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THE VALUE OF BIBLE STUDY.

“ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” The word of God is like a treasure-house, containing everything that is essential to perfect the man of God. We do not appreciate the Bible as we should. We do not have a proper estimate of the richness of its stores, nor do we realize the great necessity of searching the Scriptures for ourselves. Men neglect the study of the Word of God in order to pursue some worldly interest, or to engage in the pleasures of the time. Some trivial affair is made the excuse for ignorance of the Scriptures given by inspiration of God. But anything of an earthly character might better be put off, than this all-important study, that is to make us wise unto eternal life.

My heart aches as I see men—even those who profess to be looking for Christ's coming,—devoting their time and talents to circulating

books that contain nothing concerning the special truths for our time,—books of narrative, books of biography, books of men's theories and speculations. The world is full of such books; they can be had anywhere; but can the followers of Christ engage in so common a work when there is crying need for God's truth on every hand? It is not our mission to circulate such works. There are thousands of others to do this, who have as yet no knowledge of anything better. We have a definite mission, and we ought not to turn from it to side issues, employing men and means to bring to the attention of the people books that have no bearing upon the present truth.

Do you pray for the advancement of the truth? Then work for it, and show that your prayers rise from sincere and earnest hearts. God does not work miracles where he has provided means by which the work may be accomplished. Use your time and talents in his service, and he will not fail to work with your efforts. If the farmer fails to plow and sow, God does not work a miracle to undo the results of his neglect. Harvest-time finds his fields barren—there are no sheaves to be reaped, no grain to be garnered. God provided the seed and the soil, the sun and the rain; and if the agriculturist had employed the means that were at his hand, he would have received according to his sowing and his labor.

There are great laws that govern the world of nature, and spiritual things are controlled by principles equally certain; the means for an end must be employed, if the desired results are to be attained. Those who make no decided efforts themselves, are not working in harmony with the laws of God. They are not using the provisions of the heavenly Father, and they can expect nothing but meager returns. The Holy Spirit will not compel men to take a certain course of action. We are free moral agents; and when sufficient evidence has been given us as to our duty, it is left with us to decide our course.—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Christian Education.*

THE CANVASSING WORK.

THE holidays are now past, and this will be a good time to resume canvassing. Most of the canvassers have stopped for a short vacation, but are now preparing to go to work again. Some new ones are intending to go to work. A great deal has been said about the hard times; but after reading and hearing the reports from other fields I conclude that our State is still "A1." In the Bahama Islands a canvasser writes that the highest wages paid there are 75 cents per day, and 36 cents are the regular wages. Flour is 5 cts. a lb., oatmeal 12 cts., soda crackers 12 to 15 cts., butter 40 cts., meat 20 cts., and milk 20 cts. a quart. Yet he says with all their poverty they will save their pennies and buy a book; and so the canvassers are selling our books.

I can see no reason why we may not sell as many books this coming season as last. We need some more good business men to take hold, men of middle age, men who know how to economize, and who can work every day. Of course all are welcome to come who have an interest in the work, but to make a success, all other business should be dropped. The Secretary tells me that there never has been such a call for tracts and other reading matter as now. It seems that the people are beginning to believe the truth. Who will take hold of the canvassing work?

J. R. CALKINS.

ARE YOU READY TO GIVE A REASON OF YOUR FAITH AND HOPE?

I ADDRESS this question to every Seventh-day Adventist in the State of New York. If you are not, you are certainly behind the times, from the fact that we have reached stirring times, —times which demand that we know as never before the truthfulness of our positions. Soon everything that can be shaken will be shaken by all manner of false doctrines that are now in the world. Many of these doctrines are so shrewdly devised by the hand of the master deceiver that they are so much like the genuine that they will if possible deceive the very elect.

But the existence of these doctrines is not the only reason that we should become well versed in the Blessed Word and its precious truths. Thousands are now in the Valley of Decision, wanting to know the real truth; and all should

be in that condition who have embraced the truth themselves, to be able, when asked to give a reason of their hope, to do so in meekness and fear, exercising the shrewdness of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. As the truth is more generally known through the influence of our labors as ministers and Bible workers, and through the work of our canvassers in getting our publications before the people, all accompanied by the Spirit's power, many will come to our people and want to be instructed on points of truth. To illustrate:—

Nearly one year since, a brother canvassed a short time in the township of Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, near Madrid; he placed a Bible Readings in a family which awakened such an interest that a young man drove several miles to Brother B's to get him to come and explain the truths of the Bible to them. Fortunately Brother B was able to do so. An interest has been aroused, and already good is resulting.

Reader, suppose you had been called on instead of Brother B: would you have been prepared to break the precious words of truth to those souls, hungering and thirsting for the truth? Answer this question each of you. If you answer "I would not," would it not be the best thing that you can do to study the Bible and procure our books, and with the aid of them spend days and weeks and months, if need be, to become posted. No people in the world have better reading matter than we. The *Review* comes each week heavily laden with the truth for to-day; the *Sentinel* comes brimful with the message to date; and our "able minister," the *Signs of the Times* is such an able exponent of the truth that it should visit every household. Have you subscribed for these papers for the year 1894? If not, now is the time. Shall we not post up so that we can present the truth in its purity wherever we may be?

S. H. LANE.

Field Reports.

LINCKLAEN CENTER.

SINCE my last report I have been holding meetings here each week with a good attendance and interest. The attendance has been nearly one hundred. Some seem to have seen a new beauty in some portions of God's Word

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Jan. 12.

Place.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Orders.	Value.	Miscel.	Delivered.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Alden,	O. E. Tuttle	26	4	11	\$26.50	\$3.75	2	\$5.00
Sterling,	N. S. Washbond						1	2.00
Hemlock Lake,	Perry Tufts	34	5	7	15.50	4.00		
Ellicottville,	Roderick Scotland	25	4	6	10.50			
Litchfield,	Wm. Seewald	12	2	1	2.00			
Allegany,	N. W. Irish,	45	6	9	22.50		6	14.50
Miscellaneous sales,					7.75			
Totals, 6 Canvassers		142	21	34	\$84.75	\$7.75	9	\$21.50

and rejoice in it. Friday I went to DeRuyter, and was pleased to see Elder Lane and Mrs. Place step off the train. We had been looking for Elder Lane for several days.

The interest seems to warrant our remaining a few days more. Since my last visit here several have taken hold of the message who are and we trust will continue to be a help to the work. I am enjoying my stay and work with this company very much. We hope to see a good work accomplished this week.

A. E. PLACE.

MIDDLETOWN.

We have now held thirteen services besides our Sabbath meetings; and although our attendance is not large, yet we see among our congregation some who are becoming interested. The attendance has been small for several reasons, but we feel it duty to give people an opportunity to hear the truth in this part of the city. The week of prayer among the churches, the preaching of the nearness of the end for several years in the place, and several missions already established for years, and withal prejudice, are among the things we find here.

Our donations have been nearly \$4.00; about \$8.00 received on books, tracts, and periodicals. Most of the work in the factories has ceased; and people are anxious to buy, but often have no money.

We hope to see some good accomplished by the present effort, besides establishing those who took a stand at our last effort. We feel the need of Heavenly wisdom and courage as we carry forward the work, amid the obstacles here.

H. G. THURSTON.

—Brother J. E. Frazee writes, "I like the health foods that you sent very much; and at the price you charge canvassers, we can use them abundantly. I intend to keep them in stock hereafter. Brother Sands, as well as myself, is well pleased with the coffee."

NOTICES.

No back numbers of the *Home Missionary* can be furnished. The supply for 1893 is entirely exhausted. Let all bear this in mind when ordering. No subscriptions can be received to begin earlier than the January number.

Our church weekly, the *Review and Herald*, begins the new year with several pleasing changes in its typographical make up, chief of which is the open faced type now used in its construction. This adds to the attractiveness of the paper and greatly enhances its value, especially in this day of weak and failing eye-sight. The *Review* for 1894 will contain important denominational news pertaining to our work in all parts of the world. It will contain important instruction from Sister White. In its columns Elder O. A. Olsen will set before our people the general needs of our work. The Editorial, Contributors, Progress, Special Mention, and Mission Field departments will contribute their quota to make the paper a help to every reader. We urge our people to take the *Review* for 1894. It will contain important matter, helpful to every member of our denomination.

—Conference cash received Jan. 7-13: Newfane, \$33.13; East Otto, \$11.12; Pulaski, \$79.07; Syracuse, \$71.66; Rome, \$29.05; Batavia, \$2.90; Wellsville, \$75.45; Gouverneur, \$21.20; Jamestown, \$2.00; Steamburg, \$41.32; North Creek, \$42.30; Ellicottville, \$103.71; Blockville, \$3.00; Pierrepont, \$9.40; Olean, \$33.74; Black Creek, \$55.77; Sinclairville, \$96.05; Middle Grove, \$4.53; Norfolk, \$5.00; Watertown, \$20.55; donations, \$5.00; scattered brethren, \$2.50.

Obituary Notice.

WITH regret we chronicle this week the death of our beloved brother Elder Ezra Abel Poole of Lincklaen Center, Chenango Co., N. Y. Brother Poole was born in Plainfield, Mass., in 1807. He came to Lincklaen when about thirty years of age; hence he had been a resident here over half a century.

He was converted when quite young and joined the Congregational church. He was urged by that church to fit himself for the ministry, and was offered money; but this was refused, as he decided to work his own way through. This he did, and graduated from a Congregational school at Cincinnati, Ohio, at which time he was ordained to the work of the ministry.

He began his work at Catlin near this place, where he preached between two and three years. He then went to the south side of Oneida Lake, and for about six and one half years he continued his ministerial labors in the towns of Sullivan and Lenox. Soon after beginning his work there in 1838, he was married to Sally M. Jones, who still lives. A short time after this his mind was exercised in reference to the doctrine of Christ's second coming as near. He investigated and embraced it. About 1850 he also became convinced that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath of the Bible. He has been a man of strong mind, and needed to see a point of truth clearly before accepting; but when it became plain, he was very ready to walk in the light.

Several years ago he had a severe attack of neuralgia of the stomach; and this perhaps, together with overtaxing his brain caused him to realize sometime ago that his mind was failing. His anxiety through all his Christian life was that all Christians might be united; and as expressed in his own words, even during his last sickness, "Tell them to obey the voice of the Lord in all things."

He has been a kind husband and father, an honest neighbor, and an earnest Christian. In his death our brethren and sisters have lost a faithful counselor. He has for years led a life of strict conformity to health reform principles, and they have done much for him. His last sickness was of short duration. Friday, Jan. 5, he attended a family reunion. The next day at dinner was the last meal taken at the table. Sunday morning he decided not to try to rise, and before night it was evident that he was sinking quite rapidly.

He complained of no special pain, only a difficulty about breathing.

Thursday, Jan. 11, at 2:30 o'clock he quietly and peacefully breathed his last, at the ripe age of 86 years and 3 months. He leaves a faithful wife, sons, and daughters, and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was held Sabbath, Jan. 13, in the Seventh-day Adventist church here, which was crowded. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder S. H. Lane. Text, Rev. 21:4.

A. E. PLACE.

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	Medium Oatmeal Crackers,
Fruit Crackers,	Carbon Crackers,
	Plain Oatmeal Crackers,
No. 1 Graham Crackers,	Granola,
No. 2 Graham Crackers,	Gofio,
Whole Wheat Wafers,	Coffee,
Gluten Meal,	Wheat Granola.

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