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Evangelical.

Compassion.

"What a pattern to His people, the tender COMPASSION of Jesus! He found the world he came to save a moral Bethesda. The wail of suffering humanity was ever borne to His ear. It was His delight to walk its porches, to pity, relieve, comfort, save! The faintest cry of misery arrested His footsteps—stirred a ripple in this fountain of infinite love. Was it a leper—that dreaded name which entailed a life-long exile from friendly looks and kindly words? There was One, at least, who had tones and deeds of tenderness for the outcast. 'JESUS being moved with compassion, put forth His hand and touched him.' Was it some blind beggars on the Jerico highway, groping in darkness, pleading for help? 'JESUS stood still, and had compassion on them, and touched their eyes!' Was it the speechless pleading of a widow's tears at the gate of Nain, when she followed her earthly pride and prop to the grave? 'When the LORD saw her, He had

compassion on her, and said, weep not!' Even when he rebukes, the bow of compassion is seen in the cloud, or rather, that cloud, as it passes, dissolves in a rain-shower of mercy. He pronounces Jerusalem 'DESOLATE,' but the doom is uttered amid a flood of anguished sorrow!

Reader, do the compassionate words and deeds of a tender Saviour find any feeble echo and transcript in yours? As you traverse in in thought the wastes of human wretchedness, does the spectacle give rise, not to the mere emotional feeling which weeps itself away in sentimental tears, but an earnest desire to do SOMETHING to mitigate the sufferings of woe-worn humanity? How world-wide the claims on your compassion!—now near, now at a distance—the unmet and unanswered cry of perishing millions abroad—the heathendom which lies unsuccored at your own door—the public charity languishing—the mission staff dwarfed and crippled from lack of needed funds—a suffering district—a starving family—a poor neighbor, a helpless orphan—it may be, some crowded hovel, where misery and vice run riot—or some lonely sick-chamber, where the dim lamp has been wasting for dreary nights—or some desolate home which death has entered, where 'Joseph is not, and Simeon is not,' where some sobbing heart, under the tattered garb of poverty, mourns, unsoled and unpitied, its 'loved and lost.' Are there none such within your reach, to whom a trifling pittance would be as an angel of mercy? How it would hallow and enhance all you possess, were you to seek to live as almoner of Jehova's bounties! If he has given you of this world's substance, remember it is bestowed, not to be greedily hoarded or lavishly squandered. Property and

wealth are talents to be traded on and laid out for the good of others—sacred trusts, not selfishly to be enjoyed, but generously to be employed.

'The poor are the representatives of Jesus, their wants He considers as His own,' and he will recompense accordingly. The feeblest expression of Christian pity and love, though it be but the widow's mite, or the cup of cold water, or the kindly look and word where there is neither mite nor cup to give, yet, if done in HIS name, is entered in the 'book of life' as a loan to the Lord; and in that day when 'the books are opened,' the loan will be paid back with usury.'—Selected.

"The fact that we are called upon to endure trial, proves that the Lord Jesus sees in us something very precious, which He desires to develop. If He saw in us nothing whereby He might glorify His name He would not spend time in refining us. We do not take special pains in pruning brambles. Christ does not cast worthless stones into His furnace. It is valuable ore that He tests.

The blacksmith puts the iron and steel into the fire that He may know what manner of metal they are. The Lord allows His chosen ones to be placed in the furnace of affliction, in order that He may see what temper they are of, and whether he can mold and fashion them for His work."

Advice To Missionaries.

Keep humble like your only model, the Lord Jesus. Read the word of God and pray often. Do only one thing at a time. Do not criticise the people you work amongst or make fun of their faith. Be sympathetic, take good care of your bodily health, and in the name of God, do not betray confidences.

Educational.

Depend On Yourselves.

If you would be anything, or do anything in this world, begin at once, and don't wait for somebody to come along and give you a lift. There are thousands of young people to-day waiting for some venerable friend to shuffle off this mortal coil and leave them a few thousands. Then, say they, there will be some use in trying, and they will shortly double or treble the sum, and a fortune will result. But the young men and women who have the courage to start at once on their life-work, and leave future difficulties to be overcome as they appear, are those for whom the world waits to solve its problems and develop its resources. But these are all too seldom found. The majority are found waiting for help at every turn. And to father, mother, brother, sister, or the successful friend who has had the courage to grapple with adverse circumstances and conquer them, he appeals again and again for aid, and they give it. But there is little or no improvement in his condition; and the very aid that should have enabled him to get a footing from which to advance, has left him instead weak and more dependent, from the very fact that he feels that where he fails to make the effort he would, if he had only himself between him and want. One primary need in every character that would develop a sturdy manhood or womanhood, is the ability to decide for self any and all questions; for where this quality is wanting, the individual invariably asks some other one's opinion, and if he acts on this one's judgement now, and again some other one's, there will be apparent in his life a strange inconsistency of behavior that will mystify friends and repel acquaintances, and destroy all personal influence.

Now this quality of self-reliance, although to some extent a natural endowment, must be cultivated.

This many parents prevent by preparing everything to the hand of their children, so that no effort on their part is required to realize their wishes. And, as a rule, children of such parents are not the men and women that become famous. It is the rare exception that a youth reared in luxury and ease rises above mediocrity in anything. On the other hand, it is the sons and daughters of humble cottagers, who from very infancy have been thrown upon their own resources, first for amusement as they lay in the cradle while the mother toiled, and later to improvise playthings for themselves if they would have any; these are the characters who, having learned thus early this very important lesson, have developed into the self-made men and women that have blessed the world.

HATTIE E. ALLEE.

An Education While You Wait?

Not by any means for an education cannot be obtained without an effort. What do you read? Think over your reading the past year and what proportion of it helped to make a Christian worker. We are told in Vol. 7 of the Testimonies of the Church, "Form a home reading circle in which every member of the family shall lay aside the busy cares of the day and unite in study.....especially will the youth who have been accustomed to reading novels and cheap story books receive benefit from joining in the evening family study."

The Missionary Training School of Correspondence has been started with no other object than to help parents and young men and women to do this very thing for themselves, for their families, for the members of the church, and for their neighbors who should be interested in Bible study. You may ask, does the Missionary Training School of Correspondence prepare students to do practical missionary work? The following statements from those who are members of the school will answer the question: "I am very

thankful that the Lord has led me to take up this correspondence course. I have received great benefit from the lessons. I do not think I ever spent \$6.00 on myself for anything that has done me as much good as this. I wish I could have had the opportunity of studying something like this years ago."

Another writes: "The church voted to take up the Correspondence Course in their regular Sunday evening meetings. Four have signified their intention of joining the class. In every instance this includes the family. I secured another new student this morning."

Still another writes: "I am using the lessons sent out by the Correspondence School in the church where I am teaching. All that are old enough join in these studies and enjoy them very much. The first three Sabbaths the children outlined the chapters, but after that I invited all to take part. It would do one good to see how enthusiastic they are."

If you are not able to take a regular training in one of our schools and desire to prepare yourself for better work correspond with the Missionary Training School of Correspondence, Berrien Springs, Mich.

God's Call For The New Year.

The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work in the year opening before us. For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of this new year to place the light of present truth before those who are now in darkness. Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in his service. O, can we not remember that there is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as his helping hand? As we do this the love of Christ will touch and transform us, making us willing for his sake to do and dare.—E. G. WHITE.

Medical.**Hygiene and Home Sanitation.**

MRS. E. E. KELLOGG.

Upon the refrigerator likewise depends much of the family health. Moist food substances are just the soil in which germs love to grow. Under right conditions these foes to health multiply so rapidly that one single germ will in twenty-four hours increase to sixteen and one-half million. While cold does not destroy germs, it retards their growth. Germs imbedded in ice may live and resume activity when thawed out. This fact should remind us never to cool beverages of any sort by the addition of ice unless known to have come from an unpolluted source. Since a cold atmosphere lessens the propagation of germs, some form of cold storage is desirable for the keeping of foods. Intelligently used, a refrigerator is a valuable means for the purpose. Employed without forethought and care, it is far worse than nothing. There seems to be a notion prevalent that there is some virtue in the article itself; and if food is put into a refrigerator it is perfectly safe. Possibly it is thought the exclusion of air excludes the accompanying germs. This is not so, germs and spores enter the refrigerator along with its varied contents and they will increase in proportion as the conditions they find there are favorable. It is the possibility of surrounding the food with a temperature as low as 40 that makes a refrigerator useful. One from which the ice has mostly melted because of its humidity and warmth furnishes conditions under which food substances will spoil far more quickly than if left in the same temperature outside. That the refrigerator may properly serve its purpose, it must be kept at a temperature of equal coolness all the time. A thermometer should hang inside, to be consulted each time food is stored. It must be kept scrupulously clean. The little micro-organisms that spoil the food are invisible. That the in-

terior appears clean should not be sufficient. Its every part should be thoroughly disinfected with soap and hot water. Every groove, corner and projection should be included in this cleaning process. An atom left of any fermenting or decomposing food stuff is sufficient to start a whole new culture of germs. The lining too, must be kept intact; a tiny break or creak in the surface of the lining furnishes an excellent lurking place for germs.

When our sanitary conscience has become fully awakened, we shall realize that a healthy home depends upon absolute cleanliness of the entire premises and surroundings, that germs generated in the woodshed are just as dangerous as if propagated at the front door, and that a semblance of purity will not pass for the genuine article in matters of health. It is the thing least observable, the dark corners, the cluttered places, indoors and out of doors, which serve as most attractive harborage for germs. Here they are least likely to be disturbed; here they most frequently find the warmth and moisture which, together with the absence of light, are the favorable conditions for their growth. Some of these minute organisms are more likely to be of those sorts which breed disease.

It may be well to bear in mind,—

1. That most people eat more than is necessary for or conducive to health and strength.

2. That in their fear lest they should starve, many would-be vegetarians make themselves ill by taking too much of the more stimulating foods, such as peas, beans, lentils, nuts, and grains.

3. That fruits are not merely adjuncts to substantial food but are themselves substantial articles of diet. It is quite possible to sustain healthy life solely on some fruits.

"You can do nothing to bring the dead to life; but you can do much to save the living from death."

Financial.

January Tithe Receipts.	
Allegan	\$ 24 33
Agnew	63 51
Allendale	17 16
Ainger	21 75
Berrien Springs	37 02
Bushnell	28 73
Bedford	61 46
Blendon	39 70
Burlington	1 10
Battle Creek	1 90
Benton Harbor	42 62
Byron Center	10 12
Charlotte	76 19
Cedar Lake	23 13
Carson City	56 83
Carlton Center	39 13
Clifford Lake	33 79
Covert	8 00
Denver	14 56
Douglas	82 45
Decatur	42 99
Diamondale	49 59
Eaton Rapids	3 34
Edmore	103 34
Frost	3 00
Fremont	56 46
Grandville	8 22
Gowen	16 00
Grand Rapids	60
Grand Ledge	21 00
Greenville	100 00
Howard City	2 35
Hastings	7 52
Homer	24 59
Individuals	2 00
Kalamazoo	32 82
Kinderhook	38 12
Lowell	37 89
Lake Odessa	30 60
Lakeview	103 25
Lyons	33 65
Mecosta	26 10
Mendon	42 87
Maple Grove	65 57
Mt. Pleasant	5 00
Morley	5 00
Medical Dep't.	5 00
Otsego	32 84
Orange	40 37
Pottersville	23 00
Palo	16 28
Paw Paw	25 88
Quincy	117 18
Sand Lake	42 97
Shelby	75 70
Toquin	4 75
Trufant	37 96
West Leroy	33 40
Waverly	86 69
Wright	60 00
Total	\$2147 37

News and Notes.

—Elder Fred Brink visited Howard City and Mecosta last week.

—Elder A. G. Haughey met with the church at Otsego last Sabbath.

—Elder W. C. Hebner recently dedicated the new church at Maple Grove.

—About seventy more are awaiting baptism as the result of the recent revival meetings held in Battle Creek church. This makes a total of over two hundred.

—C. J. Buhaltz, who for some time was connected with the work at Berrien Springs, is at present in charge of the "Christ's Object Lessons" work in Indiana and reports excellent success.

—The Grand Rapids Young People's Society enjoyed a special season last Sabbath. Elder Luther Warren is spending a few days in that city where his efforts have been met with a hearty response.

—Elder S. H. Lane, of New York, is spending a few days at his home in Battle Creek, he having been called from his field of labor to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Thompson, of Bedford, who recently died of cancer.

—Elder W. C. Hebner spent several days last week at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, receiving treatment for an acute attack of pleurisy. We are glad to report that under the skillful treatment of that institution he rapidly recovered.

—The company which went to Ionia last week to engage in canvassing for "Great Controversy" is meeting with success. Ray Leslie has been ill ever since reaching Ionia, but is hopeful of entering the field in a few days.

—Members of the Conference who are passing through Battle Creek and desire to consult with the superintendent of the Educational Department can reach him by phone from the office of D. W. Reavis in the Review and Herald building.

—Elder A. T. Jones is to conduct some of the special lines in Bible in the Battle Creek Church Training School, and the Sanitarium is arranging to give a special three months course in practical hydrothrapy.

—The Misses Nina, Nellie and Jennie Nelson arrived at their former home in Cedar Lake last week, from Portland, Oregon. It was in many respects a sad homecoming to them for they left their father and mother buried in that distant state.

—We are glad to resume in this issue the series of articles on "Hygiene and Home Sanitation" from the pen of Mrs. E. E. Kellogg, which has been omitted from time to time on account of the space being filled with reports and conference proceedings.

—The dedication of the new church school building of Battle Creek, has been postponed until after the city fire commissioners have had opportunity to pass upon the building. It is hoped that the removal of the school will not be delayed longer than March 1st.

—Last Sabbath, February 13, Elder J. A. Brunson, of Nashville, Tenn., gave a powerful sermon in the tabernacle, upon the work of John the Baptist as a reformer in his time, preparing a people for the advent of the world's Redeemer, and drew from it an impressive lesson for the work of the ministry for this time in preparing a people for the soon, second coming of Christ.

—The Battle Creek Training school met for organization Monday evening February 15th. Classes were formed in General Bible; Special Bible; Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene; Science of Education and Canvassing. Class plans for a three months course have been arranged and it is hoped that several will be encouraged to enter actively into the work as a result of this training.

—The mail intended for the Department of Education which in-

cludes the church school and young people's work, should be addressed to J. G. Lamson, Review & Herald Building, Battle Creek, Mich. It was thought at first that the work of the department would be carried on from the Principal's Office of the new Academy Building but as this is not in the city limits, the mail facilities would be very inadequate and the Conference Committee decided that it would be best to conduct the work of the Department from the Review and Herald Building until other arrangements could be made.

—A most excellent meeting was held last Sabbath afternoon in the tabernacle, at which plans for the reorganization of the Young People's Society were discussed and heartily adopted. The organization has been placed upon the lines set forth in the Spirit of Prophecy. Many of the statements which have special reference to the young people's work, have been collected in a little manual which is now in the hands of the printers, and will be ready for distribution in a few days. Every person in the Conference should have a copy as it will give full instruction as to the method of organization for all the Young People's Societies in the Conference. This little manual will be sent out postpaid upon receipt of two two-cent stamps.

—In the young people's meeting in the tabernacle last Sabbath afternoon, the question of maintaining Doctor Keichline in Egypt was brought up and the question was asked the young people which they would prefer to do, send for the Doctor to come back or increase the donations so that there would be sufficient to maintain him in Egypt. The situation was placed before the young people and the hearty response which followed encourages the workers very much. The regular collection was taken amounting to nearly twenty-five dollars and over one hundred fifty handed in their names as being willing to donate ten cents per week for missionary effort. The recent meetings show that when the heart is truly converted, God's work will not be allowed to suffer because of lack of means.