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WORKING AND WAITING.

"A MIGHTIER hand, more skilled than thine,
Must hang the clusters on the vine,
And make the fields with harvest shine.
Men can but work; God can create;
But they who work, and watch, and wait,
Have their reward, though it come late."

BREVITY.

IF "Variety is the spice of life," brevity is a most tasteful sauce; for, in its true sense, the former can not be without the latter. It is fortunate if one be a ready talker, able to converse upon many subjects; but with this faculty properly developed, he is most seriously unfitted for the doing of good if not possessing brevity. It is true that we are not heard for our much speaking, but rather for the real worth of that which we do say. Many a person spoils what otherwise might be a good testimony by relating many incidents of minor importance and of especial interest to no one but the speaker himself. What is desired in the social meeting are expressions of genuine thankfulness for mercies and blessings, and of longing for more power with God and man.

But, probably at no time is the lack of brevity manifested more than when writing for the press. Many who would be offended were they accredited with desire for fame and notoriety, in writing, frequently use many and large words

to express few and small thoughts. Others, oftentimes, in presenting really good thoughts use such extravagant and ambiguous expressions that the force of the thoughts is nearly, if not quite, lost. We all would do well to study the sacred Word, and note how brief it is, and how very often many deep and wonderful thoughts are expressed in a few well-chosen and simple words.

Then, when soberly writing or talking, avoid extravagance and the use of manufactured expressions gotten up especially for the occasion; be brief, and to the point. In this fast age, people have neither time nor disposition to give attention to one who has nothing better to offer than the apology of many words. What is needed is depth of thought and bigness of meaning. If you have these to give, you need not lack for appreciative audiences. W. E. P.

SHOULD THE TITHE BE USED FOR CHURCH OR SCHOOL EXPENSES?

THE question of appropriating a portion of our tithe to church or school expenses is a practical one, and should be carefully considered, as it is far-reaching in its results. What does the Bible say?—"Bring ye *all* the tithes into the storehouse." Mal. 3:10. "Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil into the treasuries." Neh. 13:12. "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord...the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30-32.

Anything less than one-tenth is not tithe; and no one who pays less than one-tenth of his income pays tithe. The Testimonies have spoken directly on this point. In Testimonies for Ministers and Workers No. 10, on page

16, we read the following: "Letters have come to me from Oakland and Battle Creek making inquiries as to the disposition made of the tithe. The writers supposed they were authorized to use the tithe-money in meeting the expenses of the church, as their expenses were quite heavy. From that which has been shown me, the tithe is not to be withdrawn from the treasury; every penny of this money is the Lord's own sacred treasure, to be appropriated for a special use." On page 18, we read: "The light which the Lord has given me on this subject is that the means in the treasury for the support of the ministers in the different fields is not to be used for *any other purpose*." "If an honest tithe were paid, and the money coming into the treasury were carefully guarded, the ministers would receive a just wage." Again on page 19: "They are withdrawing the tithe for other expenses, to keep up the meeting-house necessities or some other charity." "God is not glorified in any such work. We have to raise our voice against this kind of management." Again on page 21: "Those who have used the tithe money to supply the common necessities of the house of God have taken the money that should go to sustain the minister in doing his work in preparing the way for Christ's second appearing. Just as surely as you do this work you misapply the resources which God has told you to retain in his treasure-house that it may be full to be used in his service." "This is something of which all who have taken a part in should be ashamed." "They have used their influence to withdraw from God's treasury a fund that is consecrated to a sacred purpose." "From those who do this the blessing of God will be removed."

The tendency of this age is to make as a small matter the distinction between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

C. F. STEVENS.

WOUNDED SOULS.

I ONCE learned a lesson from our little bird, which had been quite badly wounded by a cruel cat. But for the interference of a member of the household, the bird would have lost its life. For some days, the little creature ceased its song, which had added to the cheerfulness of our home; he was wounded. When well again, he resumed his song.

I thought as I looked at the wounded bird sitting upon his perch with drooping wings and ruffled feathers, How many precious souls, who once by smiling faces and deeds of kindly love sweetened the lives of others, have been stung with "the sting of death,"—wounded by the cruel foe, and are no longer a blessing to the world, but are heart-sick, sad, and gloomy. But for God's great mercy and love they would have been plunged into the dark, dreary depths of "eternal ruin." To such let us say, There is a "balm in Gilead" for the wounded. There is a fountain opened for "sin and uncleanness." May God help us to search out these despondent souls and lead them to the "healing fountain." C. T. ADAMS.

FIELD REPORTS.

WELDON AND SMYRNA.

It was my privilege to meet with the friends at these places, Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 27 and 28. Bro. C. W. Neal, F. L. Moody, and Chas. Heald have labored publicly here this summer, and have been assisted in house-to-house work by Lizzie Neal and V. B. Watt and wife. The Sabbath meeting in a large hall gave evidence that the truth had been well received, and that there is a fair interest yet. I believe about ten adults have identified themselves as commandment keepers; and five or six others have united with those at Weldon in church relationship at Osceola, twelve miles away. These were convinced of the Sabbath truth before the meetings began, but by attending them were encouraged to unite with us. Eight candidates received baptism Sabbath afternoon in a reservoir near by.

The tent is now located in Smyrna, a country place nine miles north-east of Weldon, where for six weeks a fair interest has been manifested in the meetings. How grateful we should be that the winds of strife are held, that the pent-up wrath of the dragon be not manifested, as we have the unerring word it soon will be. While the same measure of success may not be visible in all our efforts, brethren and sisters, yet if our hearts are tendered, and we have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, and a mind to work, God, whose it is to give the increase, will, in his own time and way, cause strength to his work to follow our efforts, and will add to us what is in his sight of greatest value. Then let none grow weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

E. E. GARDNER.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

THE Council Bluffs church held quarterly meeting services Oct. 6, 7, Eld. Luther Warren, of the Nebraska Conference, also Eld. B. L. Dieffenbacher, were with us. The help rendered by these servants of God was much appreciated. As we celebrated the ordinances, the tender Spirit of the Lord came in, and we were again made to rejoice in his love. On Sabbath, Oct. 20, church officers for the ensuing year were elected. Eld. Dieffenbacher, who has been with us for some time, was elected elder. We believe there are bright prospects for the church at this place, and we are of good courage to press on in this good work.

MINNIE PETERSON, *Clerk.*

MY SUMMER'S EXPERIENCE.

Dear BULLETIN: Your weekly visits to me wherever I have been have been so much enjoyed, and I wish to write to you some of the good things the Lord has done for me since the camp-meeting at Ames. Upon leaving Ames, I went to visit my father, step mother, and sister at Carnes, Iowa. While there I had a class in the Methodist Sunday-school, and gave a talk one Sunday on my work for the Lord. I visited and studied the Word with several, and found many earnest students, one of whom had family worship morning and evening, studying the Sunday-school lesson at noon. My father was anxious to know what I believed, and I had such good times studying the Bible with him. I had seen him but once since a child, and that was sever-

al years ago, before I was an Adventist. The last letter I had from him contained these words: "I am trying to study out our duty as we find it, but so far make slow progress. Mrs. M. and I are trying to keep the Sabbath of the Lord." Mrs. M. is my step-mother. I am so thankful that my heavenly Father permitted me to carry the truth to these dear ones, and that he gave them willing hearts to obey.

I enjoyed my stay in Spirit Lake and Milford and vicinity. I visited my foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp, also my foster brother, who is a Baptist minister. I conducted the evening services while there, also gave a talk to the Ladies' Aid Society on the subject of Health. I returned to Keokuk feeling much refreshed, and find my readers ready to resume readings. I believe the Lord has in this city some who will obey his Word. But we need more workers here. Who is ready to respond, "Here am I, send me"?

NELLIE E. KNAPP.

MT. PLEASANT.

ELD. C. A. WASHBURN met with us at our quarterly meeting, Oct. 20. The attendance was not as large as usual, as none of the brethren from neighboring churches were present; but the Lord, who blesses when even only two or three meet together, was present.

We had an old-time roll call, and it was something new to many of us. Several were not present to respond when their names were called, but we trust each one will be ready to answer when the great roll call is sounded in heaven. Three members were added to our numbers, and the ordinances celebrated, about thirty participating.

DELTA VAUGHN, *Clerk.*

OBITUARY.

CARTWRIGHT.—Died at Pilot Mound, Iowa, Oct. 4, 1900. Laura, next youngest child of Albert and Em Cartwright, aged a few days less than five years.

Sister Una Cartwright, with part of the family, went to College View, Neb., only a few days before, and was called home by the sickness of her eldest daughter, Mable. Little Laura came with her mother, and immediately took down with the fever, dying in less than one week. Laura was an attentive child in the Sabbath-school, in which she took a deep interest. She saved her pennies for the children of less favored lands, her last service being an offering of fifteen cents for the children at Huntsville. May it be that she but sleeps to wake in immortal bloom.

E. E. GARDNER.

GROVES.—Died at her home near Missouri Valley, Iowa, Oct. 29, 1900, Mrs. Jennie L. Groves, aged 29 years, 10 months, and 5 days.

Sister Groves was born in Battle Creek, Michigan. In February, 1892, she was united in marriage with Bro. John H. Groves. For three years she has been a faithful member of the Modale church, where in the Sabbath-school she took an active part in the kindergarten work. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn, but not "as do others which have no hope." Bro. Henry Johnson conducted the funeral services, which were held from the Dunkard church at Missouri Valley, and she was laid away to rest until the resurrection morning.

MRS. J. E. BARBER.

THE BOOK WORK.

GO FORWARD.

You remember when Pharaoh pursued the children of Israel and overtook them near the Red Sea, they were greatly discouraged, and complained and cried bitterly. Still they were not down to the sea ready to cross. In this they showed unbelief in the Lord and his word. Had he not told them he would take them to the land of Canaan, regardless of the difficulties that might arise?

It was time for them to act, and not be spending time in mourning and crying to the Lord; for the Lord said, "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." They were not at the water's edge, and had no need of help. The Lord told them to go forward; and when they did so, they did not need to stop; for when they reached the sea it opened for them to cross. The sea would have opened just the same, and the Lord would have been better pleased with them, if they had gone right on without being discouraged.

We can gain a valuable lesson from this. By it we are taught that there is a time to pray and a time to work,—a time to act, but never a time for discouragement. And again, when we go forward, the difficulties which seemed like mountains to us disappear entirely. Discouragement and lagging bring defeat, while courage and push bring success. This is especially true in the canvassing work.

A Testimony says: "The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many that otherwise would not be reached

with the message." So let us believe that it is his work, and go forward in it, and push it with all our might. And the Lord will bless in doing so.—S. C. Osborne in *Workers' Record*.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 26, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Nelle Schoberg.....	12	1	\$ 1.00	
Susan Haskell.....	14	6	6.00	\$1.25
Phebe Vosburg.....	15	14	14.00	2.75
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	23	5	\$ 8.75	\$2.25
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	24	3	\$ 3.00	\$.35
MISCELLANEOUS.				
E. E. Gordon.....	62	9	\$ 6.00	
Mrs. Fred Scharff.....	5	9	5.75	

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
H. B. Tilden.....	150	\$150.00	\$27.00	17
O. C. Haugsted.....	4	11.00	2.05	2

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	9
" " orders.....	47
Value of ".....	\$ 44.50
" " helps sold.....	\$ 35.05
Total value.....	\$ 80.15
Value of deliveries.....	\$161.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE NEGLECTED NURSERY.

On a recent morning, as I was out walking, I chanced to pass an old nursery. The fruit trees, which had been set in drills, were more than half-grown, and a man was cutting them down. Upon inquiry, I learned that the one who set out the trees had failed financially, and for several years they had been allowed to grow without attention. I could not but feel sad that so many promising young trees, which should be bearing luscious fruit, have been so far neglected that they must be destroyed as cumberers of the ground.

I began to wonder what lesson the Lord would have me learn from this. Then I remembered that it has been said, "The Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church." Can it be that in the State of Iowa there are any of the Lord's nurseries which have been neglected? Are there among us any young people whom the Lord designed to be "trees of righteousness," but who through neglect are now cumberers of the ground? May God help each of us to realize the importance of the Sabbath-school work.

E. H. WILBUR.

ABOUT CONVENTIONS.

I HAVE been pleased to know that so many of our schools are planning to hold, or have already held, fall conventions. I have been sorry, however, that we are not able to furnish help at all these gatherings. I wish to speak of a few points that will explain why help is not sent. Some times we do not know of your conventions, so of course can not come or send any one. In other cases, we do not hear in time to make the necessary plans to assist in your meetings. In several instances I have received word only one or two days before the time appointed. Last week I received word of three conventions to be held on the same date. Now, as I am anxious to have Sabbath-school workers attend just as many of these conventions as is at all practicable, I will suggest a plan whereby such help can be furnished where it is needed. If the committee that is planning the convention will write me before definitely announcing the date, I will do my best to have Sabbath-school workers present to assist. The recommendation passed at the last camp-meeting in regard to this work reads: "and that Conference laborers be present to assist, when possible." We hope to see this part of the recommendation carried out during the fall and winter. Now that the tent season is over, we are free to do more field work. Let us hear from you. Begin to plan for a convention, and write me of your plans. We hope every school in Iowa will either hold a convention, or attend one. By addressing me at Ottumwa, 102 S. Ward St., much time will be saved.

J. L. A.

NORA SPRINGS CONVENTION.

WE have received a report of the convention held at Nora Springs, Sept. 22. The program furnished by the State Association was quite fully carried out, with a few songs additional. The children acted their part in making the exercises complete. Mrs. Minnie Root, in sending the report, says: "We had a good convention. There were a number of visitors present, and all seemed interested in the papers and discussions."

"MAKE it a rule in your school that no lesson books or papers shall be used in the class."

Do N'T forget that the Sabbath-school work was never so important as *just now*

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—BRO. W. E. FREDERICK was in Des Moines last week, going from here to Stuart.

—THE State meeting begins Wednesday, Nov. 7, first service to be held at 7:30 P. M.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS has been engaged in missionary work at Cedar Rapids for the last two weeks.

—ELD. H. NICOLA went to Battle Creek, Michigan, following his appointment at Davenport, for a short visit at home.

—BRO. WM. JOHNSON came to Des Moines Thursday to counsel concerning the work, returning to Minburn the following day.

—Two new pupils were enrolled in the Des Moines church school last week,—Ralph Baker, of Swan, and Miss Daisy Marshall, of Monroe.

—ELD. J. S. HART is still detained at College View by sickness. His wife is convalescent, but Sister Lucy Hart has also had an attack of fever.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL came to Des Moines Sunday morning, and reports favorably concerning the work for *Good Health* in south-western Iowa.

—CIRCUMSTANCES were such that it was thought best to postpone the Des Moines Sabbath-school convention, which had been appointed for last Sabbath, until Nov. 17. An invitation is still extended to neighboring schools.

—A CHURCH school is in progress at Albaton, with Ruby McSparran as teacher. She writes: "School began Oct. 9. As there are only a few scholars, school is held in Bro. Peterson's house. The Lord is blessing us from day to day, and the pupils manifest a good interest in their work."

—BRO. A. W. H. MILLIARD, of Osceola, Iowa, and Miss Olive Samson, of Wisconsin, were united in marriage in this city, Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, Eld. E. E. Gardner officiating. Bro. Milliard is numbered among our Iowa workers, having spent the summer in tent labor with Eld. L. F. Trubey, and the bride is a trained nurse from the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The BULLETIN extends congratulations and best wishes to this young couple, as they thus start out in life's work together.

—WE were very pleasantly surprised by a visit from Bro. and Sister S. M. Jacobs last week. They reached Des Moines Tuesday, coming from Huntsville, Ala., via Aledo, Ill., where their son Luen is teaching a church school. Bro. Jacobs spoke at the church Tuesday evening, relating much of interest concerning the work at the Oakwood Industrial school and in the Southern field in general. They expect to remain in Iowa for about two weeks, and left here Friday morning for Fontanelle. Sister Jacobs is feeling somewhat tired and worn, and it is hoped that the rest and change will be beneficial. Bro. Jacobs was planning to attend our State meeting.

—"THE Light of Freedom," a poem by Eld. M. C. Wilcox, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, now appears in print for the first time, as No. 11 of the *Religious Liberty Library*. This poem presents important truth in an attractive way. The freedom of which it treats is not merely civil liberty, which has made America the asylum for the oppressed of all lands, but also the infinitely larger and more "glorious liberty of the children of God." There is in addition to the poem a brief introduction by the editor of the *Library*, the whole forming a tract of twelve pages. Single copy one cent. The usual discount will be given on orders for unbroken packages.

—SISTER MOLLIE LONG writes from Wilmington, N. C., "It is twenty-one days since I took sick. I am now able to sit up a little, but Minnie is worse than I. We had quite an experience last night. The Lord came very near and helped; we were not able to help each other. We are not discouraged. This is one of the 'all things.'" We know that many "effectual fervent" prayers will be offered in behalf of these dear workers; and shall not our faith claim the promised blessing?

—THE papers placed in the depot rack at Waterloo find many readers. Mrs. H. G. Washburn, who has the rack in charge, writes that she needs more papers. Who will help in this work by sending her clean late copies of the *Signs, Sentinel, Instructor*, etc.?

—MANY, no doubt, have been looking for the constitution for the organization of the Young People's Society, as promised. Owing to unavoidable delays, we have been unable to perfect the plan, but hope to have it ready soon.

—BRO. G. A. LARSON has located at Audubon for the winter.

—MISS MAMIE BURNETT returned last Wednesday from Minneapolis.

—MRS. A. BAKER, of Polk City, attended services here last Sabbath.

—MRS. C. F. HABENICHT, of this city, is visiting at the home of her son near Battle Creek, Michigan.

—MISS EMMA BEACH, of College Springs, is in the city, and met with the church here last Sabbath.

—It (the tongue) needs the bridle of grace and the bit of self control, to keep it from running at random.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

—THE last communication from Eld. C. F. Stevens states that his wife's condition is apparently much improved since last week.

—ELD. E. G. OLSEN conducted the quarterly meeting at Audubon last Sabbath. He has been holding meetings at Buck Creek since the Exira meeting, with encouraging results. We hope for a full report soon.

—WE have failed to receive reports from forty-seven church clerks and treasurers, also from thirty-nine of our missionary secretaries. Our general reports are delayed when these officers fail to report. Will you please forward the tardy reports to us this week?

—IN connection with the fall house-cleaning, the walls of the parlors, offices, and hall on the first floor of the Sanitarium have been tinted in harmonious colors. This, with the paintings brought by Mrs. Shively, make the rooms still more pleasant and cheerful.

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