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THE CHURCH

Another Year

Another year is dawning.
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."
—Frances Ridley Havergal.

Christ's Representatives

Much work remains to be done in proclaiming the third angel's message. Notwithstanding the great needs of the cause, there are many workers who are content to do but little for the Master, in comparison with what He has done for them. Why, oh, why, is man willing to remain so inactive, so helpless, when he could be accomplishing a great work in saving souls? The Saviour is asking us, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" We should engage in His service, however great a sacrifice this may at first appear. Poor, deluded souls must be aroused from the fatal lethargy of sin. The power of sin over them must be broken, else it will grow

stronger and stronger, and at last result in their ruin.

Every one who is truly converted has the spirit of service. When Christ is indeed formed within, the hope of glory, His Holy Spirit works through the human agent to save other souls for whom He has died.

God invites His workers to call upon Him for help, and He promises to hear and answer them. As they take up the cross, fully resolved to do what they can, He gives them strength to bear the burden. Why do we not enlist the help of Omnipotence? In these precious days of probation, let every laborer reach forth the hand in faith for the help and strength that will enable him to be a strong worker in the Lord's vineyard. Let him pray for soundness of judgment and for heavenly wisdom. God is a mighty Helper. He will sustain every laborer who trusts in Him. He is a sure, tried Anchor, holding His children fast to Himself amidst every storm of opposition, every tempest of trial and adversity. When the heavens seem dark, when the strength seems to fail, He will give light and confidence to all who believe in Him. To every troubled heart He will speak peace.

The Lord hears and answers prayer. He lays upon us no burden greater than we can bear in His strength and by His grace. In every time of need He is a present help. Oh, that we might have faith to ask Him for strength according to our great need!

Faith is the hand by which we grasp the hand of the mighty Helper. God's promises are sure. Why should we not take Him at His word?

"Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer."

Will not the Lord be pleased to let the light of His countenance shine upon us? Oh, that His arm of power might be revealed!

Faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." But I fear that with many of us, our faith does not reach any farther than our sight. Let no one allow his strength to be wasted by vain conflicts, or his heart wearied and saddened because of unanswered desires. Amidst the fiercest conflicts there is rest for every weary soul who trusts in Christ. To those who are afflicted with either physical or spiritual maladies, Jesus is saying, "Wilt thou be made whole?" He is ready and willing to do great things for those who trust in Him. With tenderness and pity He is looking upon His children. He offers help to those who, doing the best they can, plead for capabilities that will enable them to do more for Him.

Oh, that I could impress the members of the church of Christ with the importance of using aright the talents that have been entrusted to them! Oh, that I could make them see what an influence for good they might exert if they would use their powers to God's glory!

We should not allow indiffer-

ence or carelessness to mar our actions, for Satan is an untiring foe. Paul says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Of us is required the fullest consecration, the most earnest devotion. The world is to be warned. The masses of the people will not heed God's solemn warning; nevertheless, His message must be proclaimed to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue."

The greatest work, the noblest effort, in which man can engage is to point his fellow-men to the Lamb of God. Oh, let us urge the importance of this work with greater earnestness than we have manifested in the past! Let our church-members begin to work. Let them reveal Christ in every thought, word, and act. If they represent Him aright, they will receive the reward of life eternal and a home in heaven.

Ellen G. White.

A Call to Faithful Service

It is to be presumed that all the Sabbath-keepers in this Union Conference have either heard or read the appeal from the General Conference committee that was read to the churches Sabbath, December 13, and afterwards appeared in the columns of the "Review and Herald." And its stirring notes must surely have awakened responses in every heart that loves the truth and cause of God.

The Lord is calling His people to a forward and aggressive movement. The times and conditions now existing are loudly seconding this call. Every one, in order to remain true to God, must respond heartily to these appeals, by presenting his "body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God," and devoting his energies in an untiring effort in the service of Jesus Christ, "looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God." Every individual can do something. These winter days and evenings are favorable for missionary work with our neighbors, and every church should now be well organized for thorough work in every

line. With our books, the "Signs of the Times," our many tracts, the opportunity for some to give Bible-readings or care for the sick who may be found, there will be opportunity for every talent to be put to work. In addition to the many tracts offered by our publishing houses, the General Conference Committee have had the following tracts prepared: "The Coming of Christ," "The Signs of the Times," "The Gospel Remedy for the Isms of the Day," and "What Do These Things Mean?" These tracts they believe will be especially helpful in meeting the present conditions. Let all heed the message to the church of Ephesus and "repent, and do their first works."

W. T. Knox.

Our School; Our Debt; Our Work; Our Helper

In our efforts to get the members of our churches into line for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," remarks are often heard that indicate that some look upon the schools as belonging to some other than themselves,—to those who have directly to do with the management, the college board, the conference committee where the school is located; at least, that it is some other person's concern, rather than their own. Brethren and sisters, these schools are not the property of any man or of any board; they are our schools,—mine, yours,—as really as the great message that has made us a people is common to us all. The schools are inseparably connected with this message. We can not ignore our inseparable relation to the school and at the same time claim such a connection with the third angel's message. Then it is

OUR DEBT

that we are working to pay. More real than any other debt we ever owed is this that hangs over our schools. If we should pay any other debt we owe, we should pay this one. It is only this just thing that the Lord has asked us to do; and, seeing that it would be a tax upon us, He placed in our hands a means by which we could not only reim-

burse ourselves, but at the same time come into touch with our neighbors and friends, that the blessings that have cheered our lives may be brought to them. Who can put a money value upon the treasure that is wrapped up in the little volume "Christ's Object Lessons"? So it is for us to purchase the book, and thus pay the debt that harasses our schools, and then go out with the precious treasure in hand and give to men that which is worth so much more to them than the price of the book that when we hereafter approach them with other literature they will be more than glad to welcome our coming, being assured that we have something of real value to them.

OUR WORK,

then, is to pay this debt; each one to shoulder the whole thing, and stay with it till it is done. There is one thing, too: Some will not do the part that belongs to them in this. We will let them take all the responsibility of such a course. But what they will not do must fall upon us. So let each church and each member think of this, that if he does not do his duty, he simply places that much of a load upon the few who feel this burden. But the faithful will see the consummation of this grand movement, and will sing the song of jubilee, for

OUR HELPER

will not leave nor forsake us. It is His work. All that He asks is that we yield into His hands the loaves and fishes. He will then feed the thousands, and have much more left than the original gift. Not a soul who puts all he has into this thing of relieving our schools from debt, and does it in faith, will fail of receiving abundantly more than he gave. Let none take hold of this work leaving our Helper out of the reckoning, for such an experience will bring only defeat and discouragement. Success is assured in Him.

F. M. Burg.

201 Second St., Portland, Ore.,
Dec. 19, 1902.

"Charity never faileth."

THE FIELD

A Good Letter from Britain

The following letter from Elder O. A. Olsen, president of the British Union Conference, to the president of the California Conference, expressing Britain's gratitude for the help that California has sent, is thus passed on to all the people of the California Conference, since it is to you, under God, that the gratitude and thanks belong. When you have read the letter, then be sure to read 2 Cor. 9:12-15.

Alonzo T. Jones.

1 Ben-Madigan Villas,
Cave Hill Rd., Belfast, Ireland,
Dec. 9, 1902.

Elder A. T. Jones, Oakland, Cal., U. S. A.—My Very Dear Brother: It is a long time now since I sent you anything through the mail, but I feel that at the present time it is proper that I should do so. The interest that you have shown for the work here, and the generosity of the California Conference in sending and supporting so many laborers in the British field, certainly call for a thankful response from us on this side. I can but look on the movement that has begun in America as of great significance. What I refer to is that of sending so many laborers to the different parts of the world and at the same time supporting them there from their own home funds. This certainly begins to look more like the loud cry of the third angel's message than anything that we have seen as yet. This effort, blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit, will accomplish that which we have all so long wished to see. I do earnestly pray and hope that Satan will not be permitted to come in in any way and frustrate the good that there is for the Lord's work in all this.

It was exceedingly interesting to learn of the effort that was put forth in California to send help to the British field, and still more so to meet the large number of workers that landed in Liverpool last Thursday morning. Brother An-

dross and myself were in Liverpool at the time to meet them and assist them in getting landed and started on their way to the different places where they were going. Fourteen of them set out at once to London; Brother Corliss, with his family, located at Birkenhead; Brother McCord and wife went on to Leeds to visit their people, who live near that place; while Brother Parsons came on with me to Belfast, Ireland. I presume that Brother Corliss has already written you, and reported their trip and their landing in old England. All the company seemed to be well and happy in the privilege of taking a part in the Lord's work in different parts of the world, and thus assisting in hastening the coming of the Lord.

Well, I wish I could sit down and have a good visit with you for a little while, and have a chance to tell you a little more about the work and the prospects before us than I can well do in a letter. I am very glad that the time has come that a strong effort can be put forth in this very important field. In many ways this country differs from any field that I have worked in before, and I can see that it is quite necessary to understand this in order to successfully prosecute the work here. One thing that was an obstacle in the way of the progress of the message here in its earlier period was that, instead of studying the peculiarities of the people here, that we might be able to meet them on their own grounds, we went to work to have them come to the American ways, and this would not work. More lately this matter has been better understood, and the result is seen in the better returns from the effort put forth. The idea of the great apostle, to become all things to all men, that he might win some, is just as necessary now as it was then.

I am so glad that we have been able to start our school, and it is already doing a most excellent work. The blessing of the Lord is in it in a very marked manner. How I wish that you could step in and make us a visit, and see how we are getting along! I

know that you would be both well pleased and much interested. Among other things that you would see would be four classes, with their several teachers, reciting in the same room at the same time. It looks just like a Sabbath-school. While this is not an ideal way to conduct a school, we are, nevertheless, so very thankful that we can have this. But we do hope to get better quarters for our school next year. We have now nearly seventy in attendance, so you see that we have quite a school.

I am also very glad that these brethren and sisters that have come to unite with us in the work here can have the privilege of having their introduction to the work in the British Empire in connection with our school. I look upon this as a great advantage to themselves and also to the work itself. I can see that if some of us had had such an opportunity in the past, we could have taken hold to better effect than we did. But such was not the case, and so we did the best we knew how. It is an advantage, not only that we have a school with this opportunity, but also the fact that we have in this school such a Bible-teacher as Dr. Waggoner is much more of a blessing than many have as yet appreciated. In view of these opportunities, you will not be surprised to learn that we have given our consent to Brother Parsons' spending a few months in the school at London. He is very desirous of doing so, and we can but feel that a time spent there will be an advantage, both to him personally and also to the work with which he is to connect. In this way he, as well as the rest, will have the best opportunity to be introduced to the ways and conditions of the field, and the work in this field, and then the privilege of engaging in the study of the Word under the lead of Dr. Waggoner will be of the greatest value to himself and to the work that he has before him in this country.

I hope that the California Conference will not feel that in any way we are not appreciating their earnest and generous effort to help us in our need. No, no; we do

appreciate this most heartily, and we are now very desirous of cooperating with you in this effort by doing all that we can to make the labor of these that have come to us as effective as possible, that you may have the greatest joy and satisfaction from the interest that you have all so generously shown us in what you have done.

Well, I must bring my letter to a close, so as not to weary you too much at one time, for I rather think that I shall have occasion to write you oftener, now that we have gotten so close together. I am glad to say that my health is very much better now than it was some months back, and I hope still to improve. Remember me most kindly to all the dear friends in California, and please extend to the California Conference and to all the brethren our sincere thanks and our hearty appreciation of their generosity to the work in this field by sending so many workers and supporting them here. Assure them also that our earnest prayers shall go up to the God of all the earth, that His richest blessings may be on you all and greatly bless the work in the California Conference.

Brother and Sister Hutchinson wish to be remembered to you, and both send their hearty greetings. My family is located at London. Mrs. Olsen is quite poorly in health, but we are glad as long as she can be around the house. The boys are well, and very busy.

With sincere love to yourself and family, I am yours in the work,
O. A. Olsen.

The North England Conference

I am unable to find language to express the gratitude of my heart for the very generous response on the part of the California Conference to our call for help in this field. I take this as a direct answer to our prayers. It is not only a source of encouragement to me, from the fact that we shall now be better prepared to respond to some of the many calls that come for help, but also I see in it a very encouraging omen of

the near coming of our Lord. I am sure that the only reason that the Lord is delaying His return is the fact that our people have not been ready to do the work that must be done before He comes.

This willingness on the part of parents to consecrate their children to the work of extending this message to all parts of the world, and also the willingness with which the young people, as well as the older ones, are responding to these calls, is very encouraging indeed.

I am sure that only those who are in the midst of these many millions of people, who must hear the truth before we can realize the fulfilment of our long-cherished hopes of the return of Christ, can appreciate fully what such a move means. May this same spirit take hold of all who believe this truth, that the work may be cut short in righteousness.

The company of twenty-two workers, who landed from New York on the steamer "Majestic," reached Liverpool Thursday morning, December 4. Elder O. A. Olsen and myself met them at the landing-stage. They reported a pleasant voyage for this season of the year. All seemed quite well after their experience on the sea. They come to us full of hope and courage, and we shall do all within our power to make their labors effective.

Elder J. O. Corliss and family, with Brother T. C. O'Donnell, from Battle Creek, and Elder McCord and wife, are to connect with the work in the North England Conference. The others have gone on to London for the present. After a few weeks' stay in the office in London, we expect Brother and Sister Castle to return to the North England Conference, at which time we expect to organize a tract society, of which they are to be placed in charge.

We are planning to hold a workers' institute at Nottingham, January 2 to 11. At this time those who have recently come among us will meet the workers in the field, and we hope that this will result in mutual benefit to all, as well as in encouraging a num-

ber of those in this field to take up the canvassing work.

Wherever an effort has been made thus far to interest the people in present truth, we have found many who are anxious to know more, and, even though we have been blessed with the addition of several new laborers, we shall still be unable to respond to all the calls constantly being made.

We ask all our brethren and sisters to pray for the success of this work, that His ministers may be clothed with salvation and His saints with praise.

E. E. Andross.

A Letter from the California Laborers in England

At our last writing the missionary convention in Battle Creek, held November 22, was past, and the company were on the eve of departing for New York. We left Battle Creek Sunday night, the 23d, at eight o'clock. To save the inconvenience of arriving in New York in the night, we remained at Niagara Falls a portion of the day Monday, and then took the train from there Monday night, arriving in New York City about ten o'clock on Tuesday morning.

The most of us were very busy all that day in making final preparations for departure, and the next day, Wednesday, at ten o'clock embarked on board the steamship "Majestic," of the White Star Line.

As soon as it became known by the officers of the ship that we had arrived, the chief steward had an interview with us regarding our diet for the voyage. He said that anything we asked would be gladly done, so far as it was in their power. Accordingly we were assigned separate tables from the other passengers, and had a separate, printed menu, which included only vegetarian articles of diet. The following menu of November 28 shows a sample of the food provided for our company: Fruit, oatmeal porridge and milk, Force, poached eggs, vegetable stew, toast, Vienna and graham rolls,

corn bread, marmalade, jam, tea, coffee.

Eight days were consumed in the voyage from New York to Liverpool. Considering the season of the year, the voyage was rather a pleasant one, although for three days the sea was quite rough, and the ship rolled heavily, keeping most of the passengers in their berths.

Thursday morning, as the ship drew near the wharf, we saw in the crowd on shore Elders O. A. Olsen and E. E. Andross, who, upon recognizing us, waved their hands in greeting.

Upon going ashore it was decided that Elder McCord and wife and the writer and his family should remain in North England, and that the others, excepting D. A. Parsons, should go to London. Within an hour we parted company, they embarking on the train for their destination, while the others were conducted to the home of a sister in Liverpool, where we were kindly cared for for a few hours. Brother McCord then went to the home of his childhood, near Leeds, for a few days, and the writer prepared a home for his family, and the next day was partially settled therein.

The Thursday night following our landing in Liverpool, Brother D. A. Parsons went to his field of labor in Belfast, Ireland, accompanied by Elder O. A. Olsen.

At this stage there is not much of definite note that can be said concerning our work. More of this nature will appear in our next letter. It is decided, however, that the writer will commence a series of hall meetings in Birkenhead soon after the holidays, and continue these as the way may open until the tent season opens.

Personally, I am glad that I decided to come to this field, which is, in the fullest sense, a destitute one. Millions of people are here who have never heard the sound of the message that we ourselves love so much, and if we would hasten the coming of the Master, it seems as though we must begin the work of seeking for the souls of those who are lost.

We trust that this field may ob-

tain a much larger supply of laborers within the year to come than it now has, since there is such an abundance of our people who might here find profitable work for the Master. J. O. Corliss.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

, San Diego, Cal.

After the camp-meeting at Los Angeles, last September, I returned to my home in this city, and have divided my time between ministerial work and physical labor. I have not been able to endure a prolonged strain upon my nervous system, without danger of nervous prostration. But when I see so much to do in the Lord's great message, and so few doing it, as I believe God would have it done,—this is almost as hard for me to bear as the work itself would be. This division of labor would suit my health, if I could only know that the Lord and my brethren were satisfied that I was in line of duty.

We see some good being accomplished here. During the past few weeks three adults have begun the observance of all God's law. One of them has been admitted to the church by baptism. A goodly number not of our faith attend Sabbath meetings. Our church numbers about one hundred and forty members.

We have an excellent church-school of about twenty pupils in regular attendance, taught by Mrs. B. F. Harris.

During a year and a half past we have had a young people's meeting each Sabbath, at 3 P. M., which has been of great good to quite a number of the young people and children, as well as many of the older members of the church, for all attend. The instruction and study have been in one class, and an effort has been made to benefit all. Where the number is sufficiently large and instructors available, there are advantages gained by classification according to age and ability. We follow no set rules or regularly-prescribed lessons. We have for some months past studied the

book of Revelation, as a basis of searching the Scriptures. The interest and improvement on the part of regular attendants have been very gratifying.

We have here a restaurant and a health-food store, also very pleasant treatment-rooms. These rooms are in charge of Drs. T. S. Whitelock and Miss Sophia Johnson. Best of all, we have the true God and only Saviour, who loves us, "pities our blindness," forgives our failings, and seeks our good day by day. W. M. Healey.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

The Work in This Conference.

It is evident that some of the brethren up here are becoming interested in selling the "Object Lessons." Orders are coming in frequently now for more books. Quite a number have received all their books, and one church, Hoquiam, have sold their entire quota. They are now helping another company near to sell theirs. One brother writes, "We received the balance of our quota, and we will try to sell them; but we will pay for them, whether we sell them or not." Another, Brother Lengel, says, "I am going out next week, and aim to stick to it till all are sold."

I have long desired to get out of the office and try to sell a few myself, and last Friday I went out near our home. I called at thirteen houses, made eleven canvasses, and took eight orders. I am sure that the Lord wants this book in the homes of the people, and He will help and bless in the efforts made to sell it. No doubt there are many among us who would be surprised at the results if they would go to work, and make an honest effort to sell the book.

If you have not read the leaflet "The Proving of Israel," be sure to do so; it will pay you. We have a supply.

I expect to see a deeper interest in this good work.

W. H. Coffin.

Seattle, Wash., December 21.

WESTERN OREGON

Dilley, Beaverton, and Oregon City

Surely nothing could be more evident than that God is leading in this third campaign for "Christ's Object Lessons." The zeal with which our brethren take hold of the work shows clearly that the Spirit of God is moving all to go forward in this work, and carry it to a finish.

At Dilley, Beaverton, and Oregon City, the brethren have decided to take their full quota, and are going into the work with strong hearts and willing hands. Some are a little reticent, but there is a life in the work which is carrying everything before it.

One aged brother, who had held back till this last campaign, saying that he was not responsible for the debt or its liquidation, after much thought and prayer, asked the Lord to guide him, and was clearly guided to take up the work. The next day he went out, and in three hours sold his six books. He is now ready to help more in this glorious work. Many grand experiences are being had by the brethren in these churches. May Heaven continue to bless them.

Albert Carey.

Oregon City, December 26.

Items from the Western Oregon Conference

New Year's greeting to our people all over the field, who have worked so faithfully and untiringly during the short experience of this conference. As we look over the past, the only thing we have to regret is that some moments have been permitted to pass by without an effort to bring before others the knowledge of the glorious gospel. Let us redeem the time.

Brother N. H. Graves, well known to our people here, leaves this week to take up work in the Southern field.

Elder W. C. F. Ward has been stopping with us in Portland for a few days. His cheerful face gives us confidence that in the message there is perfect peace.

Brother H. H. Johnson, our traveling missionary, is spending a few weeks in Southern Oregon with our faithful canvassing brethren. He states the battle is onward, and in many places souls are hungry for the truth.

Cheering words are coming in from the field, and we are of good courage, believing if our people go forward in the "Object Lessons" move during the next two months that this work will triumph, and all the debt on our college will be paid by March 1, 1903.

Our canvassers report very successful holiday deliveries, and although portions of territory being canvassed are so scattered that they only see five or six houses per day, yet they state the canvassing work never seemed nearer to their hearts. I pray that others may get such an experience in "Christ's Object Lessons" work that they will devote all of their powers to this method of spreading the gospel.

Every minister in the conference is devoting his time to the "Christ's Object Lessons" work, and we are glad to announce good reports. Elder C. J. Cole is in Southern Oregon, Elder T. H. Starbuck is in the south central part of the state, Elder J. M. Cole is in the central. The adjoining territory is under the supervision of Brother J. J. W. Clark and Dr. Albert Carey. The conference president is spending much of his time in connection with the conference office and the Portland church. This church has about one-fourth of the "Christ's Object Lessons" work of the conference, and but a few to assist in this jubilant march to finish this undertaking.

The writer has been spending some time in the interests of "Christ's Object Lessons" work among the churches. They seem to have the spirit of work, and the live testimonies at the experience meetings give omens of a general missionary awakening. At one

church they state they will finish their quota by Jan. 1, 1903, while at another place I had the pleasure of going out with the brethren and sisters and spending a day in house-to-house work. In the evening we had a real good experience meeting, and the Lord came very near to His waiting children. Live missionary work had been done, and hearts were in unison for a more vigorous campaign.

G. W. Pettit.

CALIFORNIA

Nevada

October 28 the writer left San Francisco to come to the above field to labor. Brother A. S. Kellogg joined me at Sacramento, and we arrived at Reno, Nevada, on the morning of the 29th. Elder Andrew Brorsen joined us November 2. During the three weeks which Elder Kellogg spent in this field, we visited the St. Clair and Susanville churches, as well as giving attention to the different lines of work in the Reno church. A committee was selected from the Reno and St. Clair churches to act with the writer in directing the work in the state. In this field there are about four companies of believers, two church-schools and a sanitarium. The latter institution, though limited in its resources, has made a good showing in its successful treatment of patients and in its finances since its beginning some six months ago. The church-schools located at Reno and St. Clair are in a prosperous condition.

Elder Brorsen has been laboring among the Danes of Gardnerville, selling "Christ's Object Lessons," taking subscriptions for periodicals, visiting and holding some meetings.

The writer has been working with "Christ's Object Lessons" at Reno and Virginia City.

Some of the brethren and sisters have done very well with the books, while it seems hard for others to get started in the good work.

But we feel encouraged, and believe that our quota of books for

this part of the field will be sold by May.

We have just closed our week-of-prayer meetings at Reno, and trust they have been a real blessing to the church. A live young people's society and Christian-help band are now giving strength and efficiency to the church.

With the Lord's help we expect to push the work in new fields during the year before us, that others may hear the precious message of salvation.

May we share an interest in the prayers of the Lord's children.

A. J. Osborne.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 28, 1902.

MISSION FIELDS

The Work in Hilo, Hawaii

Our work here has been somewhat hindered by our being called to labor in Honolulu during the summer months. But early in September we returned, and, as a school was needed here, and we had the promise of a teacher from Honolulu, we began at once to locate and fit up a mission school-room. We secured a very convenient building near the center of town, with sufficient rooms for living, as well as for a school and mission. We were disappointed in getting a teacher after all arrangements had been made, so we decided to open a night school for young men who work during the day. We have enrolled about twenty scholars, with some irregularity in attendance, averaging about twelve, the majority being Chinese. The Japanese and the Portuguese, also, seem anxious to learn. We teach reading, spelling, writing, and music. Their principal desire is to speak and read English, so they can do business with Americans.

We need a teacher very much, as a day school could be held and also a kindergarten. If some one who reads this report will only feel a burden to come here and teach, I am sure good could be accomplished.

We hold meetings on the Sabbath for our little company, and study the Bible together. Sunday afternoons we have a gospel

service for all, which is quite well attended by the Chinese and natives. The work is beginning to make some impression upon the better class, as their attention is called to the wonderful change we have made in our building, which was formerly occupied by a low class of Chinese and natives. It finally became so notorious that in order to rid the building of its occupants, the owner of the property built a high wall in front, and so darkened the rooms that it was very undesirable. The owner has refused to rent to different parties since, but when we told our object in taking it, although the rent had been forty dollars per month, we secured it for twenty-five dollars, and at once began to remodel the interior, which was cut up into many dark, small rooms. We had the privilege of making such repairs and changes as were necessary and deducting the expense from the first two months' rent. From a broken-down, dilapidated, "bill-posted" brothel, we are able to present a clean, respectable mission and school, with the good-will of the business men, who say we are "doing a good work, which was much needed in this locality."

Since our work began here, two native sisters have decided to keep the Sabbath and walk in all the light the Lord gives them.

Hilo is called "the city of rain," and it is rightly named; so it is quite difficult to get about the island without a rig. We are trying to raise a fund to buy one, and have so far received \$25 toward it, \$5.00 from a sister in Indiana and \$20 from the "youth's society" of the Oakland church, which we very much appreciate. Any others wishing to contribute toward this fund will assist in spreading the message in this needy field.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and hope to have the prayers of God's people, that souls may be saved as a result of the efforts being made here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Leland.

Trace back every rill of comfort to the full fountain of the Lord's mercy.—Scott.

Alaska

In a recent letter, written from Skagway, Alaska, Elder A. M. Dart says:—

"Our work here seems to be about done, and, while moving at this time of year is very unpleasant, we are all packed up ready to take the first boat to Douglas. We feel that our work has been greatly blessed of the Lord. Seven souls have taken an intelligent stand for the Sabbath, and all have shown not only a willingness but an eagerness to unfold to others the truth received. While prejudice is high here, it is marvelous how it has been broken down. Thanksgiving day the Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians held a union service, and, to my surprise, I was invited up on the rostrum to take part. A collection was taken up for the poor, amounting to twenty dollars. This sum was divided among the four ministers, to be distributed as each saw fit.

"I have been giving the message to some of the best members of the Presbyterian Church, and expect to see some of them accept the truth for to-day. Some six or seven copies of 'Daniel and the Revelation' have been sold among them."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver

The following is an extract from a letter by Brother C. W. Enoch concerning the medical work in Vancouver, B. C.:—

"The treatment-rooms were surely needed here, for there is not another enterprise of this kind in town, and the last census showed a population of 35,000.

"As expected, the people were slow to patronize what they called the 'new idea,' but now I am glad to say that the best class of people in the city are among our customers.

"Some of the most prominent doctors are coming regularly, also the aldermen, lawyers, etc. The location is of the best, in the very heart of the city, a few doors from the court-house, and in the same

building with one of the large hotels.

"We give Friday of each week to the ladies' treatments, and they are busy all day long.

"It is encouraging to know that the Lord is at the head of this work. Space will not permit me to mention the many prominent people whom I have had the privilege of enlightening in regard to the soon coming of our Saviour. We do not have to press the truth upon them; they ask questions concerning our views voluntarily. This branch of the work is indeed an excellent means for forwarding the message that must be given to all the world in this generation."



Thy Will Be Done

We see not, know not; all our way
Is night,—with Thee alone is day;
From out the torrent's troubled drift,
Above the storm our prayers we lift,
Thy will be done!

The flesh may fail, the heart may faint,
But who are we to make complaint,
Or dare to plead, in times like these,
The weakness of our love of ease?
Thy will be done!

We take with solemn thankfulness
Our burden up, nor ask it less,
And count it joy that even we
May suffer, serve, or wait for Thee,
Whose will be done!

And if in our unworthiness,
Thy sacrificial wine we press;
If from Thy ordeal's heated bars
Our feet are seamed with crimson scars,
Thy will be done!

If, for the age to come, this hour
Of trial hath vicarious power,
And blest by Thee, our present pain
Be liberty's eternal gain,
Thy will be done!

Strike; Thou the Master, we Thy keys,
The anthem of the destinies.
The minor of Thy loftier strain,
Our hearts shall breathe the old refrain,
Thy will be done!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

True love to Christ would rather
die than wound Him.—Spurgeon.

Ingathering Service.

The second ingathering service in the history of the Oakland church was held the Sabbath after Thanksgiving. A liberal use of magnolia and palm branches, ivy and flowers, in decoration, called to mind the occasion commemorated. A table was loaded with vegetables and fruits, to be distributed to the needy. Some of the finest products were furnished by one little boy from his missionary garden, which was planted last spring with this service in mind.

The following program was rendered:—

1. Organ Prelude.
2. Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow,
Congregation
Hymn No. 208, "Christ in Song."
3. Invocation.
4. Recitation.
5. Duet, "Valley Lilies."
6. Class Exercise.
7. Hymn Congregation
8. Class Exercise, "Life's Harvest."
9. Praise Service . . . Every One
10. Duet, "Why Stand Ye Here Idle?"
11. Offering.
12. Hymn.
13. Benediction.

The sentiments of all present were as given by the psalmist: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High."

The thank-offerings received amounted to \$111.66, each person having the privilege of donating his contribution to the field of his choice. The different branches of the work remembered were: Oakland church-school, \$64.16; foreign missions, \$14.25; poor fund, \$11.10; Barbados mission, \$9.00; church-improvement fund, \$5.00; church-debt fund, \$4.50; church-expense fund, \$1.25; South Africa mission, \$1.10; material fund, \$1.00; India mission, 30 cents.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that is the stuff life is made of.—Franklin.

Secret Prayer

If Jesus prayed in the morning, how much more important it is for us, before the world gets possession of our thoughts, before Satan fills us with unholy feelings, when we rise fresh from beds of repose, and while the world around us is still! David thus prayed. Ps. 5:3. He that wishes to enjoy religion will seek a place of secret prayer in the morning.

If that is omitted, all will go wrong—our piety will wither, the world will fill our thoughts, temptations will be strong, and through the day we shall find it impossible to raise our feelings to a state of proper devotion. The religious enjoyment through the day will be according to the state of the heart in the morning, and can, therefore, be measured by our faithfulness in early secret prayer.—Rev. Albert Barnes.

The Bright Spirit

To the bright-spirited friend we always turn when we need human help. In affliction we have no use for the one who looks on the dark side of life. He is as useless as dark, lowering skies are to the already storm-beaten land.

It is the bright spirit that scatters sunbeams and lifts from the saddened soul the face of sorrow. Just as the morning sun scatters the great black shadows of night, so does that sweet, happy spirit drive the sorrow and gloom from the atmosphere about it. It is no wonder that we look to the bright friend for help when we are submerged with affliction and sorrow. No other can help us in the dark hours of bereavement and trial. Just as the crushed, broken flower seeks to catch the sweet sunbeams, so do we turn to the bright soul. Would we help others in this world of pain and trial? then let us seek to possess a bright spirit—one that forever wears the smile of God. Oh, what a power we shall then possess to stay the tide of gloom and sorrow! What sunny places we can then make upon the great desert of this world, and thus leave a pathway of glory behind us! Something

sweeter and fairer than roses and lilies will light up the paths in which we have walked. Of all beautiful things in the world, a bright spirit is the most desirable. We may have it if we will.—Christian Intelligencer.

The Negro Boy's Experience

One colored Sunday-school scholar was a great annoyance, being full of mischief and very ignorant, indeed, and coming of a very bad family. His teacher reported that he was the greatest dunce he had ever known.

There came a great awakening upon the church; many were converted to God. The colored boy, after a time, became quite serious and thoughtful. He received help and counsel, and soon gave very marked signs of a change of heart.

One form of special service, made necessary by the condition of the church, was an afternoon meeting each Sunday. This was very much crowded. Many of those present offered their voluntary testimony. One afternoon the African arose, and said, "I can give my experience to you." He had in his hand a book, which he began to read, while the people listened: "In the beginning God created the heavens and earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.' That is it; that is my experience." He said no more, but closed the book and sat down.

A thrill was sent through the large congregation, while men looked at each other in a sort of wonder. Not the most cultured soul could have better told the wonderful story of regeneration.—Rev. H. M. Simpson.

O Lord, if only my will may remain right and firm toward Thee, do with me whatsoever it shall please Thee; for it can not be anything but good, whatsoever Thou shalt do with me.—Thos. a' Kempis.

"Come Out, Joachim"

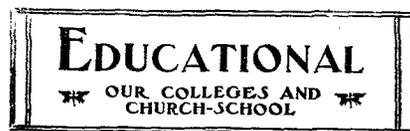
One day, when Martin Luther was completely penniless, he was asked for money to aid an important Christian enterprise. He reflected a little, and recollected that he had a beautiful medal of Joachim, elector of Bradenburg, which he very much prized. He went immediately to a drawer, opened it, and said: "What art thou doing there, Joachim? Dost thou not see how idle thou art? Come out and make thyself useful." Then he took out the medal and contributed it to the object solicited for. Have not some of our readers idle Joachims which they could send out to do good in missions at home and abroad?—Home and Abroad.

Conscience Not a Teacher

Conscience tells us that we ought to do right, but conscience does not tell us what is right. Conscience is a monitor in the spiritual school; conscience is not a teacher in that school. If we were shut up to the instructions of conscience, we should be ever in doubt as to duty, and often going astray.

Therefore it is that God has given us a specific revelation of His will and law, so that we may know our duty. If, indeed, conscience were a teacher to tell us our duty, we should have little need of the Bible to give us instruction; then every person, the world over, would have the same standard of right-doing and holy living. But, as it is, we need the Bible and conscience; neither alone is sufficient. Let us prize aright the God-given promptings of conscience and the God-given teachings of revelation. All of us need both.—Sunday School Times.

God doth not His work by halves, neither must we; but if He shall be all in all to us, we must be altogether His. His is a covenant of mercy; ours, of obedience; which must be therefore full and final, as Christ hath obtained for us an entire and everlasting redemption.—Trapp.



Salem, Oregon, Church-School

R. L. Wildman, teacher at the above place, writes: "We have a nice little church-school in progress at Salem. Our interest extends beyond our own borders to the church-school work in general, and we long for the time when the experimental stage will have been passed, and the courses and grading be that which will meet the needs of each school.

"It is possible to study and teach the Bible in the same way that other text-books are studied and taught, and in order that this may not be so, special attention should be given to Bible instruction. Such a course should be prepared as will impress the spiritual lessons, as well as the historical facts."

To the Church-School Teachers in the California Conference

Dear Teachers: I have now visited most of you at your schools, and am quite well pleased with the general condition of them. Of course, there are some points in which we can make material improvement. One of these is the keeping of the school register. Erroneous monthly reports still come in. Let me repeat some of the instruction given. Please note carefully the following:—

Total enrolment includes every name on your register, whether all are members of the school at time of making report or not. Total enrolment can never decrease; it may increase from month to month. If it does increase in any month over the preceding month, the increase will exactly correspond to the number of "new pupils" in the later month.

Now, my dear teachers, please do this right. Don't send in any more bungling reports. Some of you have a smaller enrolment the second and third months than the first. This can not be. Remember that "number dropped" can

not affect the enrolment. "Number dropped" affects "average number belonging" and also your "per cent of attendance."

A pupil should be "dropped" after three consecutive days' absence. Do not continue marking him as absent day after day, thus decreasing your per cent of attendance. Let us bring our schools up to as high a standard of excellence as possible.

Let us not ask the Lord to bless our erroneous work, but ask Him to help us to do our work right. And be not content until it is right.

Tardiness must be marked in reports, whether excused or unexcused. But hammer away at this tardiness, teachers, until it diminishes very materially. Just think! there were over three hundred fifty cases of tardiness reported this month, and the schools not all heard from yet.

Principals of schools must be responsible for correct reports from their schools. They should examine the reports of their teachers, and enclose same with their own to the superintendent.

Teachers, please see that the monthly blanks are properly filled out in the blank spaces for number of month, etc. Some reports have come in with this work omitted, so that it was impossible for me to tell whether the reports were for the first month or the second month.

In short, let me say in conclusion, study the directions in your registers, and then do the work at the right time and in the right way.

J. S. Osborne,

Church-school Supt.

Healdsburg, Cal., Dec. 15, 1902.

MISSIONARY WORK

Gone

Yes, another year has gone. It has passed into eternity with its record of work. I wonder how many are satisfied with their record for the past year. Do we not review it with sadness, and wish we had done more for the cause of our Master; done more to save precious souls that are perishing all around us? We can not recall the time that is gone; it is gone forever; but we can begin at once and faithfully improve the present year as it passes away. There are many ways in which we can help advance the cause of God, and the canvassing work is one of them. The following is from a recent testimony:—

"The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."

These words are very plain and pointed, and should encourage many to take up this line of work. After speaking approvingly of what has been done the past year with "Object Lessons," the author of the foregoing extract says: "Many more of our larger books might have been sold, if church-members had been awake to the importance of the truths these books contain, and had realized their responsibility to circulate them. My brethren, will you not now make an effort to circulate these books? and will you not bring into this effort the enthusiasm that you brought into the effort to sell 'Christ's Object Lessons'?"

"I ask those to whom the light of truth has come: What are you going to do during the year that is just opening?" "Let no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing. That any one can be saved in indolence and inactivity is an utter impossibility." "My brethren and sisters, work

earnestly to circulate these books. Put your hearts into this work, and the blessing of God will be with you."

The whole testimony is on this line, and it is enough to stir the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist; and I expect to see a response from the circulation of it. And as your heart is stirred, come out and attend one of the institutes that will be held at different places in the Pacific Union Conference; get a training, and commence to work at once. If you are not situated so you can attend any institute, write to your state agent, get what help you can, and go to work any way. Do not put it off. Soon another year will be gone, and your record will not be what you will wish it was. May the Lord raise up laborers for the harvest, which is now ripe and waiting for the sickle of truth.

S. C. Osborne.

"A Willing Mind"

PARTIAL RESULTS OF 670 HOURS' WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO

Do you have "a willing mind" to do missionary work? If so, you need not wait for any further preparation. God will accept all that you do with "a willing mind;" for He has left us the following assurance: "If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." 2 Cor. 8:12.

Do not put off working for the Master right where you are until you are "better prepared," or until you have completed a college course, or something of the kind. All that the Master asks of you is "a willing mind" consecrated to His service.

In the year 31 A. D. (1,872 years ago) there stood by a certain lake in Palestine a Christian in great perplexity. He was pleading with another individual in a ship, begging to be taken in. But Jesus, the One in the ship, answered the request of him "that had been possessed with the devil," and had just "prayed Him that he might be with Him," as follows: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done

"One of the great Puritan writers said, 'The greatest of all temptations is to be without any.' What did he mean?—He meant that temptation is not a sinful thing, but it is a good thing. It is the ingredient in your nature that you can least spare. Temptation is essential to a man becoming a man at all. If a man never uses his biceps, he acquires no muscle in his arm. If a man never uses his moral nature, he acquires no muscle in his soul."

for thee, and hath had' compassion on thee." The record then states that this Christian—a mere babe in the gospel—one who had had no training for missionary work, and who was denied even the further companionship of Christ and His disciples in a physical way,—this new convert immediately "departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel." Mark 5. And Luke says (chapter 8) that he "published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him."

If you are a Christian, God has done just as much for you as He did for this man who was possessed of devils; for He "hath delivered us from the power of darkness [Satan], and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." Col. 1:13. That being so, let us, as did this Christian 1,872 years ago, heed the words of Jesus: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

There is nothing wrong in our desire to go with Jesus that we may receive His instruction. But, having received light and wisdom from Him, and a knowledge of the truth, it becomes our duty to publish it as He did, "throughout the whole city." The only way for any one to keep the truth is by giving it out.

One of our sisters who is engaged in distributing our literature in San Francisco, and also in Christian-help work, writes us as follows:—

"Personally I do not understand how it is that a person as frail as I am, with all my work and responsibilities, has been able to accomplish so much. But it is God only that is able to give the increase, and I leave self out entirely. During the past seventeen months the Lord and I have been doing house-to-house work. Have worked 670 hours, and have sold during that time 6,275 copies of the 'Signs of the Times,' 1,386 copies of the 'Pacific Health Journal,' 288 copies of the 'Life Boat,' 182 books, both large and small, 11 copies of the 'Sentinel of Christian Liberty,' besides finding 28 people anxious

to read the Bible, and taking 27 subscriptions for our papers.

"Nor is that all; for I have had the great pleasure of coming face to face with the people, thus gaining their confidence. Have told them all about our nice new Hydriatric Dispensary, established for the benefit of those of limited means and the very poor, making it a special point to let them know that this work is being carried on in connection with our church, and that we preach a gospel for the body as well as for the soul. Many whom I meet find it quite difficult to believe that such an establishment can be found that is not a money-making affair. Every person who purchases a 'Signs' or 'Pacific Health Journal' is presented with a neat little card on which are mentioned some of the treatments given at the Hydriatric Dispensary. Each one also receives a pressing invitation to visit the dispensary, and to see for himself how it is conducted.

"May all become so wide-awake that they will begin at once to do personal work with their next-door neighbors. It will bring light and sunshine into many homes, and will water our own souls. I can say from experience that there is fulness of joy in being a co-laborer with Christ.

"Mrs. Phebe Press.

"34 Kearny Street."

Just at present many of our people in this conference are making the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" a special feature of their regular missionary work. We are in the midst of the "third"—and we hope the last—campaign for the sale of this excellent book for the relief of our school debts. All of those in leading positions, whether in the Pacific Union Conference office, Pacific Press, or conference and tract society offices, are actually at work selling their "third-campaign" quota of books, which means from six to twenty-five books apiece. If all of these are not sold by April 1, 1903, each one is to pay in the cash for his books, that the college may rapidly pay off all notes against it. The Lord is giving us all precious experiences as we engage personally in this work, meeting all classes of people—Presbyterians, Baptists,

members of the Christian Church, Roman Catholics (both priests and lay members), Lutherans, etc. This book is certainly breaking down huge walls of prejudice against our people everywhere.

A. J. Bourdeau,
Sec. Cal. Tract Soc.

"Gentiles Shall Come to Thy Light"

"To the 'Signs of the Times'—

"Will you please send me a sample copy of your paper? I am a student of theology, and, from what I hear, I believe it would be of great service to me.

"Yours very truly,

"W. Spurgeon Carey.

"117 West 134th Street,

"New York City."

Such letters as the above are constantly being received, and show that the light of truth is shining brighter and brighter, and its power of attraction growing stronger and stronger. The reason for this is that a constantly-increasing number of men, women, and children are carrying this light to their friends.

Dear reader, are you among this number?
H. H. Hall.

What a Bunch of Tracts Did

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the South-western Union Conference, Brother J. M. Rees related the following interesting narrative, which shows what the circulation of a few tracts may do:—

"At the first camp-meeting held in North Carolina we had a missionary meeting, and while we were holding that meeting a man and his wife stepped into the back part of the tent, and I noticed that they were interested in what we had to say. Our meeting had not been in session long until a sister got up and produced a little bunch of tracts, yellow with age, sewed together, and she said: 'Somebody sent me these tracts, and I embraced the truth from them. I do not know where they came from.' Her husband said that he embraced the truth, too, from reading those tracts. And then an-

other arose and said the same thing, and another, until eight people in that congregation had testified that they had received the truth from reading those tracts. They all lived in the same neighborhood. The meeting closed, and the strange woman who had stayed in the rear of the tent stepped forward to the woman who had spoken first, and, facing her, said: 'Do you know me?' I am your sister who left North Carolina twenty years ago. We sent you those tracts.' You never saw such a greeting as they had there, and we all wept in sympathy with them. Then when the greeting was all over, the man said, 'Yes, we are the ones who sent you the bunch of tracts. We lived in Kansas, and when we sent those tracts we were so poor that we did not have any money, and we wondered how to get the postage to send them. We prayed that the Lord would help us to get the postage to send them, and the Lord gave it to us, and we sent them.'"

Dear brother, dear sister, would you enjoy such a meeting and such a greeting as this? You can have it; if not in this life, in the world to come. And how?—By the simple means of giving or sending away a few tracts.

The coincidence which brought giver and receiver together in the above instance was exceptional. Few may have the privilege of seeing or knowing in this life the results of their missionary efforts. But in the better land, when the sowing-time is over and the harvest has been gathered home, we shall all have the privilege of seeing all those whom we have been instrumental in saving and helping into the kingdom of God. We can then, to the full, share in the joy of our Lord.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again

with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

"Left a Good Streak"

The following is a selection from a letter which I have just received from Brother G. Phillips, who is working in Colorado:—

"I am watching closely the resident plan of canvassing. We have one resident canvasser in Colorado Springs, who is doing an excellent work. I canvassed behind him last week, and I find he has left a 'good streak.' He had sold as many as four books in one home, and I also sold 'Object Lessons' in the same place. Some would call him 'our book agent.' His work is improving all the time.

"We have another man in Denver working the same way, except that he employs the instalment plan. I had the happy privilege of canvassing over his territory, and found as many as six books in one home. All of them were good bindings, too. I sold in the same house 'Patriarchs' and 'Daniel and the Revelation.' He tells me that he has had out \$900 worth of books at one time, and loses very, very little. He said when the people got one book paid for, most of them were ready to take another one, and the beauty of it is, he sells good bindings.

"I met one sister recently who lives in a small town, who is following this resident plan. She has sold as high as twenty-four of our books in one home, and the last time she was there with books, the lady said, 'Well, when another book comes out, bring it around, and I will take it.'"

From the above experiences our readers will notice that once, twice, or more times over a given territory only cultivates it. When we stop to consider that very little has been done in the cities of this coast, does it not seem that some one should be considering the advisability of following such a plan as this? H. H. Hall.

"No man can hate sin who does not love God."

Our Gifts

"What shall I give to Thee, O Lord?
The kings that came of old
Laid softly on Thy cradle rude
Their myrrh and gems of gold.

"Thy martyrs gave their hearts' warm
blood,
Their ashes strewed Thy way;
They spurned their lives as dreams and
dust,
To speed Thy coming way.

"Thou knowest of sweet and precious
things;
My store is scant and small;
Yet, wert Thou here in want and woe,
Lord, I would give Thee all."

There came a voice from heavenly
heights:
"Unclose thine eyes and see.
Gifts to the least of those I love
Thou givest unto Me."

—Selected.

"After Many Days"

WHAT A NOTED EDITOR SAYS OF
"OBJECT LESSONS"

While in the city of Eureka (Humboldt County), Cal., one day last August, it occurred to me that it would be a good idea to try to sell a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" to Mr. J. F. Thompson, editor-in-chief of the Humboldt Standard" (the best paper in the county). Having a few hours to spare before boarding the steamer "Pomona" for San Francisco, I tucked a copy under my arm and went to his office. My card having been taken in to him, he received me very cordially and allowed me to tell him the story of the book and to show him some excellent recommendations from various California pastors in behalf of the work. He being a very busy man (having also charge of the U. S. Land Office), our visit was necessarily brief. But it bore fruit, as the following letter, just received, will testify:—

"Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office,
Eureka, Cal., Dec. 17, 1902.

"A. J. Bourdeau, Oakland, Cal.: Yours of December 9 is received. Am sorry to confess that I have not read the book 'Christ's Object Lessons' through yet, but what I have read is highly satisfactory. I think Mrs. White one of the best religious writers of the age, and

this book, if I may judge from random excerpts, is up to the high standard of her other writings on Biblical subjects. I paid Dr. Dail for the book, \$1.25, within a week or ten days after you left it with me. Yours truly,

"J. F. Thompson."

This strong recommendation, coming as it does from one who has purchased the book himself, and who is perhaps the best-known man in that section of California, will be of great help to those who are pushing the "third" campaign to completion there. Let all unite in one grand effort to sweep away all of our school debts before the next General Conference, to be held in this state March 27 to April 13, 1903. A willing mind is all that any one needs in order to do this work. Are you willing?

Augustin J. Bourdeau,
Sec. Cal. Tract Soc.

Its Own Canvasser

The following is certainly a strong indication that "Christ's Object Lessons" is a book capable of speaking for itself:—

"Crescent City, Cal.

"Pacific Press Publishing Company, New York—Sirs: Having read 'Christ's Object Lessons,' by Ellen White, I should be obliged if you would send C. O. D. some similar work of hers, also your catalogue containing her works, that I may make some selections.

"Most respectfully,

"T. J. Darby."

It will be noticed that a perusal of the book inspired the reader with so high an opinion of the valuable character of its author's writings that he feels perfectly safe in asking the publishers to forward him, C. O. D., some other book of hers, evidently believing that anything written by such an author must be worth reading.

This also emphasizes what experience has already proven, that "Christ's Object Lessons" will sell itself, if left with people, so that they can read some of it.

If you are too busy to canvass for it, try this plan. Leave with the book a copy of the published recommendations. We

have plenty of these on hand. They can be had on application to the tract society. J. L. Derby.

Visiting

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:15, 16.

For more than thirty years our divine Lord had lived among men. He had said, "I am the light of the world," "the bread which came down from heaven." He had looked with pity upon the sad condition of men. His yearning sympathy had reached out toward the fallen race, and, "when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." He had toiled unceasingly, suffering privation, doing works of mercy and love, for a hard-hearted and rebellious generation. He came in contact with those who needed His help; He taught them the way of life, comforted the mourner, aroused the careless to a sense of their condition, and gave the weary and heavy-laden rest. How eagerly men followed Him who lived alone for the good of others! No opportunity was allowed to pass unimproved, when by associating with mankind He could draw them to Himself, the representative of His Father.

Jesus did not shut Himself away from the people of the world, for fear of contamination, or lest He should partake of their spirit; but, anointed with the Holy Ghost, He maintained His heavenly character of spotless integrity, and walked among men as the light of the world, glorifying His Father in heaven.

"It is through the social relations that Christianity comes in contact with the world. Every man or woman who has tasted of the love of Christ, and has received into his heart the divine illumination, is required of God to shed light on the dark pathway of those

who are unacquainted with the better way."—Testimonies, vol. 4, page 555.

Jesus "went about doing good." He visited the fatherless and the widow in their affliction, and kept Himself "unspotted from the world." And if we would have "pure religion, and undefiled before God and the Father," we must do the same. Says the inspired Word, through Peter, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps."

His work did not cease when He had ministered to His relatives and friends. Even His bitterest enemies could have no reason to say He had slighted them in any particular. There is great significance in the instruction He has left for His followers. He says: "I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. . . . And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" We are to seek to become acquainted with those around us, that we may bring them the precious message of heaven. The field is the world.

At the close of His ministry, Jesus gathered His disciples around Him, and gave His work into their hands. He told them how all power in heaven and earth was given unto Him, and then He said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The work that had absorbed the attention of the Prince of heaven was committed into the hands of men. It was their privilege to carry to every creature the good news of salvation. It was not to be given to a certain class only, but alike to rich and poor, free and bond, high and low; and those that received the gospel, and observed whatsoever Christ had commanded, were to be saved. What higher incentive to work for the Lord's cause could be given to us than this? That which appears to

be a great work in this world often proves to be a failure, and the most illustrious lives go out in darkness, leaving their shadow upon the hearts of mankind; but the work of a faithful Christian is an eternal success. The energies of heaven are united with his efforts. The disciples of Christ do not work alone; for Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you, always, even unto the end of the world."

As we think of our friends, acquaintances, and neighbors, do we not recall faces with expressions upon them that speak of unsatisfied hearts and restless and darkened minds? Many are wondering whether or not there is a God who cares for them, whether or not there is any reality in the religion of Christ, or any really true hearts in the world. Oh, that we might seek for the compassionate spirit of Jesus, till we could go out to our friends and neighbors, with weeping, bearing precious seed; and the promise is sure that we shall all come again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us!

The poor of this world deserve our sympathy and aid, but how much more do the poor in spirit need our encouragement, that they may see the light of the truth, and rejoice in the "blessed hope"! Believing, as we do, that we are living in the last days, and that the time of destruction is at hand, how can we afford to sit idle and see our neighbors on the road that leads to death without giving them warning of their doom or pointing out the great rewards that await those who turn their feet into the way of life?

Doing missionary work does not necessarily mean only the work done for those not of our faith, but there is to be wrought for "the King's household." Says the apostle, "Do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of faith." Our commission is to "preach the gospel to every creature." How often are there feeble knees and hands that need strengthening in our midst! And it is our privilege to "minister to Christ, in the person of His saints." There should not be a cold, unloving atmosphere in our churches. Let us

individually see to it that we greet our brethren heartily, and love them with "pure hearts, fervently." Of course, no stranger at the place of worship should ever go without a welcome from the children of God. We can not expect to hear sinners inquiring, "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" while we are cold and indifferent in our manners toward them.

"As a people we lose much by lack of sympathy and sociability with one another. He who talks of independence, and shuts himself up to himself, is not filling the position that God designed he should. We are children of God, mutually dependent upon one another for happiness. The claims of God and of humanity are upon us. We must all act our part in this life. It is the proper cultivation of the social elements of our nature that brings us into sympathy with our brethren, and affords us happiness in our efforts to bless others. The happiness of heaven will consist in the pure communion of holy beings,—the harmonious social life with the blessed angels, and with the redeemed, who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. We can not be happy while we are wrapped up in our interest for ourselves. We should live in this world to win souls to the Saviour. If we injure others, we injure ourselves also. If we bless others, we also bless ourselves, for the influence of every good deed is reflected upon our own hearts."—Testimonies, vol. 4, pp. 71, 72.

Real, unselfish love is a rare thing in the world, and we need not be alarmed lest it should not find those who will appreciate it and be benefited by it. Our neighbors, whom, perhaps, we have passed from day to day and from month to month without a friendly word or look of recognition, would respond to the interest of unselfish love. We can not come in contact with the wants of men and women unless we do as did our Saviour. He visited at their homes, sat at their tables and beside their firesides. Never did He condescend to frivolous words, and yet He was one among them.

With heavenly wisdom and tact, he sought to make their relations easy and unembarrassing, and then led their minds away from the trivial and commonplace to the great theme of eternal life. There are many ways of winning people to hear the precious truth.

All who can exert a social Christian influence may have a part in this work. We have seen good results from the visits of children who understood the points of our faith. These devoted little missionaries were the means of awakening an interest in the minds of older persons, who afterwards accepted the truth.

There is a place, too, for the aged in this great work. There are few persons who do not have respect for the aged, and who do not consider it a privilege to entertain them, especially if they are meek and kind in their lives. There is no class or age that may not be reached in a social way by persons in the church.

"A great work might be accomplished in bringing souls to the knowledge of the truth, were proper exertions made. In every town, city, and village, there are persons who would embrace the truth if it were brought before them in a judicious manner. Missionaries are needed among us, self-sacrificing missionaries, who, like our great Exemplar, would not please themselves, but live to do others good."—Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 113.

"If the time our sisters now spend in needless work were devoted to searching the Word of God and explaining it to others, their own minds would be enriched with gems of truth, and they would be strengthened and ennobled by the effort made to understand the reasons of our faith. Were our sisters conscientious Bible Christians, seeking to improve every opportunity to enlighten others, we should see scores of souls embracing the truth through their self-sacrificing endeavors alone. Sisters, in the day when the accounts of all are balanced, will you feel a pleasure in reviewing your life, or will you feel that the beauty of the outward man was sought, while the

inward beauty of the soul was almost entirely neglected?"—Testimonies, vol. 4, p. 630.

"The great work now to be accomplished is to bring up the people of God to engage in the work, and exert a holy influence. They should act the part of laborers. With wisdom, caution, and love, they should labor for the salvation of neighbors and friends. There is too distant a feeling manifested. The cross is not laid right hold of and borne as it should be."—Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 368.

We should have a spirit of progress. We must guard continually against being fixed in our views, feelings, and actions. The work of God is onward. Reforms must be carried on, and we must take hold and help move the car of reform. Energy, tempered with patience and ambition, and balanced by wisdom, is now needed by every Christian. The work of saving souls is yet left to us, the disciples of Christ. Not one of us is excused. Many have become dwarfed and stunted in their Christian life because of inaction. We should employ our time diligently while in this world. How earnestly should we improve every opportunity of doing good, of bringing others to a knowledge of the truth! Our motto should ever be, "Onward, higher,"—surely, steadily onward to duty and to victory.

N. C. McClure.

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Who Is Responsible for the Harvest

Seed-sowing is man's work, even though it is God who gives the sun and the rain, that cause the seed to grow and fructify. In one sense, it all is of God; in another sense, it is man's duty and privilege to do his work and to receive the benefits. Man has nothing but what God gives, yet "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If a man sows thistle seed, he has no right to say that God is responsible for having the man's field grow worthless thistle instead of nutritious grain. As it is in the natural world, so it is in the spiritual. Therefore, in all of man's sphere, "he should pray as if all depended on God, and

should work as if all depended on man." Work and prayer should ever go together, and they will with the true and loving child of God.

"Work, and prayer will be the sweeter, Pray, and work will be completer."—Selected.

When your burden is heaviest, you can always lighten a little some other burden. At the times when you can not see God, there is still open to you this sacred possibility—to show God. Let this thought, then, stay with you: there may be times when you can not find help, but there is no time when you can not give help.—Geo. S. Merriam.

A Call for Mexico

We have just received a letter from Sister Henton, who is in Mexico City, stating that the Y. M. C. A. of that city desires several of our books. Among those for which a request was made are "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Heralds of the Morning," "and Steps to Christ." They also want the "Signs of the Times" and "Pacific Health Journal." It will take about ten dollars to send them. Are there some of our readers who desire to have a part in that work? Donations may be sent to Pacific Press Publishing Co., Oakland, Cal.

Religious Significance of Adolescence

"Students . . . have discovered that the majority of criminals . . . are in the adolescent period; that the average age of so-called incorrigibles—both boys and girls—is sixteen. . . . It has at last dawned upon statisticians to investigate the susceptibility of youth to good influences, and a wonderful discovery is made. The majority of Christians date their conversion to the same youthful years wherein are found the majority of criminals."

From an article by Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, to appear in the "Signs of the Times," January, 1903.

A Valuable Little Book

I have heard of a certain divine, that he used always to carry with him a little book. This tiny volume had only three leaves in it; and, truth to tell, it contained not a single word. The first was a leaf of black paper, black as jet; the next was a leaf of red—scarlet; and the last was a leaf of white, without a single spot. Day by day he would look upon this singular book, and at last he told the secret of what it meant. He said: "Here is the black leaf; that is my sin and the wrath of God which my sin deserves. I look and look, and think it is not half black enough to represent my guilt, though it is as black as black can be. The red leaf reminds me of the atoning sacrifice and the precious blood, and I delight to look at it, and weep, and look again. The white leaf represents my soul as it is washed in Jesus' blood and made white as snow."—C. H. Spurgeon.

Never Failed

You can not find any place in Scripture where a man was ever sent by God to do work in which he failed. God sent Moses to Egypt to bring three millions of bondmen out of the house of bondage into the promised land. Did he fail? It looked, at first, as if he were going to. If we had been in the court where Pharaoh said to Moses, "Who is God, that I should obey Him?" and ordered him out of his presence, we might have thought it meant failure. But did it? God sent Elijah to stand before Ahab, and it was a bold thing when He told him there should be neither dew nor rain; but didn't He lock up the heavens for three years and six months? Now here is God sending His only-beloved Son from His bosom, from the throne down into this world. Do you think He is going to fail? Thanks be to God, He can save to the uttermost, and there is not a man who may not find it so, if he is willing to be saved.—Exchange.

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A Happy New Year to our readers.

It is time to renew some subscriptions to the "Recorder." Is it yours?

The letter-rate of postage to foreign countries is five cents for each half ounce or fractional part thereof.

Elder A. M. Dart opened meetings in Douglas, Alaska, December 12. A central location was secured.

The Dakota Conference has established an intermediate industrial school at Elk Point, South Dakota, which is doing excellent work.

Dr. A. N. Loper is located at Pasadena, Cal., and is working in connection with the Pasadena Sanitarium, that was opened last summer in the Arcade Building.

The address of Elder and Mrs. J. O. Corliss is No. 10 Princess Terrace, Ball's Road, Birkenhead, England. Correspondents are requested to please make a note of this.

The industrial school recently opened by the Minnesota Conference is receiving encouraging support, the latest reports indicating that about forty students are in attendance.

Rev. W. S. Gamble spent some time on the Pacific Coast this fall in the interests of the American

Sabbath Union, and has taken occasion to quiet the minds of the people on the Sabbath question with his peculiar theory. While Mr. Gamble was in Arizona presenting his ideas, one of our brethren offered to discuss the question with him, but he refused to accept the challenge.

The "regions beyond" are wide, and populated by millions of human beings who have not heard the sound of the everlasting gospel. To carry it to them will require men and means; and the Lord has both. The delegates at the recent meetings of the South Dakota and Minnesota Conferences have voted to share their men and their means with the needs of the field at large. When this plan is carried forward by every conference, it will not be very long until there will cease to be "regions beyond" that are to be entered, but a people will be waiting to say to their Master, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him."

Elder G. W. Reaser, who is chairman of the South African Council, says, in a private letter, dated Nov. 16, 1902, that he had recently organized a church of twenty-two members at Johannesburg, Transvaal, and received funds for the conference treasury to the amount of \$375. From there he went to Maritzburg, Natal, and organized the Natal-Transvaal Conference. The membership in these two colonies above named has doubled during the past year, and the income is large enough to support two ministers continuously in the field. He further says that their work is on a good footing, excepting that they need some active young men as ministers.

In speaking of the work being done at the Matabele Mission, Elder Reaser remarks that he thinks that the laborers in that mission have found the correct method to reach the natives of that great, dark continent. It is Brother Reaser's desire to start another mission among the Zulus on the same lines as the enterprise in Matabeleland is operated.

A Great Loss

The following message was received Tuesday night, December 30, 1902, from Battle Creek, Michigan, by the Pacific Press Publishing Company:—

"Review and Herald burned tonight. Total loss. No one killed."

The newspaper dispatches say the loss is \$350,000, and the insurance is about \$150,000.

Full particulars will appear in our publications of a later date.

While we can not explain why this great loss should come at this time in our work, yet we must ever realize that our God doeth all things well; and instead of drawing away from Him in discouragement, we should examine our own hearts, that everything may be set aside that prevents a closer walk with our Master.

The Week of Prayer

The week of prayer proved to be a very profitable occasion for the Oakland church, which, for the convenience of the people in attending the meetings, had been divided into three districts, portions of the church meeting each evening in North and East Oakland and at the church. The readings were greatly appreciated by all, and the sentiments and principles set forth therein were fully received, if one can judge by the many testimonies given from time to time.

In the social meetings a good spirit of freedom prevailed, and testimonies of renewed consecration to God and His service were numerous. The meeting Tuesday evening was especially refreshing. On this occasion the entire church met together, and much of the spirit and love of God were present.

Sabbath morning, the 27th, according to recommendation, the donations to the foreign work were received, which amounted to \$215.

W. T. K.

Give me that eye which can see God in all, and that hand which can serve God with all, and that heart that can bless Him for all.—
Secker.