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### Giving

A GOOD evidence of firm faith and true piety is liberal and frequent giving.

When our liberality ceases it is an evidence that we have either lost our love for the truth or our faith in it.

The only time when we can safely stop giving is when we cease receiving.

Those who give to worthy, Christian enterprises are simply lending unto the Lord.

Now is the time to give, while the gifts may do some good; after probation closes, gifts will be of no avail.

While all who reach heaven will be happy, some may have to be contented with small mansions in the next world because they sent so little ahead to build them with.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

### A Season of Disasters

THE way the year has started out, 1904 bids fair to become a memorable one for great disasters. First was the great panic and loss of life on New Year's day in the Iriquois Theater in Chicago. Then the beautiful capitol building of Iowa caught fire, and was considerably

damaged. Then came the destruction by fire of the entire business portion of Baltimore, causing a property loss exceeded only by the great Chicago fire of 1870. Then war broke out between Russia and Japan, another disaster threatening to eventuate yet in a world war. Then Rochester, one of the most beautiful of American cities, had a big blaze. And last is reported the entire destruction of the Wisconsin state capitol building by fire. Surely we are living in eventful times. Property in this world is very insecure. We would better be transferring what we have to the next world.

W. A. COLCORD.

### The Special Collection for March 12

SINCE our last issue the time for the special collection for the religious liberty work has been changed from March 5 to March 12. We hope there will be a good, liberal collection on that day. There is urgent need for religious liberty work being done. There are two Sunday bills before Congress at the present time, one "a bill requiring certain places of business in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday," which the commissioners of the District have recommended for passage. Seven bills involving the Sabbath question have been introduced into the present legislature of Massachusetts. One is also pending in the Canadian Parliament. Everywhere Sunday enforcement is being agitated. Everywhere the voice of warning and protest should be raised and the light of truth disseminated. Surely at such a time as this we should not stand idly by and allow the devil to have everything his own way. A warning must be given.

W. A. COLCORD.



**Religious Liberty Offering**

IN accordance with a recommendation of the General Conference Council, Sabbath, March 12, has been chosen for a special offering to be taken up for the religious liberty work. Some may feel that calls are being made too often for special collections, but could all see the pressing needs of the various branches of the work, they with those who have these lines of work in charge would see that the calls are imperative, and that advance steps must be taken in order to meet the issues.

Literature must be prepared for use at the World's Fair at St. Louis. Workers must be furnished for this particular line of work. For some time our available supply of literature on religious liberty has been very meager. Many broad-minded men have first become interested in our work from this kind of literature. Shall we not all unite at the time appointed in giving a good, liberal collection for this important work?—*Echoes from the Field.*

**Compare This with Revelation 13: 16, 17**

IN a sermon preached in Burlington, Kansas, Sunday, January 31, 1904, the Rev. Dr. Bascom Robins said:—

"In the Christian decalogue the first day was made the Sabbath by divine appointment. But there is a class of people who will not keep the Christian Sabbath unless they are forced to do so; but that can be easily done. We have twenty million of men, besides women and children, in this country, who want this country to keep the Christian Sabbath. If we would say we will not sell anything to them, we will not buy anything from them, we will not work for them, or hire them to work for us, the thing could be wiped out, and all the world would keep the Christian Sabbath."

Compare this with Revelation 13: 16, 17, and see how clearly this man has outlined a plan for the fulfillment of this scripture. Who can doubt that the so-called "Christian Sabbath" is the mark here referred to? Who cannot see that we are nearing the time when those who refuse to keep Sunday will be boycotted, and, by means of the boycott, "forced," if possible, to keep it? Through this false, unscriptural institution, Satan intends that "all the world" shall worship the beast and his image, or be killed. The wrath of the dragon is bound up in this thing. We are coming up to the great issue. Soon we shall be face to face with the foe. Let courage rise with danger. Our Captain is in command. He will lead us on to victory.

W. A. COLCORD.

**Be Careful What You Sign**

ONE of the plans of the so-called "Reform Bureau," of Washington, D. C., is to send out petitions, praying for the passage of certain measures, to be signed and returned to the congressman from the state or district where signed. By this means it is hoped to influence legislation. Some of the measures called for are apparently only temperance measures, but no one should forget that back of the whole "Reform Bureau" work is entrenched the Sunday-law movement and Nat. Reformism straight.

The following is a sample of the petitions referred to:—

HON. E. J. BURKETT:

Believing the conditions to demand and public sentiment to favor protection of the State Liquor Laws against outside nullifiers, who plead "inter-state commerce rights" for so-called "original packages," undersigned respectfully urges your committee to make favorable report on the Hepburn-Dolliver Bill.

Not only have our people in College View been asked to sign this and other similar petitions, but to circulate them as well. Writing of the bill referred to in this petition, Eld. J. S. Washburn, of Washington, says, "This is one of W. F. Crafts' pet measures. I hope no Seventh day Adventist will sign the petition. I should certainly let alone any measure favored by Mr. Crafts."

Surely we do not care to help on the Sunday-law movement, or deliberately to assist a cause that in the end will take away our liberties. Let us be careful, therefore, what we sign.

W. A. COLCORD.

**Put to Better Use**

It is said of Napoleon that one day, while visiting an old church, he saw twelve large silver statues, and inquired what they were. He was told that they represented the twelve apostles. He immediately ordered his soldiers to take them down and coin them into money, so that they might go out and do good as their Master did.

Recently a lady who was desirous of helping our work in Australia, handed over a diamond ring valued at \$80. With tears in her eyes, she said, "I would gladly do more, it seems so little." She was blessed in giving.

Anciently, when the temple was being erected, it is said, "And they with whom precious stones were found, gave them to the treasure



of the house of the Lord." "Then the people rejoiced, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy."

"Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say Rejoice," says the apostle. But in order to rejoice evermore, we must learn to give evermore. Not only does the giver rejoice, but it causes the King to rejoice as well.

Let us examine our homes and see if there are any silver statues or other useless things that can be spared and converted into money, and made a help and blessing to the work and a joy to the King. D. H. KRESS.

#### Funds For Our Washington Enterprises

We are now ready to give our people an opportunity to make offerings for suitably establishing the headquarters of this cause in the city of Washington, D. C. The communications that directed us to the capital of our nation clearly pointed out the course we should take to establish our work here. We are to establish a printing house, a sanitarium, and a school. We are also to make a strong proclamation of the truth in the city. We are to train workers for all parts of the great harvest field.

During the Washington Council last fall this instruction was placed before the delegates. They looked the location over, and studied the general plans. After a most thorough, deliberate consideration of all the features of the situation, the following decisions were unanimously agreed to:—

First, That we look to the proceeds that should come from the Review and Herald assets in Battle Creek for the necessary funds to build and equip the printing house in Washington.

Second, That we call for \$100,000 with which to provide the General Conference offices, the sanitarium, and the school.

The amount specified is not more than will be needed, but it is more than we who were located in Washington had dared to think of asking for. But the delegates, one and all, looked at the conditions and needs of the work in a most practical and courageous way, and refused to allow a smaller sum to be named. As stated in a former report this splendid manifestation of confidence, good judgment, and courage, lifted a great burden from my heart, and gave me hope for much regarding this enterprise.

We now have the various departments pretty well organized, and the general plans quite clearly outlined.

The publishing interests are represented by a legal corporation with a large and wholly denominational constituency, a good board of directors, and experienced officers. Its work is moving along as encouragingly as could be expected under the circumstances. Large facilities are needed, but they cannot be provided at present.

As has been reported recently, the medical work is being looked after. The board of trustees has elected officers, appointed department committees, and begun preparations for opening city treatment-rooms and for building on the Takoma park site.

A provisional school board has been appointed, and officers elected to develop the school interests. The members of the board are, Professor W. T. Bland, W. A. Spicer, J. S. Washburn, A. P. Needham, and A. G. Daniells. The officers elected are: Chairman, A. G. Daniells; Secretary and Treasurer, W. T. Bland; Financial Secretary, J. S. Washburn. Steps have already been taken to secure the services of one of our brethren to act as architect and builder, for the school board.

The board of management have agreed on the following division of the \$100,000: for the General Conference building, land, and expenses in moving the headquarters to Washington, \$10,000; for school land, buildings, furniture, and improvement of land for cultivation, \$30,000; for the sanitarium, land, buildings, and city treatment-rooms, \$60,000.

Those who have had experience in establishing school and sanitarium enterprises will say at once that the amounts named for these are not enough. It is not all that will eventually be required if the blessing of God attends the work. But it is all that has been voted, and it is sufficient to start with. We shall thank God for this much.

Now, brethren and sisters, we are prepared to begin operations. Our first step will be to give all our people in the United States an opportunity to make an offering to these enterprises. While the money is beginning to come in, we shall begin preliminary arrangements so that we can proceed to purchase material, and build as soon as we have the means.

Our first great pressing need now is money.



The sanitarium and school boards have thought it wise to arrange for Elder J. S. Washburn to take the responsibility of soliciting funds. His whole soul is in this Washington work. The Lord has laid the burden on his heart. He will place the situation in all its phases before our people by articles in our papers, and by correspondence. Brother Washburn will be pleased to answer questions and give information to all.

Please note that all offerings should be sent to the treasurer of the General Conference. Brother Washburn does not wish to receive the money. His duty and burden is to do what he can to solicit the funds. The General Conference treasurer will apply the offerings exactly as requested, and return receipts. An acknowledgment of funds received will be made through the *Review*.

The Lord has commanded us to establish His work at the nation's capital. He knows we must have means. We believe He will send us what we need. I suppose we have but little realization of what all this means, and the part it will play in the closing scenes of this work. Let us all respond quickly and liberally to this call.

A. G. DANIELLS.

### Danger in Speculative Knowledge

#### A RENEWAL OF THE STRAIGHT TESTIMONY

THE Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a revival of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death.

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power.

Perilous times are before us. Everyone who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide-awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His word. He has spoken to us through the Testimonies to the church, and

through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. Let not human reason be placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.

#### SEEK THE FIRST LOVE

Into the hearts of many who have been long in the truth there has entered a hard, judicial spirit. They are sharp, critical, fault-finding. They have climbed upon the judgment-seat, to pronounce sentence upon those who do not conform to their ideas. God calls upon them to come down, and bow before Him in repentance, confessing their sins. He says to them: "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." They are striving for the first place, and by their words and acts they make many hearts sore.

Against this spirit, and against the false religion of sentimentalism, which is equally dangerous, I bear my warning. Take heed, brethren and sisters. Who is your leader,—Christ, or the angel that fell from heaven? Examine yourselves, and know whether you are sound in the faith.

#### THE WORD OF GOD OUR SAFE-GUARD

Our watchword is to be, "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." We have a Bible full of the most precious knowledge. The Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Take the Bible as your study-book. All can understand its instruction.



I call upon our ministers, physicians, and all church members to study the lessons that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension. These lessons contain instructions that the people need.

Eternal life is obtained only by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," Christ declared, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. . . . I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. . . . Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. . . . It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Christ calls upon His people to believe and practise His word. Those who receive and assimilate this word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that their faith is of heavenly origin. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong, consistent Christian characters.

In the golden censer of truth as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present, in the simplicity of Christ, the truths that He came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not present theories or tests that Christ has never mentioned, and that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn truths to present. "It is written," is the test that must be brought home to every soul.

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy's voice may still be heard calling, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." It is only when spiritual life is given, that rest is found, and lasting good secured. We must be able to say, in storm and

tempest, "My anchor holds."

Let us go to the word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a "Thus saith the Lord." We have had enough of human methods. A mind trained only in worldly science fails to understand the things of God; but this same mind, converted and sanctified, will see the divine power in the word. Only the mind and heart cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things.

Brethren, in the name of the Lord I call upon you to awake to your duty. Let your hearts be yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit, and they will be made susceptible to the teaching of the word. Then you will be able to discern the deep things of God.

May God bring His people under the deep movings of His Spirit. May He lead them to arouse, to see their peril, and to prepare for what is coming upon the earth

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### Life Insurance

WHILE Christ tells us not to lay up our treasures on earth, Satan is constantly seeking to influence men to do so. One of the means by which he does this is through what is known as life insurance. A few reasons why life insurance is not Christian are:—

1. Because it is contrary to Christ's instruction.
2. Because it tends to make men trust in money rather than in God.
3. Because it is a traffic, speculation, and lottery in human life,
4. Because, to the extent one goes into it, to that extent he takes the keeping of his life out of God's hands.
5. Because it places the means invested beyond our power and control, and thus deprives himself, the rightful owner, of its use, and the cause of God needed help.
6. Because it encourages suicide and murder.
7. Because it entangles Christians in worldly concerns.
8. Because the Lord, through the Testimonies, has told us not to engage in it.
9. Because, contrary to the Bible, it teaches men to be anxious about the future as to what we shall eat, drink, and wear.
10. Because we should be planning for translation and not for death.



## Missionary

Conducted by Miss Katie Coleman

### Longing for Christian Sympathy

THE *Life Boat* is touching the hearts of many behind prison bars. A prisoner in the Indiana State Prison, writing to the *Life Boat*, says "It is seventeen years and ten months that I have been here. A long time. Oh, God, how long! Do you know of some good Christian that will take an interest in me and correspond with me?" We are glad some in our ranks have taken an interest in those in prison, and are trying to help them by bringing hope and cheer into their darkened lives. The April number of the *Life Boat* is to be sent to the entire prison population of the country. W. A. COLCORD.

### The Neglected Continent

EVER do we need our attention directed to the great work before us in giving this gospel of the kingdom to all the world,—a work that must be done in this generation.

"The field is the world." From every direction and from every quarter of earth's vast domains comes the pleading call, "Come over and help us." In these few brief lines we wish only to call attention to our sister continent, South America, which is often spoken of in missionary circles as "the Neglected Continent."

Truly it is a great neglected field, but its great need is the call for us to arise quickly and possess the land. It appeals to us by 40,000,000 voices, many of whom are anxiously waiting to hear the message of the soon coming Saviour.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to the harvest." If ever there has been a time when many are anxiously waiting to hear God's great truth, it is now. The openly expressed petition of the poor heathen woman down in the thralldom of heathen darkness, is simply the unexpressed, unwritten desire of hundreds, yes thousand, all over this world.

Though held for centuries in the iron grasp of Romanism, there are many in the South American countries that are anxiously waiting to receive the message when it is brought to them. Their eagerness to hear and receive is simply God's call to us to move on and quickly finish the work.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." This work will then certainly include all of the nations of South America as well as all of the rest of the world. There will be no neglected fields then.

A. R. OGDEN.

### The Science of Canvassing, No. 3

LET every Seventh day Adventist ask himself, "What can I do to proclaim the Third Angel's Message?" Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, and people. How are we to give it?

The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporters are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere.

In the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who received it. Thus it will be in the distribution of our literature. God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly. And as the disciples, by Christ's direction, gathered up the fragments, that nothing might be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time. None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the Third Angel's Message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth.

There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by publications,—the books, papers, and tracts, that are filled with Bible truth that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which shall prosper this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good result of giving away a leaflet containing present truth.

Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help someone more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in the strength of God. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the ex-



perience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted.

Those in darkness and error are the purchase of the blood of Christ, and they are to be labored for. Let our canvassers know that it is for the advancement of Christ's kingdom that they are working. He will teach them as they go forth to their God-appointed work, to warn the world of the soon-coming judgment. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the canvasser-evangelist's work will not, cannot, be without fruit.

Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work. As the Father loves the Son, so the Son loves those that are His, those who work as He worked to save perishing souls. None need feel that they are powerless; for the power of Christ may be their power. He desires all to enjoy the wealth of His grace, which is beyond all computation. It is limitless, exhaustless. It is ours by eternal covenant, if we will be workers together with God.

The evangelist who engages in canvassing work is performing a service fully as important as that of preaching before a congregation. God looks upon the faithful, evangelistic canvasser with as much approval as He looks upon the faithful minister.—*From forthcoming Testimonies, Vol. VIII.*

#### A Year for Jesus

DR. PAULSON, editor of the *Life Boat*, furnishes the following interesting letter from Miss Alberta Wiest, who a year ago was working in a Pennsylvania factory. She left Chicago November 15, 1903, and since then has ordered ten thousand *Life Boats*. The letter was written to Mrs. Paulson, and reads as follows:—

DEAR SISTER: We had some very good meetings at Nashville, and some of the most varied experiences that I ever had. The papers wrote up our work, and many of the people had read about it, and so were very nice to us when we came around with the *Life Boat*. I sold twenty-nine papers in a Presbyterian publishing house.

One evening Dr. Hayward came to us and told us that if we cared to do a little missionary work, we could go to the city hospital and accompany a family with their dead

to the undertaker's; so Sister Fuller, my fellow worker, went, and she had an interesting experience. She had promised that one of us would attend the funeral, and begged me to go; so next morning I got up at five o'clock, and the undertaker called for me at six, and took me to the station, where he put me in charge of the grief-stricken family, who were very nice people. But they could not bear up under the grief that had overtaken them. I tried with the Lord's help to comfort these poor people.

We first went by train, and yet had twelve miles further to go. We drove in wagons through the rain, over roads that were just dreadful, over mountains and through streams and mud. I often thought we would upset. It was one of the saddest trips that you can well imagine. After a ride of three hours and a half we got to the place where the woman was to be buried. In the mean time the family had become very much dissatisfied with the manner of the woman's death, and they decided to have a post mortem examination. They had three doctors there, and I was called upon to do half a dozen things at once. The family seemed from the first to depend on me for everything. They were very poor, having just the barest household necessities in the house. You can imagine under what conditions the post mortem examination was held. I was the only woman present, and the doctors made a regular nurse out of me. I was sorry that I was not a trained nurse, but when I mentioned this to one of the doctors he was kind enough to say that he would not have known the difference, and that I did all right.

When we were through, I looked about for the minister to hold the service, when to my utter astonishment the family told me that they had depended upon me. Well, I planned for some way of escape, and then I tried to think of all that I had ever heard said at funerals. Oh! I felt so weak. I said, "Lord what can I say to comfort these poor people without a few minutes preparation at least, and not knowing hardly anything about the family." But when I stood beside that coffin and before those bereaved people, my heart went out to them, and I spoke to them as if the woman had been my sister indeed. The Lord must have helped me, for more than one member of the family, and even some of the friends came to me and said, "You said just the right thing for me," and the dear old mother just put her arms around my neck and sobbed out, "God bless you." I felt so weak, for there are so many people whom I know could have done it so much better.

After the service I rode back to the town with one of the doctors, and he told me those people would never forget me, and that he wished to thank me very much, as a friend of the family, for the interest I had shown in them. I praise the Lord that He saw fit to use even me in all my weakness.

Sunday a week ago, we visited the State Penitentiary in Nashville, and the superintendent (who has a finely organized Sunday-school among about five hundred prisoners) asked us both to teach, and after the classes he gave me ten minutes to speak to the prisoners. Some present made the remark that evidently the *Life Boat* representatives were a sunshine to the prisoners, and it is indeed true there was a feeling shown toward us that they will not accord to anyone else. In my class the men showed the best of interest. When I spoke to them all,



I asked them how many were acquainted with the *Life Boat*, and every hand went up; and then I asked them how many read it, and the same demonstration was shown.

When I speak to these men, I feel so strongly that but for the grace of God I might be in a similar position, and it always helps me to say something to them, and they do seem to appreciate it. I daily thank the Lord for a part in this work. Little by little the Lord makes use of me.

ALBERTA WIEST.

#### Life Boat Work in St. Louis

TWENTY-FIVE persons are now selling *Life Boats* in St. Louis. The paper is thus becoming well and favorably known there. By the time the Exposition opens it is expected that the number selling it will be increased so that not only all in the city but a large percentage of the visitors also may be supplied.

### Sabbath-School Dep't.

#### Among the Sabbath-schools in Nebraska

THE Sabbath-school department sounds forth the note of good cheer and advancement. The work is onward and the interest in this department is not falling behind that of the other departments. A few figures from the summary report of the last quarter ending Dec. 31, 1903 may help to give some accurate idea of the Sabbath-school work. Present membership, 2,456, average attendance 1,805, average per cent of attendance 73.5, number of classes 378.

Of the entire membership 46 per cent are in the senior department. The average donations from each member for the quarter was a very small fraction over one cent for each Sabbath.

The Home Department work is slowly but surely coming into the important position it deserves to occupy. In the Local Home Department the number of members reported for the last quarter was fifty-six. It is expected that the number will be larger than this in the report for the present quarter.

It is truly encouraging to see how nearly all the schools are working in harmony with the same general principles, and the oneness of their aim will surely bring the desired results.

Last quarter three very good and instructive conventions were held, one at Beaver City, another at Aurora, and the third at Seward. On Feb. 7, 1904, a convention was held at Blair,

which was very largely attended by representatives or delegates from the different Sabbath-schools in district three.

I have been able so far to visit fifteen of the Sabbath-school companies in their weekly Sabbath-school, and about an equal number of Sabbath-school companies during the week. I hope to be able to visit a goodly number in the spring and summer.

May the Lord add His rich blessings to the work that is done in His name in this line.

ALICE I. TEEPLE,

Sec'y S. S. Dept.

#### A Promise for the Future

A MOST valuable series of articles entitled, "Hints and Helps for Sabbath-school Teachers," will begin in the April number of the *Sabbath-school Worker*. These articles are by a veteran teacher and Sabbath-school worker, Prof. C. C. Lewis. The following list of topics will give some idea of the treat that is in store for our readers:—

Introduction:

"The teachers calling and opportunity."

The teacher in his study:

"The study of the lesson;" "The study of the pupils;" "How to adapt the lesson to the pupils."

The teacher before his class:

"How to secure and hold attention;" "How to make the lesson clear and forcible;" "How to ask questions;" "How to manage the class;" "How to review."

The teacher outside his class:

"Being what he wants his pupils to be;" "Winning confidence and influencing pupils;" "Counseling and aiding pupils;" "Helping pupils to decide for Christ."

We especially urge all schools that have not yet sent in an order for the journal, to do so at once, that they may have the benefit of this complete series.

Order of the Review and Herald, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C. Single copy one year, 35 cents; two or more copies to one address, each 25 cents.

We must educate the youth, that they may learn how to work for the salvation of souls. Let every teacher and scholar ask, "What can I do that can be counted as good service for Him who has died that I might live?"



## The Home

### Never Punish a Child in Anger

CHILDREN are sometimes very provoking, and parents are sometimes very much provoked. It is not always wrong to punish a child. A child may need punishing, and it may be the parent's duty to punish a child accordingly. But it is always wrong for a parent to punish a child in anger; and however great may be the need of a child's punishing, a parent ought never to administer punishment to a child while angry.

Here is a rule which, strictly speaking, knows no exception; yet, as a matter of fact, probably nine-tenths of all the punishing of children that is done by parents in this world is done in anger. And this is one of the wrongs suffered by children through the wrong-doing of their parents.

Anger is hot blood. Anger is passion. Anger is for the time being a controlling emotion, fixing the mind's eye on the one point against which it is specifically directed, to the forgetfulness of all else. But punishment is a judicial act, calling for a clear mind, and a cool head, and a fair considering of every side of the case in hand. Anger is inconsistent with the exercise of the judicial faculty; therefore no one is competent to judge fairly while angry.

There are strong provocatives to anger in many a child's conduct, especially to a parent who is of an intense nature, with an inclination to quickness of temper. A child is disobedient at a point where he has been repeatedly told of his duty; he is quarrelsome with his playmates, or insolent towards his superiors; he is persistently irritable, or he gives way to a fit of ungovernable rage; he destroys property recklessly, or he endangers life and limb; he snatches away a plaything from a little brother, or he clutches his hands into his mother's hair; he indulges in foul language, or he utters threats of revenge; he meets a proffered kiss with a slap or a scratch; his conduct may be even that which would excite anger in a saint, but it certainly is such as to excite anger in the average parent—who is not a saint. Then, while the parent is angry, and while punishment seems merited by the child, the temptation of the parent is to administer punishment; but that temptation is one that ought never to

be yielded to, or, if yielded to, it is not without sin. The punishment which the child gets in such a case is the result of the passion of the parent, not of the parent's sense of justice; and the child knows this to be the case, whether the parent does or not.

Punishment may be needed in such a case, but the punishment, to be surely just and to be recognized as just, must be well considered, and must be administered in a manner to show that it is not the outcome of passionate impulse. No punishment ought to be administered by a parent at any time that would not be administered by that parent when he was cool and calm and deliberate, and after he had a full and free talk on the subject with the child, in the child's best state of mind.

How many boxes of the ear, and shakings of the shoulders, and slappings and strikings, and sentences of doom, which the children now get from their parents, would never be given if only the parents refrained from giving these while angry, but waited until they themselves were calm and unruffled, before deciding to give them or not! It is not by any means easy for a parent always to control himself in his anger, so as to refrain from acting on the impulse which his anger imparts; but he who has not control of himself is the last person in the world to attempt the control of others. And not until a parent has himself in perfect control ought he to take his child in hand for the judicial investigation and treatment of his case as an evil-doer.—*H. C. Trumbull, in Hints on Child Training.*

## Notices

### A Message Giving Issue

THE publishers of the *Southern Watchman* are preparing to issue a special number on the Second Coming of Christ and the signs just preceding it. Some of the special signs that will be considered are: "Among the Nations," "In the Heavens," "War Preparations," "The Eastern Question," "Capital and Labor," "The Money Problem," "The Trusts," "Troublous Times," etc., besides articles on "A Message of Warning," "Can the Revelation be Understood?" "The Three Messages of Revelation Fourteen," "The Book of Daniel," "The Savior's Testimony," "Close of Probation," "Present Truth,"



"Manner of Christ's Coming," "The Judgment," "The Resurrection Morning," "How Does the Second Advent Affect the Wicked," "The Thousand Years."

The Testimonies tell us that the time has now come for "publications containing the truth to be scattered like the leaves of autumn." With Eld. George I. Butler, editor, and Elder Haskell as one of the assistant editors, the friends of the cause may expect that this number will give the true ring of the message, but in such a way as not to create prejudice. The object will be to present these questions in a clear, brief, and concise manner, and in simple language, so that it will reach and be understood by the common people.

This number will be ready about the first of May. As the month of May is usually a very pleasant time of year, it will give all an opportunity of getting out and circulating the stirring truths that will be presented in the special issue. In view of the present difficulties in the Far East, and other startling events that are now taking place, this is a most opportune time for bring out something pertaining to the special signs of our times.

There was an excellent work begun in many states with the "Capital and Labor" number of the *Signs*, and now this special issue of the *Watchman*, containing the more advanced truths of the message, will afford a most excellent opportunity of following up the interest already awakened. We trust that it may have a circulation of several hundred thousand copies.

It is the aim of the publishers to make this the most attractive, best illustrated, the most rapid selling, and in every respect the greatest message giving issue of any special number ever published by us as a denomination. From the character of its contents already described there is reason to believe that it will be so.

Notwithstanding the fact that this number will contain twenty-four pages, printed in two colors, have an appropriate cover design, and be profusely illustrated, yet it will be furnished at the following low rates: single copies, 5 cents; 5 to 24 copies, to one address, 4 cents per copy, 25 or more copies to one address, 3 cents per copy.

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publication a list of names, and single copies will be sent direct to the individuals at the following rates: 1 to 24 copies, 5 cents per copy; 25 to 99 copies, 4 cents per copy; 100 or more copies, 3½ cents per copy. This includes wrapping, addressing, and mailing.

No efforts are being spared to make this special number one that will sell at sight. The significant events which are now transpiring throughout the world certainly afford good opportunity for approaching people with a paper of this kind. We trust that these things will inspire every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to greater activity, and that this special issue of the *Watchman* may be circulated far and wide, and thus be the means of bringing this last message of warning to hundreds of thousands who as yet know it not.

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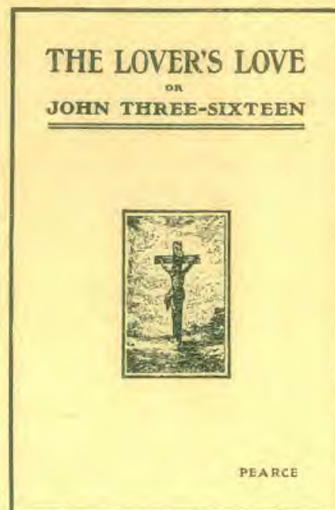
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Fathers and mothers will find an excellent article in our home page of this number.

The collection for the Omaha work last Sabbath at the College View church amounted to \$22.73.

A canvassers' institute will be held at Minneapolis, Kansas, at the close of the Central Union Conference.

Elder Luther Warren spent a day at College View last week, speaking twice to the students of the College.

Owing to ill health Elder Hoopes has not been able to attend the early part of the Central Union Conference.

In one of the little ten-cent-a-week envelopes collected at College View last Sabbath, was found a gold chain.

There are over one hundred delegates in attendance at the Central Union Conference now in session at Omaha.

Eld. C. A. Burman, president of the South Dakota Conference, spent last Sabbath and Sunday in College View.

The weekly offerings to foreign missions by the College View church for January and February, amount to \$110.44.

The special course at the College closed March 1. All who attended expressed much satisfaction with the entire course.

Sunday evening, March 6, Elder Warren spoke on "What the Great Eastern War Means to Omaha," in Germania Hall of that city.

The April *Life Boat* is to be a special prison number, and an effort is to be made to send it to the entire prison population of the country.

The *Life Boat* and *Good Health* can still be obtained for one dollar a year, and the *Life Boat* and the *Pacific Health Journal* for sixty-five cents.

Eld. F. M. Wilcox, chaplain of the Boulder Sanitarium, who has come east to attend the Central Union Conference, gave us a pleasant call last Sunday.

A special number of the *Southern Watchman*, "brim full of present truth," devoted especially to the advent message and signs of the times, is to be issued in May. See notice on another page. The paper will doubtless be worthy a large circulation both North and South.

The following brethren from abroad are in attendance at the Central Union Conference: A. G. Daniells, W. W. Prescott, W. C. White, J. E. White, I. H. Evans, I. A. Ford, H. A. Hall, J. B. Blosser, P. T. Magan, C. M. Ernest, S. N. Curtiss, A. G. Haughey, and D. W. Reavis.

Now is the time to work. Just recently we have been told that soon troubles will arise that will not cease till the Lord comes. We are certainly coming down very near to the end. Let every lamp be trimmed and burning, and let every effort possible to advance the message be put forth now.

Miss Alice I. Teeple has spent about three weeks visiting among the Sabbath-schools in the north-eastern part of Nebraska since the Sabbath-school convention at Blair last month. She reports having had a very pleasant and profitable time. She visited the companies at Tekamah, Decatur, Ponca, Hartington, Norfolk, Oakdale, and Petersburg.

Speaking of Sunday legislation in Massachusetts, the *Atlantic Gleaner* says, "Seven bills involving the Sabbath question have already been introduced into the present legislature," and adds, "It is not difficult to see that old New England, on whose soil the principles of religious liberty were first sown in this country, is going to be the first in departing from these principles." And as New England goes the rest of the country will go.