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THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.

IN the year of jubilee everybody and all property went free from debt. "They shall go out in the jubilee," and "it shall go out in the jubilee," was the word of the Lord. And it was because of the great happiness which the people experienced when they knew that all their sins were forgiven and their debts paid that the year was called the year of jubilee. With glad anticipation every Israelite looked forward to that time. Time was reckoned from one year of jubilee to another. All business transactions were made with reference to that event.

But why did God ever institute a year of jubilee? Why did the Infinite One make it a part of the great body of laws of the Jews? Why did Jehovah cause it to enter into the system of political economy of the chosen people? Was it put in order to prevent the amassing of too much wealth in the hands of a few? Might not the reason have been to prevent riots and troubles on account of the oppression of the poor by the rich? Could it not have been to prevent men from setting their hearts upon riches, and to teach them that God owns all and that we are only his stewards? Undoubtedly all of these were reasons in the mind of Jehovah for giving to his people Israel the blessed ordinance of the year

of jubilee. In every phase of its working the year of jubilee was an unmingled joy, an untold, indescribable blessing.

But above and beyond all of these, one reason shines out as the highest and the holiest,—the reason for the setting of the gem of jubilee in the golden ring of redemption. It is told in the very heart of the twenty-fifth chapter of Leviticus, the jubilee chapter of the Bible, and it is also told in the thirty-fourth chapter of Jeremiah: "I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God." "I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen." Yes, it was that the Hebrew when he freed his brother Hebrew or his sister Hebrewess, who through debt had become his bondman or bondmaid, might remember when he gave up this his property how the blessed Christ had given up all the hoarded wealth of eternity in order that he might "go out in the jubilee" exodus from Egypt and from the bondage of sin. This is the deepest, the most spiritual, the real reason for the jubilee, then and now, and forever in the ceaseless ages of the eternal year of jubilee, so soon to be ushered in.

And this is why the Lord calls upon us all to arise and free *his* institutions from debt. This is the reason that he asks his brethren and sisters still on earth, to "roll away the reproach which has so long rested upon our schools." And this is why he promises that if we do this "it will not be long before the jubilee song of freedom can be sung throughout our borders." It is not that God needs to get. Nay, rather, it is that we need to give. It is because in doing this we will better mirror the

image of the spotless Saviour, who gave all that we no longer should bondmen be.

When God asks us to give, he is offering us a gift. He is seeking to put into these lives of ours, so sinful and so selfish, the wondrous gift of giving, that gift of all gifts, the most manifest in the great Giver.

My prayer is that my brethren and sisters who read this will earnestly work and pray for the relief of Union College. Remember that \$5,000.00 are needed *just now* for the material for the book "Christ's Object Lessons." Bring no feeble, no lame offering. Remember that willing hands and consecrated voices are needed by the hundreds to sell this blessed book.

P. T. MAGAN.

SPECIAL "SENTINEL," DEC. 6, 1900.

It has seemed imperative that a special number of the *Sentinel* be prepared to use in educating the people with reference to the principles involved in the demand for Sunday closing of the great Pan-American Exposition. The following subjects will give you an idea of the value of this number: Description of the grounds of the Exposition, with numerous cuts; account of the present agitation for closing the gates on Sunday; outline of similar work done in connection with the World's Fair at Chicago; other articles treating on the nature of Sunday laws; representative petitions and how they are secured; the workingmen and enforced Sunday rest; what the Sabbath really is, etc.

This number will be profusely illustrated with half-tone cuts, upon supercalendered stock, thus making the paper attractive as well as instructive. It will be remembered how far-reaching were the results of the Sun-

day-closing agitation in connection with the World's Fair. We now have opportunity to recall the significance of that legislative action, under circumstances that will at once add interest and lend force to that bit of American history. We are confident that friends of religious liberty everywhere will gladly embrace this opportunity to sow the seed of truth under circumstances so favorable.

The price of this number will be one dollar per hundred, or eight dollars per thousand. Send orders to your State Office.

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FIELD REPORTS.

SUMMARY OF WORKERS' REPORTS AS GIVEN AT THE STATE MEETING.

(Concluded.)

SIBLEY.—Bro. T. H. Jeys and C. T. Adams reported the work at this place. Meetings were held from June 26 to Oct. 1. The attendance was not large, averaging about thirty, but the same people came from night to night. Six signed the covenant, and others can almost be counted as Sabbath-keepers. One German family, and also a family belonging to the Campbellite church, are especially promising. Bro. Arthur McClintock has located there for the winter, and will follow up the work.

GRAND JUNCTION AND MINBURN.—As the leader of the tent company laboring at these places, Eld. J. S. Hart, was not present, Bro. Wm. Johnson spoke of the work there. The attendance was fair until the Sabbath question was presented. The opposition was very bitter, and there is a very large Catholic element. The Methodist minister preached against them after the tent was taken down, causing a new interest to spring up which seemed to call for a second series of meetings. However, the attendance after the tent was repitched was not as good as they had expected, and they moved to Minburn the latter part of September. The interest was not large at that place, but they had a number of regular attendants. Eld. Hart was called away by sickness at home at an important point in the meetings, and the lateness of the season and bad weather were also unfavorable. Some are deeply interested and on the point of deciding. At Grand Junction two promised to keep the Sabbath, and for others they have hope. A Sabbath-school was organized there.

SEYMOUR.—Eld. W. B. Everhart, Bro. G. R. Hawkins and wife, and Sister Margaret Young began a tent effort at Seymour shortly after the Fourth of July. They had a good interest to begin with. A Christian minister opposed the work, but the interest continued. However, it was not fully developed, as they had to leave the grounds when school began. One took a stand for the truth, and Bro. Everhart will seek to develop the interest by visiting, etc.

MALVERN.—Bro. P. P. Adams and C. A. Hansen labored at Malvern for two months just following the Ames camp-meeting. The attendance averaged about twenty-five. Seven or eight are keeping the Sabbath, and it seems that there is an interest yet. They moved their tent to Hillsdale, where they have a good interest, but as yet no visible results. There is a demand for meetings in town, also in the country. Bro. Adams has also done some work at North Grove, where there is a good interest. A few have been baptized. They have worked in a very long stretch of territory where we have representatives, and it seems there ought to be a company at each end of the territory. Bro. Hansen has located at Hillsdale, to follow up interest. Prospects seem very favorable, with little prejudice, thus giving good opportunity to work.

ROLAND.—Bro. N. C. Bergersen in reporting the Scandinavian work in our State first spoke of the conditions which must be met by the Scandinavian workers as contrasted with those existing among the American people. The people of his nationality are very slow to accept new doctrines, and the ministers especially are not at all friendly to those promulgating them. They began meetings at Roland soon after the Fourth. The people generally are largely given up to pleasure seeking, and the ministers are regarded by the church members much the same as are the priests in the Catholic church. The meetings were continued until the middle of September. During that time opposition sermons were preached, which were reviewed by Eld. Lewis Johnson. A large audience was present, and the power of God attended. The workers visited every house in town, and all the farm houses near, with our publications. Several are interested and request baptism. There is a large territory almost entirely settled by Norwegian people, with Story City as the center, and the work should

be continued in different places around there. Our literature has been largely circulated, and we can only leave the results with the Lord, who giveth the increase.

GUTHRIE CENTER.—Eld. Wm. Guthrie and Bro. W. E. Frederick located their tent at this place. It was impossible to do anything there, owing to a very bad influence wielded in the surrounding country by parties who claim to be S. D. Adventists. There was a request for the tent to be moved to Canby, but some delay in moving occurred, and a storm demolished it. This forced the company to disband. Eld. Starr reported some work at Canby, and thought there was a good opening for future labor there.

COLUMBUS CITY AND GRANDVIEW.—Bro. U. P. Long and E. H. Adams reported for these places. They met with some discouragements and delays in beginning the work, and afterwards bitter opposition, but before closing the situation seemed quite favorable. The people were friendly and urged them to remain longer. Recently a family of four members have begun the observance of the Sabbath; the head of this family was apparently one of their most bitter opposers at first. At Grandview, a place of three hundred inhabitants, fifteen miles south-west of Muscatine, meetings were held nine weeks. The work there is incomplete. One family, the man a member of the Board of Directors, have decided to obey. There is a great demand for further work at both places. A lady at Columbus City who has recently begun to keep the Sabbath first became interested by reading "Bible Readings" eight years ago.

OTTUMWA.—Bro. W. M. Adams gave an account of the summer's effort at Ottumwa. Various hindrances delayed the work, and the opening meeting was not held until July 23. An earnest effort was made to get the people to attend, by house-to-house work with the *Signs* and by the distribution of announcements. September 16 the tent was moved from the North Side to the South Side, in preparation for the camp-meeting. Five good substantial people have taken hold, and a number of others acknowledge the truth. There are a few old Sabbath-keepers also who have been much strengthened. Besides these, a man and his wife living twelve miles out, and their large family of children, are now attending meetings at Eddyville, as the result, partially, of instruction received at the

tent. This man became interested by studying "Bible Readings," and hearing of the meetings sought further light. The new Sabbath-keepers take the *Review*, and there is a large demand for our health foods. The work should be extended and deepened by visiting the people at their homes.

FT. MADISON.—Bro. and Sister C. W. Jensen and Sister Lizzie Carter have labored here, and find it a very hard field. But there is some interest, and about fifteen attend Sabbath-school. They do some Christian help work, and this aids them very materially.

CLINTON.—Bro. N. M. Jorgensen introduced the subject of city mission work. There is a great need for this work, with the two extremes of great wealth and dire poverty meeting in the cities. In his work he visits both palace and hovel, and finds that it is a good plan to begin with the distribution of papers. When the interest develops there must be a central place of worship for Sabbath and Sunday evening services. This idea was concurred in by a number of other workers. But in all the work there must be unity among the laborers. This they have had at Clinton, and it is producing results. About twenty-five have accepted the truth while Bro. Jorgenson has been there.

SIoux CITY.—Bro. J. W. Dorcas and J. C. Clemens spoke of the work in this city. No certain rules can be laid down for work in the large cities, but the *Signs* is a good entering wedge. But it requires earnestness and a close connection with the Lord to go ahead and search out the honest in heart. When one person begins a work he should be permitted to follow it up, for it takes six months or a year to get acquainted, and a change of workers intrudes on the interest more or less. At Sioux City they do Christian help work, and this gives them access to homes. During the past summer they found it difficult to hold the interest, but it is now increasing. Some good substantial ones are among those interested. A Holiness minister invited Bro. Clemens to occupy his tent a week during his absence, which he did, and created some interest in that part of the city. Some are keeping the Sabbath, not because they see it in theory, but because they feel that they must obey God. The work is onward in Sioux City.

THE way to heaven—turn to the right and keep straight on.—*Spurgeon.*

THE BOOK WORK.

OUR DIVINE ATTENDANT.

"THE human agent is to present the divine companion with whom he is associated.... Those who have faith and confidence in this divine attendant will develop. They will be gifted with power to clothe the message of truth with a divine, sacred beauty. In all the self-denial and self-sacrifice required, amid all the unpleasant things that occur, they are ever to consider that they are yoked with Christ, partakers with him of his spirit and patience, forbearance, kindness, self-denial, and self-sacrifice. This spirit will make them a place, and give them success, in the work, because Christ is their recommendation to the families. They will not be easily repulsed, for they know that the household needs the instruction these books contain."

BRO. O. N. CONKLIN especially requests our prayers for the canvassers. He writes: "I am of good cheer, trusting the Lord to use me. None of self, but all of Him in whose keeping we are, is my desire. I heard of a sick man who was anxious to see some of our publications, and visited him. He was not able to buy, but I left him some reading, and he asked me to call again. I thank you for the papers sent me. I place them in the hands of others as soon as I read them myself."

SUSAN HASKELL writes from Cedar Falls: "I am so thankful for the experience I have had this summer. I know the Lord has blessed Sister Nelle and I. We have an interesting Sabbath-school here, so I can meet with our people every Sabbath."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 9, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	25	7	\$ 7.00	\$1.50
Susan Haskell.....	25	10	10.00	1.10
COMING KING AND PERIL OF REPUBLIC.				
J. F. Stenberg.....	35	11	\$11.00	\$3.95
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	24	3	\$ 3.00	\$2.35
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	39	7	\$13.25	\$6.50
DELIVERIES.				
		Books.	Value.	Helps.
Edward Everett.....	4	\$ 7.75	\$.70	
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....	6			
" " orders.....	38			
Value of ".....	\$ 44.25			
" " helps sold.....	\$ 16.10			
Total value.....	\$ 60.35			
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 7.75			

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

"JUST ONCE."

SABBATH-SCHOOL teachers are sometimes disposed to think lightly of neglecting a duty "just once." To be absent from school just once, to be late at school just once, or to neglect the study of the lesson or the visit to an absentee just once, can not be of much consequence they say. There are few more mischievous mistakes. This same "just once" is the seed of almost all the sinful habits into which we fall. If the adversary can prevail on us to yield to his suggestions just once, he flatters himself that he can take his own time to do the rest of his destructive work.

Sometimes, when circumstances seem almost to justify absence, an abundant reward is given to the faithful servant who is undeterred by them. "On one occasion," says a teacher, "my class were all detained from school by inclement weather. I felt somewhat discouraged, and wished I had stayed at home myself. The school being so small, I spent my time in instructing one little girl; and as I spoke to her of the Saviour, she said, with tears in her eyes, 'I should love to be a Christian, if I had any one to tell me how.' I need not say how fully I then felt repaid for my long walk through rain and mud."

If they regard their own peace of conscience, the welfare of the school, or the interest of their own pupils, true Sabbath-school teachers will be very slow to neglect a duty, though it be but "just once."—*Selected.*

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for quarter ending September 30, 1900:—

No. of schools.....	193
" " reporting.....	159
Present membership.....	3,536
Average attendance.....	2,374
Total contributions.....	\$685.87
Donations to missions.....	\$325.05
" " Oakwood School.....	\$ 10.23

We have received quite a number of good letters from the schools this quarter, which were much appreciated; also several interesting reports from new schools, which we are glad to welcome. Feel perfectly free to write to us.

A. HELEN WILCOX, *Sec.*

WORKERS at the State meeting reported new schools at the following places: North Grove, Crawfordville, Sibley, and Weldon. An isolated member at Luzerne is also reported.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, Nov. 20, 1900.

—WEEK of prayer, December 22-29.

—BRO. WM. JOHNSON met with the Grinnell church in their last Sabbath services.

—ELD. J. S. HART spent last Sabbath with the Onawa church, going from there to Blencoe.

—BRO. U. P. LONG has located his family at Muscatine. His permanent address is 116 E. 5th St.

—MISS NELLE SCHOBURG called at the Sanitarium, in passing through on her way from Cedar Falls to her home in Adel.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS visited the company at Ames, following the State meeting, going from there to spend the Sabbath at Nevada.

—Do not fail to read carefully the article on the first page by Prof. Magan. The more we study this subject the deeper will be its import to each of us.

—MISS LIZZIE NEAL was among those in attendance at the State meeting, and remained to visit relatives in Des Moines. She returns this week to Osceola.

—DR. AMELIA ZIFF goes this week to Cedar Rapids, to labor in the interests of the medical missionary work. She will probably visit other points in our State, and we hope to be able to give frequent reports of her work.

—ELD. B. E. FULLMER met with the workers Sabbath and Sunday of the State meeting. He with Eld. F. A. Washburn will engage in the work for "Christ's Object Lessons," in the vicinity of Iowa City, as far as their studies at the University will permit.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS was called away the latter part of last week by unfavorable news from home. We have since received the following word from him: "I found Mrs. Stevens quite comfortable, although she had been having a hard time, and she suffers much by spells."

—ALL gifts of money to the big fund for the material in Sister White's new book, "Christ's Object Lessons," should be sent either to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, or to the Treasurer of the General Conference Association, care of Review and Herald, Battle Creek, Michigan.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN preached his farewell sermon to the Des Moines church last Sabbath afternoon. He with his wife, their daughter, and two sons, spent Sabbath and Sunday at the Sanitarium, leaving Sunday evening for Chicago. They will remain for a short time there and at Battle Creek, Michigan, and expect to sail for Denmark, Europe, about the first of December. As Bro. and Sister Hansen leave the work with which they have been so long connected in Iowa, we realize more than ever before that "the work is one," and that we as workers together are members of the one great family spoken of in Eph. 3:15. As the Iowa workers are called to other fields, may it serve to unite our hearts more closely in the love of the truth.

—PROF. P. T. MAGAN remained in Iowa after the State meeting, visiting several places in the interests of the general work. He occupied the morning hour in the Des Moines church services last Sabbath. Prof. Magan's earnest appeals have met with a hearty response from our State workers; and we have the assurance of his continued interest and assistance, especially in the furtherance of the work for the relief of our schools.

—THE latest communication from our workers in Wilmington, N. Carolina, reads: "We are well, and happy in the work. We were 'shut in' for a time to become better acquainted with the Lord. The weather is lovely; the flowers are still in bloom. Carolina is the State for us."

—AFTER a visit with home friends at St. Charles, Miss Laura Gilbert went to Nevada, Iowa, where she will engage in nursing as her strength permits.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. CHRIS JACOBSEN, of Shelby, has entered the nurses' training class.

BRO. GEO. EIDEMILLER, of Burlington, went home last Monday, rejoicing in renewed health and strength.

MRS. H. T. WHITE was called home on business last week, much improved, however, by even a short stay.

MRS. FANNIE FENTON had so far recovered from her surgical operation as to be able to return to her home at Udel last week.

MISS CORA COUNTRYMAN returned to her home at Eldon last week, accompanied by her mother, recovering nicely from a severe surgical operation.

MRS. A. H. DESBRO returned yesterday from a visit to Yale, accompanied by her sister Mrs. E. Culver, who at the advice of the physicians goes to California.

By solicitation, nearly enough has been raised to pay for our new operating table. Small donations for this purpose are still acceptable.

MRS. L. ADKINS, of Knoxville, a recent patient, is receiving much benefit from the treatments.

MRS. G. W. VINCENT, an old patron, returned to her home at Murray last Wednesday.

BRO. ANSON EDGAR, of Mt. Pleasant, returned home last Thursday.

RATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WILL those desiring to attend the coming General Conference in Oakland, California, please send names to my address, as we wish to know soon just how many expect to go from this State. Eld. Allen Moon, of Chicago, is negotiating with the Passenger Association for rates, which will doubtless be reasonable, but are not determined upon as yet.

E. E. GARDNER,
603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

ENDOWED BED FUND.

It was voted by the delegates in conference at the Ames camp-meeting, to support one endowed bed at the Iowa Sanitarium. All the necessaries are at hand except the endowment. Perhaps this is due to no appeal having been made for this fund. We now invite all who wish to assist the worthy sufferers among us in receiving care and treatment, to send means for this purpose. Applications are on file requesting the benefits offered by the Conference on the endowed bed provision. Those desiring to assist who have not the ready means, may send in pledges, that we may know how to act in the matter.

E. E. GARDNER.

APPOINTMENTS.

SMITHLAND, Nov. 23-26, 1900.
J. S. HART.

AMES, Nov. 24, 1900.
E. E. GARDNER.

We will meet with the church at Marshalltown, November 24 and 25, meetings to begin Friday evening.

J. W. DORCAS,
N. C. BERGERSEN.