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EDITORIAL

Till I come give attendance to reading.—
I. Tim. 4:13.

Among the common blessings of life perhaps none is greater than the privilege of reading. In this day of such an abundance of literature everywhere, it seems as though everybody who so desires can enjoy the privilege of reading. And it is not only a pleasure to read, but it is also a very profitable way of using a part of our time. Of course we must read the right kind of literature. One prominent educator has said, "If a person will read one half hour every day, the right kind of literature of course, in ten years that person may become educated." We can easily get reading matter these days which cover such a wide range of subjects, that it seems that every person ought to know something about almost every thing that is needful to the welfare of mankind. And according to the words of the inspired Apostle to Timothy, in the above scripture God intends for us to make reading a means of profit and blessing. We must remember also that what we read will determine largely what we are. Someone has said that "If you will tell me what a man reads, I will tell you what he is." What we read, like our associates, has such a strong influence on us. First and foremost among our reading should be what God has written in his book, as he moved holy men of old to write the inspired word, and in these last days has spoken unto by his son. Heb. 1:1-2. And we need to remember also that all that is written by men on religious subjects is not inspired by God. For Satan also transforms himself into an angel of light and offers us many interpretations of the scriptures, which are his own, and if we accept and read them they may prove destructive to our religious life and immortal souls. These destructive periodicals are being sold or scattered about these days in the forms of what is commonly called Russellism, seven day adventism, eddyism, or christian science, and tongues, and scores of other isms. Of course they are not offered for sale, or to the public under the above names, but are called by some name which conceals their real character, and makes the innocent buyer think that he is getting a real orthodox book. I remember going to a town several years ago to become pastor of our church there, and in making some calls at the homes of some of our members, I found several books of the kind men-

tioned above, and some of them had cost \$5.00 or \$6.00 each, and the parties who bought them did not know what they contained until I told them. They saw several scriptural references in them and supposed they were all right, and bought them, only to learn afterwards that there was poison in the bane. We need to know what is in our food before it goes into our mouths. And we also need to know what is in a book before we buy it or allow it to come into our homes for our family to read. Space does not permit me to mention the thousands of magazines which are being sold at the bookstores which are not only trashy but are positively demoralizing to the young people. And in passing I might say that some of our Sunday School papers are not very conducive to building strong Christian characters. And this might explain why some professed Christians never get very strong. They feed their souls on chaff instead of "The finest of the wheat" and the strong meat of God's word. Let us give attention to what we read.

THE PASSING OF DR. HALDERMAN

Dr. I. M. Haldeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City for fifty years, has just passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-nine. He was a staunch fundamentalist and the author of many books and pamphlets in defense of the old faith. Also he was well known as a premillennialist and was the author of a series of booklets against the isms. He was pronounced in his opposition to the enemies of the faith. He called Harry Emerson Fosdick's sermons and books "a coolly analytical effort to destroy the Bible." Dr. Haldeman lived not only a long but a very active and useful life—*The Free Methodist*.

TO TAKE OUT STAINS

Dr. W. H. Pope says: "I know a lady to whom an agent was trying to sell an article for taking out stains. He was rubbing away, and meanwhile eloquently describing the merits of his goods. Soon the lady said, 'I know something that will take out stains, too.' 'What is that?' asked the man eagerly, not knowing but that some other dirt-killer had canvassed the town ahead of him. 'The blood of Jesus Christ which cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7). Do you know anything about that? Do you suppose that man would demonstrate his goods again for six months without thinking of that 'other something' which could take stains out of a sinful heart?"—*Pentecostal Evangel*.

WHERE TO FIND HELPS

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk to Job.
If you are a little headstrong, see Moses.
If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.
If you are a policy person, read Daniel.
If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.
If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you.
If your faith is below par, read Paul.
If you are getting lazy, watch James.
If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.—*Selected*.

SOMEBODY'S GRANDFATHER

Who does not love the boy who shows respect for old age? Not long ago, in one of the waiting rooms in the depot of a large city, there entered a bright-faced young boy, leading by the arm a man with snow-white hair. The man was old and trembling and looked around as though he were afraid.

The boy led him to a seat and placed the basket and bundles that he was carrying on the floor beside him. Then with a word or two, he went away. He soon returned with a porter, to whom he spoke some words about the one sitting down. Then, with a hearty handshake and a bright smile he started towards the door. A gentleman was going out at the same time, who had seen the boy come in with the old man. As they reached the door, the man asked, "Your grandfather, I suppose? Is he going on a journey?"

"Not mine, but somebody's grandfather," replied the boy, with a little laugh. "I found him on the corner as I was going to school. He had lost his way to the depot, and was in trouble."

"That was very bright and kind of you," the gentleman said, with a kind look that made the color come to the boy's face, but he only said, "Thank you, sir."

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—*Selected*.

China leads the world in its number of lepers with more than 1,000,000; India is estimated to have 600,000; Japan and the Philippines, 500,000 each, with 350,000 in South America. North America and Europe are reported to have fewer than 5,000 in all. In Africa the numbers are large. In Nigeria alone there are 100,000 lepers in a population of 20,000,000.—*Alliance Weekly*.

NO CURE-ALL IN SIGHT

"The United States will start the winter with one million more families on the relief rolls than at the same time last year," is a statement quoted in the news column of the Herald of this city, attributed to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Unemployment Relief Administrator, in a recent address in Kansas City. Mr. Hopkins continued to say that there were 4,560,000 families; or something more than 20,000,000 people receiving relief assistance last February and March in the United States. It should be understood that the situation grows more serious with the coming of winter. The estimate at present is that 15,000,000 people are receiving relief, and the annual cost is one billion dollars.

The country accepted the President's NRA program of recovery with remarkable zeal, and there has been no lack of publicity, parades and general propaganda to put it over strong. The results are apparently meager and it now appears that the country is not likely to submit to the program of permanent government control and supervision of industry and commerce set up in the NRA. No great cure-all has been found for the depression. When hard times come upon them as individuals the people generally have learned that they must live economically, balance the budget, pay their debts as well as they can, work hard, keep sober, and hope for better days. In our judgment the present administration is working on policies that are unsound, both from the standpoint of morals and finances; but this is a real good time to work hard for the Lord and get lost men into the kingdom.—*Wesleyan Methodist*.