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

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"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

GOD LIVES FOR ME.

I do not have to think
Each time my life blood courses
on its way.
I do not have to link
Life's chain that binds me to
another day.
I do not keep in mind
Each time I take a breath of pure
air.
I do not have to find
My spark of life within, and keep
it there.
I do not need to try
To bear a burden now that comes
tomorrow.
I do not need to cry
E'en though my life is full of
grief and sorrow.
I have no cause to fret
Beneath my burden up life's weary
hill;
For God is living yet,
And bears the burdens of His chil-
dren still.

—Robert B. Thurber.



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"When satan comes to tell you that you are a great sinner, look up to your Redeemer, and talk of His merits."

THE POWER OF A TEMPERATE LIFE.

It is one of God's kind laws, that obedience in a lower sphere always brings reward in a higher sphere as well. To obey God in the body finds recompense in the body, to be sure, but also in the soul. No one can be temperate without getting a clearer eye for it, a finer skin, stronger muscles, and a steadier pulse. But then, too, it is impossible to be temperate and not see more of God, enjoy finer impulses, a quicker energy, a sturdier will. God always pays at compound interest, a splendid return for a trifling service.

But is temperance a trifle, an easy matter, a slight task? Does it not rather imply great self-control, strenuous self-denial? One would think so to hear some men talk, but they are the intemperate men. To one who has never used tobacco it is no hardship not to use it; he loathes it. A man who has never used alcoholic liquors can pass the doors of a thousand public houses, with not the least desire to enter them. Daniel and his friends ate their simple fare with a greater relish than the other youths had for their richer viands, and so they grew fairer to the eye. No truly temperate man can feel it a self-denial to be temperate; it is his choice and his pleasure.

But suppose that, as is the case with all of us at some points, we have already begun to be intemperate? How can we make our way into the power of a temperate life?

First, want to. No one can be cured of drunkenness—of any kind—until he really wants to be cured. He will remain a drunkard at heart until he takes the will cure, and ceases to look longingly after his sin, to see

how close he can get to it without falling into it again.

Second, keep away from temptation. If your sin came through the dance, do not even look at a dance again. If from gambling, do not touch a pack of cards, even when no stake is played for. If from strong drink, do not even read the papers that advertise liquors.

Third, fill your life with heavenly interests. Hard work is one of the best specifics against intemperance.

Fourth, and finally, though first of all in importance, do not trust in your own strength. Appetite is a fearful thing. God is the only One that can master it, as anyone may prove. There is no depth of sensuality, of passion, of folly and despair that His mercy cannot sound.

No drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven, but the kingdom of heaven can enter any drunkard, if he will.

AMOS R. WELLS.



A YEAR OF BIBLE STUDY.

Not long ago I came across this sentence written by a very faithful laborer, and printed in one of our papers about three years ago: "I solemnly believe that if a person is so situated that he can study the lesson and attend the Sabbath-school, and does not do so, he will never attain to such knowledge of God as will bring to him eternal life."

At first thought it may seem as if that is a very extreme view to take, but the idea is certainly worthy of study. Of late it has seemed that a spirit of indifference to the Sabbath-school has crept into the minds of many of our people, and in nearly every church there are those who entirely absent themselves from the Sabbath-school, or else are very irregular in their attendance. While our Sabbath-schools need and should have the presence and help of every believer the need is not wholly on one side. Those who are carelessly

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depriving themselves of this means of grace, may be turning away from that which might be to them a "savour of life unto life."

The Sabbath-school is the church organized and equipped for the systematic study of the word of God. There is no service that equals it in giving opportunity for individual study and training. The Spirit of the Lord has said: "The Sabbath-school is an important branch of the missionary work, not only because it gives to young and old a knowledge of God's Word, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and a desire to study them for themselves; above all, it teaches them to regulate their lives by its holy teachings."

Can any one deliberately or carelessly turn away from the Sabbath-school, and cut themselves off from its service, and from the study of the lessons which are engaging the attention of a large number of the people of God, and not suffer a loss that is material? Can we really estimate the possible loss? Can any portion of the Scripture become so familiar to us that we know all there is of God in any text, and that nothing more can be revealed to us by study? These are questions our people should consider.

We are now entering upon the study of a new series of lessons. The arrangement of the lessons is new, and such as to encourage the most thorough Bible study. The subject of the senior lessons, "Studies in the Gospel Message," should appeal to each adult person as being worthy their most careful attention. The youth's lessons are based upon the same series. The children are starting in on a three-years' study of Bible history, something after the manner of the lessons used in book form years ago. In all divisions of the Sabbath-school, the quarter beginning April 1 marks an important epoch in Bible study.

We appeal to every family and to every person in our ranks to study the Sabbath-school lessons and connect with the Sabbath-school work. If you are within reach of a school, let no trivial thing hinder your prompt and regular attendance. If you are isolated, send for a lesson Quarterly and for the lesson papers for your children, and in the fear of God, unite in the study of the les-

sons. Let us have a year of real Bible study. And the study of that Word will surely be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.



QUESTIONS ON "TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK."

First week.

WHAT IS MEANT TO BE A LABORER WITH GOD.

1. Note each point in the exhortation to young men.
2. What will make a teacher dry, tedious, and ineffective in his work?
3. What round of formal duties is mentioned?
4. What else is required really to make a person a "laborer together with God"?

(a) With reference to his heart's desire.

(b) Solicitude for the work.

(c) Constantly planning.

(d) Devising ways to draw souls to Christ.

Second week.

WHAT IS MEANT TO BE A LABORER WITH GOD.

Continued.

1. Name some of the characteristics of a faithful Sabbath-school laborer.

(a) A willing burden-bearer.

(b) Enduring toil, privation, reproach, repulse, humiliation.

(c) Remembering the example of the Great Teacher.

(d) Taking time for study and prayer.

(e) A servant who understands what his work is.

2. "Is it then a slight matter to teach in Sabbath-school, without a preparation of heart for this momentous work?"

3. How is this sacred work marred by many? (Let each worker solemnly consider if he is one of the "many.")

Third week.

THE EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

1. To whom is an appeal made?

2. What is the burden of this appeal?

3. What special efforts should be made for the salvation of scholars? (We especially urge that this work be done in every school.)

4. What methods do no good with erring pupils?

Fourth week.

THE EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

1. Review the principal points mentioned as characteristic of the faithful laborer.

2. Review the appeal to Sabbath-school workers, and the instruction concerning personal work with scholars.

3. Who is interested in our work?

4. What encouraging promises are made?

5. Are these promises to Sabbath-school workers?

6. When shall we carry out this instruction?



THE CHURCH SCHOOLS.

I have now the returns from all of our church schools, giving quarterly reports for the first quarter of this school year. Below is a brief summary of such items as can be presented by figures. Much else appears in the reports of an encouraging nature, showing that, in the main, excellent work is being done. Some of the teachers have been sending monthly reports quite regular. Some have not. Again we invite you all to report frequently, not tabulated reports simply, containing only a few statistics, but items of interest in your daily experiences. These will be read by all with interest and profit. Perhaps it would be well to send all such articles direct to the Welcome Visitor.

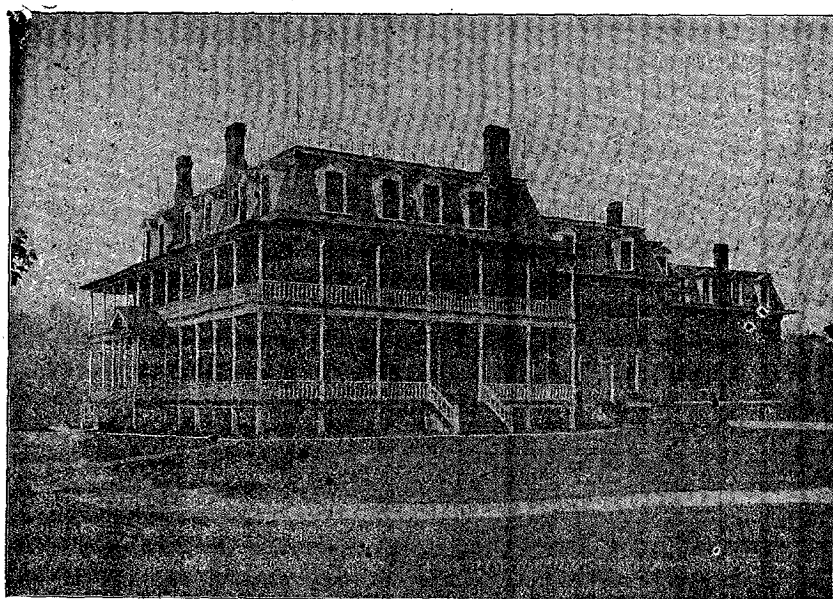
W. H. WAKEHAM.

NO.	LOCATION.	No. Enrolled.			TEACHER		
		Av. Per Cym of Alt	Av. Department	Av. Age.			
1	Clarksfield	15	97	90	12	5	Cora Gibson.
2	Cleveland	22	8	90	11	3	Ruby M. Owen.
3	Clyde	20	6	8	10	5	Jas. E. Shultz.
4	Columbus	18	6	9	9	4	O. Clemen.
5	Dayton	16	8	9	10	4	Flora Evans.
6	Elgin	0	88	90	13	4	Lulu Pieper.
7	Hamler	17	96	93	13	4	Chas. G. Clymer
8	LaGrange	13	80	91	11	4	Minnie Wolford.
9	Academia	26	9	89	11	4	K. R. Haughey.
Total		53	86	90	11		



Misses Inez Gibson and Effie Giddings, who are taking the nurses' course at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, are visiting at their homes in Academia.

The church school at Hamler, O., taught by Mr. Charles Clymer, closed March 25. Mr. Clymer has returned to his home in Academia.



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

TO ALL THE LOYAL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS IN THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

The hearts of all true Seventh-Day Adventists throughout the world have been saddened and stirred by the grievous loss of our long-loved Sanitarium, Medical Mission and Medical Work in this land and in the world.

God has lessons for us to learn in this loss. Dr. Kellogg and those associated with him recognize this and have publicly stated it many times since the dreadful fire. A kind and wise Father will unfold these lessons to humble, prayerful hearts in his own good time and way.

"But not today. Then be content, poor heart!

God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,

Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.

And if, through patient toil, we reach the land

Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,

When we shall clearly know and understand—

I think that we will say, 'God knew the best!'"

Yes, God knows the best. And these lessons are for all of us who belong to the great family of God on earth, and not simply for our Medical leaders and workers.

Now is the time to gather courage from calamity. Now is the time to

talk and act faith and hope. This trouble if rightly appropriated by faith will knit the soul of every child of God to the souls of our Medical brethren and sisters, till we love them as our own souls.

Not for a moment must we allow a thought to rankle in our minds that this great loss has come because of sin in the lives of those engaged in the Medical Work. Remember the lesson which Christ gave to the self-satisfied Pharisees: "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Remember again the lesson of Job and his three friends. These men thought Job was punished because of his iniquities. But such was not the case. Job was a perfect man "and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil." So good a man was he, that the Lord told satan that there was none like him in the earth. And again God told the devil of Job: "He holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him, to destroy him without

cause." Job's troubles were not because Job was a sinful man. On the contrary they were permitted to come upon him because God could trust him to be true and faithful to him, under the most discouraging circumstances.

And now let the prayers of every true child of God ascend to heaven in behalf of the Medical Work. Let us wrestle with the Master in behalf of those upon whom on account of this calamity the heaviest burdens will fall. Morning and evening as we gather around the family altar let us pray that God will give wisdom so that the work may be built up again stronger than ever.

Sabbath, April 5th, has been set apart at the request of the members of the General Conference Committee who could get together to consider the matter, as a day of prayer for our Medical Work. Let every soul sanctify and prepare his heart against this day. Let all be carefully and prayerfully considering what they can do to assist the MISSIONARY ACRE FUND. Every one can do something. Some can dedicate a part of their crops; others a part of the fruits of their orchards, their vineyards and their berries. Women and children can plant gardens and raise poultry.

Those who live in cities and villages can give a part of their earnings. Women can make useful articles with their needles and sell them. Other sisters can consecrate their spare time to canvassing for our smaller books, and can give the proceeds.

The children also can be enrolled in the Missionary Acre Fund army. There are many things which their parents can help them to do which will yield returns.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, the sum necessary to secure the old Battle Creek College buildings, can easily be raised. If all will work with a will, joyfully, hopefully and prayerfully as unto the Lord this can be done within the next two years.

Yours for the triumph of the most sacred work on earth,

PERCY T. MAGAN,
Sec. of Finance, S. D. A. Gen. Conf.



U. S. Clymer returned to Academia last week. He has been spending some time in Battle Creek, Mich.

Our Canvassers.

Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Readers of the Welcome Visitor—I wish to tell you some of the joy that I have had in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." I have canvassed a little over three weeks and I can say that I have enjoyed the work very much. I have not had much time for study but the Lord has greatly blessed me and given me favor with the people. Through a misunderstanding some of the German ministers warned their people against the book, but I went to the Lord with my trouble and He sent me to the ministers and brought me in tender love with them. In the work I find souls ready for the harvest. I have held Bible readings with some of them. One morning as I started out I was inclined to pass by a certain block, as I had made up my mind that they were all infidels. But the still small voice said: "Why not start right here?" I said, "All right, if it is the Lord's will, I will do what I can." So I started right there and in a few hours I took five orders. The Lord showed me again that His thoughts are as much higher than my thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth. O, that we may learn to listen to the voice of the Shepherd. I have now, with the Lord's help, sold 76 Object Lessons. To the Lord be all the praise. I have only been an instrument in His hands. I am firmly convinced that this is what the Lord would have His people do. It will get us out of the lukewarm condition that we are in and occupy our time and minds so that we will have no time to listen to the temptings of the evil one. Let us go out and gather souls for Christ. The canvassing work is a good work. Let us do it. Let us give heed to our instruction.

Yours in the work,

G. P. GAEDE.

Bowling Green, O., March 21, '02.

Dear Brethren and Co-Laborers in the Field—While I have been confined to my bed most of the time this quarter and am spending the most of my time there now, yet I have not lost my interest in the precious message and work of the Lord. I have

watched with interest for every issue of the "Welcome Visitor" and "Review," and carefully noted every step taken for the advancement of the precious truth. I am heartily in favor of the effort made to sell Christ's Object Lessons. I feel, brethren, that you that heartily enter into this work, are enjoying rich blessings in the field that I am deprived of. It does my heart good to read your good reports. I believe that if we will move out with the spirit and zeal that is described in Elder Daniels's articles that we will be abundantly able to do our share of the work. May the Lord help us to see that "this is the day of our visitation." We have taken up the study of the lessons in the "Forward Movement" here at the Bowling Green church. We had a good number at the first meeting. I am of good courage in the Lord and hope to be able to send you a better report soon.

R. A. BOARDMAN.

Coshocton, O., March 28, 1902.

Dear Visitor—I am enjoying my evangelistic work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." I took orders for 15 C. O. L. and 4 Best Stories, value, \$20.75. I gave away over 1,000 pages of tracts. May the Lord abundantly bless my fellow-laborers in the cause, is my prayer.

Yours in the Message,

B. L. HOUSE.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

G. P. Gaede—Orders, 4 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$5.00. Delivered 16 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$20.

G. W. Spies—Orders, 1 Gt. Con., 1 Coming King, 1 Sunbeams. Value, \$5. Delivered 1 Gt. Con., 4 Coming King, 1 Gospel Primer, 1 Sunbeams. Value, \$8.25.

C. L. Wilson—Orders, 42 Coming King. Value, \$42. Value of Helps, \$2.75. Total, \$44.75.

Mary Hubble—Orders, 3 Object Lessons, 3 Coming King, 1 Controversy. Value, \$11.00.

E. S. Opdyke—Orders, 3 Best Stories, 1 Coming King, 1 Home Hand Book, 1 Christ's Object Lessons, 2 Heralds of the Morning, 1 Ladies' Guide. Value, \$13.

E. E. Nothstine—Orders, 4 Thoughts on Dan. and Rev., 8 Best Stories. Value, \$7.

Alice Edwards—Deliveries, 3 Ob-

ject Lessons, 1 Coming King, 1 Heralds of the Morning, 2 Marvel of Nations, 4 Bible Readings, 1 Ladies' Guide. Value, \$22.25.

Orders, 2 Object Lessons, 1 Great Cont., 1 Bible, 2 Bible Readings, 2 Marvel of Nations. Value, \$15.25.

Edith Francis—Orders, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 2 Best Stories, 1 Coming King, 4 Bible Readings. Value, \$11.75. Delivered, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 1 Bible Readings. Value, \$2.75.

John P. Gaede—Orders, 5 Object Lessons. Value, \$6.25. Value of Helps, \$1.00.

F. E. Wagner—Value of deliveries, \$5.90. Cash sales, \$7.75. Value of orders, \$11.30. Total, \$24.95.

news and notes—

The church school at West Clarksville, O., taught by Miss Cora Gibson, has closed.



FROM THE FIELD.

Lima, O., March 23, 1902.

Dear Visitor—The Lord is very good to us here in Lima; He has provided us with a nice place for holding our Sabbath services in a central, public building. Our Sabbath-school has grown from two to twelve. Two children, whose parents are not of our faith, have been attending our Sabbath-school for some time. One is now observing the Sabbath and the other one is desirous of doing so, although discouraged by her parents. The mothers of these girls are becoming interested in our meetings. We are planning to begin a church school here, also to sell our quota of "Object Lessons." Please remember the work in this place at the throne of grace.

GEO. W. SPIES.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elders W. H. Wakeham and A. G. Haughey, Prof. J. W. Loughhead and N. S. Miller, all from this place, are in Chicago attending the Lake Union Conference.

Miss Cora Petithory is doing Bible work in Canton, O. She is with Miss Ella Talmage, who has been there ever since camp meeting.

Sabbath, March 22, Elder A. G. Haughey organized a church in Canton, Ohio. The organization consists of nine members. It is expected that others will unite soon.