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SHALL THE WORK BE DONE?

I hope no one is getting tired of hearing about Object Lesson work. As a people, we never engaged in a more worthy enterprise. The Lord has directed the movement, and has called every individual into active service. If we believe the testimonies, we cannot for a moment question this, but it is evident up to this date all have not responded to the Lord's call, some perhaps rather like the 120,000 of Gideon's army, fearful, faint-hearted, choosing to remain home rather than to enter the battle. May be they are waiting for a sign as did Gideon, for the dew to wet the fleece but leave the ground dry, and vice versa. Now the call to Gideon was just as distinct and just as imperative without these signs as with them. To my mind, the necessity for the additional sign was an evidence of unbelief on the part of Gideon. When the Lord speaks once, is it not the same as though He would speak many times? It would be well for everyone carefully to consider what God has said about this Object Lessons work, read the chapter in volume 6 in the Testimonies. Study it. Consider it a letter to yourself, for that is what it is.

This good work is now going forward in all parts of the United States and in many other countries as well. We have committed ourselves to a definite work, a work which God in His goodness and wisdom has planned for us, not an impossible work, not a work causing hardship, but a work attended by His special blessing and in which blessed fruits will appear.

The State of Indiana has as good a field for canvassing as can be found anywhere. If we fail to accomplish our part of this good work, it will be through our own indifference or our unbelief, but I am not going to look on the side of failure, for I do not believe that way. I am looking for success. I believe that the people of Indiana are abundantly able to do this work in the time allotted,

and I believe that inasmuch as they have pledged to do the work, we will see it accomplished. Now brethren and sisters, let us rally around the standard in the next six weeks as we have not in the past. Let not the busy season dampen our zeal, and let not your effort be relaxed in the least degree, but rather increased. True, the farmers are busy, but yet there are opportunities in the busy season when we may dispose of a number of books. Let us keep this work uppermost until it is finished.

Why could not Indiana be the banner State? I think that thus far we have done about as well as any other State in the Lake Union conference at least, and I trust that we will not come behind at any rate. Our sisters can work in the towns and cities, and the season of the year is favorable. But best of all, brethren and sisters, the Lord has said that He will co-operate with us in this work, therefore we need not look for favorable or unfavorable circumstances. Let us not delay, but let us go forward believing that inasmuch as the Lord will co-operate with us, we shall have success.

Let every leader of the different districts, every church elder, every Sabbath school superintendent, yes, every member and everyone interested in this message enlist anew for service until this work is done. Let us determine right now that on the first day of June there will not remain a book unsold in Indiana. Study the Testimonies that have been given in the Reporter, and show them to the parties whom you solicit to buy the book. You will find this helpful.

I. J. HANKINS.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Terre Haute church will hold a Sabbath school convention May 16 and 17. It extends a hearty invitation to all. A special invitation is tendered our brethren at Farmersburg, Brazil and Dana. We have been promised outside help, and we expect to have Mrs. A. L. Miller, Corresponding Secretary, with us. The first meeting will be held Friday evening, at the beginning of the Sabbath, and will be a praise and consecration service. The second hour will be devoted to the discussion of the question, "Are Teachers' Meetings Essential to the Development of the Sabbath Schools." We trust that all our brethren and sisters can be present.

C. R. LABIER.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO.

There is much work to be done, and a number of people to do it; but no work is properly done only when done at a time specified by the Lord. "There is a time for every work." The Lord is greatly displeased and dishonored when His people prove unfaithful to Him.

In the history of the children of Israel the Lord was many times provoked through their unfaithfulness and unbelief. As a result they fell in the wilderness, all except Caleb and Joshua. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." How much are we profiting by these examples especially written for us? This we can only tell when brought to a test. When brought face to face in a crisis we then reveal our true faith in God.

The Lord has given His people a definite work to do to-day, in which He says He is testing His people. Anciently the Lord said, "I will prove them whether they will walk in my law or no." This was necessary before taking them into the land of Canaan. Just so it is necessary to-day to prove His people before taking them into the heavenly Canaan. How the Lord will test us unto the end is not revealed. But one of the provings is through the selling of Object Lessons. It is gratifying as we look over the field to see so many proving faithful; yet some are not stepping into line, but we hope to see them do so before it is too late. Let no one think of relinquishing his efforts until the victory is complete. So hold on brethren and sisters, "be strong and of good courage" and the Lord will never forsake you. Let us hear some shouts of victory from the field, it will encourage the weaker ones to press the battle to the end. Keep no other thought in mind but that we will do all the Lord has told us to do.

A. L. MILLER.

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THE SURE PROMISE,

The Northfield church sends eight names, with a promise of 34 cents a week toward the State fund, and \$2.98 paid. This is good.

AN ARISTOCRACY OF HEALTH.

Among the Romans the cultivation of health was made the main business of life. When the Pagans ruled Rome, that city was full of the most magnificent baths. Those who have visited Italy and Rome will remember the ruins of those wonderful baths built by the Emperor Carealla, where thousands of bathers could be served in a day. There were also the wonderful baths of Diocletian, of which the Pantheon constituted the vestibule. Those baths were in constant use by the populace, and they were patronized not simply for the purpose of cleanliness, but for health. There were also rooms provided in connection with these baths for all kinds of healthful exercises. But, unfortunately, in the early centuries of the Christian Era all these things were done away with—these magnificent baths, the means of physical health, were torn down, and their stones built into churches, of which Rome already had enough. Thus, Rome is to-day a city of churches, but there are no baths; and we have it on good authority that for a thousand years the bath was a thing unknown in Rome; indeed, writers of those times tell us that the neglect of the body was counted among the cardinal virtues.

As a result of this false doctrine introduced during the Dark Ages, the body was neglected, abused and tortured, with the idea that the soul would thus be made better. And, sad to relate, we have not seen the end of the practical workings of this

theory yet. We often hear, for instance, about the ministry of sickness—when sickness is the greatest possible misfortune that a person can have. Sickness does not do anyone any good in the long run. An affliction, or disappointment now and then which breaks off one's plans, and checks his ambitions, may have a good effect upon him by helping him to see how powerless he is to carry out all his plans; but chronic sickness certainly cannot help anyone.

How can such a person be happy? How can he be calm and self-controlled? It is impossible. The fact is, a great share of the total depravity in this world is really total indigestion. One needs but to visit the jails, workhouses, and prisons of our cities, to become thoroughly convinced of this. In every large prison there will be found a large number of epileptics; they are many times as numerous as in society at large. Dr. Abernethy used to say that every sick man was a rascal. That may be taking rather strong ground, but his idea was, that every sick man had been wicked in violating the laws of his being, or he would not be sick.

What a boon it would be to the race, if man would only be convinced of the value of health, and of the necessity of training for it. The more gold a man has, the greater are his efforts to obtain more; and should it not be so with health? Disease makes one narrow, morose, unhappy, disagreeable, useless; while in health there is a spontaneity of energy, a delight in work, an irresistible disposition to use the faculties. Why should we live in the slums of disease and feebleness, when there is a true nobility, a genuine aristocracy, a royalty of health, which may be ours if we will make it our aim and purpose in life? J. H. KELLOGG.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

BIBLE READINGS

	Hrs.	Ord's	Val.	Helps.
R. H. Hazelton	50	7	\$15 75	22 75
H. S. Browning	76	9	20 00	16 30
G G Davis	156	15	37 25	2 00

MARVEL OF NATIONS.

Mattie Bailey	32	7	8 50	3 50
Lizzie Bailey	42	9	12 50	7 25
Martha Lachrke	28	6	7 50	6 75
Mary J Darby	16	7	9 50	2 00

HERALDS OF MORNING.

Ella VanHook	19	5	7 00	2 00
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DANIEL AND REVELATION.

Fred Hall	25	7	10 20	35
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SUMMARY—No of canvassers, 9; No hours 344; orders, 72; value of orders, \$128 20; value of helps, \$61 70 Total value \$191-10

BRIEF MENTIONS.

The new church treasurer's records are now ready to ship from Battle Creek to the various State tract societies. We shall try to have a supply soon. We are not yet advised of the price.

The address of Elder W. A. Ebert is R. R., 4, Alexandria, Ind., and not Dundee as formerly.

Keene, Texas.

Since time will not permit me to write a personal letter to each one who requested us to write, I will say a few words through the columns of the Reporter, with the request that each one will consider it a personal letter.

We left Sullivan, Ind., bound for Keene, Texas, Nov. 7, and after a pleasant ride of thirty-six hours duration we landed in Cleburne, Texas, where we were detained twelve hours before resuming our journey. We found a beautiful country, and we are well pleased with our new home. Our future address will be Keene, Texas. We will be pleased to hear from any of our Indiana friends at any time. With prayers for the success of the work in Indiana, we are yours sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. CREAGER.

Peru.

There are people here hungering and thirsting for something they have not and do not get at the other churches. It has been my privilege to preach six times in the Wesleyan church here, and now there are a number of calls for Bible study. Our papers and tracts of all kinds are needed, and those who read or hear of this report that have such, please send them to the undersigned, prepaid. We are located about one square north of corporation line, on the Peru and Chili pike, and are easy found. Those of our brethren and sisters passing through the city who can stop, we shall be glad to see you. This city will be a good place for the next camp-meeting. J. E. DUNN,

R. F. D. No. 1, Peru, Ind.

Object Lessons.

Bro. Elliott, of LaFayette, says, "You may order the remainder of our quota shipped to me. * * * I think our brethren here are just beginning to realize that there is a blessing in this work. LaFayette has sold, including orders to be delivered, 70 books, some of which have gone ten miles into the country.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY COLLEGE.

Lately our best energies have been devoted to the sale of Object Lessons for the benefit of our schools. In this we have been working in harmony with the Lord's plan, and greatly enjoyed that which we have been doing. This is excellent, indeed, and it must be carried forward to completion. Very closely allied to the same thing is the matter of raising funds for our Medical Missionary College. We need a school for the training of missionary physicians and nurses just as truly as we need a school for the training of evangelistic workers. In fact, all the workers that we send out are intended to be evangelistic laborers. The preparation of our schools rests with even poise in all departments upon our whole denomination.

In selling the Battle Creek college to the American Medical Missionary College we were, in fact, selling it to the Seventh-day Adventists of America, and in this transaction our people in America have become responsible to the creditors of the institution for the payment of its debts. When the debts are paid, that which was formerly the Battle Creek College will really be the property of the American Medical Missionary College.

The plan for raising money for this purpose is what is called the Missionary Acre Fund. To make the fund able to meet this obligation, all our people in America are called upon to assist. Every one among us is asked to do a part. As far as possible, let every farm have its missionary acre. This piece of land should be planted to that crop which the owner may think best suited to bring in money for the purpose intended. Some farmers may be able to plant more than an acre, and some may not be able to plant a full acre, but let every one set apart as much ground as his circumstances will justify and donate the proceeds to this enterprise.

It is high time that this work was entered upon. It will not be possible for those having the management of this matter to visit every church of our people, neither should it be necessary for them to do so. The individual who has a disposition to help can decide for himself what he should do, and proceed immediately to carry out his decision in a practical way. Let every farm owned or controlled by our people, whether it be large or

small, have its spot of ground consecrated to the Missionary Acre fund, and let this ground have that cultivation and attention necessary to make it most profitable for the cause which it represents. When the crop is ripe, it should be harvested and marketed, and the money sent on to those who have this matter to manage.

Not only should our people who are following agriculture and horticultural lines have an interest in the Missionary Acre fund, but every mechanic and professional man and woman among us should devote a specified amount of time to the enlargement of this fund. Every worker should do the same thing. This should be done without failure, and if it is done, we will have the privilege of seeing our Medical Missionary college inaugurated at an early date without a debt upon

WM. COVERT.

Greenfield,

The work here is still onward. Sister Huntington has all she can do in the Bible work. Among her most interesting readings is one given to a class of influential women, who meet in her room once a week for the study of God's word. Bro. and Sr. Niehaus are doing excellent work. Will say that the Object Lessons work is a success here. The members of the church have sold our quota, with about fifteen books extra for good measure, and the end is not yet. Bro. L. J. King sold twenty in just a few days. The seed sowing has been going on faithfully, and we have the evidence that a good harvest will soon appear. One good sister said, "You, by God's grace have saved my soul." This sister will unite with us next Sabbath.

Our financial condition is good. The church building is free from debt, and we still have money to apply on the lot. Those who have not read vol. 6 on the work in new fields, erection of churches, and how the brethren throughout the conference should stand by such work by their prayers and financial aid, should acquaint themselves with this valuable book, and act upon its teachings.

The Young Peoples' meeting is having its influence for good. All services are well attended, imparting strength and courage. The city regards us, as a church, with favor,

and hope for the location of our industrial school at Maxwell.

On May 12, Mrs. Huntington and myself leave for our new field in Ontario. We feel loath to separate from home and friend, and yet the Lord calls and we can only say, "Not our will, but thine, O Lord, be done." May we share an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters, that the Lord will abundantly bless our efforts to his glory in the field in which we are going.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

NOTES.

Bro. Huntington and Bro. Ellis are planning to move to their new fields early in May. The brethren in Indiana will be sorry to lose these workers, and yet glad that we can assist a new and needy field.

On account of ill health, Bro. Vince will spend a few weeks in Minnesota at physical labor, hoping soon to regain his usual health and then to return and help to carry the message in Indiana.

Bro. Donnell has been holding some meetings in Rock Lane with a good interest.

Bro. A. L. Miller is conducting meetings in Kokomo in connection with the Object Lesson work.

Bro. Sparks reports a growing interest in the eastern part of the State—the result of Object Lesson work.

Bro. Anderson sends \$17 for sale of Object Lessons, at Elwood, and says they have 22 books yet to sell. Some of the sisters who saw mountains, have gotten courage to go to work, and the mountains have vanished into mole-hills. The books are going and the blessing is coming, and the church is encouraged.

Recommendation for Object Lessons.

The following recommendations are from ministers of the largest churches of their respective denominations in the city of Indianapolis:

I take pleasure in recommending to the favorable attention of the reading public, Mrs. E. G. White's "Christ's Object Lessons." In its admirable typographical setting and with its tasteful and apt illustrations, it lends itself admirably to unfolding the teachings of the Divine Word. It can not but be a great boon to devout students of Holy Writ.

LEWIS BROWN, PH. D.

Rector St. Paul's (Ep'c'al) Church.

I have read "Christ's Object Lessons," by Mrs. E. G. White, and find it not only entertaining, but also quite educational. The thoughts are logical, some of them not only new, but also quite attractive.

J. C. PETERS, D. D.

Pastor Zion's Evangelical (German Lutheran) Church.

SINGING IN SABBATH SCHOOL.

(Read before the Indianapolis Sabbath school Convention and published here by request.)

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things: His right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory."

What is singing for if not to praise the Lord? Our singing in the Sabbath school should be just as much a part of our worship as our reading and praying. Not only should our voices be used to praise the Lord in song, but the psalmist tells us to "praise Him with stringed instruments and organ." The words and lines in our song books are beautiful. Some of them contain the most precious Christian sentiments, having been written by true Christians, men or women under some peculiar trial that served to make them more Christ-like. If, when we sing these lovely songs we would think of the meaning of the words, might we not catch, to some degree, the spirit that prompted the author, and thus sing with the spirit and the understanding also?

It has been found that beautiful singing has done much to convert poor people in the slums of our great cities. If this is so, why should not our singing in the Sabbath school impress people? If we just sing for the sake of filling up the time, or for entertainment merely, I fear our singing will not accomplish what it should. The Lord says we should "sing unto him a new song," and that we should "play skilfully with a loud noise." To do this, each member of the Sabbath school must learn the new song; otherwise there will be discord in our singing. As we cannot sing new songs without learning them, why would it not be well to meet for practise? If we were going to sing for the president of the United States, would we not practise and do our best? Why not make as great preparation to sing for the King of kings and Lord of lords? Again the psalmist says, "O, sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things." Therefore, as we rise to sing let us think of what God has done for us, and then sing praises to him from our hearts. Then our singing will reach the hearts of people, for they will see that we are letting our

voices express God's goodness to us. Do you say you cannot sing? When God told Moses to go to Pharaoh with his message, Moses asked that some one else be sent, for he could not talk as well as others. God asked him who made man's mouth. It is just the same to-day. God created us, and he gave us voices with which to glorify him. Some of course can sing better than others. God does not give talents to all alike. But if we would sing from the heart how much better even the music would sound.

I once heard of a lot of monks who were singing in a monastery. Their voices were cracked and did not sound nice at all. While they were singing, a noted singer came in and sang for them, and of course sang very beautifully. After he had gone an angel appeared and told them that not a single note of this fine singer had reached heaven, but that their music had echoed with that of the angels. How thankful those of us who have not such voices, ought to be, that it is not the quality of the voice, but the singing from the heart that the Lord hears and accepts.

Perhaps God sees that he could not trust us with fine voices. How many would use their voices aright if the Lord should trust them with such a talent? Would not some of us be tempted to use it the way so many opera singers do—to make money, and to glorify self? How often you might cheer an invalid or a cripple with some simple song of Jesus and His love! Yes, and perhaps your song would not only entertain, but strike home to their hearts, and they would want to know more about the One of whom you loved so much to sing.

If God has intrusted you with the talent of a beautiful voice, use it aright, and so improve and multiply your talent, that when the Master comes he may say to you, "well done." Let us sing our best while here, whether at home, in the Sabbath school, with the sick, or wherever we may be. Then if faithful in this, and in the improvement of all other talents, we may finally join in the grand song of Moses and the Lamb—not with our mortal voices, which, at best are so inferior, but with new immortal voices.

EDA HANKINS.

Brevities of Health.

The most successful time to cure a disease is before it begins.

We have departed from the natural simplicity of our forefathers, and are therefore compelled to leave behind us the natural strength of constitution which they possessed.

Resorting to stimulants to secure strength is like placing a mortgage on one's property—it provides cash for the present, but sooner or later the mortgage must be foreclosed.

There is a school that many a child enters at infancy, and from which he is not graduated until death, and that is the school of bad habits. He acquires them early, and adheres to them until late. The diploma that he gets in this school is ill health and chronic invalidism.

Would you not be much surprised to find a boy going to bed at night ignorant and waking up in the morning a college professor? It is likewise inconsistent to entertain the notion that there is some way by which humanity can secure health without sowing for it.

DAVID PAULSON.

The Life is More Than Meat.

People often say, "One might as well not live at all, as to deprive one's self of all the 'good things' of life." That is what Eve thought. What was the use of living if she could not have the forbidden fruit? There are not many of us who can throw stones at our common mother. But those same persons are often heard saying, "What is the use of living in this misery?" and too often they put a summary end to their lives. "Is not life more than meat?" Would it not be better to deny the appetite, and even eat food not quite so pleasing to the palate, and always be full of life and vigor, able to enjoy everything to the full, than to have pleasure at the table, and misery everywhere else? But this is an extreme statement of the case. The fact is, that the man who is content with the things that God gave to man in Eden, as his bill of fare, gets more positive enjoyment out of the hour he spends at the table than anybody else in the world possibly can. He knows the meaning of the word "delicious." Every morsel of food is a delight to him, for he alone has the "good things" of life. As he eats, he thanks God, "who daily loadeth us with benefits." And not by any means the least of the enjoyments of a clean table is the knowledge that there will be no bad taste afterwards. E. J. WAGGONER.