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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

DEC. 21-28 has been appointed as a season of especial prayer to God, that we may have more power to reform our own lives, and be more successful in bringing others to a saving knowledge of the truth; also that we may obtain a clearer and better view of the needs of the great missionary field,—the world. Preparations should be made so that our churches and companies can meet each day, to consider the readings which have been so carefully prepared.

When trouble was anticipated, the people of ancient times held seasons of prayer, when all united in calling upon God for help; and with this season of prayer they thought it fitting to fast as well as to pray. And it seems that God approved of this action. Compare Jonah 3:5-10 with Matt. 12:41 and Luke 11:32. We notice that fasting and repentance were connected with the seasons of prayer referred to in the above texts, and that Christ commended this course of action.

It seems that we as a people are not awake to the great events that we believe are just before us. I wish to call attention to a brief quotation from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, p. 22: "We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy

tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory." Is not the thought a startling one, that as a wolf cautiously creeps up to his prey before springing upon it, so Satan "with stealthy tread" is advancing to take those who are now asleep?

Brethren and sisters, we must keep awake! The dark night is almost past, the morning soon will break. May the coming week of prayer prove to be a great blessing to the cause of God everywhere. Think about it now, and pray that it may be a means of reviving the work of God all over the great harvest field, at home and abroad.

C. A. WASHBURN.

It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. Eccl. 7:2, 3.

We are nearing the time when people generally expect to indulge in feasting and laughter. We are thankful indeed to be connected with a people who find pleasure in seeking God in humiliation and prayer. It is sometimes asked, What propriety is there in observing this week of prayer? This question can readily be answered when we consider the times in which we live, and the relation we sustain to the work of God. The Lord has been waiting for His people to get ready to warn the world of its impending doom. The message now comes that He will *delay no longer*. This generation is to witness the scenes that the Bible has so long foretold. How much this

means to us! O, the Lord is coming! Are we ready to meet the Judge of all the earth? How many will too late awaken to realize that they are not prepared. "I called, and ye refused," says the Lord. Is it not high time that we awake out of sleep? How much more could have been done in warning the world if all had been fully awake to the situation. My mind has lately been much exercised over this sad thought.

In the *Review* of Sept. 18, page one, I note these words: "God is a vigilant observer of the actions of the children of men.... Soon God will show that He is indeed the living God. He will say to the angels, 'No longer combat Satan in his efforts to destroy.... I will no longer interfere to prevent the destroyer from doing his work.' This time is right upon us." Brethren and sisters, all over the State of Iowa, shall we not make this week of prayer a special occasion for seeking God with all the heart. The promise is, "Ask, and ye shall receive." E. G. OLSEN.

The week of prayer draws near. Why should we pray? Why appoint a special season? For what shall we pray? What preparation, if any, can we make? What mistakes may be avoided? These and other questions suggest themselves; and a brief consideration of some of them may not be out of place. God has invited us to come to Him; and this is the mighty argument in answer to the question, Why?

Why appoint a special season? We are told that if two or three are agreed as touching anything, they may expect an answer to their requests. We have the example of God's people in ancient days for appointing special seasons for seeking God. Note the case of Esther (Esther 4:15-17), and of

Peter (Acts 12:5). Now, in this time, we are admonished to call the solemn assembly and invite all to participate. Joel 2:15-17. The consideration of this chapter brings an answer to the next question,

For what shall we pray? The cry should go forth, "Spare thy people, O Lord!" Let it not be supposed that the needs are not urgent. Never in all past times has there been greater occasion for these words to go up from unfeigned lips. Pray for laborers to gather in the harvest. Pray for strength to be given, that each may do his part. Pray for means to carry forward the work. Pray for the laborers at home and in foreign fields. Most of all, let a mighty cry go up to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit that shall fit each to run with the message; and that the kingdom may soon come, and God's will be done in earth as in heaven.

What preparation can be made? Put away *now* jealousy, evil surmising, evil speaking; heed the admonition, "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned; behold the judge standeth before the door." Confess your faults, not one *for* another, but *one to* another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." Do not dare come up before God with the heart filled with bitterness and strife. If this is done, no blessing will follow; but darkness and discouragement will be the portion.

What mistakes may be avoided? There are a number. 1. Formalism. This is the curse of the religious world to-day. The world is full of people having the form without the power. Let no request be formed by the lips if the heart does not respond with an earnest desire for the thing asked. Otherwise it is lip service, and such prayers are spewed out of the mouth of Him who alone may present them to the Father. 2. Phariseism. God only answers the prayers of him who recognizes his need. Let the heart break before God. 3. Faithlessness. Expect answers. God will give them. The prayer of God's children ascending is heard in the courts of the Highest; and the ear of the Infinite, bending to catch the first cry of His children, will hear the faint pleading for pardon expressed by the poorest among them.

THOS. H. JEYS.

"THERE are no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God."

FREEWILL OFFERINGS.

THE end is come upon the four corners of the land..... The time is come, the day of trouble is near..... They (many people) shall cast their silver in the streets:..... because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity. Eze. 7:1,7,9.

"God gave direction to the Israelites to assemble before Him at set periods, in the place which He should choose, and observe special days wherein no unnecessary work was to be done, but the time was to be devoted to a consideration of the blessings which He had bestowed upon them. At these special seasons they were to bring gifts, free-will offerings, and thank-offerings, unto the Lord, according as He had blessed them.... God requires no less of His people in these last days, in sacrifices and offerings, than He did of the Jewish nation."—*Vol. 2, p. 573.* "But there has been a great neglect of duty. Many have withheld means which God claims as His, and in so doing they have committed robbery toward God. Their selfish hearts have not given the tenth of all their increase, which God claims. Neither have they come up to the yearly gatherings with their free-will offerings, their thank-offerings, and their trespass offerings. Many have come before the Lord empty-handed."—*Vol. 3, p. 510.* "I saw that anciently the covetousness of some led them to withhold a suitable proportion; they made their offering stinted. This was recorded in heaven, and they were cursed in their harvest and their flocks just as they withheld. Some were visited with affliction in their families." "Much means has been brought into the ranks of Sabbath-keepers, and I saw that at present God does not call for the houses His people need to live in, unless expensive houses are exchanged for cheaper ones. But if those who have an abundance do not hear His voice, cut loose from the world, and dispose of a portion of their property and lands, and sacrifice for God, He will pass them by, and call for those who are willing to do anything for Jesus, even to sell their homes to meet the wants of the cause."—*Vol. 1, pp. 221, 177.* "I was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God, and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed."—*Vol. 2, p. 518.*

If we believe that we are living in the last days of the last generation, we will give much of our money to the Lord. The very best manner in which to give expression to our love for our Redeemer, is to make offerings, that

souls may be brought to the knowledge of the truth. God tells us that our offerings will be faithfully recorded. The responsibility is left wholly upon us as to whether we will give much or little. Now, brethren, let us put away all unnecessary work and seek God during the coming week of prayer.

N. C. BERGERSEN.

MISSIONARY WORK.—NO. 9.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SECRETARY.

(Concluded.)

THE missionary secretary must be thoroughly consecrated. Christ is our example in all things. He consecrated Himself so completely to the work of soul saving that self was utterly forgotten. He says, "The words which I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father which dwelleth in me, He doeth the works." We learn by this that He never gave voice to His own ideas. His human plans and methods were not allowed to be presented to others and thus to mar the work of God; but His life was so closely connected with God that He was able to make God's plans His plans, God's thoughts His thoughts; and because of this close connection the work reached perfection in Him. Christ never received anything from the Father which it is not our privilege to receive also, if we will but yield to the spirit of "not I, but Christ." There should be a daily consecration to this work, by prayer, study, and meditation, that we may be convinced that it is no selfish motive which prompts us to act.

We may feel that we are not qualified for the work of the secretary. Perhaps we do not possess all the qualifications, but that need not unfit us for the work. If you have one qualification, do not hide it in the earth. Remember that the man with only two talents went to work in earnest, and had four before his master returned. The one with one talent evidently had just as much ability for increasing that one as the one with two talents had for increasing the two. But he was too indolent and careless to try to increase it. He hid it in the earth,—wasted it. So one qualification may be developed into two, and two into four, if the motive is to glorify God. Will you not follow the example of the one with the two talents? "Ye shall in no wise lose your reward."

DELLA WALLACE.

"If Christ is in the house, your neighbors will soon know it."

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK END-
ING DEC. 6, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
LADIES' GUIDE.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	1	\$ 3.75	\$.85	
BIBL ^e READINGS.				
A. A. Toliver.....	16	1	\$ 2.00	\$3.50
HOME HANDBOOK.				
Henry A. Johnson.....	22	1	\$ 5.50	\$13.50
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel.....	41	3	\$ 8.75	\$6.00
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Mrs. Henry Rorholm.....	15	5	\$ 3.90	\$5.65
J. P. Stenberg.....	3	1	.50	
Tilda Ward.....	18	8	5.00	
CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.				
W. E. Frederick.....	4	\$ 5.00	\$1.00	
Henry Johnson.....	7	8.75		
F. M. Corbaley.....	27	14	17.50	
J. H. Wierds.....	7	8.75		
Calvin V. Starr.....	36	10	12.50	1.25
H. L. Stenberg.....	38	11	13.75	1.40
Carl Jensen.....	37	9	11.25	
*Mrs. Carl Jensen.....	26	10	12.50	
C. E. Rentfro.....	14	5	6.25	6.00
Lloyd Manfull.....	41	2	2.50	
L. Tillie Earle.....	10	3	3.75	
Katie Earle.....	8	1	1.25	
A. F. French.....	30	4	5.00	
*E. E. Gardner.....	40	13	16.25	
Wm. J. Johnson.....	6	7.50		
Andrew Johnson.....	60	5	6.25	.25
*G. A. Larson.....	18	22.50		
J. H. Kraft.....	13	16.25	2.25	
E. G. Olsen.....	17	21.25	1.75	
Henry Rorholm.....	20	7	8.75	3.00
A. R. Shrake and wife.....	45	16	20.00	
DELIVERIES.				
Books. Value. Helps. Lost.				
C. E. Rentfro.....	2	\$ 2.50		
Katie Earle.....	3	3.75		
Lloyd Manfull.....	2	2.50		
H. L. Stenberg.....	2	2.50		
Calvin V. Starr.....	2	2.50		
Henry Rorholm.....	10	12.50		
Henry Johnson.....	1	1.25		
W. E. Frederick.....	1	1.25		
Wm. Johnson.....	6	7.50		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	28
" " orders.....	202
Value of ".....	\$257.00
" " helps sold.....	\$ 46.40
Total value.....	\$303.40
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 36.25
*Two weeks.	
*Six weeks.	

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

LEWIS HILLIARD, GRANT CITY: "I took an order of a man this week whom I had canvassed about three weeks before in his cornfield. At that time he said he could not buy the book; but after I left he got to thinking about it, and told his neighbors what a good book I had. When I called this week, he told me he was afraid he would not get to see me again, and gladly gave me his order."

O. N. CONKLIN, HAMILTON: "My brother who has just returned from Oregon has been led to accept the truth by reading the *Signs* I sent him. I am going to use it in my work more."

THE SANITARIUM.

CONDUCTED BY EMMA A. PERRINE, M. D.

HEALTH HINTS.

SOLOMON says, "When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee." This is what we should do, if we do not have the privilege of preparing our own food; for those who "live to eat" are likely to have a large variety of foods prepared, only a part of which may be considered wholesome. We should always select wholesome foods which combine well. The following are some of the best food combinations: Fruits, grains, and nuts; nuts and vegetables; grains, vegetables, and nut foods; cream, eggs, and grains. Poor combinations are: Fruits and vegetables, or fruits and milk. If great care were taken in the selection and combination of foods, there would be much less complaint about sour stomachs. All grains and breads should be thoroughly cooked and well baked, so that the starch will all be converted into dextrin, which is readily acted upon by the digestive fluids and absorbed into the system. It is not well to drink for half an hour before nor immediately after the meal; and it is not best to drink at mealtime, for the natural juices of the foods and the water in which they are cooked furnish sufficient moisture. An excess of fluid taken into the stomach at meal time diminishes the flow of the digestive fluids, thus hindering digestion. Food should be eaten slowly and masticated well, so as to assist digestion in every way possible.

NOTES.

BRO. ALFRED HUGHES, recently of Humboldt, has joined the nurses' class.

DR. J. D. SHIVELY and Bro. J. W. Dorcas were at Cedar Rapids on business last Thursday.

A NUMBER of new patients came during the week, among them an old friend, Bro. J. N. Carr, of Nevada.

BRO. BURTON CHURCH has gone to Council Bluffs, to assist in the bath-rooms established by Dr. Amelia Zipf.

MRS. LEVI EDGERTON and Mrs. Martin Adson, of Terril, Iowa, went home during the week, both much improved in health.

MISS LAURA GILBERT, a former member of the nurses' class, recently of Nevada, stopped over one day last week as she was passing through the city.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY A. HELEN WILCOX.

QUESTIONS ON 'TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.'

(December Study, pp. 47-52.)

Fourth week.

1. WHY is the influence of the Holy Spirit especially needed in the Sabbath-school?
2. What spirit should be kept out of the Sabbath-school? (From your own experience what has been the result where controversy has been permitted?)
3. What should be the nature of Sabbath-school study? What are appropriate themes?
4. What is now to be done with principles of truth long lost sight of?
5. What admonition is given to the youth?

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Dear Friends of the Sabbath-school work: As the week of prayer draws near, we feel to ask you each to remember the Sabbath-school work in our State before the throne of grace. We know that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church, and we believe that the children who are in our schools to-day will be the young men and women who will carry the third angel's message to the dark parts of the world. No doubt they will be among the number who will stand before kings and judges to answer for their faith,—and may they find many a Nicodemus in legislative halls. Is it not important, then, that their early training, in the home, in the school, and in the Sabbath-school, be of such a character as shall meet the approval of the Divine Teacher? such as shall produce men and women of education and refinement, enabling them to reach all classes of people? The Lord has told us that men of influence and education will be brought into the truth. Shall we not then study and pray as we have never done before, that the Lord may direct our efforts in behalf of the children and youth? May they see Jesus in us, and realize the importance of the work for which the Lord is calling them to prepare. Let us not underestimate the value of a Christian education; but let us send forth from our schools young people who shall be bright and shining lights in the world,—people who, energized by the Holy Spirit, will not fear to present the truth to men of means and influence; for their souls are precious in the sight of the Lord, and it is His plan that they shall assist by their means in spreading this glorious message which will close so soon.

Let us make a special effort for the children and youth during this week of prayer, and may it be an impetus in our Sabbath-schools that shall bring about the reformation which Jesus longs to see.

A. H. W.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, DEC. 17, 1901.

—BRO. P. L. HOEN, of Ames, called at this Office yesterday.

—AN interesting letter from Eld. J. W. Adams, written to the BULLETIN family, will appear next week.

—MR. L. E. PFAFF, of Chariton, spent Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines, with his sister Miss Stella Pfaff.

—ELD. L. F. STARR spent a few hours in this city last Sunday, in returning home from the southern part of the State.

—MISS BELLE RAME, who has been engaged in house-to-house work in this city, was called to Roland last week by the sickness of her father.

—ELD. W. E. FREDERICK called at the Office yesterday. He has been canvassing in the vicinity of Prairie City, and enjoys the privilege of meeting on Sabbaths with the church at Monroe.

—MARRIED, at the home of the bride, near Douds, Dec. 13, at 4:30 P. M., J. D. Moore, of Pulaski, and Miss Cora B. Countryman, Eld. L. F. Starr officiating. The BULLETIN extends best wishes.

—MRS. M. G. GORHAM, of Spirit Lake, writes: "Sister Nellie E. Knapp is working here, and her Sabbath Bible studies are an inspiration to our little company, and we have received much benefit from her experience as a missionary worker."

—THE articles under the heading of "The Week of Prayer" were each written independently of the others. We publish them all believing that the Lord has put into the hearts of His servants just the thoughts we need to consider at this time.

—MRS. R. G. PING, of Audubon, has manifested a practical interest in the circulation of good literature worthy of imitation by those younger and stronger. Although quite aged and able to walk only a short distance at a time, she canvassed her home district, and sends in a nice little order.

—READINGS for the week of prayer were mailed to church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents, with envelopes for the offerings, also to our isolated Sabbath-keepers. Any failing to receive these should report to this Office. We have a few extra copies which will be furnished to others by request.

—MRS. JULIA LEUCCOCK ATWOOD, formerly of Iowa, writes from Gitano, Mississippi: "My husband and I are here teaching the school Miss Anna Knight left to go to India. We have eleven pupils. A house is being built for us to occupy on the forty acres which Miss Knight left in our charge by means of which to support ourselves and help the poor ignorant settlement to a knowledge of God and right ways of living. Some money has been donated for building material, and we trust that the Lord will also furnish a horse and farming implements. We are going forward in His strength, and hope to be able by another year to help in other destitute fields instead of needing help ourselves. The BULLETIN is like a letter from home, and I do enjoy knowing how the work is going in Iowa. Remember the neglected Southern field, that the Lord may send means and consecrated workers here before the way becomes more hedged up."

—BRO. H. W. GOTTFREDSON, of Elk Horn, has recently had the pleasure of visiting relatives in Denmark, also meeting some of our workers and becoming better acquainted with the work in that field. He writes: "At Skodsborg and Frederikshavn the work is onward. Bro. P. A. Hansen is making arrangements to start an industrial school, and is receiving many responses to his advertisement for a large farm. He is the right man in the right place. Bro. Henriksen is making a success of *Good Health* in Scandinavia. Let us remember our institutions in our prayers and with our means."

—PROF. W. E. HOWELL and family and Mrs. S. B. Kinner returned from Honolulu last week. Failing health on the part of Mrs. Howell made it necessary for a change of climate. After a few days' rest in Oakland, they will go on to Berrien Springs, Mich. Prof. J. C. Colcord has taken Prof. Howell's place as principal of the Chinese Academy at Honolulu.—*Pacific Union Record*.

—ALL who do not have the weekly visits of the *Review* can not realize what they are losing. Beside the general features which have characterized it for years, it now gives the Berean lessons, which are intensely interesting. Do not longer delay subscribing for this valuable paper. Price \$1.50 per year. Address this Office.

—"OFTEN the best view of heaven is that obtained from the knees."

—CHRISTIAN life does not consist in mere gentleness, patience, meekness, and kindness. These are essential; but there is also need of courage, decision, energy, and perseverance.—*Sel.*

—PROF. FLOYD BRALLIAR wishes us to refer those who are asking for books on nature study to a work entitled "Bailey's Elementary Botany," which he says is "intensely interesting and practical." It may be obtained of McMillan Co., 66 5th Ave., New York, or ordered through the Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines. Price \$1.00.

—IN commendation of the new book by Wm. Pearce entitled "The Master's Greatest Monosyllables," Eld. W. E. Frederick says: "The writer in a concise way has developed thoughts that are especially applicable to us at this time.... Those who fail to read this book will lose a great blessing. If the chapter headed 'Go' were read and heeded by each one of us as workers, the gospel would soon be carried to all the world, and our blessed Lord would come. May the Lord wake up His people, that they may become intense workers."

—"OUR health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light which the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interests of health and temperance and of social purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner and in their true light to the people." What are you going to do in the way of circulating the *Midwinter Good Health*? Single copy, 10 cents; ten or more copies, 5 cents each.

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

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cloth -	.30
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cloth -	.25
Gospel Reader, board -	.30
cloth -	.45
Sketches of Bible Child Life, cloth -	.30
Story of Redemption, plain -	.60
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