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### An Appeal For Religious Liberty Funds

I HOPE the brethren in the Central Union Conference will bear in mind the call that has been made for a special collection for the religious liberty work, to be taken up throughout all our churches Sabbath, March 5.

If there ever was a time in the history of our work when our people needed to place literature before those not of our faith, informing them of what is to take place in this nation and throughout the world through Sunday enforcement, it is now. Sunday enforcement is being agitated everywhere. The National Reformers have entrenched themselves at the national capitol, and much of their literature has been sent out at government expense. As a people we should be awake to the issue that is just before us. I hope that all will remember the collection for Sabbath, March 5, and be prepared to contribute liberally to this worthy and needy work.

E. T. RUSSELL.

### The Religious Liberty Cause

ALTHOUGH the *Sentinel of Christian Liberty* has been suspended, the cause of religious liberty is not dead. Through the *Sentinel* and other religious liberty literature, many important battles have been fought, and not a few victories won, in the past. Few perhaps fully realize

the tremendous influence which this literature has exerted, both inside and outside our own ranks, in keeping alive the love and spirit of liberty, and in repressing the spirit of bigotry and intolerance which, on every hand, has eagerly been seeking to spring into action.

And there are battles yet to be fought. The campaign is not over. Just recently we have again been reminded that "we may have to plead most earnestly before legislative councils for the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience." The most interesting and intense part of the controversy is before us. The issue has not changed. The advocates of religious legislation have not ceased working. We are simply coming up face to face with the great issue for which so many years, we have been looking. The religious element and the labor unions, with their required marks and badges, are already beginning to unite. Soon the great religious boycott will be declared, stipulating that only those who have the Sunday-sabbath mark can buy or sell.

If there was ever a time when a warning voice should be sounded throughout the land against false worship, and the bigotry, intolerance, and oppression which naturally go with it, it is now. Now is the time to work. Literature is needed. Small, timely documents, rightly prepared, will tell. They have done effective work in the past; they will do it again. There is no need of carping, or of dealing with indirect issues; but there is need of setting forth the great fundamental principles of religious liberty, of calling attention to the great battles which have been fought over this question in the past, and of meeting directly the issue before us. Therefore, in harmony with the call that has been made by Eld. Allen Moon, chairman of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference, for a collection for this work, Sabbath, March 5, we hope all will give liberally.

W. A. COLCORD.

### Danger in Speculative Knowledge

#### PAST EXPERIENCES TO BE REPEATED

THE experience of the past will be repeated. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive, if possible, the very elect. More seducing influences will be exerted; minds will be hypnotized.

Corruptions of every type, similar to those existing among the antediluvians, will be brought in to take minds captive. The exaltation of nature as God, the unrestrained license of the human will, the counsel of the ungodly,—these Satan uses as agencies to bring about certain ends. He will employ the power of mind on mind to carry out his designs. The most sorrowful thought of all is that under his deceptive influence men will have a form of godliness, without having a real connection with God. Like Adam and Eve, who are the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, many are even now feeding upon the deceptive morsels of error.

Satanic agencies are clothing false theories in an attractive garb, even as Satan in the garden of Eden concealed his identity from our first parents by speaking through the serpent. These agencies are instilling into human minds that which in reality is deadly error. The hypnotic influence of Satan will rest upon those who turn from the plain word of God to pleasing fables.

It is those who have had the most light that Satan most assiduously seeks to ensnare. He knows that if he can deceive them, they will, under his control, clothe sin with garments of righteousness, and lead many astray.

I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give the people of God the warning, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked."

#### BEWARE OF A SENSATIONAL RELIGION

At this time we need in the cause of God spiritual minded men, men who are firm in principle, and who have a clear understanding of the truth.

I have been instructed that it is not new and fanciful doctrines which the people need. They

do not need human suppositions. They need the testimony of men who know and practice the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. You may be sure that pure and undefiled religion is not a sensational religion. God has not laid upon anyone the burden of encouraging an appetite for encouraging speculative doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these things out of your teaching. Do not allow them to enter into your experience. Let not your life-work be marred by them.

#### A WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHING

A warning against such teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the hearts of the believers are to be "knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding; to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "And this I say," he continues, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. . . . As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power."

I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. Do not forget that He is to be our pattern in all things. We may safely discard those ideas that are not found in His teaching. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are placed on the platform of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling

it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to be sound in the faith, able to give every one who asks a reason of the hope that is in them.

DIVERTING MINDS FROM PRESENT DUTY

The enemy is seeking to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days. His sophistries are designed to lead minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John for His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to receive special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin, and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science. "Thus saith the Lord: Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Let none seek to tear away the foundations of our faith, . . . . the foundations that were laid at the beginning of our work, by prayerful study of the word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for at least fifty years. Men may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid.

In the past many have undertaken the building of a new faith, the establishment of new principles. But how long did their building stand? It soon fell; for it was not founded upon the Rock.

Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? Did they not have to listen to false theories, and then, having done all, to stand firm, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid"?

So we are told to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world, point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God's servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Interesting Nebraska Statistics

PRESIDENTS of the Nebraska Conference since its organization in 1875:—

- 1875—1882—C. L. Boyd
- 1882—1884—A. J. Cudney
- 1884—1885—H. Shultz
- 1885—1887—Jno. P. Gardiner
- 1887—1889—L. A. Hoopes
- 1889—1890—J. N. Loughborough five weeks,  
—L. A. Hoopes finished term
- 1890—1896—W. B. White
- 1896—1897—H. E. Robinson
- 1897—1903—N. P. Nelson
- 1903—1904—A. T. Robinson

Number of churches in 1903 . . . . .	60
Total number adult Sabbath-keepers	2680
Total number Sabbath-schools . . . . .	100
Total membership of Sabbath-schools	2089
Largest number of ministers employed at one time . . . . .	12
Largest number of licentiates employed at one time . . . . .	17
Largest number of missionary workers employed at one time . . . . .	22
Largest number of colporters employed at one time . . . . .	12
Total tithe since 1888 . . . . .	\$239,325.56
Total for missions since 1888 . . . . .	18,213.21
Total first-day offerings since 1888 . . . . .	5,104.71
Total annual offerings since 1888 . . . . .	17,873.01
Total book sales since 1898 . . . . .	66,418.49

Union College

- Founded in 1890.
- Building completed and College opened 1891.
- First president, W. W. Prescott.
- Present president, L. A. Hoopes.
- Number students enrolled the first year . . . . . 301
- Number students enrolled 1903 . . . . . 420
- Total number attending since 1891 . . . . . 5,387
- Present number of teachers . . . . . 28
- Present number of tutors . . . . . 4
- Industries connected with the College: farming, gardening, fruit-growing, printing, carpentering, baking, blacksmithing, broom-making, tailoring, dress-making, and electrical work.

Church Schools in Nebraska Conference

- First schools opened in 1901.
- First Educational Sup't, Geo. M. Brown.
- Present Educational Sup't, C. R. Kite.
- Number schools July 1, 1901, to July 1, 1903 12
- Number pupils enrolled . . . . . 128
- Number schools July 1, 1903 to Feb. 1, 1904 24
- Number pupils enrolled . . . . . 309

## From the Field

### Bayfield, Colorado

I BEGAN a series of meetings here February 3. The attendance has increased from the beginning until now more than a hundred are in attendance each evening. Nearly all of the business men of the place are attending. This is the best interest I have met with since I have been in the work. The place seems stirred from center to circumference. Pray for the work here.

WM. KENNEDY.

### Montrose, Colorado

FROM January 26-31 we were gladdened by a visit from Elders Russell and Richards. They did not come with a new and fanciful doctrine, but with the same good old message. This is what we need, for the Word says, "Remove not the old landmarks; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless." Prov. 23:10. "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths." Jer. 6:16. Their instruction was meat in due season. A number renewed their covenant with God, expressing a desire to know Him more perfectly than ever before. Two meetings were held each day, and the blessing of God was with us.

E. G. HOWLETT.

### Edinburgh, Scotland

It is nearly one year and four months since we left America, and we are not homesick yet. If our loved ones were here, we would never think of returning, for it is prettier here than in America.

We spent last winter in London. It makes us sad to think of that large city with its seven millions of people, and so few to represent the truth. While there we visited many places of interest, such as museums, art galleries, zoological gardens, parks, also Westminster Abby, and Windsor Castle where Queen Victoria lived and where King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra now live. We were shown through the palace, except the private rooms. Everything shone with gold. The king's chair was all of gold except the cushion part; it was trimmed with brilliant diamonds. It makes one's heart sad to see what is spent for costly apparel when thousands of poor souls are starving, and their taxes support the king.

Last May we went to bonny Scotland and began work. We canvassed all summer. Mrs. Nethery and I delivered over one thousand books--"Christ Our Saviour," "Ladies' Guide," and "From Eden to Eden." We have also sold about five thousand papers, such as *Present Truth* and *Good Health*. We know the dear Lord has been with us and blessed us in our feeble efforts.

The people of Scotland are very different from the English. The women dress better, and are more aristocratic. Edinburgh is a very aristocratic place. It is the leading city for medical universities, etc. It was also the home of John Knox, one of the great reformers. The house in which he lived is still standing here.

As soon as we speak to any one they know that we are from America, as it is difficult to get used to the Scotch brogue. Scotland is a very nice country, though it has been extremely cold here this winter. The wind blows as hard as in Nebraska.

We believe the message will soon go with power here. At present there are very few who have ever heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. We are trusting that the Lord will open the way so that we may go out next summer with a tent of our own and give the message in some of the smaller towns. We ask that you remember the work here in your prayers, and may the dear Lord keep us all faithful until He comes.

JAY NETHERY.

### A New Volume of the Testimonies

I HAVE just had the opportunity of examining some of the advance proofs of "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, and have been particularly impressed with the timeliness and importance of Section V, in which the following chapters appear under the general heading of "The Essential Knowledge."

God in Nature.

A Personal God.

A False and a True Knowledge of God.

Danger in Speculative Knowledge.

The False and the True in Education.

Importance of Seeking True Knowledge.

The Knowledge Received Through God's

Word.

Our Great Need.

If one Testimony can be more important than another, it seems to me that Volume VIII must be that one. It will contain about 350 pages, and will sell for 75 cents in cloth, and \$1.25 in limp leather. It will be ready early in March.

H. H. HALL.



**Work for the Night Cometh**

Let us work for our God with heart and hand,  
 Let us publish this message in every land.  
 With the sword of the Spirit, with wisdom and zeal,  
 Let us search for the lost, and in Christ's stead appeal.

With the banner of truth we shall conquer, and win,  
 In the strength of the Lord, those that perish in sin,  
 Who are lost in the darkness, and dying for light,  
 With a home and a Savior just veiled from their sight.

The Lord is our strength, let us work in His might,  
 For the day is far spent, soon cometh the night.  
 Our dear Savior in glory is coming again  
 To gather the faithful from sin's dark domain.

"Get ready, get ready" the Savior to meet,  
 With work all well done, in Him stand complete;  
 Then hear the sweet welcome, "Well and faithfully  
 done,

Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne."

MRS. E. A. FIELD.

*Aurora, Neb.*

**Who Will Help?**

FOR some time the mission board has been sending out envelopes to our churches, to be used in collecting the weekly offerings for missions. We believe this plan has had sufficient trial now to demonstrate that it is the best that has thus far been devised to collect our offerings for missions. It has been especially demonstrated in the Central Union Conference field, as you have probably noticed in the report from the College View church, by Brother Colcord, in the *Review* of February 4.

We are anxious to have our churches take up the plan everywhere and follow it faithfully. If the union and state conference presidents, secretaries, and our ministers, church elders, and workers generally would encourage the plan, it would greatly facilitate its general adoption, and would make it easier for us. We send these envelopes direct to the churches, but we would like to have our workers call attention to them occasionally, and to the plan connected with them. This is one of the means by which we may help to give the message quickly to the world.

We are receiving good reports from our workers abroad. We have every evidence that the Lord is blessing the efforts put forth to give the message to the world. The greatest need is more funds, that a larger corps of workers may be placed in the field. It is gratifying to find that, in spite of the fact that last year was a very hard one financially, yet there were more

than sixty workers sent abroad. But these are a mere handful compared to the present need.

If every church could be encouraged to do as well in proportion to its size as College View has done, the time would not be far distant when many of the calls now being received could be answered. We trust that the year 1904 may be one of great blessing to our work everywhere.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

**Iowa Canvassers**

THE canvassers' institute at Boone, Iowa, closed February 6. The canvassers went to their fields full of faith and courage. The following are the names of the new canvassers and their territory which was assigned at the institute:—

- Sarah Christopher.....Madrid
- Anna Dirkson....."
- Lulu Norton....."
- Mrs. M. E. Merida.....Dayton
- Luelah Lamb....."
- Walter A. Will.....Woodward
- Simon Pines....."

Brother Wilkiusen is selling from five to twelve dollar's worth of books a day. Brother Hilliard is now working in Persia, Ia. Brother Manuel is doing well at Waukon.

J. W. CROUSE.

**"The Living Temple"**

From Iowa Workers' Bulletin

FOR some time we have been receiving inquiries about the book "Living Temple." We do not handle the book, neither do we receive orders for it, because the Spirit of God has told us that it is not a proper book to put in the hands of the people. Its doctrinal teaching is such as we would expect from a Unitarian or a Pantheist instead of a Christian. We have been assured that the book would be re written, and the wrong things eliminated; but, since these assurances were given, we learn from different parts of the state that our people are being urged by circulars and letters to buy this book and sell it to others. We consider this very unfortunate, and protest against it. We would suggest that our people read very carefully what the Spirit of God has said about these misleading doctrines. The testimonies make very plain the character of these teachings and what their influence will be. Let us study these testimonies prayerfully, and let us

be careful not to tear down the platform of present truth. So surely as the Bible is true, so surely is the Third Angel's Message the truth for this time, and our watchword must be "The Advent message to the world in this generation."

IOWA TRACT SOCIETY.

*J. O. Beard, Secy.*



### Words From Nebraska Church School Teachers

I HAVE received so many good things from our teachers in this conference that I feel like passing them on to others. The following are but extracts from letters received from some of our teachers. The reports from all are encouraging.

Sarah Grobe, Palisade: "The school here is getting along nicely. The children are doing well in their studies, and are growing more spiritual daily. I am thankful for the continual blessings which the Lord bestows upon us in our work, and my prayer is that I may ever be found doing just what my Savior would have me do. I want to be used of the Lord to bring some soul nearer to Him."

Roscoe Baer, Hartington: "There is surely a broad field for work in this town. I fully realize we are living in times when every effort possible must be put forth for the advancement of God's work in the earth. We are progressing quite well in our school work, and all seem to enjoy digging deep for those treasures that will help prepare them for usefulness. We have children's meetings every Sabbath afternoon at 3:30."

Katherine Runck, McCook: "The Lord still continues to bless in our school work. Yours in the hope of seeing fruits of our labor here and in the kingdom of God."

Eva Johnson, Broken Bow: "I am trying by the help of Jesus, to assist all I can in the work here, to be a help to my pupils, and at all times represent my Savior aright."

Stella Allred, Arcadia: "The Lord continues to pour out His blessing upon us here. The Spirit of God has been working marvelously. Eight of my pupils have been baptized, besides several other persons. There is real joy in working for the Master. I want always to be found serving Him."

Hattie Brown, Hartington: "I am still enjoying my work, and our school days are fast passing. The children are learning very rapidly. They sometimes think they cannot learn fast enough."

F. W. Schroeder, Culbertson (German

school), "Our school is getting along nicely. The children are becoming more obedient. We have God's blessing with us."

Marie Pederson, Seward: "We are getting along nicely in our school work. The children are taking more interest in their studies now than at first. It is good to know that the Lord is always ready and willing to help us."

B. M. Garton, Lead, South Dakota: "We have fifteen pupils enrolled at present, eleven girls, and four boys. There is a great work to be done here. I am doing all I can to turn the minds of my pupils from the world and its vanities, and I trust we may see God's power manifested here."

Mable Mosser, Ft. Calhoun: "The children have been doing good work since the holidays. I feel much encouraged. As missionary work we have sent away nine papers, and pieced a quilt. Although the road has sometimes seemed very hard, yet I believe the Lord has been leading us, and I hope for good results from this winter's work."

Walter Rich, Red Cloud: "Our school has distributed 279 periodicals, 764 pages of books and tracts, written two letters, and received one, held 28 Bible readings, and secured two subscriptions for our papers."

We can but thank God for His help, and that He gives to our teachers such experiences that will tend to broaden their scope of usefulness. May His richest blessings be with the faithful teachers in all the fields.

C. R. KITE.

### Special Course Work in the Swedish Department

THE attendance in this department of the Special Course at Union College is good. Each evening, with the exception of Friday and Sunday evenings, a special Bible class is conducted for the Swedish students. From fifty to seventy-five are in attendance each evening. At 12:35 each day the Special Course students meet with the regular college Swedish Bible class. At present they are studying "The Church of God." A preaching class is also conducted for the benefit of those who expect to go out into the ministry. In this class a subject is assigned and during the recitation period three students are called upon to present, it as they would before an audience.

The arrangement of the subject matter, the conduct in the pulpit, language, and other points are then discussed by the class. Much good practice work is being gained in this way.

S. F. SVENSSON.

### Union College Items

Mrs. Youngberg and Mrs. Shealds returned to their homes in Omaha Friday.

Mrs. Woolsey, of Courtland, paid her son and daughter a short visit last week.

Thos. Anderson and Earl Rentfro both returned to their homes in Iowa last week.

Miss Virginia Swope, of Joplin, Mo., has entered school for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Libbie Collins, of Dodge Center, Minn., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Ellis.

The mother and sister of E. L. Hoyle are spending a few days with him in South Hall.

Mr. A. V. Cotton is suffering from a severe affliction of the eye, but is now improving somewhat.

Mrs. J. H. Capfer, of Rolla, Mo., stopped off a few hours with her son, L. C. Capfer, while on her way to visit a sister in Iowa.

Miss Pearl Jenkins, who has been attending Union College, has returned to her home in Boulder, Colo., on account of the illness of her mother.

A booklet giving an account of Union College, its purpose and methods, illustrated by a number of views, is being prepared for the Educational Department of the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. L. F. Laughlin of Roach, Mo., spent a few days visiting Union College recently. He was accompanied on his return home by Miss Lou Trease, who was obliged to give up her school work on account of her poor eyesight.

### A Musical Service

FRIDAY night, February 19, the young people's society of Union College enjoyed an evening of sacred song and music. The exercises consisted of beautiful selections rendered by the College orchestra, College chorus class, soloists, duos, trios, and double quartets, with piano and occasional orchestral accompaniment, and a talk on music by Prof. W. A. Colcord. It was indeed a pleasant way to spend the opening hours of the Sabbath, and naturally carried the mind forward to the time when the redeemed, with harps of gold, shall sing songs of praise to God and the Lamb. All in attendance enjoyed it very much.

## Sabbath-School Dep't.

### The Teaching Problem

Thoughts from an address by Prof. H. M. Steidley, at Polk County Sunday-school Convention, Shelby, Neb., Dec. 5, 6, 1903.

PREPARE to meet your class by seeking the Lord. If you have not a message from God you cannot give it to others. Get the message in your heart alone with God. Decide upon one central truth, and endeavor to impress it upon the minds of your pupils. One truth woven into the life is worth more than many fragments of truth.

The most successful teacher of children in the Sabbath-school must know the lesson truth's, the child's nature, and how to apply the truths. She must be able to secure and retain the attention of her pupils during the recitation period, and at all times have their implicit confidence. In order to do this she must have a personal interest in each one of them. She must enter into their joys and sorrows. She must be able to lay her lesson paper aside and talk with them with their eyes fixed upon her, making use of comprehensive words, illustrations, and applying Bible stories to practical life. Use well the blackboard.

Question your pupils in such a manner as to bring out what they know. Do not ask questions promiscuously, but have in view a definite aim in all your questioning. Jesus asked questions to shut the mind off of all ills, and to draw from the people what they fain would have listened to from His own lips.

In all your teaching have for its object the conversion of your pupils. The greatest thing in the world is to lead souls to Christ. Remember that the lives of these children are in your hands, and that they will be moulded by your influence, as well as by the influence of their parents. No unconverted person can teach Christ to children. The teacher must know the Lord Jesus Christ. Live near to God each day, and the influence of your life will tell for Him.

The earnest teacher in the Sabbath school is always a growing Christian. No one can take others farther than he has gone himself.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.—Emerson.

## Health Department

Conducted by Mrs. Lura B. George, M. D.

"Prosper and be in Health"

### The Relation of the Nurse to Her Patients

THE relationship of the nurse to her patient should not be that alone of a nurse, but particularly that of a *missionary* nurse. Indeed, this latter phase is the more important of the two, and should be more prominently emphasized. Better a missionary without the nurse, than the nurse without the missionary. In fact, the missionary aim should be the objective point in the nurse's work. Was this not so in the experience of the greatest medical missionary, the world has ever, or will ever know? Is it not said of Christ, "He went about doing good," and healing all that were diseased? Did He not heal the body in order that the soul might be brought to God? To the palsied man He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," which in effect was equivalent to saying, "Arise and walk." The relation between soul and body is most intimate. All disease, either directly or indirectly, is the result of sin, hence with sins forgiven, with the soul at peace with God, physical rest and restoration follow as a natural physiological result.

But if in the medical phase of the nurse's work, skill and tact are required, how much more intricate is the work of dealing with the soul! In this preaching is not enjoined. Perhaps in some cases but few if any words may be uttered. From the truly devoted nurse will go out a silent influence most beneficent and far-reaching in its effects. It is the life after all which preaches most forcibly.

To the nurse, even more than to the physician or minister, is intrusted this holy, personal ministry to the sick. She enters into the very life of her patient. She comes to know her weaknesses, her trials, her very life secrets. Thus is she enabled to apply at the right time the balm of healing, and at the opportune moment, speak a word or breathe a prayer, which will be uplifting and mighty in its influence. Coming into this intimate relationship, how terribly recreant to her sacred trust, would be the nurse who would betray the confidence reposed in her. It is for her to keep locked in her own breast the secrets of the sickroom, to hide from the world the secret woe, and perchance even the

secret shame which may have blighted and almost extinguished a human life.

The true nurse becomes to her patient an agreeable companion, a trusted friend, a skillful healer of both soul and body. In short a second embodiment of Him who became the great dispenser of heaven's store in spiritual and material blessings. But she can be all this only through God. Knowledge, unsanctified and unconsecrated, becomes an instrument of cursing, a savor of death. Every relationship of the nurse should be one of faith. The simplest treatments should be applied in this spirit, and the humblest service performed as the prompting of divine love. Then, and then only, will the nurse become truly the ambassador of the Lord Jesus, and a laborer together with God in the world's great work of the betterment of the human family, and the giving of the great message of truth in this generation to all mankind.

HELEN N. RICE.

### Sanitarium Notes

Miss Hannah Larson and Miss Cassie Best are nursing at Valentine, Neb.

Dr. W. A. George has been called to Wichita to assist in some surgical work.

Miss Lena Neuman has recently been appointed as Matron at the Sanitarium.

Miss Mary Gaede is spending a six weeks' vacation with her relatives in Kansas.

Two of our nurses, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shanon, have recently connected with the new Sanitarium at Peoria, Ill.

D. R. Callahan has made several trips among the neighboring cities and towns in the interest of the Health Food business.

Dr. G. A. Droll, of the Wichita Sanitarium, recently spent a few days with us. He came to bring a serious surgical case. The patient is now recovering nicely, and will soon be able to return to her home.

The Sanitarium has just put in an electric motor to run the large static and X-ray machine. The motor was made by the manual training class in electricity at the College, under the direction of Prof. Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vance, both trained nurses, have just returned from their wedding trip among relatives and friends in Kansas. They have taken up the regular work at the Sanitarium with their usual earnestness and zeal.



## The Home

### Always Be Courteous

WE little appreciate the effect of a kind word upon those who are used to blows. It seems that one evening a young lady abruptly turned a street corner and ran against a boy, who was small and ragged and freckled. Stopping as soon as she could, she turned to him and said:—

"I beg your pardon. Indeed I am very sorry."

The small, ragged, and freckled boy looked up in blank amazement for an instant. Then, taking off about three-fourths of a cap, all he had, he bowed very low, smiled until his face became lost in the smile, and answered:—

"You can have my parding and welcome, Miss, and yer may run ag'in me and knock me clean down, an' I won't say a word."

After the young lady passed on, he turned to a comrade and said, half apologetically:—

"I never had anyone ask my parding before, and it kind o' took me off my feet."—*Selected.*

### What Makes Life Happy

I HAVE peeped into quiet "parlors" where the carpet is clean and not old, and the furniture polished and bright: into "rooms" where the chairs are deal and the floors carpetless; into "kitchens" where the family live and the meals are cooked and eaten, and the boys and girls are as blithe as the sparrows in the thatch over head, and I see that it is not so much wealth and learning, nor clothing, nor servants, nor toil, nor idleness, not town, nor country, nor station, as tone and temper that makes life joyous or miserable—that renders home happy or wretched. And, I see, too, that in town or country good sense and God's grace make life what no teacher, or accomplishments, or means, or society can make it—the opening stave of an everlasting psalm.—*John Hall.*

### Give Us More Music

MUSIC, sweet child of heaven, sent here to soothe the souls of weary humanity with thy delightful strains! Who can listen to the glorious sounds of the organ unfolding the beauties of Handel, Haydn, and Mendelssohn, as their great imaginations composed them, and be unmoved to the fact that their origin is heaven-born? Can we not almost fancy that we hear the angels chanting their celestial praise to the

great Creator? Then when we hear the sweet music of the choir as they join in the grand chorus of praise, or, as some flute-like voice pours forth its soprano in a marvelous flow of melody, are we not equally enraptured? Is there ought which elevates the soul of man, for the time being, sufficiently to appreciate the sublime love and majesty of his Maker, as music?

Give us then music in our homes and churches. We believe it to be one of the means vouchsafed to debased humanity to raise them from the depth into which they have fallen, and we firmly believe if more attention was paid to this means of grace, many would be redeemed from the pit of infamy, to whom the unaided voice of reason from our pulpits fall as upon hearts of stone.—*Selected.*

## Notices

### Delegates, Attention!

ALL planning to attend the Central Union Conference at Omaha, Nebraska, March 4-14, are requested to bring bedding, as many beds will be required in order to accommodate all who may attend. Those reaching Omaha as early as March 2, 3, should go at once to the Seventh-day Adventist church near 25th St. and Indiana Ave. After this time they should come direct to Germania Hall. The committee appointed for locating delegates will meet those who arrive at these places. If the directions given below are followed no trouble need be occasioned to reach either place:—

From Union or Burlington depots to Germania Hall,—take Harney St. car, and get off at 18th and Harney St. To church,—take Dodge St. car, transfer at 16th to N. 24th St., get off at Indiana Ave., then walk one block west and one-half block south.

From Webster St. depot to Germania Hall,—from depot go one block west; take car at 16th St. going south to Harney St., then walk two blocks west. To church,—from depot go one block west, take Hanscom Park and N. 24th St. car going west to Indiana Ave., then walk one block west and one-half block south.

Please leave your heavy baggage at the depot, and bring your checks to the church or hall. There turn them over to the one appointed to take charge of the baggage.

E. T. RUSSELL.

"Testimonies," Vol. VIII

"TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH," Volume VIII, is just being published, and is expected to be ready early in March. It will contain very important and timely matter, which every one in the church should read, as may be seen from the following contents of the volume.

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Obituaries

WOODRUFF.—Died at her home in Topeka, Kan., Feb. 8, 1904, of la grippe, Eliza Ann Woodruff, age 86 yrs., 6 months, and 8 days. Sister Woodruff was converted at an early age and united with the M. E. church. At the age of fifty she embraced the truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she remained a faithful, devoted member until her death. There were born to her and her husband five children, two sons and three daughters. The sons and two daughters are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother, all of whom, with her son-in-law, Mr. Putnam, were present at the funeral service. At the last gathering around that loved form, we comforted one another with the blessed assurance that if we are as faithful as she has been, what a glorious reunion there will be when Jesus comes. A few days before her death she spoke of her hope in the soon coming of Christ, and said that she was waiting for Him.

"She heard the voice of Jesus say,

'Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, thou weary one, lay down

Thy head upon my breast!

She came to Jesus as she was,

Weary and worn and sad,

And found in Him a resting place,

And He did make her glad."

Words of encouragement were spoken by the writer, from Job 14:14. N. B. EMERSON.

CHAPMAN:—Warren Dean Chapman was born at Richmond, Ind., Dec. 10, 1857 and died at College View, Neb., Feb. 18, 1904, age 46 years, 2 months, and eight days. Sometime in the 70's Brother Chapman attended the Nebraska State University, and, like many of his schoolmates, he was anxious to pay his own way and took advantage of the vacation seasons to work and earn money to carry him through school. Near Seward, Neb., he found employment, with one of the Sabbath-keeping brethren. He soon learned that it would be impossible for him to work on the Sabbath, so agreed to cease working on the seventh day and work on the first day with the rest. After much study and listening to a series of lectures by Elders A. J. Cudney and Geo. B. Starr, near Beaver City, he embraced the truth and united with the Wilsonville church of which he remained a member for a number of years. During this time he was district director in that section of the state, and afterward conference secretary.

Brother Chapman has a very intimate connection with the raising up of a number of churches in Nebraska, acting as colporter and tent master. During the summer of 1885 he assisted in the work at Bloomington and the following summer at Red Cloud. A large company of young people embraced the truth at Bloomington, among them one Anna Blackledge who afterward became his bosom companion. He was not permitted long to enjoy her association, for she soon fell a victim to the great white plague, tuberculosis.

In 1890 he volunteered to join a company of canvassers to London. Six years later he returned to America, and connected with the work in the south, spending most of his time at the Charleston, Carolina, mission in connection with Elder Kimball. It soon became necessary for him to return north on account of failing health. He came to the Nebraska Sanitarium and received some benefit, but was obliged to go to the Colorado climate on account of tuberculosis. He took some treatment at the Boulder Sanitarium, and improved so much that he returned to his home state. Here he made his home with Dr. C. F. Jenkins at College View. His death was caused by a complication of several maladies, the most fatal being epilepsy attended with pericarditis. He died with a bright hope of meeting with all the redeemed in the home where changes never come. He leaves a mother and two brothers. Funeral services conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Wheeler and Brother Beames, in the College View church, Sabbath, February 20.

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## News and Notes

Eld. G. C. Tenney, who is at present located at Battle Creek, Mich., writes us that he reads the *ADVANCE* with interest.

A Sabbath-school convention was held in Topeka, Kan., Sabbath, February 13. Many rich benefits were received by those in attendance.

At the close of a series of meeting at Collbran, Colo., conducted by Brethren MacGuire and Rippey, a Sabbath-school of eighteen members was organized.

Bro. Orrin Hall has been compelled to give up his school at Lead, South Dakota, on account of failing health. Bro. B. M. Garton has taken his place there.

A Sabbath-school of fourteen members was organized at Julian, Neb., Sabbath, February 13. The little company at this place are enjoying many rich experiences in their work.

Through mistake in our last issue the price of Eld. G. C. Tenney's book, "By Land and Sea," was given as \$1.25. It should have been \$1.50. The work is very cheap indeed at this price. See notice on another page.

Bible Students Library No. 183, entitled "Modern Mysteries" is now ready. The following are some of the subjects treated: Hypnotism, Clairvoyance, Telepathy, Theosophy, The "New Thoughts," Pantheism. Price 15 cents. Order of your tract society.

Eld. C. McReynolds, President of of the Kansas Conference, spent February 10-17 at Union College assisting in the Special Course. During his stay several meetings were held with the Kansas students, at which plans for their summer's work were discussed. His talks to the students in the College chapel were much appreciated by all.

The pamphlet on the subject of the "Seven Trumpets," referred to in the last issue of the *ADVANCE* may be obtained by addressing the Nebraska Tract Society. It is a pamphlet of forty pages, with cover, comprising ten lessons. Over one hundred of the most pointed quotations from history showing how the prophecy has been fulfilled, are given, and reference to page, or chapter and paragraph cited. On the inside of the front cover is a suggestive diagram covering the events and dates of the Seven Trumpets. Price 10 cents each. Usual discount to tract societies.

We have received about thirty-five new subscriptions for the *ADVANCE* since our last issue.

LET all remember the special collection to be taken up Sabbath, March 5, in the interest of the religious liberty work.

Elders Robinson and Russell were at Omaha, Neb., Sabbath and Sunday, February 13 and 14. They report excellent meetings.

Elders A. G. Daniells, W. W. Prescott, W. C. White, and Bro. H. H. Hall are expected to be in attendance at the Omaha Conference.

Bro. J. W. Crouse, state missionary of Iowa, will visit some of the churches in northern Iowa on his way to the Central Union Conference.

Bro. N. B. Emerson, of Topeka, Kan., was called to the deathbed of his father, at Esbon, Kan., Sabbath, February 13. We unite in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The General Conference has set apart Sabbath, March 5, as the time for a special collection to be taken throughout all the churches of the land in behalf of the Religious Liberty work.

Sister Olsen, formerly of the Chicago Sanitarium, is now making a *Life Boat* tour. She spent one week in Lincoln, Neb., made a short stop at Bellville, Kan., and proceeded to Denver, Colo.

Eld. E. T. Russell left College View Sunday, February 21, for St. Louis to attend a council in the interest of the work in that city. From there he will go to Keene, Texas, to attend the Southwestern Union Conference.

Eld. W. C. White has appointed a meeting for the general publishing committee, which will convene in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Omaha, Neb., near the corner of 25th St., and Indiana Ave., March 2 and 3. We hope that as many as can will plan to be in attendance at this meeting, as it will be an important gathering.

IF there were no danger of our being led off into the idolatrous views of pantheism, or the deification of all nature, and if the inculcation of such views did not tend to laxity in morals and the breaking down of family ties, the Lord surely would not be sending us such instruction as He is sending us at the present time. Let all arouse to comprehend the dangers surrounding us and the delusions by which the enemy has sought to entrap us.