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THAT PILLAR.

I HAVE been impressed, more of late than ever before, that we must be able to demonstrate the certainty of God's promises to man so fully and clearly that even the most confirmed skeptic will be compelled to acknowledge their unfailling character. Our work in the past has been to show what the Bible teaches. But to-day this task is comparatively easy when placed alongside the more laborious task of showing what these precious words will do, and are doing, for all those who believe. This latter we must now do, not simply to satisfy ourselves, but so fully that the scoffer will be convinced. If what the Word teaches is all we gain from its study, we are surely working at a loss. We need more than this. Yes, we need the *power* thereof to keep us walking in the steps of the Master. It is our privilege *to-day* to be partakers of the *riches* and *fullness* of that *power*.

The Christian(?) world to-day point at us as the cause of the conscienceless condition of the churches in general, and base their claims upon the fact that we have destroyed confidence in the sacredness of Sunday. That means that there is a chance now to call the honest out of *Babylon*. Therefore, let us put on the whole armor and go to the battle in earnest. Let us take with us not only the theory, but the actual possession of the thing taught.

Let us from henceforth bear the same relation to the promises of God that history bears to prophecy. As we study the prophecy and compare it with the history, we find it fulfilled to the very letter. But how is it when we view the promises as compared with our lives to-day? Are they fulfilled in our lives? Brethren, they ought to be. They must be if we expect to do the work that is given us to do. When we become Christians, we are adopted into the family of God, and become lively stones in the temple of God, and a part of that great *pillar* which supports or demonstrates God's word before the world. Eph. 2:19-21; 1 Pet. 2:5; 1 Tim. 3:15.

Now to demonstrate a thing is to prove it beyond the shadow of a doubt. Therefore, since God's promises apply only to man, they must be demonstrated by man; and since they call only for love and purity, and promise liberty from the pollutions of this world, the only way their surety can be demonstrated is by the child of God made entirely free from the pollutions of the world and filled with the *love* and purity of the promises to the believer. Glorious condition! Freed, not only from past sins but also from the carnal mind and the inborn tendencies to follow the works of unrighteousness. It will then be easy for us to follow the Master and difficult for us to go wrong; for the mind of Christ will be directing our steps. Ah, then we can show forth the virtues of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Pet. 2:9, Margin.

We expect to see Christ without tasting death; but if we do we must be like him. Are we ready to be moulded to-day? All things are now ready,—Christ, the pattern, to shape us; and the refining influence of his word, to

take out the dross; and all that remains to be done is for us to step into the furnace of his love and have our stony heart melted, and we shall shine for him; for our *Light* is come and the glory of the Lord will be seen upon us. It will shine forth in the deeds of kindness, words of sympathy, looks of love, and tones of tenderness, which all emanate from the renewed heart. Then shall men see our good works and be constrained to glorify our Father who is in heaven. I want to be a stone in the great *pillar* (the church) that supports the promises of God. Shall we stand side by side, to help and encourage each other? If so, sinners shall be converted to the Lord. Ps. 51:13.

WM. GUTHRIE.

THE READING CIRCLE.

"Of all men upon the face of the earth, those who are handling solemn truths for these perilous times should understand their Bibles, and become acquainted with the evidences of our faith."—"Gospel Workers," p. 123.

It has now been two months since the Reading Circle began its work. I am sure that every one who has earnestly entered upon the study will testify with emphasis that it has proven exceedingly profitable, and that they desire to continue it. We have not heard from all our people throughout the State, but we sincerely hope that all are availing themselves of this opportunity of becoming familiar with God's Holy Word.

In Hosea 4:6 we read, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Again in Amos 8:11, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the word of the Lord." I am sure there is not one among us who desires to be in the company that

is "destroyed for lack of knowledge," or to be found among those who are "wandering from sea to sea" seeking in vain for the word of the Lord but unable to find it.

I fully believe that the Lord instituted this plan for us, that we might become better informed on the principles of our faith *just now*, while we are permitted to have our Bibles and to study them in peace. In a short time earthly peace with us will have come to an end; our Bibles will have been taken from us, and we called to stand alone before councils, to give reasons for our faith. Then it is that the Holy Spirit will bring to our remembrance the precious words of God we have stored in our hearts at this time. In view of the solemn times that are just before us, should we not study to show ourselves approved of God, that we may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"? DELLA WALLACE.

FIELD REPORTS.

DARBYVILLE.

AFTER an absence of almost a year, it was my privilege to meet with the company of Sabbath-keepers at Darbyville. I was glad to be with these dear people again, and to find them rejoicing in the truth and all working in harmony for the Master. As I entered the place of worship I thought of the words recorded in Psalms 133: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The Spirit of God was present in the meetings in a remarkable degree, and one person, for whom we had hoped and prayed, took a firm stand for the truth, taking part in the social meeting for the first time. Great freedom was given in speaking the word. I thought, What a difference it makes when the speaker knows that the brethren and sisters are all in harmony, and praying for the success of the meeting, than when jangling and discord exists among them. It is certainly too late in the day for brethren and sisters to thus stand in the way of the work of God. The outside interest at this place seemed to be just as good as it was when we took down the tent more than a year ago. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity with attentive listeners every evening; and requests came for meetings in other places near by. This is generally the case

where the brethren are in harmony and alive in the work of the Lord. May the good work go on until many more in this vicinity are gathered into the fold of Christ.

W. B. EVERHART.

EMERSON.

THE Lord is still blessing the work in this place. While but few have taken their stand as yet, there are others who desire to step out, but are held back by worldly companions. Prejudice has been broken down to a great extent since our coming last June, and we still hope that a company will be brought out here. We are not holding public meetings here just now, but have begun a series about four miles south-west of this place. Bro. Charles has been called to assist in the work at Creston, so I am alone in the work of preaching. Bro. Knox's family, living about eight miles from the place of meeting, who are always able and willing to assist in the cause of truth, render valuable assistance in the music. The attendance has been good, in view of bad roads, dark nights, and much sickness. The services are held in a country schoolhouse, where about two and one-half years ago we held two meetings. We hope that a few will take their stand, and thus strengthen the work at Emerson.

I am very thankful to be engaged in so great and exalted a work. How earnest and energetic we ought to be when we think of the nearness of the Saviour's advent. I ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that the people in this part of the vineyard may hear the warning in no uncertain tones.

P. PARK ADAMS.

EXIRA.

IN harmony with the suggestion found in last week's BULLETIN, I will endeavor to give a brief report of the work at this place. At present I am holding meetings in a schoolhouse near the home of Bro. J. W. Jensen, about three miles north-east of Exira. We have held twelve meetings; and though the attendance was somewhat small the first few evenings, it has increased steadily, until at present the house is quite well filled every evening. The attendance and order have been all that could be desired. This seems to be a community of very nice, intelligent people. I have visited all the families, and so far the people have

shown themselves very friendly, and a number seem quite willing to talk of Bible truths. I was told a short time ago that some who have attended almost every meeting have never been known to attend religious meetings of any kind before. Although some of the things they are hearing are quite strange and somewhat new to some, yet so far they seem to think quite well of the truth. My prayer is that God will so work by his Spirit that when the testing truths are presented, the people may see that this is indeed the truth for this time, and that they may have the moral courage to act upon their convictions. It does seem as though the Lord must have some honest souls in this place, whom he can call out to lift the standard of truth.

I trust that our brethren will indeed remember the work here before the throne of grace, that it may be just as the Lord would have it, and that the word of God may be presented in the power of God. Satan is massing his forces as never before, and it is his aim to hinder the work as much as lies within his power. But thanks be unto God, truth will be triumphant, and victory will crown the efforts of those who labor faithfully for Christ. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON.

Jan. 24.

MONROE.

THE article in a recent BULLETIN headed "The Iowa Laborers," suggesting that what their eyes are seeing be reported, reminds us that the work of one who is with us ought to be spoken of. Bro. E. H. Adams began a series of meetings in our church Friday evening, Jan. 19, and up to the present time has preached eight sermons and conducted one Sabbath service. The attendance has varied considerably in numbers; but we are made glad by the presence every night of some who give the best of attention, and seem to desire the "pearl of great price." Doctrinal subjects are as yet untouched, but the Son of man, who taketh away the sin of the world and saves to the uttermost, has been held up; and as a result one soul rejoices in his newly found Saviour. Yesterday was a day of blessing; eight or nine of our children went forward for prayers, and two youth renewed their consecration to God. Brethren, God is waiting to be gra-

scious to his people; and we rejoice that some of that grace is being bestowed upon us here at Monroe.

WM. PERRIN, *Elder.*

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

TRAER.—We had very profitable meetings here during the week of prayer. Bro. D. Alway, father of W. A. Alway, of Utah, was with us. We had the Readings every evening and on the two Sabbaths, and a cottage meeting every afternoon. The Readings were so helpful, containing warnings and exhortations. All were greatly cheered and encouraged, and we trust that we shall go forward with redoubled diligence. We fully believe that the Lord sent Bro. Alway to us. We felt that we needed help, and knew not where to find it only in our Heavenly Father. We asked, and he has answered. Praise his holy name.

A. V. ALWAY.

WAVERLY.—I have been interested in reading the good reports of the week of prayer, and perhaps some would like to know what the Lord is doing for us here. Meetings were held once each day in the city, and also three days in the country, with a good attendance. On Sabbath the wife of a merchant tailor was present, and was very much interested in the reading. The good Lord was present by his Spirit, and we all received rich blessings. Our people seem more united than ever before, and we trust much good has been done. We ask the prayers of all the Good Shepherd's little flock, that we may learn to do his will, and come off conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord.

W. H. SPRAGG.

GRANT CITY.—We have enjoyed much of the Spirit of God during the week of prayer and in our meetings since then. Eld. Starr has been with us, and it seemed that he brought a flood of light with him, for which we praise the Lord. One started in the service of the Lord, and others were reclaimed. On account of ill health, Bro. Starr went to the Sanitarium to take treatment, but we hope he can return soon. A Baptist minister made the remark that he thought Bro. Starr's meetings the best he had ever attended. May God bless the seeds that have been sown. EMMA BROWN.

"God's word for a thing is as good as the fact itself."

THE BOOK WORK.

NOW.

Time *was*, is past; thou canst not recall.
Time *is*, thou hast; employ the portion small.
Time *future*, is not, and may never be.
Time *present* is the only time for thee.

—Selected.

THE BEST PREPARATION.

THE difficulty most to be dreaded is that the canvasser who meets with these inquiring souls has not himself been converted, has not himself experienced the love of Jesus which passeth all knowledge. If he has not himself experienced the love of Christ, how can he tell souls the precious old, old story? The people are in need of having presented before them the very essence of true faith, of having brought to their minds the very way to accept Christ, and to confide in him as their personal Saviour. They need to know how they may follow his steps whithersoever he goeth. Let the feet of the worker follow step by step the footprints of Jesus, and mark out no other way in which to proceed onward and heavenward. . . .

Let canvassers be faithful students, learning how to be most successful; and while they are thus employed let them keep their eyes and ears and understanding open to receive wisdom from the Lord, that they may know how to help those who are perishing for lack of the knowledge of Christ. Let every worker concentrate his energies, and use his powers for the highest of all service,—to recover men from the snare of Satan and to bind them to the Father, making the chain of dependence through Jesus Christ, fast to the throne encircled with the rainbow of promise.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

STILL THERE IS OPPORTUNITY.

DONATIONS to the canvassers' school will be very acceptable. Very little in the way of eatables has yet come in. Cash or provision for the school should be addressed to W. L. Manfull, 1834 W. 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa. Be sure to send him a bill of lading. Those who assist in this way will be helping to advance a cause of which the Spirit of God has spoken as second in importance to no other.

"THERE is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

ONE SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARY'S EXPERIENCE.

Extracts from a Letter.

ANOTHER three months has passed. I did not write to you when I sent my last report, so will write a little this time. When I was first put in as secretary of our school, I thought I could not get interested in that line of work; for I had been teaching a class of girls for three months and was so interested in them that I thought it was a great mistake to give me the secretary's place. But I think it was all right, for every week I am more interested in my work; and instead of thinking it makes no difference what kind of a report I have to read, I try to see what an interesting report I can have, always with a corner in it for the children. I believe they are as ready to listen to the report as the older ones.

The January *Sabbath School Worker* has an article which reads like this: "No officer of the Sabbath-school has it within his or her power to be of more service in building up the interests of the Sabbath-school in all its parts than has the secretary." Of course we have our "ups and downs." Quite a number of our members have been kept away from the school of late because of accidents and sickness. Last quarter there were eight who were not absent during the quarter, and this quarter there were eleven who were not absent during the same length of time. We have many interesting items for a quarterly report. The superintendent and I will work together for the interests of the school. The work all belongs to the Lord, and we see by our good week-of-prayer Readings that we should push forward instead of going backward. Any suggestions will be gladly received. Yours in the work,

MRS. ANGUS McDONALD,

Winterset, Iowa.

EMELINE SMITH, of LIBERTYVILLE, writes: "The interest in our school is very good. During the year we have had two hundred and thirty-two visitors. Pray for us that we may do better work for the Master this quarter than ever before."

THE cross is that which crosses the natural affections and the will.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

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—BRO. A. J. IDEN returned to the work at Ottumwa last week, after a short visit at his brother's in Bedford, Mich.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS has been asked to connect with the work at Creston, and joined the workers there last week.

—ELD. J. H. MORRISON spent Tuesday in Des Moines, while on his way from the Mt. Pleasant meeting to College View.

—MRS. W. L. MANFULL accompanied her husband from Carlisle last week, expecting to remain in this city during the school.

—MRS. J. C. CLEMENS has been obliged to leave the work at Sioux City again, going to College View, on account of her mother's poor health.

—MISS CALLIE CHARLTON came to Des Moines Sunday, to take charge of the culinary department of the canvassers' school. She expects also to take the Bible instruction.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER has been appointed to conduct the Bible study in the canvassers' school. He will also have charge of the other class work, assisted by Bro. W. L. Manfull.

—BRO. LOUIS MANFULL, of Traer, arrived last week in time to assist in preparing for the canvassers' school. We have the pleasure of welcoming him again to a place with the Iowa corps of canvassers.

—BRO. U. P. LONG has this week begun a series of meetings at a school-house four miles from Columbus Junction. The people of the neighborhood engaged the building, and will provide fuel and a janitor.

—If you would become acquainted with the most important history for our time, send for a copy of "The Peril of the Republic," by Prof. P. T. Magan. Agents are wanted, and all our lay members are asked to write to us for terms. Price, \$1.00 per copy.

—BRO. D. T. BOGGS, Canvassing Agent for the Review and Herald, spent a day in this city last week, enroute for College View, Neb. He goes there to give instruction in the special training class for canvassers, and will probably stop in Des Moines in returning, to assist in our canvassers' school.

—"LOOKING UNTO JESUS," by Uriah Smith. This book will assist the reader to look unto Jesus from every scriptural point of view; and in the words of the author, "To look unto Jesus is one of the most prominent injunctions of the Word of God." It is a beautiful book throughout, containing over 300 pages. Plain edition, \$1.00; presentation edition, \$1.50. Address this Office.

—As an inducement to new subscribers to the *American Sentinel* the publishers offer to send to all who so request, the *Missionary Magazine* one year free on receipt of \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the *American Sentinel*. Address orders to this Office.

—ALL donations for the Endowed Bed fund should be sent to this Office. Address MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT IOWA CONFERENCE, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—As before announced, the *Medical Missionary and Gospel of Health* have been united in one journal, which is issued monthly at 50 cents per year. Sample copies furnished free.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS came to Des Moines Thursday in the interests of the Sabbath-school work, returning to Ottumwa the following day.

—BRO. AND SISTER H. B. TILDEN came from Mankato, Minn., last Thursday, and will be in attendance at the canvassers' school.

—MRS. MATTIE SWANSON and Mrs. Eunice Smith, both of Ottumwa, were among those present at the Mt. Pleasant meeting.

—CONTRARY to expectations, Bro. and Sister King, with their daughter Mrs. L. L. Peck, will remain for awhile in this city.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. ORLO GIFFORD, who was operated upon for appendicitis a few weeks ago, has recovered, and returned to his home in Floyd yesterday.

DR. J. D. HARE, of Lincoln, Neb., having accepted the invitation of the Iowa Conference to connect with the Iowa Sanitarium, came to Des Moines with his family last week.

BRO. DENNIS HURLEY, of Knoxville, accompanied by his wife, came to the Sanitarium last Tuesday. The following Thursday a successful operation was performed removing a large stone from the bladder. Thus far the prospects for his recovery are very favorable.

TEACHERS.

The president of Union College desires the address of all Sabbath-keeping teachers in the State of Iowa. In writing give grade of certificate held, amount of experience in teaching, and extent of education. This information is desired at once. Address W. T. Bland, College View, Neb.

SUPPLIES DONATED TO THE SANITARIUM.

REBECCA ADAMS, C. J. Pearce, and Mrs. Scoville, Glenwood, 1 quilt, 72 pounds of dried apples; Mary Whisler, Bloomfield, 1 quilt, dried apples, dried corn; Miss Lettie Blackwood, Des Moines, 2 comforts, 2 sheets; Mrs. S. A. Riddle, Prairie City, 5 doilies, 1 Battenburg doily, 2 vases; Elizabeth and Nettie Munroe, Popejoy, 2 comforts. Audubon: Grandmas Lee and Moore, 1 quilt; Sisters Raabe and Brockway, 1 quilt.

APPOINTMENTS.

LIBERTYVILLE,	Feb. 13, 14,	1900.
Fairfield,	" 17, 18,	"
Birmingham,	" 19, 20,	"
Eddyville,	" 24, 25,	"
H. NICOLA.		

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UNDER this head, short business notices will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

WANTED.—To correspond with a first-class S. D. Adventist carpenter. Address Lock Box 37, Waverly, Iowa.

WANTED.—To rent a farm of 140 or 160 acres near one of the church schools in Iowa. Address J. N. Pitsenberger, Perry, Iowa.

WANTED.—A good boy from 10 to 12 years of age, to help on a farm during the summer with the privilege of attending school during the winter. Will give clothes and board to the right boy, as long as he wishes to go to school. For further particulars address W. R. Byrd, Atlantic, Iowa.

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