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Follow It Up

Many hundreds of our people have gone out with the special Capital and Labor issue of the Signs of the Times and they have succeeded beyond their expectation in selling it. Many who thought they could not do such work and often said they could not sell a paper or a book, have been much surprised at the result that has followed the small effort which they have put forth. No one who has engaged in this effort has failed to receive a blessing, and has felt that it would be a privilege to lead the people who become interested in the paper, on in an investigation of the truths of the Message.

How shall this be done? One of the best methods is to go to the same people with a tract or a book that contains the truth of the message. You will find many of them ready to look at it because they liked the paper they got of you. If you feel free to take a book to them, you can find no other book so good for most people as "Christ's Object Lessons." It will increase their interest in the study of the Bible, and will teach them many of the special points of Present Truth. There is nothing better to nourish the spark of interest which the paper has created than that book. When a farmer has planted his corn and it has sprung into life and started to grow, he gives it careful cultivation, not only to keep down the weeds which would choke it out, but to nourish it by bringing moist, soft soil all around it so that it may receive strength therefrom. So with the sparks of life which appear in the way of an interest manifested by those who have received seeds of truth.

The Holy Spirit of God is the life which is in the world. "The words I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are Life." John 6:63. We have been the instruments in the Lord's hands of sowing the seeds. The Life in the truth thus sown, has sprung up and begun to grow. Now it must be cultivated. The Lord wants to use you as an instrument even as we use the plow or hoe, to bring the gentle, strengthening, vitalizing truth into connection with this awakening soul, and let the truth we take, whether in the form of a book or more

papers or tracts, be accompanied by a few words which have been moistened by our tears in earnest pleading with God, and soon the life will appear stronger, and will increase and develop into fruit for the Kingdom.

Many have begun the seed sowing with the Signs of the Times. Who will now cultivate it? If you fail to look after it the Lord who used you to sow the seed, will surely hold you responsible for the wasted opportunity. Tracts treating upon the various points of Present Truth should be used freely, yes like the Autumn leaves. We are so glad that so many of our people have manifested the life of the Lord by engaging in this work, and now let us go on and increase more and more.

C. McReynolds.



Why Many Of Our Canvassers Do Not Succeed.

An element of success in any line of work is "work," stick to it. The writer once had an experience at canvassing for a whole week and accomplished nothing. But was that a reason for stopping and trying to do nothing more?

But let us think a moment of how men in the world about us make a success of their business. Is it by opening their store Monday noon and close at four or five o'clock, especially if sales are slow on that day, and then probably after opening doors for a few hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday close up entirely for the week? No! No! at least if they expect to make a success of it. The man who makes a success of his business must work, work, work, and keep at it. Well, can we as canvassers expect to make a success of our work unless we stick to it, and work? Not four, five or six hours three or four days a week; but ten hours a day and at least five days a week.

Our canvassers are meeting large sales for the time they are working; many of the reports show \$1.00 or more orders for each hour of actual work. Why not then instead of simply working 25 to 35 hours a week, work at least 50 and so instead of having small monthly results, have large results? Should it not be so? Is God pleased with our working only one third or one half time and thus bringing a reproach upon the holy sacred work of canvassing, because of our slackness and lack of proper energy and enthusiasm in the work, and its consequent failure, when it might as well be a great success if we would only work putting in time as men do in other avocations of life? Think of it! Pray over it, dear canvasser.

Have we joined the labor unions and gone on a strike for fewer hours? Truly the little time reported in actual work would sometimes indicate it. The Lord cannot be pleased with us unless we do faithful work. And is half time work, faithfulness? There are few but who could earn good, yes large wages if they worked putting in faithful time. Let us make a success of it, going on to perfection. Much can be accomplished by us many times by improving the early evenings. From six to nine o'clock merchants have

more leisure than during the busy hours of the day. During this time they feel more at liberty to examine the canvasser's work and the best results can be obtained by the canvasser. Is it too long to work this late? If it is not too long for the merchant, why should it be too long for the canvasser? The merchant begins early and keeps open late, (where they have not combined to close at an early hour) and why should not the canvasser manifest as much interest in his all important work?

A. R. Ogden.



Prayer.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jas. 5: 16. As believers in Christ our prayers should be more effectual (active) than they ever have been. They should be more fervent (zealous) than in the past. Practical results always follow real communion with God. Our daily life should show that we have "been with Jesus" and learned of him. Our strength for the conflict is provided through prayer, and the study of God's Word. Our very countenances should show that we are walking with God, which can be only by praying without ceasing. It is right to pray in public, and in the closet, but prayer should not stop here, it should accompany every act of life. The Spirit of God is sure to respond to such praying as this. Such prayers will be life, spiritual life to us. When we fail to ask in faith, and act the same, we also fail to enjoy the fulness of blessing the Lord has for us.

The Lord wants his people to impart light and life to those who sit in darkness, but it is impossible for us to impart what we do not have. Now if there are any who read these lines that do not possess "power with God and men," let me explain to you how it may be attained,—by faith, and hearing the Word. We learn that the word of reconciliation has been committed to every one of us, and that the destiny of souls depends upon our words and acts. If then, we really believe it, an intensity of purpose will take hold of us, and earnest, definite prayers from the heart will ascend to God. These prayers will be supplemented by a consistent life. And God's power through the Holy Spirit will be ours. Oh, that we would begin to pray in harmony with the will of God for something definite. Then great results might be realized. Our prayers have been so lifeless, so scattered, so indefinite, about everything, and nothing in particular, that when they have come up to our great High Priest he has had to "Spew them out of his mouth," and they have never reached the ear of the Father.

Oh, may the God of all Grace, the One altogether lovely; the blessed long-suffering Jesus, the One who has been disappointed so many times, and yet never disappoints; the One hated, and yet does not hate; the One unsought, and yet seeks; the One unloved, and yet loves: the One who follows our wanderings with blood in his tracks, give us such a sense of our need of him, in the position to which he has called us, that every Heavenly Messenger will be needed to answer our prayers. "Not one watching, praying, believing soul will be ensnared by the enemy. Let none now temper with sin. No longer remain in lethargy and stupid indifference. Know that you are fully on the Lord's side."

L. F. Trubey.



Notice.

The future address of Mrs Belle Emerson will be North Topeka, R. R. No. 6. All S. S. supplies will be ordered from the Kansas Tract Society, and not from Sister Emerson. Remember the above address.

Missionary Training School Of Correspondence.

"Laborers should improve themselves." Under this heading there appears in the Spirit of Prophecy, the following instructions:

"Having learned the simple rules, they should bend their minds to the acquisition of knowledge in connection with their labor, so that they may be, 'Workmen that need not be ashamed.' They can master one branch of science after another while engaged in the work." This applies to active workers in the cause. It applies with equal force to the Christian who is living a quiet home life, for in the church of Christ there is no man who has not active duties to perform. "Golden moments are thrown away in unimportant conversation, in indolence, and in doing those things which are of little consequence, that ought to be used every day in useful employments that will fit us more nearly to approach the high standard."

Not every one can put himself under an instructor in a regularly organized school, but every one can study in his own home. For the benefit of those who can not enter school, the Missionary Training School of Correspondence makes it possible for one to do systematic studying without leaving home. The student need not give up his occupation; he can do much toward gaining an education without the expense connected with a course in an institution.

Concerning the course in Bible, one student writes. "As I follow the thoughts in the the lessons, I feel lifted into a higher atmosphere." A teacher writes, "The Missionary Training School of Correspondence offers one of the greatest advantages to our young people, and will prove a decided blessing to all who undertake the study. The work develops individuality, trains the intellect, fosters spiritual growth, and develops independent thinking and self-reliance. No Christian young person should let the opportunity pass."

A worker of some experience says. "The lessons in the Bible are thorough and complete, yet not too long for a week's work. I like the idea of making constant and personal application to every-day life, of the truths learned in the lessons. The Correspondence School will certainly assist much in preparing workers for these last days." If you are interested for yourself or others, send for full particulars concerning the course offered, tuition, credits given etc.

Address Missionary Training School of Correspondence, Berrien Springs, Michigan.



Council Grove.

On Friday evening Nov 16, a series of meetings was commenced at the Hill-Spring schoolhouse about 11 miles South East of Council Grove. The attendance was small to begin with, and is yet somewhat irregular. Some evenings the schoolhouse is full, while at other times the attendance is small. We are now studying the prophecies with the people and a general interest is manifested. Last night another meeting was announced in a school house only about two miles from here, which will probably somewhat interfere with us.

We are however determined to continue as long as there is any prospect of doing good. We intend also to work with the special Signs when time and opportunity is given. We believe the Lord has souls here, who will take their stand with the remnant people of God.

J. Emil Anderson.

A. E. Johnson.

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Miltonvale.

In harmony with the action of the Conference Committee at the close of the Newton Camp-meeting I returned to Bellville to finish up the work there. When the work here was left before the Camp-meeting, there was good prospect for a church, but on returning we found that all but two families had moved to other places, and so leaving the work crippled. In a short time I was again joined by Bro. Bringle, and for a short time we held meetings in the Salvation Army barracks. After this we did house-to-house work for a time, and Oct. 25 began a meeting in a school house south of town. We had a good attendance until stormy weather came, but some became much interested, and Bro. Bringle remained to carry on meetings, and look after the Sabbath-school in Bellville.

After leaving Bellville, I held meetings with the company at Glace, and found them of good courage, doing missionary work. Several there have become interested, and seem about ready to accept the truth. The friends there are calling for meetings. I next held Quarterly meeting at Clay Center. The Lord came very near and hearts were melted by the Spirit of God. In their business meeting it was decided to have a church school, which has since been started. Two persons were taken into the church at this time. Nov. 19, I went to Concordia. Here the Signs work was considered and many were ready to take hold and do all they could. The following day I came to this place and remained for Missionary Convention. It was surely a great blessing to all present. At the close of the Convention we called for those who would consecrate themselves to the Lord and nearly every one present arose to his feet. A business meeting has been held and a full set of officers has been elected. The interest here was such that I felt I should remain a few days. In the meetings which followed, five decided to obey the Lord and yesterday were buried in baptism. There are others that should surrender to him and our prayer is that they will do so soon.

I am sure that this message is going to be completed in this generation and may the Lord help each of us to do our part. The Special Signs is being pushed by several in this District and I am glad to see the people so ready in this work. God is going before each one that trusts in Him. This is a favorable opportunity to sell Christ's Object Lessons and I feel sure we will never be clear before God until we have done our allotted portion. We read in the Testimonies that "We are on the verge of the Eternal World." Let us show by our actions that we believe it, and then our word will correspond with what we tell the people.

B. W. Brown.



Portis.

Thinking a report of the work here at Portis and how God is blessing us, might be of interest to some. I will write a few lines. Elder Godfrey made us a visit Nov 12 and remained until the 23rd holding meetings nights and Sabbaths. His instructions were interesting and profitable to us, and I trust all understand better how to lay hold of the promises of God by faith, and to enjoy the presence of Christ dwelling in our mortal flesh. I believe our Christian life will be brighter because of the light God gave us through Bro. Godfrey's labors. While he was here, a business meeting was held, church officers were elected and set apart to their work.

The Ordinances were also celebrated and it was a precious season. Jesus came near. I believe I enjoyed it the

best of all I ever attended. Bro. Godfrey is faithful in looking up and visiting scattered Sabbath keepers. The church here has sent for 200 of the special number of the Signs of the Times, to begin with. I trust we will use a goodly number more.

Now a few words about myself. I have been at home since camp-meeting, thinking of and praying for the work and workers, hoping that some day I may again take active part in it. I don't see that my voice has improved any. I cannot tell this evening how I will get along selling the Signs. I do not know, but I expect to go out and try as soon as they come. Dear Brother and Sister, this is a work we all can take a part in and help hasten the coming of our dear Savior. Then the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

Let us press the battle to the gate. The conflict will soon be over. All is joy ahead. How glad I am. Praise the Lord for his loving kindness to the children of men and to me.

N. P. Dixon.



Is It You?

Recently, when I visited a place where some of our ministers had been working, one of the brethren said, "Bro. —, we need some worker here who will do as you did when you held tent meetings, one who will do much visiting. When Bro. — was here, he did not visit the people, as you used to do." Now brethren in the work, how can we expect to accomplish much in our work, unless we do much personal work and come close to the people in their homes? Study "GOSPEL WORKERS" on this question.

A. S. D. A. Minister.



Recent Work.

I have visited several places recently in the interest of the Signs Work as well as the regular canvassing work and general Missionary work, and have tried to keep in touch with as many of the canvassers in different parts of the state as I possibly could by correspondence. At Columbus, with Elder and Dr. Parmele, I attended the Sabbath School Convention which was real good. I found there a very commendable interest in the sale of the special Signs. Though the company is small, they have ordered 1150 copies and have sold many of them. Six persons promised to attend our institute March 16 to April 3, and to engage in the canvassing work.

At Cherryvale, a brother is seriously considering whether it may not be best for him to devote himself exclusively to the Lord's work. We trust that the Spirit may continue to impress him and that he may yield to those impressions. At Independence I found the little company greatly stirred by the Week of Prayer Readings and becoming active and zealous in the work of the Lord, praying for the unconverted and selling the Signs. The Chautauqua church seems to be quite badly scattered, but some of the families that I visited, made donations for foreign missions. Bro. Stephenson will do more canvassing and he and others are selling the Signs. I spent last Sabbath with the Lowe church where I found quite an interest in the home canvassing work and in the sale of the Signs. Two or three of that company expect to attend our institute and engage in the work.

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I find by visiting and correspondence that not only those whose names appeared in the worker from week to week are containing faithful but others are selling some books, papers and tracts. We trust that the Lord may bless these efforts and that much good may result from them. The weather is fine for our workers who are making christmas deliveries and we request all our brethren and sisters to unite in praying that the Lord may bless the seed that has been sown.

Frank Jencks.

Obituaries.

Johnson,— Died near Kansas City, Kansas, Oct 31, sister Botilda Johnson, aged 63 years. She had been afflicted for many years, but her death was caused by a stroke of paralysis a few days before. She leaves a husband, Bro. Andrew Johnson, and six grown children, besides grand children. Funeral sermon by the writer from Rev. 2:17.

C. F. Parmele.

Olson,— Died at Eureka, Kansas Oct. 11, 1903. Andrew Olson, aged 69 years. He was for 25 years a believer in Present Truth and was loved and respected by all who knew him. Words of comfort were spoken by Rev. Wells of the Congregational church, from 1 Thess. 4: 13—18.

J. P. Yates.

John F. Mullikin — Died at his home in Kinsley Kan. Oct 29, 1903. of a complication of diseases, at the age of 46 years, nine months, and twenty five days. Brother Mullikin has loved the truth of the Third Angles Message for many years and has been a faithful follower of the Lord, always firm in his convictions of truth and duty. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters. His greatest anxiety in his last hours was for some of his family, who had not given their hearts to the Lord. A large crowd of friends and neighbors attended the funeral and many expressions

showed the confidence they had that he rests in Jesus, awaiting the glad day when the Life giver shall come.

Words of comfort were given on the Hope of the Resurrection.
C. McReynolds.

The Sanitarium.

Once more we are compelled to ask our brethren to wait little time for a final statement concerning the Sanitarium proposition. But we are glad to be able to say that we only wait for the reply of the President of the Santa Fe Ry. Co., to the proposition which has been made. The General Manager named and recommended the terms to the President who resides in Chicago. They are, briefly stated, that we have the free use of their large hospital in North Ottawa for a Sanitarium for five years,— we to pay the taxes and insurance only,— and at the end of that time, to have the privilege of buying it at one-half the first cost, or of continuing to use it at a very low rental.

The President's reply is expected every day.

C. McReynolds.



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W. B. Roberts,	Ottawa.							10							3	13	\$	13	\$31.25
Frank Kingman,	McCune.	16																26	23.50
C. O. Bundy.	Minneapolis.	21	22		7											7	12.00		
Mrs. Albert Strong	"	3	2															6	13.00
Geo. Harbison,	Burrton.	38	34		2											2	4.00		
J. M. Fletcher,	Hiawatha.	16															65.75		
I. C. Davis	Sedgwick,	9	12																
D. & M. Steel,	Preston.	77	116											48	48	51.50			
Albert Strong,	Minneapolis.	36	39		16									4	20	51.50			
Mrs. N. A. Shinkle,	Caney.																	20	13.50
J. W. Wilson,	Moline.	55																61	95.75
Mrs. J. W. Wilson,	"	20																67	47.25
W. H. Parker,	Turon.	29	13													6	1.75	9	10.65
C. P. Daily,	Hutchinson.	55	24				1	2		1				5	9	10.50		62	46.75
Mrs. C. P. Daily,	"																	12	9.75
Mrs. R. I. Rogers,	Jetmore.																	64	89.00
Canvassers 16.		405	312		25		1	12		1				60	105	197.00		240	380.70