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OUR HELPER.

THE day is long and the day is hard;
We are tired of the march, and of keeping guard,
Tired of the sense of a fight to be won,
Of days to live through and of work to be done,
Tired of ourselves and of being alone.
And all the while, did we only see,
We walk in the Lord's own company;
We fight, but 'tis he who nerves our arm;
He turns the arrows which else might harm,
And out of the storm he brings a calm.
The work which we count so hard to do
He makes it easy, for he works too;
The days that are long to live are his,
A bit of his bright eternities,
And close to our need his helping is.

—Susan Coolidge.

THE PRECIOUS NOW.

WHATEVER we may have had, whatever we may hope to have, the only thing we now have is the present moment. The past, with its privileges and duties, is gone; the future is not yet ours, and may never be; but the present moment is our very own.

Not long ago I noticed on the cover of a summer magazine a picture which was wonderfully suggestive. In the foreground, in the shade of a green tree, beneath the fair blue sky, a young girl was seated on a rustic bench. Her body was relaxed, her left arm hung limp at her side, her right hand supported her head, her eyes were closed, and the smile on her face indicated that her dreams or musings were entrancing. At her feet was a basket which was hers to carry. It was filled with bundles which were labelled,

"Resolutions," "Hopes," "Good Intentions," etc. While the owner was wrapped in indolence and slumber, a gaunt, heavily draped figure was slowly and cautiously approaching from the other side. The upper part of the face was concealed by a dark mask, but the eyes were revealed, eager and determined, gleaming at the basket; and one long, bony hand was outstretched to clutch it. This dark, ugly figure was called, "To-morrow," while the picture was called, "The Greatest Thief in the World."

How sad, how true a picture this is of many a professed follower of the Man of Calvary. How subtle and strong the temptation to put off the things we should do now, to indulge the inclination with, There are other things to do; and the conscience is salved over with the assurance that To-morrow I will sell "Christ's Object Lessons;" to-day I will have just this one diversion; to-morrow or next summer I will do my part. The den of lions did not deter Daniel from strict adherence to duty. Neither should the "lion in the street" deter us from doing the work the Lord has given us to do just now. The Anakims and walled cities should not intimidate us; but we should have the spirit of Caleb to "wholly follow the Lord" in this work, and in that sweet by and by to dwell in the lot of our inheritance, the heavenly home.

L. F. STARR.

THE prayers of those who do not regard the laws of life, God can not answer, because their faith is not made perfect by works.... God will not work in a miraculous manner to preserve the health of persons who are by their careless inattention to the laws of health taking a sure course to make themselves sick.—*Christian Temperance.*

AN INSTRUCTIVE INCIDENT.

RECENTLY a representative of the I. R. L. Association was conversing with one of the most influential senators of one of our eastern commonwealths, who expressed himself as strongly opposed to Sunday legislation, and enquired of the religious liberty worker if he had ever seen the *Sentinel*, or knew anything of its character. The senator spoke of it in hearty terms of commendation.

For some reason the impression seems to prevail to a large extent that members of legislatures can not be reached with the third angel's message. Why this should be so it is hard to determine. We would all do well to remember that while legislators are commissioned by their fellows to do a particular work, they are, nevertheless, only men, and as such are subject to the influences of the Spirit of God as are others.

Of course, not all members of legislative bodies are interested in the contents of the *Sentinel of Liberty*; yet the fact that some are indifferent should not discourage us from making diligent effort to reach those who will give candid consideration to these principles. Our evangelistic laborers enter their fields of labor not with the expectation that every one will be willing to hear the message they give, and still less that all will obey. Nevertheless, the importance of presenting the truth to the community is not questioned. In like manner let all be encouraged by the fact that some men in legislative halls are willing to give consideration to the principles of religious liberty; and let us earnestly labor and pray for the interested few.

H. E. OSBORNE,

Sec'y I. R. L. Assn.

"Now is the day of salvation."

UNITED SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST
YOUTH.

As a number have written asking for help in conducting the young people's meetings, it has been suggested that we publish the programs used by the Des Moines society. These programs are issued monthly, and when proper preparation is made by those taking part, the meetings are very interesting, as well as instructive. We sincerely trust that many of our societies may receive helpful suggestions from this program, which will enable our young people to have a better understanding of the truth, and prepare them for better work in the vineyard of the Lord. The following is the program prepared for the month of March:—

CONSECRATION MEETING.

Song, 1056.
Prayer. Short selection from the Testimonies.
Song, 1281.

Roll call, with responsive readings.

Subject, Imaginations.

Texts.—Gen. 4:5; 8:21; Deut. 20:19; Jer. 23:17; 1 Chron. 28:9; Rom. 1:21; 2 Cor. 10:5; Deut. 31:21; Prov. 6:18; Lam. 3:60; Ps. 62:3; Nah. 1:9; 1:11; Zach. 7:10; 8:17; Job 21:27; Ps. 10:2; 21:11; Acts 4:26.
Duet, 1276.

IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

Subject, Helping the Poor and Needy.

Song, 1257.

Prayer. Responsive Reading, Matt. 25:31-46.

Song, "Seeking the Lost."

How Shall We Find the Poor and Needy?

How Shall We Gain their Confidence?

Duet.

Best Methods of Introducing Our Work Among the Poor.

Song, "Christ in Song," p. 390.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Song, 1391. Scripture Reading. Prayer.

Male Quartette.

Introductory Remarks. Recitation.

Effects of Alcohol on the Circulation.

Effects of Alcohol on the Stomach.

Double Quartette, "Sleeping on Guard."

Effects of Alcohol on the Mind.

Song, 1385.

IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

Song. Scripture Exercise. Prayer. Song.

Lesson, Idle Words.

Music.

Discussion of Lesson. Praise Service. Close.

WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOR?

DR. SKINNER, formerly of Raleigh, now of Georgia, in soliciting aid for foreign missions, applied to a gentleman who promptly repulsed him with the reply, "I don't believe in foreign missions, and I won't give anything except to home missions. I want what I give to benefit my neighbors." "Well, whom do you regard as your neighbors?" replied Dr. Skinner. "Why, those around me," replied the brother. "Do you mean those whose lands join yours?" inquired Mr. Skinner. "Yes." "Well," said Dr. Skinner, "how much land do you own?"

"About five hundred acres." "How far down do you own?" inquired Dr. Skinner. "Why, I never thought of it before, but I suppose I own half way through." "Exactly," said Dr. Skinner, "I suppose you do; and I want this money for the Chinese,—the men whose land joins yours on the bottom." The hardened brother had never thought of that, and gave a good sum for foreign missions.—*Sci.*

"THAT man who does not use his thinker is hardly fit to be a tinker, much less a teacher or a preacher."

FIELD REPORTS.

RUTHVEN.

PERHAPS some would like to hear how the Ruthven church school is progressing, as I know we are always strengthened by reading words of encouragement from other schools. We opened our school with five pupils in attendance, but others were added until thirty-one have been registered; however, some have been dropped, and we now have only twenty-two in attendance. Our schoolroom is a pleasant one, and adjoins the church, which is situated just at the edge of town.

Nearly all of the young people and children show a lively interest in their work, for which I praise the Lord. I realize my weakness and utter unworthiness to have the least place in the Lord's great work. At times, when I think of the awful responsibility resting upon us as teachers, I almost despair; but then I remember the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and the admonition, "Be not weary in well doing." Pray for me that I may be faithful in teaching truth to these dear young people, that they may day by day become better acquainted with the Saviour, and that we all may be prepared to meet him at his soon coming. BESSIE O. STANFIELD.

ONAWA.

THE members of the church at Onawa were much encouraged by the presence and help of Eld. J. S. Hart Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24, and we had some good meetings. The review he gave us on the Sabbath-school lesson was a great help. As a school we have greatly enjoyed these lessons on the book of Galatians, and feel that they have been a benefit to us. Bro. Hart spent the time between meetings visiting us at our homes, and the dis-

course Sunday evening contained spiritual food for all. The text was, "He hath showed thee, Oman, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Mic. 6:8. Gal. 6:1 was read, and the parable of the lost sheep was used to illustrate the spirit one should have before undertaking to restore the erring. We all need more of that love which led the shepherd to take the sheep in his arms and gently bear it back to the fold, instead of driving and whipping it all the way home. When we see a brother ready to faint, let us all join together to hold up his hands. We always feel like striving harder to walk in the narrow way after one of Eld. Hart's visits, and we praise God for the good meetings we have just enjoyed. A MEMBER.

BIRMINGHAM.

ELD. H. NICOLA came to Birmingham Feb. 25. The brethren in the country were all suffering with *la grippe*, so that the audiences were not what could have been wished for. Hence, the meetings in town were closed, and Bro. Nicola came to the country. He came none too soon, as some of our little company were becoming discouraged. We have not had prayer meetings in our church for a long time, but by the grace of God we will hold them hereafter. May the good Lord lead us all to pray more; for I am sure that the Lord can not bless a prayerless church or any meeting where prayer is omitted. Bro. Nicola returned to town Friday, and we had some good meetings. The Lord came very near to this little company, and we feel like saying to all who are discouraged, "If your hand's on the plow, hold on;" for the work is almost done.

CHAS. M. LEGGITT.

SIOUX CITY.

THE church here was favored with a visit from Eld. J. S. Hart Sabbath and Sunday, March 2 and 3. Three meetings were held. Good attention was given to the word spoken, and our hearts were made to rejoice as the Holy Spirit came in with power. Spiritual life is increasing in our church, as we endeavor by the Lord's help to get all impurity out of our hearts, and prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are very grateful to the Lord for all his mercy and goodness to us. Pray for us.

HENRY ROEHLM.

THE BOOK WORK.

"THIS IS THE VICTORY."

[The following letter written at Ft. Madison, July 25, 1897, has just reached the BULLETIN. The experience given may be obtained by every worker for the Master; and we believe that the thoughts expressed will seem even more precious as we remember that one of the writers, Sister French, now rests from her labors, awaiting the full realization of the promises which were her support in life.—ED.]

Dear Canvassers: We thought you would rejoice to know that we have met the lion in our pathway, but by the Lord's help have come off victorious, and join us in praising the Lord for this victory. When the lion is overcome, the bear which we meet will not look as formidable as it would if we had started around by another road and met the bear without first conquering the lion. (Many of the old canvassers will remember the lesson Bro. Parsons gave us about the lion and bear.) Every victory that is won makes the next one easier.

The evening and night after the Sabbath, July 24, will never be forgotten by us, on account of the rich blessing poured out upon us. The Lord came very near when we joined in prayer at the time appointed. Our hearts were filled with a deep longing to be nearer our Heavenly Father in this work. We received such a burden for the work that, realizing our unfitness for it, we at times felt a pall of dense darkness settling over us. The tempter whispered that it was no use to try any longer, and brought to our minds our past failures and mistakes. Then we recalled the many precious promises given us, two of which are, "My grace is sufficient for thee" and "He will never leave thee nor forsake thee." In laying hold upon these precious promises with the eye of faith, such peace and joy filled our souls that we could with difficulty restrain our lips from breaking forth in singing praises to his name. The Lord by his Spirit revealed to us how to obtain the victory, by meeting each temptation as it comes, and showed us that if we are overcome in a fault, Christ is pleading with us by his Spirit, and waiting to receive us back as soon as we are ready to acknowledge our wrong and repent of it. The Lord revealed to us the sins which had not been confessed, showing us that we must let him

take these and blot them out or they would stand against us in the judgment. Laying hold on his power which he so mercifully extended to us we came off victorious over all the "little foxes that spoil the vines," as the inspired writer calls these little sins which destroy our own peace and that of those around us. We wrestled thus until we had the victory. When we let the Lord work his own good pleasure in us, he makes a clean sweep of all the dross in our natures. When the house had been swept and garnished, the rightful Owner took possession. Then the peace which passeth all understanding came to us, and we were soon in a restful slumber from which we awoke two hours later, feeling more refreshed than we had for many nights.

Dear brethren and sisters, we earnestly ask you to remember us in your prayers, that our faith fail not, and that we take hold of this power which has been given us and perform every duty and successfully meet the temptations which are before. The ways of the Lord are wonderful. There is a great responsibility resting upon each one who enters the work. When we have the love of Christ in our hearts, we will feel it a privilege to be co-laborers together with God, and will keep in view perishing souls. May the Lord help. "Pray without ceasing."

SUSAN HASKELL,
LULU FRENCH.

LET canvassers go forth with the word of the Lord, remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them, will be rewarded by seeing souls converted; and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ. Thus the faithful, consecrated canvasser will lay up treasure beside the throne of God.—*Review and Herald.*

THE following canvassers returned from College View last week: Susan and Mary Haskell, Cora Davis, O. C. Markel, and J. B. Myers. Others will follow later. We will announce territory assigned as soon as all are located.

BRO. W. L. MANFULL spent last Sabbath at Clarinda in returning from College View, going from there to Ladoga and then to Atlantic.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK END-
ING MARCH 1, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel.....	15	1	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.25
THE COMING KING.				
Cort Nielsen.....	33			\$.50

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

REPORTS.

MRS. BERTHA GOSNELL, of Cedar Rapids, writes: "Our Sabbath-school convention was held last Sabbath, and was well attended; over fifty were present. The interest was good, and all seemed to think they had spent a profitable day. Four papers were read, and these with the discussions and a few recitations made a full program. We were glad for the help of Sister Flora V. Dorcas at this time. On a whole, the convention was far beyond even our expectations. We hope to profit by the many good suggestions. I never realized the greatness of the Sabbath-school work as I have the past few weeks, and I want to be always found at my post of duty. We have been trying to keep up our teachers' meetings. I wish that every teacher, and every officer, too, might see the necessity of these meetings. I find that they are a blessing, not only to the teachers, but to the school. I do not feel that I can do this part of the Lord's work if I neglect the teachers' meetings. We shall continue the meetings here."

ARTHUR SHRAKE, SHARPSBURG: "Your last letter was read to the teachers, and it was encouraging indeed. The Lord is manifesting his mercy to his people here. I am glad to report that we are still holding our teachers' meetings. They are so much help to us, for the Lord is surely present. We are studying "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," and this is an inspiration to us in this work. We are learning that in order for the teachers to influence their classes they must first be benefited by the lesson taught. I do not know how any school can possibly get along and lose the blessing that comes through the channel of the teachers' meetings."

"THE best way to understand the Bible is to begin to put into practice the things which we do not understand. If you want to know what faith is, just begin to walk by faith; if you want to know what repentance is, begin to give God's thoughts of you a place in your heart, instead of your thoughts about yourself."

"You may not be able to get people to read the Bible, but they will read you."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MARCH 12, 1901.

—"PHYSICAL and moral health are closely united."

—BRO. N. C. BERGERSEN made us a short visit last week in passing through the city.

—DR. W. D. KINNEY, of Gravity, met with the Des Moines church last Sabbath.

—JUST as we go to press Eld. A. G. Daniells and wife arrive. More will be said next week concerning their visit.

—ELD. E. G. OLSEN stopped Thursday night at the Sanitarium, on his way to fill appointments at Ruthven and Algona.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS, returning from south-eastern Iowa, spent a few days at the Sanitarium, going from here to College View, Neb., Friday morning.

—BRO. P. L. HOEN has been spending a few days in Des Moines holding meetings with, and visiting among, our Scandinavian members and others interested.

—ELD. WM. GUTHRIE passed through this city the first of last week on his way to Alleendale, Missouri,—the home of his parents, where his wife has been visiting for some little time.

—BRO. WARREN GRAHAM, returning from Battle Creek, Mich., last week, is visiting home friends in this city. He expects to continue the study of medicine during his vacation, and to enter college again next fall.

—MARRIED, at the home of the bride in Albia, Iowa, March 6, 1901, Mr. Louis Jacobsen, of Shelby, Iowa, and Miss Clara Barber. The ceremony was witnessed by about thirty guests, Eld. L. F. Starr officiating. The bride and groom were entertained at the Sanitarium Sabbath and Sunday, while en route to their new home at Shelby. Many friends unite in wishing for them a life of usefulness and prosperity.

—THE Medical Missionary Association desires the names and addresses of those in our State who have done Christian Help work, city mission work, or any line of medical missionary work, including rescue work, finding homes for orphans, etc. Will all who have done work in any of these lines carefully prepare reports, and forward the same to Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek, Mich., at the earliest opportunity?

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS returned last Friday from his work among the churches for "Christ's Object Lessons," in order to meet again with the committee appointed to locate the State camp-meeting. The decision of this committee will be reported as soon as possible.

—BRO. CLAUDE HOLMES returned from Union College last Thursday, going on from here evening after the Sabbath to Battle Creek, Mich., to enter the employ of the Review and Herald Office.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

DR. E. H. HARRIS, of Grinnell, was a guest last Wednesday night.

SEVEN patients came last week. Our patronage is steadily increasing.

SISTER R. J. RICHARDSON, of Pleasanton, was among the new patients last week.

BRO. J. W. BIGGS, of Winterset, after a short visit at home, returned last week.

DR. AND MRS. SHIVELY spent Sabbath and Sunday with home friends in Woodburn.

MRS. J. P. BAKER, returned to her home in Audubon county last Friday, grateful for the benefit received while here.

GRANDMA SWALM, of Oskaloosa, seventy years of age, remembers the needs of our institution by sending the following very acceptable articles: 2 quilts, 1 pair pillow cases, 1 blanket, 3 towels, 1 sheet.

ATTENTION!

Those intending to go to the General Conference from this State should send us their names and the places from which they wish to start, that we may know what arrangements to make, and thus secure the benefit of the special rate, which will soon be announced.

E. E. GARDNER,

603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, short business notices will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

WANTED.—The address of BULLETIN readers who are interested in fancy poultry, so I can send them my illustrated descriptive circular for 1901. It's free. C. H. Tyrrell, Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

FOR SALE.—A fifteen acre farm, one-half mile north of Bedford, Mich., seven miles from Battle Creek. Good new seven-room house. Place adapted to gardening and fruit growing. Good S. D. Adventist church at Bedford. Address J. F. Crane, Bedford, Mich., or 908 West 6th St., Waterloo, Iowa.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS FOR 1900.

Adel.....	\$32.35	Knoxville.....	31.03
Afton.....	4.17	Ladoga.....	12.26
Algona.....	32.00	Libertyville.....	5.00
Atalissa.....	16.50	Lisbon.....	12.20
Atlantic.....	8.65	LeClaire.....	.65
Audubon.....	0.00	Macksburg.....	5.00
Albaton.....	2.93	Marshalltown.....	15.00
Alexander.....	18.32	Mussena.....	53.00
Ames.....	32.60	Milford.....	50.75
Arlington.....	2.00	Modale.....	15.50
Albany.....	.35	Monroe.....	13.65
Albia.....	4.30	Mt. Pleasant.....	83.27
Birmingham.....	4.33	Muscatine.....	20.43
Britain.....	.30	Nanson.....	10.10
Bladensburg.....	1.70	Nevada.....	51.89
Blencoe.....	30.05	North Grove.....	5.41
Bluff Creek.....	1.50	Noa Springs.....	.50
Bouaparte.....	2.45	Obu.....	13.69
Boone.....	6.00	Osage.....	2.75
Beaman.....	40.85	Osceola.....	19.35
Burlington.....	11.00	Oxford.....	3.00
Brighton.....	5.00	Ottumwa.....	7.37
Bloomfield.....	3.75	Oskaloosa.....	3.05
Castana.....	5.79	Parkersburg.....	42.33
Croton.....	1.16	Perry.....	.90
Cherokee.....	5.50	Pilot Mound.....	24.50
Coon Rapids.....	6.00	Pulaski.....	1.00
Council Bluffs.....	81.00	Providence.....	18.00
Clarinda.....	2.00	Riverton.....	10.25
Cedar Rapids.....	8.00	Ruthven.....	42.20
Centerville.....	1.32	Russell.....	23.50
Cedar Falls.....	3.81	Sandyville.....	32.16
Columbus Junction.....	5.35	Sheldon.....	4.25
Davis City.....	9.40	Sharpsburg.....	18.45
Davenport.....	6.15	Sigourney.....	30.34
Des Moines.....	240.34	Sioux City.....	12.88
Dunlap.....	1.50	Smithland.....	74.78
Darbyville.....	16.51	Storm Lake.....	11.45
Elk Horn.....	45.50	Shelby.....	10.60
Estherville.....	2.50	Sioux Rapids.....	4.30
Exira.....	33.15	Story City.....	21.00
Fairfield.....	25.00	Spirit Lake.....	3.25
Ft. Madison.....	2.00	Tracer.....	25.00
Fontanelle.....	18.95	Village Creek.....	5.00
Fayette.....	1.07	Vinton.....	1.02
Glenwood.....	26.51	Waukon.....	30.18
Grant City.....	10.30	West Grove.....	1.28
Grinnell.....	22.50	Weston.....	6.50
Graettinger.....	88.50	West Union.....	1.00
Gilman.....	2.00	Wilton.....	5.50
Hartley.....	50.25	Winterset.....	33.12
Hawkeye.....	25.85	Winthrop.....	3.31
Hawleyville.....	20.00	Woodburn.....	30.25
Iowa City.....	3.85	Individual.....	139.10
Jacksonville.....	35.50	Total.....	\$2,308.24
Kelley.....	103.53		

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH,

Sec'y Miss. Dept. Iowa Conference.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the churches as follows:—

Sharpsburg, March 15-17, 1901.
Atlantic, " 23, "

I hope that all absent members will report.

E. G. OLSEN.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE quarterly meeting of the Atlantic church will be held March 23. All absent members are earnestly requested to report either in person or by letter. The meeting will be held thus early, as our elder, Bro. E. G. Olsen, will go to the General Conference.

MRS. S. E. V. GARVER, Clerk.