kite—A Cloth Bird; A Simple Electric Battery; A Game of States; Simple Experiments in Science; Knots and Strings—Sailors' Knots, etc.; A Match Puzzle; How to Make a Simple Weaving Machine; How to Make a Hand Bracket Saw; A Simple Electric Engine; How to Solder; The Enchanted Egg.

Other series of interesting and important articles now appearing in the paper are: Island Missions in the South Seas; What the Bible Teaches; Travel Sketches; History Series; The Weekly Study; Sabbath-school Lessons and Notes. A series of articles entitled "In and Around the National Capitol" will also appear during the present year. The reader will find in this series a rare treat.

Send seventy-five cents at once, and secure the *Instructor* for fifty-nine weeks, and ask for a circular telling how to secure a Bible free. Address your tract society, or the Youth's Instructor, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

### District Number Three, Nebraska

I WISH to call the attention of the brethren and sisters, especially those living in district number three, to the arrangements that are being made for a Sabbath school Convention to be held at Blair, February 5, 6, and 7, in con-

nection with the general meeting in that district. A good program has been arranged, and able helpers are planning to be there. But most important of all, we are expecting the Great Teacher to be there. The Young People's work and the organizing of their societies will receive attention at this meeting.

We hope that all who possibly can will attend. Send the names of all who expect to attend to P. E. Jenson, Blair, Neb., as soon as possible so the brethren there will know how many guests to plan on entertaining.

Alice I. Teeple,  
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## News and Notes

The coming Central Union Conference will be held at Omaha, Nebraska, March 4-14.

Eld. E. T. Russell passed through Denver, Sunday, January 24, on his way to Montrose, Colo.

The *Review* of January 21 contains an account of the first public preaching of the Third Angel's Message in Rome. Read it.

The new Miehle press has arrived, and is now in place in the International Publishing Office at this place, and ready for work.

Eld. S. F. Svensson, who is holding meetings at Idaho Springs, Colo., is meeting with a good interest, and some are embracing the truth.

Remember the collection to be taken up in all our churches Sabbath, February 6. Let us assist our brethren in the foreign publishing work all we can.

Eld. J. W. Collie, of Brantford, Ontario, died at the Boulder Sanitarium, Colo., Sabbath, January 16. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

A successful canvassers' institute has just closed at Poplar Bluffs, Mo. Thirteen have been taking the training in this institute, and expect to enter the field at once.

A red cross on the first page of your paper indicates that your subscription expires with this number. Do not allow yourself to miss a number but send in your renewal at once.

Sister White has decided to make her home for a time at Tacoma Park, the suburb of Washington, D. C., where our institutions are to be located. We are glad to hear of this.

The canvassers' institute at Armstrong, Mo., began the 22nd, and will continue until February 1. Bro. C. W. Hardesty, Union Conference Canvassing Agent, is now in attendance at this meeting.

Bro. James Cochran, Manager of the Pacific Press Branch, Kansas City, Mo., made the office a pleasant call last Friday. He was just returning home from Boulder, Colo., and while here visited the International Publishing House.

A sister renewing her subscription for the *ADVANCE* says: "During the hustle and bustle of the holidays I forgot to send my renewal for the *ADVANCE*, but will do it now. I enjoy the paper very much. It certainly keeps us in touch with one another."

The colored church at Kansas City, Kansas, was dedicated Sunday, January 24. Elders McReynolds, Huffman, and Norwood conducted services both Sabbath and Sunday. The building presents a neat, comfortable appearance, and was dedicated free from debt.

Another of our devoted workers in the regions beyond has fallen at his post of duty. Bro. J. H. Watson, who a few months ago went from this country to take charge of the work in the Nyassaland Mission, Africa, died recently. Let us pray more earnestly for the work there.

Drop a card to the Correspondence Department of Union College for information concerning the course in the History of Missions and New Testament History. These courses are designed to help those who cannot attend our schools, and yet desire to prepare themselves for better missionary work.

A reader of the *ADVANCE* says, "I like this paper very much and trust that you may ever have God's blessing in your work." A Nebraska worker, who is attending the Special Course at Union College, stepped into the office and said, "Please change my address for a few months to College View. We cannot do without the *ADVANCE*."

Mr. Isaiah Moore and Miss Lura Collins were married at the home of the bride in Albia, Iowa Thursday, December 31. Miss Collins was employed in the Kansas Tract Society Office a few years ago, and since that time has been connected with the Life Boat work in Chicago. Brother and Sister Moore will go to Cuba to open up the work in Havana. Our prayers and interests go with them.

It has been arranged to publish the proceedings of the coming Central Union Conference through the columns of the *ADVANCE*, the official organ of the Conference. The paper will be furnished at the regular subscription price, 50 cents per year, together with the extra matter that will have to be run in order to give our readers quite a full report of the proceedings of the Conference. Send in your subscriptions early. Address either your state tract society, or the CENTRAL ADVANCE, College View, Neb.