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SANDING THE AXLES.

At some time in his ministry, almost every worker has been opposed by some person who knew how effectively to hinder, to impede, and to defeat his best efforts,—not by open hostility, but by little remarks, by a shrug of the shoulder, or by cold indifference. Those who have had this experience will appreciate the following illustrative pen picture.

A person who can help but little is some times able to hinder a great deal. It requires but very little talent to stand in the way of others' usefulness. It would require but small ability for a roguish boy, standing by a machine, to sprinkle a little sand upon the oiled and polished axles on which the wheels revolve. It might be done easily and quickly, and remain unobserved; but the sand, mingling with the lubricating oil, would decrease the speed, consume the power, cut the axles, injure the boxes, hinder the work, and derange and ruin the machine. If the boy were trying to introduce pebbles or rocks into the machine, he would do less damage; for they would be observed, and could be easily removed. The mischief comes from introducing the sand,—so fine that it makes its way everywhere, and is unnoticed.

There are men in the church of Christ who never have shown great ability to plan or execute anything of importance. Their main forte seems to be sanding

axles. They can get in the way of others; they can hinder, find fault, pervert and sow jealousy, dissension, and suspicion, as invisibly and as effectually as a boy can sand the journals of a machine. No one suspects what they are doing, nor can any one fasten their misdeeds upon them; but the air grows thick with distrust, and the work is hindered by secret contrivances and combinations; earnest men are burdened, disheartened, and worn out; noble enterprises falter and fail, and are abandoned. Every one notices that things go hard, and that something hinders progress; but no one knows what the trouble is until the day comes for a general cleaning up; and then, lo and behold, the axles are found covered with sand.

Oil, rather than sand, the axles. The prophet Isaiah tells how the high-minded and magnanimous did in his day: "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smothereth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved."

"We individually have a case pending in the court of heaven. Character is being weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, and it should be the earnest desire of all to walk humbly and carefully, lest, neglecting to let their light shine forth to the world, they fail of the grace of God and lose everything that is valuable. All dissension, all differences and faultfinding should be put away, with all evil speaking and bitterness; kindness, love, and compassion for one another should be cherished, that the prayer of Christ that His disciples might be one as He is one with the Father, may be answered. The harmony and unity of the church

are the credentials that they present to the world that Jesus is the Son of God. Genuine conversion will ever lead to genuine love for Jesus and for all those for whom He died."—*Testimony No. 32, p. 35.*
L. F. STARR.

MISSIONARY WORK.—NO. 3.

THE MESSAGE TO BE PRESENTED TO ALL.

"The Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth... God has jewels in all the churches, and it is not for us to make sweeping denunciations of the professed religious world, but in humility and love present to all the truth as it is in Jesus... We are in no wise to be deterred from fulfilling our commission by the listlessness, the dullness, the lack of spiritual perception in those upon whom the word of God is brought to bear. We are to preach the word of light to those whom we may judge to be as hopeless subjects as though they were in their graves."—*"Home Missionary Work," pp. 22, 23.*

Could more definite or practical instruction be given the people of God than this? The time has come when every professed lover of Christ must work for the salvation of others as though his life depended upon it. The church can no longer continue in its lethargical condition; but must "arise and shine" and put on her beautiful garments? Why?—Because the word sounding all along the line is, "The advent message to the world in this generation." What does this mean to us, individually and collectively? It means that this work is to be cut short in righteousness; that from now on it will move forward with great rapidity; and that unless we are ready and willing to move with it, we shall be left be-

hind. It means that the day of procrastination in the work of the Lord is in the past; and that now if we would have a part in giving the warning to the world, we must work quickly. It can be delayed no longer. We are "years behind," and not a "thousandth part is being done" that should be done. Oh, shall we not "arise and shine"? We must work out our own salvation as Christ worked out His. He is our pattern in all things. It means that if God's people fail to do the work which He has given them to do, He will raise up another people who will do the work and wear the crowns, and that we will be sifted out. It means the breaking up of home ties and "going forth" to sow good seed beside all waters. It means persecution, trials, affliction, for Christ's sake. It means a purifying of life and heart in each individual who takes part in the work of winning souls. God is calling for workers. He is calling you. Will you not answer, "Here am I, send me"?

DELLA WALLACE.

THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

Dear Brethren in Iowa: Your attention has been specially called of late to the needs of the Southern field. I write as one from your State who has been directly connected with this field. I can not thank my Father in heaven enough for the privilege of coming here to work for the salvation of my Southern brethren, both white and black. The cry has come up before God, as the Macedonian cry of old, "Come over and help us." Who will come to the help of the souls in darkness in this "long neglected field"? Laborers are needed who will work unselfishly and who will allow the Holy Spirit to direct them in the work. I do not wish any to understand that this is an easy field in which to labor. It is a hard field, and must be worked in a different way from that in the North. Those who come must be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. They must be guided by the Spirit of the Lord, ever learning from the Word, and ready always to give a reason of the hope that is within them, with meekness and fear.

Means are needed. The time has come when what is done must be done quickly in behalf of the Southern Publishing Company. Have our Iowa brethren rallied to its support as they have to other lines of work?

No means in the world can be used so well in bringing the truth to the

people in the South as that of the printed page. But two things are essential in regard to printed matter for the South. First, it must be cheap, so that the poorer classes can buy. It is the purpose of this Association to publish books so that they can be sold very cheaply, and still such good work be done on them that we will not be ashamed to send them out, and also so that the Association will not sustain a loss. But it must have the material with which to publish, and our people must help until the Association is on its feet. Many have taken hold and lifted. How many more will? Second, the Southern people are opposed to Northern literature, especially anything bearing the Northern imprint, and for this reason they can be reached better with Southern publications; hence the need of a publishing house in the South.

The Southern Publishing Association building was begun under the direct instruction of the Lord, with only enough money in sight for a very little more than the foundation. The instruction was to "plan by faith, work by faith, but not go into debt." Now, the Association and those connected with it have been blessed wonderfully. Do you wish to receive more of the blessing of the Lord? If so, join with us in this great work. Those who wish to subscribe for a share of stock in the Association, and do not feel able to send the full amount, which is \$5.00, at once, may pay what they can now, and the rest later as they are able. When all is paid, they will receive the certificate of stock. You may send to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, or direct to the Southern Publishing Association, 1025 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn.

ISAIAH E. MOORE.

FIELD REPORTS.

PANORA AND YALE.

THE work at Panora is still onward. Some of our company have attended their Sabbath-school nearly every Sabbath since we moved to Yale. This is a nice little school with an average attendance of about twenty, and is held at the home of Sister Frazier. On Sabbath, Oct. 5, two precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Both of these were sisters having families, who have but recently entered the service of the Master. How good it is to see souls who are so intimately as-

sociated with the little ones, turning their hearts to the Lord. There is some determined opposition to the truth manifested at Panora. One ungodly father refused us the privilege of calling on his afflicted daughter, who has been much concerned about her soul's salvation and desired us to visit her. Another man denied his wife the privilege of keeping a Bible which she had bought of us, he doubtless fearing that it was an Adventist Bible. Thus we see the fulfilling of the scripture which says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

At Yale our work was constantly hindered by the bad weather as long as we remained in the tent. So we rented a hall, where we continued the work until October 21, when all were expected to discontinue public meetings and engage in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Our work there resulted in the acquisition of one dear soul, who was willing to step out alone and face a frowning, scoffing world.

In these two places about one hundred sermons have been preached, two persons were baptized and another expects to be soon, about eight dollars in donations were received, and about forty-five dollars' worth of literature sold. This proved a very hard field on account of the misrepresentation of the truth by some who have held to the form of it, but without the spirit. Yet we praise our heavenly Father for His co-operation with us in the salvation of souls.

WM. GUTHRIE,

P. PARK ADAMS,

A. F. FRENCH.

FT. DODGE.

It has been "seed time" in Ft. Dodge, and we have been trying to sow and water, trusting God for the "harvest." Satan has done much to hinder the work, but the Lord has blessed, for which we are very thankful. I have formed a pleasant acquaintance with several of the ministers, four of whom I have visited. To each of them I have talked freely, and with some I have had opportunity for Bible study. I expect to visit all of these again, and to call on others; and I pray that God may help me so to present the truth that if they will not accept it they may be left without excuse. A prominent teacher is interested, also others of the better class. A number are reading the *Signs*, others are interested in *Good Health*, others in the *Sentinel*, etc.

This is a very proud and a very busy place, and for a time it was almost impossible to get into the homes of the people, and it is not an easy thing now. When you pray, please remember the work at Ft. Dodge.

J. O. BEARD.

THE BOOK WORK.

BE STRONG, AND WORK.

YET now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2:4.

When the Lord has a work for His people to do, He gives them strength to perform it. He commands us to be strong and work. The child uses the strength he already has, and hence grows stronger through activity. This is true in spiritual things also.

The Iowa laborers have gone into the field as evangelistic canvassers. Are there not men and women who are willing to go and do likewise? "Be strong, all ye people, . . . and work." He has promised, "I am with you." Then we need not fear. If we go to work in His name, success will attend our efforts. This text applies to us at this time in a special way; for never has there been such an urgent call for consecrated men and women to scatter the printed page, as well as to preach the message, as now.

Brethren and sisters, are you planning to join the ministers in selling "Christ's Object Lessons"? Will you not engage with them in a vigorous campaign this fall and winter? May God help us to be diligent in helping to lift the debt from our schools. God wants us all, lay members as well as the Conference workers, to have a part in the work. He has promised to be with us; and as we thus come up to the help of the Lord, we may receive His blessing in a greater measure than ever before. L. F. STARR.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 19, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	37	16	\$26.75	\$7.80
THE COMING KING.				
Tilda Ward.....	20	3	\$ 3.00	\$.20
LADIES' GUIDE.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	18	2	\$ 6.75	\$2.10
Mrs. Leola Austin.....	9	2	6.00	
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel.....	36	3	\$ 8.00	\$3.50
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
G. W. Anglebarger.....	15	9	\$14.75	\$2.75
MISCELLANEOUS.				
O. N. Conklin.....	10	1	\$ 1.00	
Cora M. Davis.....				\$1.25
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
John Casperson.....	14	\$14.00		2
O. N. Conklin.....	1	1.00		1
Tilda Ward.....	1	1.00		
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75		
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				9
" " orders.....				36
Value of ".....			\$ 66.25	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 17.60	
Total value.....			\$ 83.85	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 17.75	

THE SANITARIUM.

CONDUCTED BY EMMA A. FERRINE, M. D.

HEALTH HINTS.

STIMULATING FOODS AND DRINKS.

THE tippler thinks that his morning dram does him good; his very feelings witness to the fact. It does no good to tell him that alcohol does not nourish, that it acts as a poison to the system. Nor will you convince him that the habitual use of strong drinks renders the blood so impure that a bone if broken can not unite, that his mental faculties are clouded, and that he is at any time liable to sunstroke or apoplexy. The drink makes him feel good, and without it he thinks he would be perfectly miserable.

These same conditions are true of those who indulge in milder stimulants, —it may be tea, coffee, or even cocoa, or the juicy beefsteak, well salted and peppered and done to a turn. The very fact that leaving off these things produces discomfort,—an all-gone feeling,—is proof positive that the person is a slave to substances that stimulate and intoxicate. We may set it down that whenever a certain article of diet or drink can not be dispensed with, it is getting the mastery over us.

NOTES.

MISS LAURA BROWN is nursing a typhoid fever patient in the city.

BRO. W. REASER, one of our leading artists, was a guest last Tuesday, having come here to meet Eld. W. C. White.

AMONG the arrivals last week were Sister F. T. Piper, of Sheldon, and Mr. Henry Ferrel, of Allerton, who is planning to stay all winter.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of some beautiful carnations and roses from an old friend of the Sanitarium, Mr. E. C. Keck, of Washington.

We are glad to say Miss Mary Anderson has recovered from an attack of typhoid fever. She went to her home at Emmetsburg, yesterday, for a prolonged vacation.

MISS ANNA TABOR, of Battle Creek, Mich., spent a short time at the Sanitarium last week, visiting Mrs. Eva Shively. She gave an interesting parlor talk while here.

ELD. W. C. WHITE, while en route from California to Battle Creek, Mich., stopped with us for a few hours last Tuesday evening. He gave us a short parlor talk, which we enjoyed very much.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY A. HELEN WILCOX.

HARVEST INGATHERING SERVICES.

WE have received excellent reports of harvest ingathering services conducted by a number of the Sabbath-schools. The one held by the Atalissa school was especially unique. We give a short extract from their report:—

The members of our school wended their way to a pleasant little lake about four miles from town, where a nice platform was erected, and very prettily decorated with flowers, grains, vegetables, etc. Here, in the very heart of nature, we held our ingathering service. Look where we might,—out over the lake, at the trees, grass, or wild flowers,—all testified of their Creator. The weather was not as pleasant as desired, so not as many were present as we had hoped to see; yet we all enjoyed the service, and trust it was helpful to all present.

The freewill offerings have been as follows: Council Bluffs, \$7.22; Hartley, \$3.35; Atalissa, \$3.70; Sigourney, \$10.00; Des Moines, \$44.81; Nora Springs, \$.50. The offerings from the four local camp-meetings amounted to \$83.98.

"THE Feast of Tabernacles was the closing gathering of the year. It was God's design that at this time the people should reflect on His goodness and mercy. The whole land had been under His guidance, receiving His blessing. Day and night His watchcare had continued. The sun and rain had caused the earth to produce her fruits. From the valleys and plains of Palestine the harvest had been gathered. The olive berries had been picked, and the precious oil stored in bottles. The palm had yielded her store. The purple clusters of the vine had been trodden in the wine-press. . . . The inhabitants of Palestine, with many from other lands, left their homes, and came to Jerusalem. From far and near the people came, bringing in their hands a token of rejoicing. Old and young, rich and poor, all brought some gift as a tribute of thanksgiving to Him who had crowned the year with His goodness, and made His paths drop fatness. Everything that could please the eye, and give expression to the universal joy, was brought from the woods; the city bore the appearance of a beautiful forest."—"Desire of Ages."

In "Patriarchs and Prophets" we find this statement: "Well would it be for the people of God at the present time to have a feast of tabernacles,—a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to them." Do not you all, dear friends in the Sabbath-school work, feel that you would like to have such a service in your school? We trust that each school may feel to say, Yes. Please send us a report of your service.

A. H. W.

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, OCT. 29, 1901.

—BRO. J. E. WELCH, of this city, met with the Sandyville church last Sabbath.

—ELD. HENRY JOHNSON expects to make Boone his headquarters for the winter.

—BRO. JOHN HUNTER and wife (*nee* Nellie Church), of Harvard, Iowa, have recently come to our city to live.

—BRO. AND SISTER W. E. CADWELL, of Pilot Mound, spent Sabbath and Sunday with friends in Des Moines.

—PROF. FLOYD BRALLIAR will be with the Marshalltown church next Sabbath, to consider the church school work.

—MRS. A. BAKER met with the Des Moines church last Sabbath, and leaves here this week for her new home in Piggott, Arkansas.

—THE Sanitarium Bakery has on hand a small supply of broken crackers which they offer at 5 cents per pound. This will afford a good opportunity to sample their foods.

—DR. AMELIA ZIPF has been asked to work among the churches, giving instruction on healthful living. Those desiring such help may address Eld. L. F. Starr at Stuart.

—BRO. E. H. ADAMS and family spent a few days in this city last week. Sister Adams and little daughter went from here to Atalissa, while her husband returned to the work at New Hampton.

—ELD. L. F. STARR returned home last week from a meeting of the Union College Board, and expected to spend the Sabbath at Atlantic, but was called the last of the week to Battle Creek, Mich., to be present at a meeting of the North-western Union Conference in counsel with the General Conference Committee. Bro. J. W. Dorcas accompanied him.

—VERY encouraging reports are coming in from our Conference workers as they are entering upon the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." We are hoping to be able to give a tabulated report next week; but for the encouragement of others will give a few scattering reports now, as follows: J. H. Kraft, 27 hours, 30 orders; H. Rorholm, 12 hours, 10 orders; N. M. Jorgensen, 9 days, 25 orders; F. M. Corbaley, first day out, 11 orders.

—A RECEPTION was given Eld. J. W. Adams and family last evening at the home of Dr. E. L. Rozelle. They leave this city to-morrow for Los Angeles, California, expecting to spend the Sabbath at Denver, Colorado, and visit other points in that vicinity. They will be joined in Nebraska by Bro. Park Adams, who preceded them for a short stay at College View. As these devoted workers, so long associated with the cause in our State, go from us, we wish them Godspeed. May we truly cherish the words of admonition and encouragement found in Eph. 6:10-19, as presented by Eld. Adams in his farewell address to the Des Moines church last Sabbath afternoon.

—DR. R. H. HABENICHT writes: "We are to sail from New York on the steamer *St. Paul*, Oct. 30, for London, Eng., and thence to Buenos Ayres, Argentine. . . . Tell all the friends, Good Bye." We know that many earnest prayers will be offered for these workers, as they go to carry the gospel of healing for both body and soul to those who are perishing.

—BRO. AND SISTER CHAS. J. BUHALTS are with home friends in Iowa again for a short stay, Bro. Buhalts having been called here on business. It was a privilege to have them in Des Moines over the Sabbath; and the forenoon service, occupied by an account of the development of the work in Manitoba, was of unusual interest.

—How many of our Iowa people are subscribers for the *Practical Educator*? It is published monthly at College View, Neb., for all interested in educational matters, and is of especial interest to those having friends in attendance at Union College. The subscription price is 25 cents. Address *Practical Educator*, College View, Neb.

—ARE you asking, What can I do to help my neighbors? Have you called their attention to "Christ's Object Lessons"? The blessed truth as it is in Jesus is presented in this book, and the Spirit of God has power to impress it in all its fullness upon the hearts of those who read.

—WE will ask those who send in renewals for the BULLETIN to consider the change of date on paster as sufficient receipt. Those ending with "01" expire this year, and when renewed the date will end with "02."

—A book that seems to be much in demand of late is that on the subject of "Nasal Catarrh" by Dr. J. H. Kellogg. Price, postpaid, 25 cents.

—A SPECIAL offer is made whereby the *Signs and Good Health* may be obtained for \$1.75. If you are not now a reader of these periodicals, it certainly is worthy of your consideration. Send subscriptions to this Office.

—CONCERNING the work for the relief of our schools by means of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" this message has come: "Let every family make the most of this opportunity." "Let each member in each family in each church make determined efforts."

—ONE of the most interesting publications recently issued by our people is "Miraculous Powers," *Berean Library* No. 9. The first few pages are devoted to a theoretical discussion of the subject, after which follow a large number of experiences in which God miraculously worked for the good of man. The reading of this pamphlet certainly can not but tend to strengthen faith in Him who is mighty to save. You should read it, and your neighbors should also. Price 15 cents. Order of this Office.

REPORTS.

A FEW of the secretaries have not sent in their reports. Kindly read the letter again which you received with your blanks, and report at once.

A. HELEN WILCOX, Sec.

CONFERENCE WORKERS, PLEASE NOTICE.

GUARANTEE books and report blanks have been mailed to our Conference workers for their use while working for "Christ's Object Lessons." We ask each one to report weekly, so that we may include the work for "Christ's Object Lessons" in our regular reports for the book work department. Please send in the report for week ending Oct. 26, immediately.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFER.

UNTIL the holidays the books named below will be sent to any address, charges prepaid, at the prices quoted:—

Naomi a Friend of Jesus, paper	-	-	\$.15
" cloth	-	-	.30
Fireside Sketches (former price \$1.75)	-	-	.75
Gospel in Creation, board	-	-	.15
" cloth	-	-	.25
Gospel Reader, board	-	-	.30
" cloth	-	-	.45
Sketches of Bible Child Life, cloth	-	-	.35
Story of Redemption, plain	-	-	.60
" gilt	-	-	.75
Peril of the Republic	-	-	.55
Bible Readings for Home Circle, Morocco	-	-	2.00
" Half "	-	-	1.75
Great Controversy, Morocco	-	-	2.25
" Half "	-	-	1.75

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