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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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A CALL TO DUTY.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—More than a year and a half ago Sister White laid before us a plan which the Lord had given her for removing the great burden of debt that has so long rested upon our educational institutions. The plan was very simple. She gave her book, "Christ's Object Lessons," to this enterprise. The brethren and sisters everywhere united in giving the material necessary to make the book, and the printing houses gave the labor required to produce it. And, lastly, our people were to give their time to the sale of the book.

It was estimated that the sale of six books per member, or about 300,000 in all, would remove the entire indebtedness of our schools. To everybody this plan seemed simple, feasible, and effective. The price of the book is \$1.25. The subject-matter of the book is charming. Times have been prosperous. Money has been plentiful, and the people have been spending it freely. We have a population of over seventy million people to whom to go with the book. Now it does seem as though we ought, under all the circumstances, to be able to sell at least six books per member during an entire year. The task is not by any means an impossible one. Indeed it is not a heavy task. It is one that could easily be accomplished with a little zeal and perseverance. This has been demonstrated in every possible way. Our agents who are accustomed to selling books have found that it is an easy selling book. Our young people who have never before engaged in the sale of our books have met with most encouraging success, and many of our brethren and sisters who are

far along in years, and who have never before sold books, have succeeded splendidly in their efforts to sell "Object Lessons." Some of our brethren, from forty to seventy years of age, have sold from ten to fifty books each. By actual trial, people of all ages and all stations in life, in cities and in the country, under all conditions, have demonstrated that the book can easily be sold; and yet we have disposed of only one-sixth of the number required to roll away the great reproach.

Is it not time that a stirring call was sounded from one end of the land to the other, calling upon our people to arise, and take hold of this work with energy, perseverance, and a determination not to cease their efforts until the debts have been lifted from our schools?

A few weeks ago, while in conversation with Sister White, she expressed great sorrow of heart because so little effort has been made by our people to carry out this divine plan for the removal of our debts. She pointed out that the work would have been a blessing to our brethren and sisters; the light contained in the book would have been a blessing to the people who purchased it, and the means received would have been a great boon in the hands of our brethren who are struggling with the debts of our schools. If all could have seen the burden this dear servant of the Lord carried on account of our neglect, their hearts would have been stirred to earnest action.

We should have begun this work with great earnestness at the very beginning of winter. Now the season is half gone. But it is not too late to take up the work and dispose of this entire business before spring. Earnest efforts are being made in some of the states to do this. During the month of February our brethren and sisters in the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana are to enter upon a great campaign for the sale of "Object Lessons." It is estimated that all of our members in

these four states should sell on an average four books per member. As there are 15,000 Sabbath-keepers, that would mean the sale of 60,000 books. These states have taken hold of the work with a determination to push it until this result is accomplished.

Dear brethren, let me appeal to you to respond to the Lord's call to service along this line. Is there a single Seventh-Day Adventist in the states mentioned, who will not make an effort to do his part in the sale of this book? If every member would take hold of this work with a determination that he would never lay the burden down until he had disposed of four "Object Lessons," the task would be accomplished in a month. Surely any one who has mind enough to grasp the meaning of the third angel's message, and courage enough to take his stand to live it out, has the ability to sell to his friends and neighbors one copy of "Object Lessons" per week for one month; and this done, the burden of debt is removed. What a glorious result for so small an effort!

One church elder relates an experience like this: As soon as the plan was made known, he felt that it was the Lord's plan, and that it was his duty to co-operate with God in carrying it out. So he purchased his quota of books, and began selling them. When he came to the Sabbath meeting he related to the brethren his experiences during the week, and called upon any others who had been selling the book to give their experiences. This brought life and freshness into the meeting. Then the elder exhorted every member of the church to take up this work in God's appointed way. The next Sabbath all who had endeavored to sell the book were asked to relate their experiences. A good meeting followed. This work was continued in that church until it had disposed of its entire quota. This winter this church is going right on with the work, selling double the number ap-

portioned to them. If all the churches in the country had done this, the great burden of debt on our schools would have been removed last winter, and now we might have been engaged in the sale of the book for the very object pointed out in the Testimonies, namely, to provide a fund for the education of our young men and women whom God is calling into missionary fields, but who have not the money to secure the needed education.

Much more might be said, but space will not permit. We appeal most earnestly to every lover of the third angel's message to show his love by faithfully responding to God's call to service in the sale of "Object Lessons."

Dear reader, do not lay this paper down, nor dismiss this question from your mind until you have resolved most earnestly before God that you will do your duty in this matter. The responsibility rests upon you. You can not delegate it to another. No one else can discharge it for you. The Lord says a great blessing will come to everyone who takes hold of the work. Furthermore, a great blessing will come to those who purchase the book; and still further, a great blessing will come to our schools that receive the proceeds of the sales. The Lord has told us that it is the essence of true faith to do the right thing at the right time. The duty of the present hour is to co-operate with God in this divine plan for rolling away the reproach of debt against our schools. Who will now take up this work, and press it until the task is completed? I pray the Lord to put it into the hearts of His people to do so.

A. G. DANIELS.



QUESTIONS ON "TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK."

February Study, pages 58-61.

Second Week.

1. To what are teachers called?
2. Note carefully the reasons for thorough study of the Word.
3. What should be our course when a doctrine is presented which we do not understand?
4. What earnest appeal is made to the students of every Sabbath-school?



"Rejoice in the Lord always."

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the Second Advent of Our Lord.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

SPIRITUAL LAW IN THE NATURAL WORLD.

Did you know that the entire Gospel is presented as a living picture in the visible creation, and that everything in nature represents some feature of the wondrous power of God to salvation? It is even so. Drummond wrote about "Natural Law in the Spiritual World;" he had a glimpse of the truth; but an inverted one; the truth is, that spiritual law reigns in the natural world.

For example, the continued renewing of our bodies, the amazing promptness with which wounds heal, if the system is given any chance at all, it is a standing lesson to us of the power of the new birth. A severe blow destroys the flesh in a certain part of the body; it drops away, or is cut out by the surgeon's knife, and soon new flesh takes its place. In view of these well-known yet mysterious occurrences, who can doubt God's power to make all over entirely new? For the power that makes a new muscle or adds to the size of the muscle in the growing child, and which makes new blood for us every day, is the very same power that is able to do for us spiritually "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—Eph. 3:20. Indeed, the fact that we are born at all, together with the fact that God is love, is sufficient pledge of the glorious truth. But the existence of men who have been transformed by the renewing of their minds, puts an end to all controversy; for what is the use of arguing about whether or not God can do a thing, when He has already done it? E. J. WAGGONER.

THE MORAL SIGNIFICANCE OF HEALTH.

The idea that it is morally wrong to eat things, to wear things, or to do things that will make one irritable, lazy, or even ill, is seldom suggested. But if we are to judge anything at all by penalties, the penalties for physical transgression, are just as sure and just as heavy as those for any other sin. We reap what we sow.

The law of this world restrains us from pulling down our neighbor's houses, setting them on fire, breaking in the windows. The public safety even requires a statute prohibiting us from destroying our own dwelling, burning out the woodwork, demolishing plate glass. But we tear our bodies to pieces, burn them up with poisons, mar the windows of our souls, without a qualm. Civil law does not forbid this. The churches say little about it. But we read in the New Testament, "The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." Our bodies, then, are regarded by the divine law as more than houses, private dwellings, or even public buildings. They are temples. We are not at liberty to destroy them or to defile them if we would. Is it not a far higher conception to look upon this body and to guard it as the dwelling of the Divine One, than to despise it, and chafe against it as the prison of the soul?

Even if we considered it merely as an instrument for our own use, would it not be madness, even crime, to dull its edges, clog its wheels, dislocate, crowd out of shape, cripple and weaken the most delicate parts of its machinery, coarsely and roughly to destroy the costliest, rarest, most intricate and perfect visible work of the Creator? Regarding it in this way, which must be a reasonable and true way, does not even so small a thing as a tight dress, or an indigestible meal assume a moral significance?

MARY HENRY ROSSITER.



BRIEFS.

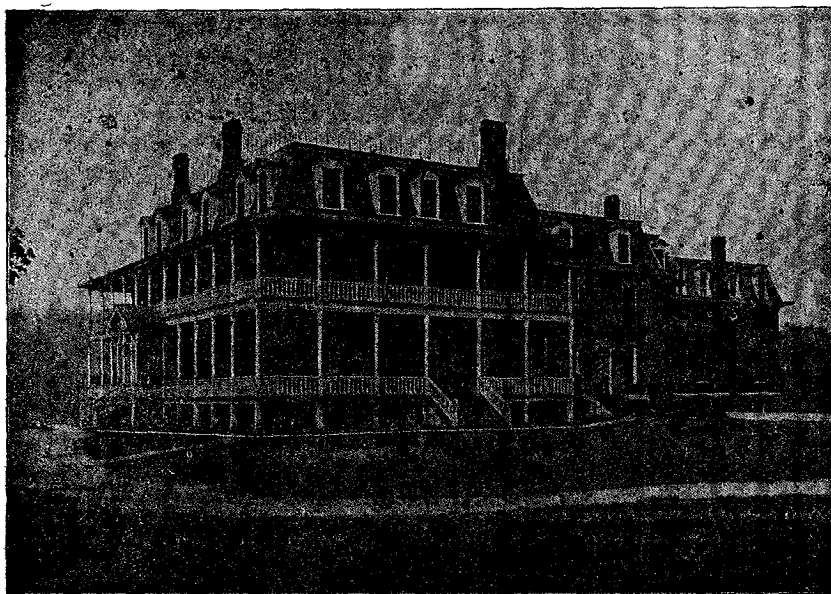
"There are souls in this world that have the gift of finding joy everywhere."—Faber.

"The most momentous truth of religion is that Christ is in the Christian."—Drummond.

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

"But my God shall supply all your needs, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

"O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!"



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

"FEED MY LAMBS."

Parents, are your children drifting
Downward with the swelling tide?
Is it true our youth are straying
Far away from Jesus's side?

Do you know that we are standing
On the threshold of a door,
Soon to open for the ransomed,
Soon to close forevermore?

Do you know our foe is working
As he never has before,
To deceive the world around us?
Have you heard the lion roar?

Know you that the great Deceiver
Seeks the children and the youth,
And with all his arts and cunning
Strives to draw them from the truth?

Would you see them firm like Daniel,
Standing nobly for the right,
Fearing not the king's displeasure,
Seeking not earth's fame or might?

Give them all a Christian training,—
Place their feet upon the Rock,—
That when fierce the tempest rages,
They may stand the fearful shock.

Haste then, fathers, mothers, hasten.
Do the work that next you lies;
Gather in the flock God gave you,
Soon He'll bear them to the skies.

—Roy F. Cottrell.



THE SANITARIUM CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

The Correspondence School for Nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School will begin a new class in

April. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties to take a regular course at one of our Sanitariums. This is the fourth year this Course has been carried on, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Studies on eleven subjects are given, among which Missionary work and care and treatment of the sick are prominent.

The tuition fee is three dollars, which barely covers the cost of sending out the lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the replies to the pupil. The books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall form a new class in April which will continue one year (some finish in six months) and shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the Course, will be sent free on application. Address, Cor. Dept. Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.



"If God be for us who can be against us?"

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself."

"Prove all things; and hold fast to that which is good."

"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

"Many love at their tongue's end; but the godly love at their fingers' end."

Tidings From the Field.

Farmer, Ohio.—Owing to the distance we could not meet with the brethren at Hicksville during the week of prayer. We have the evidence, however, that while it is not at all times possible for all to meet together in one place, but the spirit will be given to those who with one purpose worship God. The readings arranged for the occasion refreshed our minds with the fact of the Lord's soon coming and a needed preparation for the event. Millions are in heathen darkness, and the nearness of His coming demands our immediate and prayerful consideration as to what God would have us to do. Personally I feel like saying, "Here am I, send me." I feel confident that each one of our small company feel the same. As I have pushed my way through the throng of London streets I have thought, how can the poor people ever be reached. Sometimes almost overwhelmed with the magnitude of the situation the comforting message has come, "the battle is not your's, but God's," and as I plodded along discouragements came, but I never got discouraged.

Dear readers of the Visitor, I have come to this state to co-operate with you once again, in making known the "unsearchable riches of Christ."

H. E. FAIRCHILD.

Canton, O., Jan. 29, 1902.

While canvassing in Marion Co. I took orders for "Coming King" in the German language, but when I went to deliver them I could not get the German books, so I had to go back in two weeks to deliver them. I was very much perplexed as I had to go 75 miles on a wheel, but the Lord turns our perplexities into rejoicings. While delivering one of the German books, a lady across the street sent a word to me that she wanted me to stop at her place. I had delivered her two books—"Coming King and Gospel Primer"—the first time. She wanted to know if we had anything that went deeper into this truth, so I sold her "Daniel and Revelation." Three weeks after delivering this book I received a note from her saying that she wanted "Great Controversy." About four

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weeks after delivering this book I received a letter from her saying she was ready to accept this truth, and wanted all the help that she could get that would show her the way the Lord would have her to live. She then ordered the Review and Herald, Signs of the Times and Desire of Ages. She would send for five and ten dollars worth of tracts at a time. She gave the tracts to her friends. But her work was cut short. About four months after she accepted the truth she was laid to rest, with the hope of coming up in the first resurrection.

Dear fellow laborers, let us think it not strange when we go through trials to get this truth in the homes of the people, for it may be that the very book we place there will be the means of bringing them in the truth. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers to gather the sheaves into the garner of the Lord. Dear fellow laborers, let us work, watch and pray. Yours in the canvassing work.

C. L. WILSON.

(Brother Wilson says the experience just related was brought to his mind so forcibly while reading "Manual for Canvassers," page 38. We trust that all the canvassers will have like experiences and read the page referred to, and do as this brother has done.—Ed.)

Columbus, O., Jan. 31, 1902.

I arrived here the 24th to assist in making arrangements for the institute. The brethren of the Columbus church are very kind and are praying for the meeting. We expect a good meeting, for the Lord will be with us. Let those who cannot come pray for the success of the meeting, as good can be done this way, for the Lord says that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I would kindly ask those who send me the names of parties that they desire me to correspond with about the canvassing work, to please write the name and address plainly. I wrote to one party and the letter was returned. Some may think that I do not care to write, but such is not the case. When the canvassers change their address, if they will inform me I will be thankful.

Address me, G. P. Gaede, Academia, Knox Co., Ohio.

Asleep in Jesus.

HENDERSON—Died of brain fever at Bristol, Ohio, Jan. 19, 1902, Laura Bell, little daughter of Brother and Sister F. H. Henderson, aged 11 months and 5 days. The writer had the pleasure of visiting this brother and sister a few days before the death of their little girl and was surprised to see one so young running about and lisping her parents' names. Her death was very sudden. She was sick only a few hours. It was sad indeed for the parents to part with her as she had been as a bright sunbeam in the home ever since her birth. The strength of the Lord was sufficient to help them endure their bereavement, knowing that they will meet her again in the near future. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thess. 4:18. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

DITMER—Died at her home, near Laura, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1902, Amanda Jane Ditmer, aged 39 years, 8 months and 2 days. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been a sufferer for the past four years. She (with her husband) united with the Seventh Day Adventist church about seven years ago, when Elder D. E. Lindsay preached the message at Laura. All through her sickness she expressed her willingness to be laid to rest, believing that the Saviour would soon come to call the faithful from their dusty beds. Brother Ditmer is left alone to mourn his loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Cor. 1:3-8.

J. O. MILLER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Sabbath-school secretaries and librarians who have not sent in their quarterly reports, are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Brother W. W. Miller will act as pastor of the Mt. Vernon church for a time. His labors will be much appreciated. He is convalescing from the hurt that he received while assisting with the church building at Waterford, O.

Sister Jessie B. (Sweet) Mayberry

writes from Memphis, Tenn.: "We are very busy in the work here; it is an occasion of Job 1:6. We are meeting opposition from the enemy but are of good courage."

Subscriptions are coming in for the Visitor. Let them come, as we desire to see the subscription list increased.

Sister Nettie E. Graves of the Clark Memorial Home in Springfield, Ohio, on Jan. 16, while attempting to board a street car, in some way fell and was quite seriously injured. At present she is improving some, but wishes the prayers of her brothers and sisters that she may bear her affliction patiently. She will be glad to hear from any of her friends. A letter will prove a great comfort to her. Sister Tracy is with her constantly to minister to her.

Elder L. C. Sheaf occupied a part of the time at the "Students' Missionary Society," Feb. 1, relating some of his experiences in the Southern field.

We trust that all will read the article entitled "A Call to Duty," and then heed the call. Let us "work while it is day."

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

James A. Parker has sold the following books for cash since Jan. 1, 1902: 20 Heralds of the Morning, 2 Object Lessons, 10 Coming King, 1 Sunbeams of Health and Temperance, 2 Daniel and Revelation, 20 Best Stories, 1 Easy Steps, 9 Steps to Christ, 2 Gospel Primer, 16 Making Home Happy, 5 Christ Our Saviour. Total number of books, 88. Value, \$73.25.

Thomas A. Brown—Book sales, \$10.

Edith Francis—Orders, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 1 Best Stories, 4 Coming King, 1 Bible Reading, 2 Bibles. Value, \$14.90.

Alice Edwards—1 Heralds of the Morning, 1 Looking Unto Jesus, 4 Marvel of Nations, 5 Bible Readings, 1 Ladies' Guide.

C. L. Wilson—Deliveries, 4 Coming King, 1 Great Controversy, 1 Supremacy of Peter, 1 Marvel of Nations, 1 Father of the Catholic Church, 1 History of Sabbath, 1 Prophetic Lights, 1 Eastern Question, 1 Soul and Resurrection, 18 Steps to Christ, 16 Tracts. Value, \$18.65.