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## OBJECT LESSONS

BY I. J. HANKINS.

These moments are precious. If you can not take your quota of books and pay for them, then set apart a day to sell them and do not put it off. Now, just now, is the best time to do this work.

We are sending printed cards, or blotters, which will introduce you and the book, stating briefly its mission, what others think of it, and its extensive and ready sale. With this card to speak for the book, you need not say so much yourself.

Make a few calls to-day, presenting the card; to-morrow call again with the book. In the meantime pray the Lord to prepare the way before you; then meet the people with courage. If you have not received any cards let us know and we will supply you. If you have no book or books on hand, apply to the nearest church, or send direct to this office. Every book taken must be paid for or returned unsoiled.

Let every appointed leader push this work now. Visit every church and every member in your district if possible, at once, and enlist everybody for service now.

If every one would spend ten hours in this work and report the results, we would all be happily surprised. Who can not spend at least this small amount of time in this heaven-appointed work? Many can and will spend much more time. People are spending money for books for Christmas presents. Why not let them see Object Lessons? Where can they find a better book? Show them the testimonials on the printed blotter—a book for children; yes, for everybody. Who says so? Prominent ministers in the churches represented in the card. Get other testimonials from your own town. Do something, and do it at once. The Lord will bless your efforts.

## THE REMNANT

BY I. J. HANKINS.

The world is rapidly going away from God. Everywhere we see (do we?) the devices of the enemy to ensnare men and women. Truly the times are "perilous." The day of deliverance is hastening, however, and the Shepherd bids His "little flock" lift up their heads and rejoice, for their redemption draweth nigh. But where are God's people, the remnant of His heritage? They have gone away from Him and He tells us how they did it. "Ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them." Mal. 3:7. In His love for the wanderers He says: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you." They do not see the magnitude of their sins in not keeping His ordinances, so they ask: "Wherein shall we return?" The Lord then names their sin. "Will a man rob God?" Still they do not see it, and they, in their blindness, inquire: "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" Hear His reply: "In tithes and offerings." Is it really true? It seems almost in-

credible that His people, who profess to love Him and who professedly demonstrate their love by keeping (?) His commandments, should at the same time be guilty of robbing. Not stealing from men, not holding up trains, nor blowing up safes, but worse than this—robbing God.

If your best and most loved and trusted friend should treat you thus, how would you feel? Can you think that God passes this thing by? How can any man who believes the Bible and who truly loves God, be guilty of this sin? Oh, the power of covetousness! the blinding influence of selfishness! how can man be a free man? "Ye shall know the truth," says the Master, "and the truth shall make you free." We talk fluently about "the truth," "the present truth," "the third angel's message." We say, "we are the remnant, chosen of God to give the truth to the world."

Brethren, if the truth has not transformed us into honest men—honest with God; if we fail to render to God that which is His, how can He entrust us with the sacred work of giving His truth to the world?

Do we desire the Lord's blessing? If so, bring all—not a part—the tithes into the storehouse and I will pour you out a blessing, etc. Everybody has tithe to pay, and everybody may have offerings for the Lord. He assures us that if we are faithful to Him in tithes and offerings He will "rebuke the devourer" and will bless us with temporal and spiritual blessings. Who in Indiana will return to the Lord and rob Him no longer, either in tithes or offerings? For our own sake, brethren, we can not afford to rob God, and for the sake of His languishing cause, we can not afford to do it. Now is the time for every man to be true to his fellowman and to be loyal to God and to His cause. Brethren, think seriously of these things.

## THE SCHOOL

BY I. J. HANKINS.

The work on the buildings is moving slowly for lack of material, but progress is being made. We are depending on native lumber from a saw mill near by, because it is so much cheaper than pine. We are coming to the bottom of our purse, too, so brethren who have not fully paid their pledges will please send in the money at once to the office.

Are there not others whose hearts are impressed that they ought to give of their abundance, or of their daily wages, as the case may be to aid this work? Does not the character of the work appeal to you? Is not the salvation of our children and their preparation for the Lord's work worthy of our earnest effort? Will we not divide the proceeds of our summer's work with the Lord? Surely we ought to give Him a large share. The Lord is looking on to see how much love we show for His work. He says: "Give and it shall be given." Who believes it? Let not this school work be hindered for lack of means. We wait for your contributions.

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## A BIRTHDAY OFFERING

BY I. J. HANKINS.

What shall it be and to whom? One cent for each year you have lived as an offering to the Industrial Academy at Boggs town. This gives every member of the family a part, even the baby. The father is fifty years old, he gives 50 cents. A son is 18, and he gives 18 cents. The entire family give an amount equal to the sum of all their ages. We make this call for an immediate offering to meet an immediate need. We must have money to purchase material. The school is growing, and soon the present facilities will be too small. We are very anxious to get the new buildings ready at the earliest date possible. Who will collect this birthday offering from each family? The treasurer or the or the elder, or both. Let this birthday offering be independent of any previous donation, so every family may have a part in it. The list will be started in this paper. Send in your offerings and they will be added in future numbers.

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## THE COMING WEEK OF PRAYER.

BY A. G. DANIELS.

The season of prayer to be held by our people, December 20-27, should be an occasion of greater importance than any former occasion of the kind ever held by this denomination. It should prove a very great blessing to our people. We never needed a week of prayer more than at the present time. Our own people need the help and the blessing it is intended to bring to them, and the great wide world, which God has sent us to save, needs at once the blessing and salvation of this message.

Never in the history of this people have the barriers been so entirely removed, the doors so widely opened, and the call so urgently sounded, as today. There is scarcely a nation in the world that we do not have a definite knowledge about, and to which we could not readily go with this message if we had the workers and the means.

During the coming season of prayer one of the chief burdens of our people should be to plead with God to show us how to answer the calls that are coming to us from all parts of the field. If our people would give themselves up to fervent prayer in behalf to the evangelization of the world, we would see the beginning of a new order of things. We would have volunteers as never before for foreign lands.

Is it not a remarkable thing that the Lord has gone before us, and so prepared all lands for this truth, that calls are coming to us from all them for help? A few years ago we had to pioneer these countries, and secure a foothold by hard labor. No one knew of us, and no call came to us except the mute appeals of countries in darkness without this light. But now all this is changed. These fields are ready for us, and most earnest pleadings come to us for help. What does this mean? Why is the world laid at the feet of our church? Why are scores of earnest appeals sent to us from all parts of the world to give them this message? This is a marvelous thing. It should stir the hearts of our people. This is a fulfillment of the promises in the sixteenth chapter of Isaiah.

Our people should sense most keenly and vividly the importance of the present opportunities, and should realize what the week of prayer may be to them. It should lead to a great spiritual awakening, to a revival and a reformation. It should lead those who are discouraged to renew their hold on God, to sever the ties that bind them to the world, and to strengthen those that bind them to the world to come. It should lead many of our brethren and sisters of talent to devote their lives more entirely to the work of God; and it should be the means of leading our people who are enjoying such great financial prosperity to make a proper return to God for the blessings He is bestowing upon them.

The coming week of prayer should be a season of consecration to God and earnest prayer in behalf of the extension of this cause. Clear-sighted, enthusiastic, sturdy service in gospel evangelization is what is wanted today. This is the call of the hour, and it can only be answered by the coming of the toilers. Can not the coming week of prayer be made to arouse our people on this point, and give them new views of this problem? If all of our people could receive a revelation regarding the great field to be worked, the preparation that has been made for our work to be readily accomplished, and the facilities and talents within our own denomination for doing the work, a mighty forward movement would set in from the impulse of the people themselves. Then the great body of the people would, by one mighty uprising, give its service and its means to this great work.

The time has come to put aside our fears and doubts, and to engage in this work with a determination that will win. The message we preach is from God, and according to that message the world must be warned in our day, and the end must come. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The earnest calls from whitened fields today are only the bugle call of the Captain of our salvation to this people to arise and plant the standard of this truth in all lands as a witness to all nations, that the end may come.

## "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS"

This is a book that is well calculated to do much good. It will interest the entire family, old and young. It should find its way into every home.—ALEX. McLAUGHLIN, Pastor Wells Memorial Lutheran Church, Goshen, Ind.

# BOOK WORK

## A LETTER

BY H. S. BROWNING.

DEAR BRETHREN: I would like to send an encouraging report from Indianapolis. The church is in the best condition financially that it has been in for years. Besides meeting all running expenses, fuel, lights, teacher and janitor, we have newly papered our house of worship this spring, and have purchased a new organ, all but \$16.00 of this expense being paid in cash and pledges. We have also paid on a debt of nearly \$200 more than half, and in November our Tract Society debt was reduced from \$100 to about \$30.00.

God has blessed us in all this, and as a result some are selling their quota of Object Lessons in a remarkably short time. As a church, we have taken our full quota—600 books—and all will be sold, for the work is well organized and all have a mind to do their part.

To canvassers and brethren and to missionary societies in the State, I wish to say, if we are honest with the Lord in paying tithes and accounts, our State Society would not be so crippled. In dealing as we have in the past with these societies, we have imperiled our publishing houses. Think of individuals and church societies allowing accounts to run until they are put on the bad debt book and counted lost! The Lord's work must not be crippled by carrying these accounts so long. Let each ask himself the question: Do I owe the Lord's work anything? When you sell a book, whom do you pay first, yourself or the Lord? Do you withhold the tithe and the pay for the book indefinitely?

January 22, 1901, I began to canvass, and took during the year \$1,121.85 worth of orders, delivering \$968.40 worth, losing not a nickel. I have no account of this year's work, but have paid as I have gone, and have a large order for subscription books for December. I am square on the books, with tithes paid to date. Praise the Lord with all my soul.

I find, brethren, that to make a sacrifice for Christ's Object Lessons at the start of the day gives me a good reward, and it is an excellent book for Christmas.

Brethren, above all things, be prompt in settling for all books, for our institutions are needing money very much. Never take your compensation until the book has been paid for and tithed. Then, if you follow this plan, working zealously for the circulation of this truth, the Lord will bless you. A very decided campaign has been organized for the work on Christ's Object Lessons at Indianapolis, and the work is moving along very nicely without any friction. Be of good courage; the Lord is our commander and strength, and he overcame the world.

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Beginning December 15, our canvassers enter upon their work of delivery to close up their work for this year. Let all our prayers ascend to God that He may favor them with success for the truth's sake. Pray for our canvassers. Ask God to keep them faithful and keep them in the field.

### REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING DECEMBER 5, 1902.

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DEAR BROTHER CANVASSERS: The order blanks that we send you are for orders only. Please do not allow the order sheet to degenerate into letter shape. It is very difficult to sort out a number of things that you want when those things are sandwiched with statements as to worth of books you have on hand or as to when you expect to remit or deliver. Please write only the kind and number of books, tracts, Bibles and merchandise articles, amount of remittances and fill out blank instructions as anticipated on regular blanks. Write letters on a separate sheet of paper. Then, too, please do not make order sheets out of your canvasser's letter, for those letters are forwarded to Bro. Dunn and not kept on file here. As we require a file of all business letters, as well as order sheets, please bear these things in mind.

### AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

BY RACHAEL WEIMER MCMAHAN.

I am anxious about our young people's work in Indiana, and, notwithstanding the many demands upon our time and attention, it seems to me that we must find sufficient time to give to the young people's work the attention which its importance demands.

It is now about one year since this work was fairly started. Many of our people do not realize its scope and importance, hence have not given it the the encouragement and support which it should have. But we are thankful for what has been accomplished. Quite a number of societies have been formed in the different states, and most of these are doing good work. Many have caught the real spirit of the work, and are pushing it vigorously to the advantage of the cause of God in their own community, and to the great blessing of their souls. Through their work hundreds of pages of literature have been distributed which would not otherwise have reached the people. Missionary visits have been made, Christian Help work done, and Bible readings held. The awakening of the young people has been felt in many churches, and the good that has been

accomplished where this work has been properly carried on is an evidence that the Spirit of God is in it.

In a recent number of the Instructor, Elder Spicer wrote: "The young people's movement is a growing factor in our work. Its influence is already felt in the field. The development has not been so much by any molding influence working from without, as by the growth of an idea from within.

We are not rallying around any phrase, or pressing on in this movement because it is the customary thing nowadays to have young people's societies. Implanted within the hearts of the youth of this denomination by the Holy Spirit is the deepening conviction that there is a definite work for the young people to do in ushering in the glorious coming of the Lord. The movement truly is of God at this time, and to meet the call of the hour."

These words ought to inspire our hearts with courage. True, some societies have been organized, and, after a short time, become discouraged and given up their meetings. But this does not prove that the plan of young people's work among Seventh Day Adventists is a failure. In these cases the young people either did not make sufficient effort to carry out the aim of the organization—"The Advent message to all the world in this generation"—or they did not receive sufficient encouragement from the church. Where they realized that the object of the organization is service, and have caught the missionary spirit that is in it, the results have not been failure, but success. As Elder Spicer says: "It is to be no sentimental crusade, but waving of banners. Sensible, straightforward work is to be the watchword."

I fear that we have failed to place this work before our young people so that they thoroughly understood it. I fear that we have not given them proper encouragement in showing them what they can do. I know that God has many young people in Indiana who desire, with their whole heart, to engage in His work if they are shown how to do it. We must in some way get hold of these, and rally them together, or we shall be responsible for the condition in which they are. I beseech you, my brethren and sisters in Indiana, that you give this matter your careful and prayerful attention. This winter ought to show a marked improvement in this phase of our work. I rejoice exceedingly because of what has been done. The work has not been a failure. Our youth, if properly encouraged, will take hold with us in the Object Lesson campaign, and help to carry it to completion.

I am trying to get in touch with all the young people in the state. Will those who have not had a letter from me, send me their names and addresses? I shall be glad to help the young people to start their work at once. The most simple and effective plan is, I think, the one outlined in the membership card. You can have them from me or from the general secretary.

I also want to say in behalf of our educational journal, The Advocate of Christian Education, though I have already written our Sabbath-school superintendent in regard to it. This is the only periodical we have giving special instruction in the education and training of our children. Many of our Sabbath-schools do not take a single copy, and many more of our people do not know that we have such a journal. One of the

most solemn questions before us as a people today is, "What shall we do with the children whom God has given unto us?" May the Lord help us to answer this question aright. The children and youth are in our midst, and God holds us responsible for them to the extent of our ability to train and educate them for the kingdom of heaven.

## OBJECT LESSON WORK

BY A. L. MILLER.

That all may know who the respective leaders are in the present Object-Lesson campaign, and the territory assigned to each, we give the same below as appointed by the President and the committee.

Prof. B. F. Machlan, Boggs town.

Eld. S. S. Davis, Farmersburg, Sullivan, Salem, Linton, Elnora.

R. H. Sparks, Waldron, Richmond, Rushville

Eld. F. M. Roberts, Denver, Rochester, Inwood, Akron, Honey Creek, Olive Branch, Grass Creek, Idaville, Winamac.

Dr. McDougal, Connersville.

A. L. Chew, Glenwood, Homer.

Mary Huntzinger, Greenfield.

Allie Byers, Kennard.

R. F. Zirkle, Mechanicsburg, Middletown.

Elder J. S. Shrock, Ft. Wayne, Muncie, Huntington, Barber's Mill.

Elds. Wm. Covert and I. J. Hankins: Olivet Chapel, Anderson.

Eld. P. G. Stanley: Hartford City, Jonesboro, Michael, Marion.

H. C. Winslow: South Bend.

E. C. Swartz: North Liberty, Walkerton, Terre Haute.

Eld. A. W. Bartlett: Lafayette, Lebanon.

Lizzie Masters: Dana.

J. J. Fellow: West Liberty, Windfall, Kokomo.

Eld. W. A. Ebert: Logansport, on the Big Four from Alexandria to Fairmount, inclusive.

Peter Sailor: New Marion.

Eld. R. S. Donnell: Rock Lane, Pleasant View.

I. S. Lloyd, Indianapolis.

Eld. J. W. Covert: Ligonier, Wolf Lake.

N. Carahoof: Patricksburg.

A. H. Benjamin: Elwood.

Eld. L. Thompson: Noblesville, Northfield.

Mrs. E. M. Jackson, Angola.

May each isolated member work in connection with his nearest leader or in direct connection with the Tract Society. Thus, all working together, may the work soon be completed.

## "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS"

Worthy of a prominent place in every one's library.  
—REV. J. HAMMER ELLIS, Friend, Pholx, Ind.

I can recommend it to all, regardless of denomination.—S. C. MANUEL, Baptist, New Albany, Ind.

It can not but be a great boon to devout students of Holy Writ.—LEWIS BROWN, Ph. D., Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis.