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Preparation for the End.

TRUE consecration is the especial thing needed now by the Lord's people. This would bring all other blessings in its train, for God can trust his Holy Spirit with the individual who is *whole-hearted* in his service, and has given up *self*; and the Holy Spirit means everything to us.

Consecration is a full and complete surrender of everything to God. Many say, "I want to be an overcomer and be saved". Alas, many will be lost while *waiting* to be saved. The Lord says in "Steps to Christ", p. 49, "Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians". It will require more than a mere "want" or "desire" to save any one. This is shown in Luke 13:24. "Strive [Greek, agonize] to enter in at the strait gate; for many I say shall seek [want or wish] to enter in, and shall not be able." Such an intense longing for eternal life as will cause us to yearn for God "as the hart panteth for the water-brook", and to esteem his presence above every earthly consideration, will gain it.

How mighty God could work with such a company! None of the glory would be given to *self*.

When in days of old Gideon's army of thirty-two thousand was filled with faint-hearted, selfish persons, God could not work with it. It was cut down to ten thousand, ~~still the majority~~ cared more for ease and self than for God and his cause, and the Lord was unable to give them victory over their enemies. But when *three hundred consecrated men* were at his command, they were more than equal to the multiplied thousands of the enemy, and God gave a mighty victory to his cause, to the praise of his own glorious name. *Consecration* was the secret of their success.

Next week we will notice how this work may be done, and some of the results to us. But in the mean-

time, let us seek an individual experience, remembering the precious promise,—“Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with *all* your heart.”
D. E. SCOLES.

PERSONAL EFFORT IN SAVING MEN.

I AM convinced, after years of experience in the ministry, that five minutes personal, private entreaty will often accomplish more in winning souls to Christ than five months public preaching. The preaching may mean any one, or no one in the congregation; but when you speak directly, personally to me you mean me. Nathan's "Thou art the man" brought David to his knees, and he confessed "I have sinned against the Lord." Preaching runs all around men, and all over them, like a pail of water, sprinkled on a lot of corked bottles. Personal effort uncorks the bottle, puts in the funnel, and fills them one by one.

But some one may say, I do not know how to talk about religion. Then you had better learn how. But how and where shall I learn, you may ask? Well, the same way I learned to swim. I jumped into the water, and practiced till I learned. All the talk I ever heard about swimming did not make me a swimmer. I had to have the *actual experience*. So it is in winning souls; we must *go* out and *seek* to save those that are lost. Jesus says to the unlearned fishermen of Gallilee, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to *become* fishers of men." You can talk to people about the weather, crops, fashion, health, and the news; why not speak to them about their salvation? O let us *seek* the lost. Let us remind men that they are going toward death, and the judgement. Let us watch for *opportunities* to do good and we will find them. Read Acts 10 : 38 and see example John 9 : 1 - 7. The Lord has said that "he that winneth souls is wise".

DANIEL NETTLETON.

"God was light to the children of Israel, but a lightning stroke to the Egyptians."

"The man who would lead others, must have the courage to step off alone."

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CHARACTER BUILDING.

THE shipbuilder whose reputation is at stake will have nothing but the best material of which to build a ship. Every piece of timber must be inspected and subjected to the closest scrutiny, well knowing that the storms and waves of old ocean will try the stoutest part. So with our character building. If the material that enters into the character is weak there will come a time when the waves of adversity on the great ocean of life will beat upon the weak places of the character, and a shipwreck, of what might have been a beautiful life, is the result.

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand: and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Thus spoke the great Teacher of the ages. His prophetic eye could look down through the coming years of time and see the wrecks strewn along the treacherous, sandy shore. The foundation of character was weak and when temptation came—the storm, the wind, the flood that beat upon the house—down went the poor soul, struggling against those mighty elements.

Fathers, mothers, teachers, are you assisting those precious souls entrusted to your care to dig deep that they may build on the Rock? Are you endeavoring, with the help of the Almighty, to put the best material into the frame-work of their character?

Each one who reads these lines is building a house—character—to fall in time or stand in eternity. Let us see what some of these "sayings" are that the Master builder wants to weave into our character—some of the solid timbers He wants to add to our spiritual house; "add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. * * Wherefore the rather, brethren, give *diligence* to make your calling and elections sure: for if ye *do these things*, ye (your house) shall never fall."

Such a house with such material will always be symmetrical and beautiful inside and out. In such an edifice will the great Architect love to dwell; for there will be peace, and joy, and happiness there. But best of all, it will stand amid the storms of temptation, and when the flood of God's wrath shall be poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation. L. B. L.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

Artichoke.

I AM glad to report that the cause here is steadily onward, and souls are deciding in favor of the blessed truth. Brother Stone's recent labors in our church and vicinity of Clinton and Chokio have been very much appreciated. It seemed for some time that his labor would be almost fruitless, but the tide has turned in favor of truth.

Last Sabbath and Sunday Bro. Stone spoke with freedom and power to a large congregation in the church, and in the afternoon, on Sunday, we gathered on the shore of Artichoke lake where a large number met to witness the baptism; and it seemed to have a deep impression on the people as twenty precious souls followed their Lord in baptism and united with the Artichoke church; some were from Clinton and some from Chokio. At the last named place there are others deeply interested, who will undoubtedly unite with the church soon. May these dear souls, as well as all God's people continue to be led by the Spirit of the Master. O. A. PETERSON.

Alden.

WE closed our meetings here last Sunday night, the 19th.

Our audience toward the last was very small. While there are a number who are convinced of the truth, it is difficult to get them to move. However there are two women from the country who have accepted the Sabbath since those previously reported. Several others here are yet halting in the valley of decision for whom we are hoping and praying. Two others in town will meet with us in Sabbath meetings, but they have not yet identified themselves with us fully, but will perhaps later on.

Our greatest difficulty now is, to find a place for worship. The churches are closed against us, and no other place has yet opened within a reasonable limit of rent.

We are hoping that a few more will accept the truth so we can build a church. May the Lord bless the work at Alden.

D. E. SCOLES,
P. S. OLSEN.

Remember the semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home for Orphans, Oct. 2, 1897.

The Spirit of Prophecy.

We are in perilous times, times in which the very elect will be deceived were it possible. "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them," is the command. As a people, we are favored with not only right interpretation of that law, but we have the testimony of the Holy Spirit as well. Every Seventh-day Adventist family should have the books containing the direct testimony of God for this time. *Our churches should have complete sets to loan to members who are not able to purchase for themselves.* The summer is closing, not only in a literal but in a spiritual way. Longer evenings are fast approaching, and much reading will be done; let it be done in the way of searching for light.

To aid in this direction, we append a description of all the works now published by Sister White. We entreat you to obtain a full set, and then give them the careful study their importance demands. Is it possible the Lord's will is met when his messages to us lie on the shelves of the office of publication and the State Depository? Will he not help, in a temporal way, those who will put forth earnest efforts to obtain and study these books?—Of course he will. Let us study his word and his testimony, and we may intelligently go forward, for we can not go forward without study and a knowledge of his will.

Our church elders and librarians can engage in no more fruitful missionary efforts than in placing the importance of these publications before their members, both in public and private. In this way, all the books ordered by the members of one church may be sent for at one time and to one address, thus saving heavy transportation charges. The following is a

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Lake Benton.

At present I am holding but two services per week in this place. The rest of my time is spent in the rural district, three and one-half miles south of Lake Benton.

We have had some precious seasons together in the "little red school-house on the hill". Especially last night—Saturday—the Lord came touchingly near. I spoke upon the Sabbath Question. After the meeting one, Johnson by name, informed me that he and his wife had fully decided to obey the Lord and keep his commandments. As I started back to Benton—trudging along in the dusty road—the way didn't seem half so lonely nor the night so dark. I am of good courage and trust to be remembered in the devotions of the faithful.

O. O. BERNSTEIN.

THE BOOK WORK.

Canvassers' Report for Week
Ending Sept. 17, 1897.—two weeks.

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		\$219.95	\$24.94

Bro. Ingison's report includes the Bibles he has taken orders for.

I am pleased to report that I have made out contracts with three new canvassers, since last writing, who will soon take up their work for the Master. And there are others who desire to enter the work later on.

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Bro. D. P. Curtis requests all the laborers to send their quarterly reports to C. W. Flaiz, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Bro. J. F. Pogue returned from the Frazee Camp-meeting the latter part of last week quite sick; but is better at this writing.

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The librarian from Lake City writes that she is glad to say the Lord is working with us here. Some are asking for reading, and those we are supplying receive it thankfully.

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Eld. Flaiz and Nettleton returned to this city last Monday and report an excellent Camp-meeting at Frazee. They both go to Marshall to attend the meeting at that place this week.

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Bro. W. S. Wedge and Clarence Patch held two street-meetings the past week in Minneapolis. Quite an interest was manifested by those who listened, and it is hoped that some seed may have fallen on good ground.

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Mr. Harry Knapp, medical missionary nurse, from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, stopped over night the fore part of the week with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pogue in Minneapolis. He is returning to his work in Battle Creek after a short visit and vacation to his home in Dassel, Minn.

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It was with not little surprise that the following announcement was received at this office last week: Martin T. Johnson, Fannie P. Burgess, Married, Wednesday, September twenty-second, eighteen hundred ninety-seven, Mankato, Minnesota. At home 214 South sixth St., Mankato, Minn.

All those having business to transact with the State secretary of the Sabbath-school Association will please bear in mind the change of name.

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In a letter from W. E. Cornell, of the *American Sentinel*, we learn that "one of our brethren in Alabama who was a mail carrier, got discharged by the post master for 'insubordination' because he refused to report for duty on the Sabbath when it was understood that he was to lay off that day. When the matter came to the attention of the Post Master General, that official from Washington ordered his immediate reinstatement, sending word that he had a wholesome regard for a man with the courage of his convictions, or words to that effect".

Bro. W. J. Newton who has been carrying mail in Minneapolis for the past twenty-three years has been called before the post master several times for refusing to work on the Sabbath; but the Lord has intervened in his behalf.