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THE DAY'S ROAD.

ANSWER, soul of mine, which way
Hast thou made a road to-day?
Hast thou followed Love's sure chain
Over hill and over plain?
Whichsoever choice thou'st made,
There another road is laid,—
Not a transient, fading trail,
But a path that shall not fail.
Evermore some foot shall stray
O'er the road thou mad'st this day.

Ah, let each of us beware
How his thoughts and motives bear!
Every road which we shall choose,
Other pilgrim feet will use.
Some will follow where we lead
Long as life shapes life, indeed.
Have a brother's care, and pray
God to mark thy road each day.

—Selected.

OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THIS eventful gathering attended by representatives from all parts of the world and a very large number of visiting brethren from throughout this country, bringing together in all four or five thousand people deeply interested in the great truths of the third angel's message, is now in the past. But the good impressions and the conscious presence of the Holy Spirit to unify the work of God, will not soon be forgotten by those who were present. No special manifestations characterized any of the meetings; but a desire to know the mind of the Lord, and to be in harmony one with another, was evident.

Sister White's earnest appeal to

the ministry and the medical missionary workers, for a more perfect bond of unity, was responded to by a special meeting of ministers and physicians, where certain ill reports and evil surmises were investigated, and a unanimous agreement to bury the past and to exercise true brotherly kindness and Christian courtesy in the future, was adopted.

The importance of faithfulness in the payment of tithes and offerings to carry forward the work of God in the earth, very forcibly presented by Sister White and others who have these special interests at heart.

I am sure it would have done every one good who feels an interest in selling "Christ's Object Lessons," to have heard the author of that book tell of her longing to assist personally in relieving our institutions from their burden of debt, and how the gift of this book and the interest of our people generally in its sale brought peace of mind, and how she received the assurance that Heaven approves of this action. Many interesting experiences were related in a meeting where plans for pushing the sale of this book were considered. It is truly marvelous what some have done, and are doing, in this enterprise. Many others are surely counting themselves in for a liberal share in this work. It is a cause of gratitude that Iowa has sent to the relief fund two thousand dollars recently, making four thousand dollars in all from the sale of this book thus far in our State. It was the sense of the General Conference that no similar enterprise of a general character be started until this is finished. May we each one hasten this time, and the time of rewards, by pressing the work with increased vigilance.

Our large camp-meeting is approaching; and shall we not, young and old,

pray earnestly that God will indicate our individual duty at this time, and then plan accordingly? It will doubtless be duty for some to remain at home and encourage and assist others to go. If we are unselfishly seeking the mind of Christ, the path of duty will be made plain. Jno. 7:17. E. E. GARDNER.

MORE ABOUT THE CAMP-MEETING.

In a few days the time appointed for our annual camp-meeting will be upon us, and I trust that the dear brethren and sisters in the different parts of the State are planning to attend.

The committee appointed to select a location for the meeting, after much thought and prayer, decided that under existing circumstances Des Moines would be the best place for it. In order to have it at this place, at the time desired, it was necessary for us to locate it at Governor's Square. This we did with some hesitancy, as the special care that must be taken of these grounds makes it a little inconvenient for those coming with teams, as they can not be allowed to drive upon the grounds. However, this is not a serious difficulty, and the committee are doing all in their power to make it convenient and pleasant for all who come. We hope to be able to find pasture for horses.

There will be a dining tent, where good hygienic meals can be had at reasonable prices. There will also be a stand where good wholesome soup can be had in any quantity desired at a nominal price, so that those who do not wish to take regular meals at the dining tent, and who have no way of cooking, can procure something warm.

Brethren and sisters, come praying that we may have the especial blessing of the Lord, and the direction and counsel of his Holy Spirit in all the Conference proceedings. J. W. DORCAS.

SPECIAL "SIGNS" FOR CAMP-MEETING.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with the publishers of the *Signs* for a special cover advertising our State camp-meeting, the Iowa Sanitarium, and the Health Food Bakery, to go to all readers of the *Signs* in Iowa, also for an extra edition special to sell or distribute in the interest of the camp-meeting. Will not all the readers of the BULLETIN take a number of copies of this special issue to distribute in their respective localities, thus bringing to favorable notice our medical missionary and Conference work among your neighbors and friends, which possibly will result in some attending our camp-meeting who otherwise would not? Price, 5 cents per copy; 10 or more to one address, 4 cents each. Order at once of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, that addresses may be forwarded to the publishing house, so that the papers may reach you May 22-24. Let us wisely improve this opportunity of extending a knowledge of the truth throughout our State.

E. E. GARDNER,

For the Conference Committee.

SICKNESS IN THE HOMES OF THE POOR.

LITTLE do we realize the great amount of sickness and suffering to be found in the homes of the poor and wretched. Little do we feel the pains and heartaches of those who are downcast. Our Saviour was sent to bind up the broken-hearted and help the fallen. Should we not, as his followers, do likewise? Shall we not "speak a word in season to him that is weary"? Shall we not reflect some of God's beautiful sunshine along our pathway as we journey through this dark world?

When we enter the home where sickness abounds, we should seek to find out what can be done to relieve the poor suffering one. The question arises, How can we help to bring this body into harmony with nature? God desires that our bodies be kept in good condition, in order that we may glorify him and show forth his power. "He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." Lam. 3:33. But when we depart from nature's laws, we must suffer the consequences, however severe they may seem. The dear loving Saviour bears our sickness with us, but with all love he must show us wherein we have erred in the way. The great heart of love bears with us and yearns to draw us nearer to himself.

What a grand work it is to co-operate with him in administering to the physical wants of suffering humanity. Wealth can not compare with the joy and peace which we receive while supplying the needs of the physical body. The footsteps of Jesus are by the bedside of the sick. If we follow in his footsteps, will we not be found seeking to heal those for whom our Saviour has died? How do we know but that down in some sin-stained heart there may be cords that were broken which will vibrate once more to a kind and loving word dropped from our lips.

We find by experience that the best way to reach down deep into the heart of humanity and lift the fallen up to a higher and nobler way of living, is by treating the body. We read that Christ not only healed the physical body but also spoke words of encouragement to the soul. Let us, by God's help, scatter roses, not thorns, along life's rough pathway. Souls go down to ruin just because some one, at some time, fails to speak a cheering word to them. A kind and tender word or a loving smile cost nothing, and eternity alone can reveal the good we may do by scattering smiles and sunshine all along our way.

I recall an instance where some of our workers had the opportunity of treating a poor woman whom they found in a very bad condition physically. She improved rapidly. After each treatment we knelt down by her side and asked the Lord's blessing upon our work. The angels seemed to hover around us, and we felt God's presence. None but those who have had such experiences can know the joy and happiness which they bring. In the case just mentioned words could not express the woman's gratitude, but we gave all the glory to God, because it was he who did the work; for we can do nothing of ourselves. But if we submit all to the Lord, and say "Here, Lord, take me and use me as seemeth best to thee," we may be the instruments in his hands of bringing some lone wanderer to a knowledge of the Saviour's boundless love; and opportunities for this work present themselves frequently. Let us make good use of these opportunities to supply the wants of the physical body, whereby an avenue is opened for the uplifting of the soul.

May we at last hear the glad words: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: I was naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

BESSIE YOUNG.

THE BOOK WORK.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

PEARL D. BASCOM, CEDAR RAPIDS: "I recently stepped into a store to canvass a business man who I had heard was interested in the truth. He said that it would be of no use to show him the book, as he would not buy it. I told him that it was a S. D. Adventist book written by Mrs. E. G. White. 'Oh, that's different,' said he, and in a few minutes I had his order for 'Desire of Ages' in the library binding. This man became interested in our literature by reading the special number of the *Signs* which we sold him when here two years ago. Since then he has helped to circulate this paper himself, also aiding the cause in other ways. 'In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper.'"

LEWIS HILLIARD, GRANT CITY: "This is a hard time to sell books, as the people are so busy. But the Lord told the children of Israel to march around Jericho, and the walls came down; so with the Lord's help I will keep marching around with these books. This work is so important, and can not be stopped because the people are busy. I know that the promise of the Lord is sure, and he says, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

MARY HASKELL, CRESTON: "The weather has been very bad since I came here, but I have been trying to do the best I could. The members of the company here are interested in the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and all have sold some. The Lord is truly good to us, and I want to be more faithful in the work."

J. B. MYERS, CHEROKEE: "I know that the Lord is leading in this work. Praise his name. I have had many good experiences since coming here, and I like the work better every day."

O. C. MARKEL, CHEROKEE: "The *Conference Bulletins* are full of grand truths. We are still of good courage, and our trust is in the Lord."

"GOD HATH POWER TO HELP."

THERE are, perhaps, more difficulties in the canvassing work than will be encountered in most other branches of the work. No one should enter this work who is looking for a good time or an easy job. We have difficulties to meet which require power to over-

come,—more power, too, than any man has in himself. Do we not, therefore, have some room for discouragement?—No, verily, for we have the promise of power for every emergency. Christ said: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8. This is the assurance of all the power that the weakest worker among us needs to surmount every obstacle that the devil and all his agents may place in our way, and the Saviour had in mind the very weakest when he gave the promise. "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isa. 40:29. The apostle prayed that we might "be strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power." 1 Cor. 1:11. This power comes to us through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:14-19; Acts 1:8), which is promised freely to all who ask for it in faith. So, dear fellow-canvassers, let us not be satisfied until we are fully equipped for the work by being "endued with power from on high." And those who have held back from entering this work through fear of failure, I wish to admonish to delay no longer. These promises are for you. Connect yourself with the Source of divine power, and go out into the vineyard and work as God has commanded you, and your success is assured. God says: "If thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle;... for God hath power to help." 2 Chron. 25:8.—*F. E. Painter, in Keystone Gleaner.*

THE "Manual for Canvassers" is full of precious thoughts culled from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. None of our canvassers can afford to be without it, and all our people should have it to read. Order of this Office. Price 25 cents.

"THE pleasure of doing good animates the mind and vibrates through the whole body."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK-ENDING APRIL 26, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	48	4	\$ 8.00	\$6.50
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	30	4	\$ 8.00	\$1.75
THE COMING KING.				
Laura Beamer.....	28	8	\$ 8.00	\$2.00
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				3
" " orders.....				16
Value of ".....			\$ 24.00	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 10.25	
Total value.....			\$ 34.25	

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE TEACHER'S REWARD.

"I HAVE labored in vain," a teacher said,
And her brow was marked by care;
"I have labored in vain." She bowed her head,
And bitter and sad were the tears she shed
In that moment of dark despair.
"I am weary and worn, and my hands are weak,
And my courage is well-nigh gone;
For none give heed to the words I speak,
And in vain for a promise of fruit I seek,
Where the seed of the Word is sown."
And again with a sorrowful heart she wept;
For her spirit with grief was stirred,
Till the night grew dark, and at last she slept,
And a silent calm over her spirit crept,
And a whisper of "peace" was heard.
And she thought in her dream that the soul
Took flight
To a blessed and bright abode;
She saw a throne of dazzling light,
And harps were ringing, and robes were white,
Made white in a Saviour's blood.
And she saw such a countless throng around
As she had never seen before;
Their brows with jewels of light were crowned,
And sorrow and sighing no place had found;
For the troubles of time were o'er.
Then a white-robed maiden came forth and said—
"Joy! Joy! For thy trials are past.
I am one that thy gentle words have led
In the narrow pathway of life to tread,—
I can thank thee now at last."
And the teacher gazed on the maiden's face;
She had seen that face on earth,
When, with anxious heart, in her wonted place,
She had told her charge of a Saviour's grace,
And her need of a second birth.
Then the teacher smiled; for an angel said,
"Go on with thy work again;
It is not in vain that the seed is spread,
If only one soul to the cross is led;
Thy labor is not in vain."
And at last she woke, and her knee she bent
In grateful, childlike prayer;
And she prayed till an answer of peace was sent,
And faith and hope as a rainbow bent
O'er the clouds of her earthly care.
And she rose in joy, and her eye was bright,
Her sorrow and grief had fled;
And her soul was calm and her heart was light;
For her hands were strong in her Saviour's
might,
As forth to her work she sped.
Then rise, fellow teacher, to labor go.
Wide scatter the precious grain;
Though the fruit may never be seen below,
Be sure that the seed of the Word shall grow.
Toll on in faith, and thou soon shalt know
"Thy labor is not in vain."

—Selected.

THE following quotation from "Christ's Object Lessons" expresses the same thoughts found in the above poem: "Gratefully will the ransomed ones remember those who have been instrumental in their salvation. Precious will heaven be to those who have been faithful in the work of saving souls. They will enter into the joy of the Lord as they see in his kingdom those who have been redeemed through their instrumentality." Surely, such a "joy set before" us will create in us a desire to do more faithful work as teachers.

MRS. J. L. A.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

THE pastor of the First Baptist church in Waverly, Iowa, expresses his appreciation of "Christ's Object Lessons" in the following words:—

I have carefully examined the book entitled "Christ's Object Lesson," and take pleasure in speaking a warm word in its favor. It is a book particularly adapted to the home, as it presents the teachings of Christ in a plain and interesting manner. It is free from difficult words, so that the children will especially enjoy reading it and hearing it read.

Eld. C. A. Washburn also writes:—"While at Clinton recently, I finished reading 'Christ's Object Lessons' through by course. It seems to me that one can not read this book through without feeling a new aspiration to do God's will completely, and to work with more zeal to help save perishing humanity from the second death."

NOTICES.

WILL all the Sabbath-school secretaries who have not done so please send in their reports *at once*, so they may be included in the report to the International Sabbath-school Association?

A. HELEN WILCOX.

Sec'y Iowa S. S. Association.

WILL the leaders of the tent companies in the field last year write me concerning the condition of their tents when taken down, that we may have them repaired now, if necessary? This may save delay after camp-meeting.

J. W. DORCAS.

913 E. 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

THE twenty-fourth annual session of the Iowa Sabbath-school Association will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, May 30 to June 9, 1901, for the election of officers and the transaction of the usual business.

MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

Pres. Iowa S. S. Association.

THOSE who have subscribed to the north-western Iowa tent fund and have not yet paid, should now pay their pledges if possible, as the tent must soon be bought. Some have made donations of a number of "Christ's Object Lessons." These I have sold and due credit has been given on the fund. If there are others in western Iowa who wish to make like donations, I shall be pleased to correspond with them.

THOMAS H. JEYS.

Modale, Iowa.

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, MAY 7, 1901.

—STATE camp-meeting May 30 to June 9, 1901, preceded by a three days' workers' meeting.

—BRO. U. P. LONG has moved from Muscatine, and his address will be Atalissa for a time.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER met with the church at Knoxville in quarterly meeting service last Sabbath.

—MRS. A. T. SQUIRES, of Pella, met with the Des Moines church last Sabbath, also attending the services Monday.

—BRO. CLARENCE RENTFRO is engaged in the work at Oskaloosa, and expects to remain there until camp-meeting.

—TENTS will be furnished to those attending the camp-meeting, at the following rates: 12x14, \$2.25; 10x12, \$1.75. Additional charge for fly, \$1.00.

—ELD. E. G. OLSEN, after visiting in Wisconsin and northern Iowa in returning from the General Conference, passed through Des Moines Sunday morning on his way home to Atlantic.

—THERE is quite a demand for papers for use in the depot reading rack at Columbus Junction, especially *Signs* and *Sentinels*. Copies of the *Review* can also be used. Please send post-paid to Jessie Welsh, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

—We are glad to be able to report another remittance of \$1,000.00 to Union College, proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." This makes a total of \$4,000.00 from Iowa for the relief of our schools. Let the good work go on.

—At the home of Bro. Bert Rhoads, near Hartley, April 25, was solemnized the marriage of Bro. John Spriggs and Sister Blanche Rhoads, Eld. L. F. Trubey officiating. Relatives and a few of the most intimate friends were present. The BULLETIN extends sincere congratulations and best wishes.

—ARE there not yet some who did not have the reading of the *General Conference Bulletin* who wish to obtain a set. The publishers inform us that these can be furnished even at this late date. The daily during the General Conference will be sent for 50 cents; two years, including daily and quarterly issues, 75 cents.

—We invite the attention of fathers and mothers especially to the new tract by Miss M. Bessie DeGraw entitled "Bible Readings on Education," *Words of Truth Series* No. 30. Ten Bible readings are given on the following subjects: "The Bible System of Education," "Divine Teachers," "Two Systems of Education," "Educational Reforms," "Effects of Worldly Education," "The Results when the Divine Plan for Education is Followed," "Proper Studies for Christian Schools," "Text Books," "The Divine Plan for the Support of Educators," "Location of Schools," "Educational Work in the Closing Message." What is of more importance than the education of our youth and children? Price of the tract only 3 cents per copy. Order of this Office.

—For the benefit of those who did not have the reading of the *General Conference Bulletin*, we give the following recommendation which was presented by the Committee on Distribution of Labor and passed at the General Conference: "That L. A. Hoopes, of Battle Creek, Mich., be invited to take the presidency of the Iowa Conference." It is expected that Eld. Hoopes will attend our coming camp-meeting, and we know that he will receive a hearty welcome from our Iowa people.

—A REDUCED rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been secured on all the railroads in Iowa for those in attendance at our annual State camp-meeting, to be held on Governor's Square, Des Moines, Iowa, May 30 to June 9, 1901. The date for going passage is May 30 to June 5, inclusive; for return passage, June 10-13, inclusive also. More definite instruction will be given later.

—BRO. W. S. CRUZAN, one of the Missouri laborers, visited his sister in Des Moines in returning from the General Conference, and met with the church here last Sabbath.

—"THERE are four things that come not back,—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, the neglected opportunity."

—MISS BELLE RAME, who is canvassing in Clark county, spent Sunday and Monday in Des Moines.

—MRS. MATTIE PIPPIER, of Tama, has all the papers she can use for the present.

—ELD. C. J. KUNKEL's address for the present is Kensett, Worth county.

—In accordance with the plans for reorganization made at the General Conference, District No. 4 was organized as the North-western Union Conference. The following officers were elected: President, C. W. Flaiz; Secretary, John Walker; Treasurer, J. Sutherland; Auditor, M. W. Newton; Executive Committee, C. W. Flaiz, the President of each local Conference, and a representative from each of the lines of work having institutions located in the District.

—WORD was received last Thursday that Mrs. E. G. White and party would leave Indianapolis in time to reach this city Monday morning to remain for a day. They came as expected, and yesterday was a good day for all who had the privilege of attending the services held at 11:00 A. M. and 3:00 and 7:30 P. M. Sister White spoke in the afternoon and also at 5:30 this morning. A full report of the services will be given next week.

—A NUMBER, hearing in time of the meetings to be held yesterday, came to attend them. Among those present from outside the city were Elds. B. E. Fullmer, F. A. Washburn, L. F. Starr, and Brn. P. L. Hoen, F. L. Moody, Peter Lindahl, J. M. Whitney, Ed Swap, J. O. Beard and wife, M. E. Brown and wife, and Dr. Mary Frederick.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. W. E. FREDERICK is spending a few days at the Sanitarium.

VANCE WALKER, of Winterset, has returned for further treatment.

BRO. ALFRED BROWN, coming from College View, stopped to visit his sisters here.

MISS MARY ANDERSON has had the pleasure of a visit from her sister Minnie and a little niece, both of Ruthven, for a few days.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

MUSCATINE, May 11, 12, 1901.
Columbus Junction, " 18, 19, "

The first meeting at Muscatine will be held Friday at 7:30 P. M. Eld. H. Nicola is to be present at each of the above named places.

U. P. LONG, Elder.

EDDYVILLE, May 11, 12, 1901.
Sigourney, " 18, 19, "

We hope to hear from all the members who can not be present.

W. M. ADAMS, Elder.