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The Work of the Church.

To human agencies is committed the work of extending the triumphs of the cross from point to point. As the Head of the church, Christ is authoritatively calling upon every one who claims to believe on Him to follow His example of self-denial and self-sacrifice in working for the conversion of those whom Satan and his vast army are exerting every power to destroy. God's people are called upon to rally without delay under the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus. Unceasingly they are to continue their warfare against the enemy, pressing the battle even to the gates. And every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Every one should be willing to be or do anything in this warfare. When church-members put forth earnest efforts to advance the message, they will live in the joy of the Lord, and will meet with success. Triumph always follows decided effort.

Christ, in His medatorial capacity, gives to His servants the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is the efficiency of the Spirit that enables agencies to be representatives of the Redeemer in the work of soul-saving. That we may unite with Christ in this work we should place ourselves under the molding influence of His Spirit. Through the power thus imparted, we may co-operate with the Lord in the bonds of unity as laborers together with Him in the salvation of souls. To every one who offers himself to the

Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results.

The Lord God is bound by an eternal pledge to supply power and grace to every one who is sanctified through obedience to the truth. Christ, to whom is given all power in heaven and on earth, co-operates in sympathy with His instrumentalities,—the earnest souls who day by day partake of the living bread, "which cometh down from heaven." John 6: 50. The church on earth united with the church in heaven, can accomplish all things.

The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying. God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. They were filled with an intense longing to add to the church of such as should be saved. They called on the believers to arouse and do their part, that all nations might hear the truth, and the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"Living Temple."

CIRCULAR letters have been sent out to many regarding the sale of the book "Living Temple" to aid in relieving the debt on the new Battle Creek Sanitarium. Inquiries are being made as to whether the books are on sale at this Office or not. It may not be out of place to state here that we have none of these books in stock, and until it is revised (which we understood was to be done before being placed on sale) we shall not get in a supply of this book.

By recent letters from the author of this book we gathered that it was his desire to eliminate from the work the theological teaching which to many minds is very questionable, to say the least, and how it comes that circular letters urging our brethren and

sisters to sell it, with these sentiments retained, is something we do not understand. Certainly our people do not wish to be engaged in the circulation of that which is not truth, however good may be the object for raising means by its sale.

After carefully studying the book, we cannot recommend it to our brethren and sisters to sell in its first-issued form for reasons very elucidly, and with a Christian spirit, presented by the editor of the *Signs of the Times*, on page 11, of issue of December 30, the closing paragraphs of which are as follows: "God is a personal God, a heavenly Father, having a central throne and habitation, not because such conception is essential to man's religion, but to the very entity of the universe. But God forbid that we should ever seek to measure Him or describe His glorious person dwelling in unapproachable light, or on the other hand to belittle Him or change His glory into birds or beasts or insects or vegetation.

The physiological and hygienic teaching of the book is excellent, but its theological instruction is unscriptural and pantheistic. Our hope is that the author does not believe it."

Nothing would here be said regarding the matter only the book is being urged into the hands of our brethren and sisters to be sold still containing these unscriptural teachings.

B.

Corning, Hornellsville, Richburg, and Elmira.

LEAVING Elmira December 11, I stopped off at Corning for the week of prayer. I was made sad to find the church there so broken up by sickness. The elder of the church was held from the services by the sickness of his wife who was in a critical condition. And then a number of others were held from the meetings by sickness. They were badly broken up. But we had excellent meetings with those who were able to meet. We endeavored to impress the fact of the necessity of unreserved surrender and submission to Heaven, involving the fact that to that end there must be confession and abandonment of all departure from God's will with the taking into our lives all of His requirements, involving tithing, healthful living, etc., and then doing all in our power to extend the work committed to us, and we were cheered to see a rallying in desire and purpose on these lines.

Our stop at Hornellsville was very short, but we had an excellent and profitable time while there. Brother Alden, the leader of the church who lives some ten miles away, was there, having planned to spend the whole week with them. This I was glad

to find, and it was a source of real encouragement and help.

Leaving Hornellsville Thursday, I journeyed on to Richburg church. Here the attendance was uniformly good. Brother Fisk had had charge of the services till I came. The same course was pursued here as at Corning, and Heaven came precious near. Confessions were made, involving unfaithfulness in tithing and other respects, which brought in a hopeful view for the future. But I missed several who had married and gone to other parts. Was glad to find a school here and the brethren and sisters determined to stand by it. It is being taught by Brother G. L. Leighton, who is giving universal satisfaction. May the Lord bless the school.

I now return to Elmira for work there. I have recently been made sad by the death of a brother there who had just commenced the observance of the Sabbath. He was engaged in grocery business, and had just sold out in view of keeping the Sabbath and had commenced its observance. As he was a man of considerable influence and well-to-do, we were counting on him as real help in the work there. But we have reason to entertain hope in his case, which makes a successful issue of it.

My wife is still at the Sanitarium in Buffalo and doing finely, and will evidently be by my side in the work again. We are very thankful for the outlook.

J. W. RAYMOND.

An Important Announcement.

THE publishers of the *Southern Watchman* inform us that during the year 1904 there will be a series of articles in that paper from the pen of Sister White, on the "Old Testament Prophecies."

Many of the things written by these prophets are difficult to understand, and have been the subject of no small amount of study by Bible students. Sister White has been given special light on these prophecies, and she has selected the *Southern Watchman* as a medium of communication through which she will communicate to our people this light that has been given her. A number of these articles are already in hand, and as soon as the illustrations are completed, their publication will begin. Every one of our people should have the benefit of these articles. If you are a subscriber be sure and not let your subscription expire, and if you are not already a subscriber you should become one at once. Any of these articles are worth more than the price of the year's subscription. The price of the *Watchman* for one

year is only \$1.00. Send your subscription to this Office.

Systematic Offerings for 1904.

Do you read from week to week the stirring reports from our missionaries in foreign fields? Does not the very reading of these fill you with a burning desire to have a part in this great closing work? Although you may not be able to go to these distant fields yourself, you may have a representative there.

God has set his hand to work, and it will be done. The giving of the closing message to all the world in this generation is the grandest privilege ever extended to human beings. It will not be accomplished by spasmodic effort, but the servants of God, clothed in his armor, must press the battle to its very gates.

Every individual who loves God's truth, and who understands it for this time, has a definite, specific work to do, which will not be finished until probation closes. Let every one consider these facts in all seriousness, and begin at once to make plans for earnest, systematic effort during 1904.

A good way to do this is to adopt and faithfully carry out the ten-cent-a-week plan of contributions for foreign missions. Many rich experiences have come to those who have adopted this plan; and the amount received by the Mission Board during the year just closed from this source alone, has amounted to almost twenty thousand dollars. Now, at the beginning of a new year, is a splendid opportunity for others to join this company of givers.

When every Seventh-day Adventist joins this company to carry the message to all lands, the work will be blessed with additional funds of more than a quarter of a million dollars. Let your good resolves for 1904 include this one of our weekly offering, and the Lord will surely bless the results.

W. T. BLAND.

Finding the Truth in the Mud.

"Editor, *Signs of the Times*;

Dear Sir: I found a copy of the *Signs of the Times* yesterday as I was out walking. It was soiled with mud, but I took it home and read it carefully. It was dated Sept. 10, 1902. I am very much interested in the article on the 'Coming of the Lord' which it contains. I had never read anything like it before, and it was a great joy to me indeed. I would like so much to read the rest of the articles on this subject. Could you furnish them to me? I see you

send sample copies on application. Please send me one. I would love so much to take the *Signs* but I have so little to live on that I can not subscribe. I only receive \$8.00 a month and have to pay my room rent out of this, and am in poor health.

Yours very truly,

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This lady is in one of our eastern cities. There are thousands of honest, inquiring souls scattered throughout our cities here in New York. How are they to be found?

It will mean hard systematic work for somebody, and what work can be cited as more important than that of going into these cities and systematically working them with our publications?

The circulation of the *Signs* will be one of the most effectual means in God's hands of turning the attention of thousands of the people in our cities to the truth for this time. The "*signs of the times*" mean things transpiring all about us. Things people can see. This is what the honest in heart want to know. They are alarmed as to what such disasters as the appalling Irquois Theatre horror, where nearly six hundred lives were snuffed out in a moment, as it were; the terrible railroad calamities; the war movements among nations; etc., mean. The *Signs* will tell them... Our cities must be warned.

What better work could our Conference laborers do, toward carrying out the resolution adopted at camp-meeting, that of laboring in unwarned fields, than to select some faithful brethren and sisters to assist them and go into cities where the truth never has been presented, and begin systematic work from house to house with the *Signs* using perhaps some small book to aid in the work financially? It is with great difficulty and at great Conference expense that series of meetings are now conducted in our cities. But were we to begin in a humble way by house to house work, might we not the more quickly find the interested ones? These could be associated together by the workers and soon meetings be arranged and churches established.

"God will move upon men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth. Many such will be seen hastening hither and thither, constrained by the Spirit of God to give the light to those in darkness. The truth is a fire in their bones, filling them with a burning desire to enlighten those that sit in darkness."

"No one is authorized to hinder these workers. They are to be bidden Godspeed as they go forth to fulfil the great commission. No taunting word is to

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending Jan. 1, 1904.

AGENT.	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps	D. I.	Val
STORY DANIEL						
May Carlyn,	40	6	3 72	1	80	2.35
Derrick Brewer,		6	6 00		17 00	
COMING KING.						
Mrs. Mary M. Abbey,		4	4 00			2 00
PARADISE HOME.						
Mrs. H. H. Wilcox.	15	9	2 25			
Miscellaneous sales,					18 80	
Will those who are selling books please report for this corner?						
Totals, (ag't's r'p'ng, 4)	55	25	34 80	2		4 35

be spoken of them as in the rough places of the earth they sow the gospel seed." B.

Cleveland.

QUARTERLY meeting was held here December 12 and 13. It was a season of peace, love, and refreshing, God's Spirit being present with rich blessings. We greatly enjoyed the presence of Elder Lane, whom some of us had not seen in over ten years. Six meetings were held. This church has a membership of sixteen, six of which reside here. The tithe for 1903 amounted to \$163.14, not including what has been paid in at Rome and not reported to the church treasurer. The book and tract work and other donations amounted to \$55.09, not including over 200 Capital and Labor Signs distributed by our elder Brother Groff, nor other individual work done by members of the church.

MRS. LUMAN A. FERRIS, *librarian.*

December 29.

Letter From Sister E. A. Kern.

We think the friends of Brother and Sister Kern, recently of Bouckville, but who left us to accept a call to conduct a Conference School at Wolf Lake, Indiana, will be glad to hear from them. We take the liberty of taking extracts from a personal letter:—

"We believe you would be interested in the work we are doing here. We have a good school with an enrollment of thirty-three names. The children seem very much interested in the work of every department of the school. We have just observed the week of prayer. Every child from ten to eighteen have taken a new stand for the truth, we as a people believe. There has been truly a glorious refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and we believe the children have enjoyed this season of prayer, as many have expressed, 'I never saw such a good meeting.' It has watered our souls to see how God can and

will work for the children if they will only open the door of their hearts and let Him come in.

We both enjoy our work very much. I also enjoy the INDICATOR very much. It keeps us in touch with those we esteem very highly for their works sake." MRS. F. A. KERN.

THE quarterly meeting at Steamburg will be held Sabbath, January 9. The Salamanca quarterly meeting will be postponed until the 23rd, and the Steamburg and Salamanca friends are invited to attend at Randolph, Sabbath, January 16, when it is expected that Elder Lane will be present.

No hindering providence, I will meet with the church at Randolph, Sabbath and Sunday, January 16, 17. The meetings will be held at the home of Brother Samuel Winkley. We trust there will be a large attendance. S. H. LANE.

Obituary Correction.—The date of J. N. Andrews organizing church at Brookfield was given 1853. It should have read 1863.

Items.

Because of Brother Johnson's absence from the Office, correspondence and orders will be delayed somewhat.

Brother J. S. Jenks of North Creet, has moved with his family to Jeddo. We understand they are contemplating starting a church school there.

A sister, Virginia Metzger, recently was greatly blessed by the Lord at the Buffalo Sanitarium, where she was healed by the great Physician, being restored to health in a remarkable manner.

Eliza Spear, Brother F. N. Johnson's mother, who has been spending several months here in Rome has not been very well of late, and yesterday, accompanied by Brother Johnson, returned to her home in Massachusetts.

Old Brother and Sister Bently at Whitney Crossing, had the misfortune to lose their house recently by fire. They lost nearly everything. Altho old and crippled, they are cheerful. She writes: "We are not discouraged. The Lord says He will never leave nor forsake us if we obey Him. Pray for us that we may hold out faithful unto the end, which is so near. Our good neighbors are doing all they can for us to make us comfortable."

A letter just at hand from Pacific Press tells how that already the Capital and Labor Signs has made a great impression upon the minds of many thinking people all over the country. Scores of letters are pouring in at Oakland of a very encouraging nature. One man said, "That paper is going to open the eyes of a good many union men as well as capitalists; for it gives both sides impartially, and then shows where both fail." Let the good work of sowing the seed go on.

In comparing the merchandise sales as given on our ledger for the two years just closed, we notice the past year has given us quite a gain. During the year 1902, all the sales, including the sales here at the Office, those of the agents in the field, etc., amounted to \$3,398.55. For the year just closed, 1903, the same amounted to \$4,071.16. A gain over previous year of \$672.61. Shall we not make a still greater increase during 1904 with the blessing of the Lord?