



Workers' Bulletin.

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WEAKNESS, THEN POWER.

THE gentle heart that thinks with pain
It scarce can lowliest tasks fulfil,
And, if it dared its life to scan,
Would ask for pathway low and still,—
Often such gentle heart is brought
To act with power beyond its thought;
For God, through ways they have not known,
Will lead his own.

—Hannah Coddington.

OUR PRESENT WORK.

PERHAPS nearly every one can testify to the evil of debts incurred, and that it is better to "pay as you go." That the denomination is heavily in debt in its business with the world is more to be deplored. Men of the world generally admire the tact that takes advantage of every honorable means of discharging a man's obligations, and they frequently befriend the one who avails himself of them. Will not our denomination commend itself to the good will of others in a mighty effort to clear up the indebtedness which hangs as a dark cloud over us? A plan has been devised, and sanctioned by our brethren in responsibility everywhere, which appeals to every member of this denomination. Every member in this body should be concerned personally in lifting the debt, and thus freeing the work of carrying the last message of warning and mercy to the world.

Every true, well informed Seventh-day Adventist believes in the presence of the Spirit of Prophecy among us.

From this source has come the plan of selling the book "Christ's Object Lessons," and putting the entire amount received into the fund for the relief of the schools. The author, Mrs. E. G. White, contributes her work, and the publishing house its work, and the people are asked to take the book to their neighbors and sell it at \$1.25 per copy.

Perhaps no better opportunity could be afforded to demonstrate our unity as a people than in this movement. Shall we all pull together, and continue to pull till our object is gained? It is hoped that all will begin this work not later than Dec. 1, 1900. This will mean careful and earnest planning by each one. Shall we do our duty in this, as in all other calls to labor?

E. E. GARDNER.

ONLY "A POT OF OIL."

IN 2 Kings 4:1-7 we read of a poor widow who was so badly in debt that her two sons were about to be sold into bondage to pay the debt. In her distress she came to the prophet Elisha, and told him just how she was situated. The prophet did not miraculously relieve her, but cast about for some way by which she could relieve herself. He said, "What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house?" She answered that she had nothing, "save a pot of oil." Then Elisha told her to go to her neighbors and borrow many empty vessels; and when she had borrowed them, to shut herself and her sons up in her house and pour from her one vessel into all the empty ones. The prophet added, "Thou shalt set aside that which is full." She did as she was told, and filled every vessel from that one pot of oil. Then she went and told Elisha, and he said, "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live

thou and thy children of the rest."

Now, that is exactly our situation. We owe some debts, and our creditors have been pressing us. And we have been so poor that we would almost have said that we did not have even a pot of oil in the house. But the Lord knew we had that much, or an equivalent to it. He has given us the pot of oil in the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." But he has asked us to furnish the vessels; that is, the necessary copies of the book. This is being done. Donations are called for to pay for the material, and our publishing houses are doing the work free; and now the Lord says to us, "Go, sell the oil and pay the debt." Now, if the debt is not paid, who will be to blame? We know the plan will succeed, and that the books will sell; for the Lord has said so. When he says that anything will succeed, he has the power to make it succeed; and it will succeed if we in his strength "go and sell the oil."

The Lord does not ask his people to take their money to pay these debts; but he does ask them to give him a little of their time to carry out some of his plans, and he will furnish the means to pay the debts. And not only this, but "Great blessings will come to those who will take hold of this matter just now." Shall we not take the Lord at his word? Shall we not "sell the oil and pay the debt"? May the Lord help us earnestly to do so. J. O. BEARD.

[The above application of 2 Kings 4:1-7 was made at the State meeting by Prof. Magan, and has been reproduced by request.—Ed.]

UNION COLLEGE.

THE winter term of Union College opens December 12, and continues three months. A new program will be arranged, and a number of new classes

started. For a large number of our young people this is the most favorable time to attend school,—with many the only time,—and no one who can possibly come should miss the opportunity.

A few months, or even weeks, spent at the College this winter may prove the turning point in many a young person's life. The privilege of becoming acquainted and associating with college teachers and students, is of great value to a young person. High ideals are constantly held before them, both in class room and in general meetings and exercises; and during the winter term special advantages are offered. The common branches are taught, and students may be classified from the seventh grade up.

The expenses are made as low as possible. Tuition is \$3.50 per month; a furnished room can be rented for about \$.75 per week, two in a room; board is furnished at the College dining hall on the European plan at about the cost of the food, each student paying for only what he eats. Any one desiring to room in the College home will have to give several days' notice before coming.

Come, planning to do faithful work, expecting rich blessings, and you will not be disappointed. A few more Year Books can be had for the asking. Write to W. T. Bland, College View, Nebraska.

CONSTITUTION OF UNITED SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST YOUTH.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECT.

This organization shall be called THE UNITED SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST YOUTH. The object shall be to encourage self improvement, and to do Christian work, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but also for those not of our faith.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

(1) The members shall be of three classes: Active, Associate, and Interested.

(2) The Active members of this organization shall consist of all the youth in good membership of the S. D. Adventist church, and who professedly have an earnest love for Christ. They shall have power to vote and hold office.

(3) All youth of merit, though neither church members nor professed Christians, who desire to improve according to the standard of the organization, may become Associate members. They will not vote nor hold office. It is expected that Associate members will in time become Active members. They are expected habitually to attend the meetings.

(4) All persons, though no longer young, who love and fear God, and who have an experience in the work and wish to be connected with the organization, may become Interested members. It is desirable that they be present at the business meeting, to aid by their counsel. They are entitled to the privilege of voting, though not expected to hold office, and to them the organization may look for financial support.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

A. Officers and Committees.

(1) The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary.

(2) To assist in furthering the work, there shall be an Invitation Committee, to consist of three to five members. There shall also be an Executive Committee. The Invitation Committee shall report at the regular business meeting or at any meeting of the society, when called upon by the President.

B. Duties of Officers.

(1) The President shall preside over the regular meetings. He is expected to exercise a watch-care over all interests, and to see that all officers and committees perform the duties devolving upon them.

(2) The Vice-president shall assist the President, and perform his duties when he is absent.

(3) The Secretary shall keep a record of the members, using separate lists; correct it from time to time, and preserve all documents pertaining to the society; also correspond with absent members and inform them of their standing in the organization; also notify persons elected to office or to committees, and do so in writing if necessary. In small societies he shall also perform the duties of the Corresponding Secretary.

(4) The Treasurer shall keep safely all the monies belonging to the organization, and pay out only such sums as voted by the organization.

(5) The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on correspondence between local societies and with the State organization, also with missionaries in foreign fields, and shall present matters of interest from these sources to the local society.

C. Duties of Committees.

(1) Invitation Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to seek for new members to the society, to acquaint them with its work and with other members, and to affectionately look after their interest and standing. It shall propose to the society one week before action the names of those whom they deem fit, and who wish, to become members.

(2) Executive Committee. This committee shall consist of the elder of the church, the Sabbath-school superintendent, the officers of the society, and the chairman of the preceding committee. Its duty shall be to plan for the whole work, and appoint the special prayer and consecration meeting. All matters demanding debate shall first be brought before it, and all discussion of proposed measures shall take place before this committee and not before the society. In small societies it shall also perform the duties of the Invitation Committee.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS.

(1) Improvement meeting. The object of this meeting shall be to provide the members opportunity to give a reason for the hope that is within them, and to take part in such missionary enterprises as will prepare them to sound forth God's message to the world. This meeting shall be held monthly.

(2) Consecration meeting. Once each month a consecration, or experience, meeting shall be held, when the roll may be called, and each active member speak concerning his progress in the Christian life, or renew his vows of consecration.

(3) Business meetings will be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS.

Any member who wishes to withdraw from the society shall state the reasons to the Invitation Committee and elder; and if the reasons seem sufficient, he may withdraw.

ARTICLE VI. RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

This society being a part of the church, shall be in all things subject to it through its proper channels of authority.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this constitution shall require a majority vote of the active membership, the amendment having been read to the organization at a previous meeting and deposited with the Secretary.

FIELD REPORTS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

AFTER our good State meeting we first visited the company at Story City. We held two good meetings at Ames, and visited each family. From there we went to Nevada. In our meetings there the Lord came very near by his Spirit and blessed us. We find our brethren and sisters all willing to help in the movement to relieve the situation of our schools, and we realize very much of God's blessing in this work.

J. W. DORCAS,

N. C. BERGERSEN.

IOWA CITY.

ELD. C. A. WASHBURN met with us in quarterly meeting service November 3 and 4. We had a large attendance, and as we celebrated the ordinances the Spirit of the Lord came in and we were made to rejoice in his love. Three united with the church, and were buried with the Lord in baptism. We are of good courage to press onward in the Lord's work, that when our Master comes, we may hail him with joy.

LEVA WILSON, *Clerk.*

ALBATON.

THE members of our little company live from three to eight miles apart, but nearly all meet every Sabbath, unless the weather is very stormy. We usually conduct the second- and fourth-Sabbath missionary meetings, following the program as nearly as possible. Although not able to meet often for Christian help work, we can do this work at home and in our different neighborhoods; and we fill a box once in a while to send to other needy places. We have taken eighty-five copies of the Outlook *Signs* to sell, and we heartily recommend this number as a very valuable and good selling paper. Two of us have ten copies each of "Christ's Object Lessons." We believe that our Lord is in this movement, and by his help we expect to sell them all. We all realize to a certain extent the great work to be done, and may we realize it to a greater degree, and each one put his shoulder to the wheel and lift. O, that we may all remember each other at the throne of grace, and may the blessing of the Lord rest upon us.

MRS. MAE DROWN.

"WHOM the Lord loveth he chasteneth."

OBITUARY.

Coy.—Died at Sigourney, Iowa, Oct. 30, 1900, of asthma and congestion of the lungs. Myrtle May Coy, aged 17 years, 8 months, and 28 days.

Myrtle was never strong, but she patiently bore her affliction, and gave evidence in her life that she knew Jesus, for she often talked to him in prayer. A severe cold was the immediate cause of her death. She was taken very sick in the morning and died at 3:15 P. M. Myrtle May is missed by her parents, three brothers, one sister, relatives, and friends, her death breaking the family circle. Services were conducted by the writer in our church at Sigourney. WILLIS M. ADAMS.

CONDERT.—Died at the hospital of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1900, Abraham Condert, aged 74 years.

He was born in Switzerland, and early in life came to the United States, settling in Hardin county, Iowa. In 1863 he responded to the call of his country for volunteers, and remained in the army till the close of the war. About twenty-five years ago he embraced present truth. During his twelve years' residence at the Home he was a member of the church at Marshalltown, and by that little company his death is deeply felt. His record in the army and in the Home is without a blot; he was a respected citizen, a true friend, and a consistent Christian. Like Barnabas "he was a good man," and like Dorcas "was full of good works and almsdeeds." For several years he was seriously afflicted, but he bore his sufferings with meekness and resignation. Funeral exercises were conducted by the writer in the Home chapel in the presence of a large congregation. The theme was the second coming of Christ, based on a part of Luke 21. J. H. VAN DEVER.

THE BOOK WORK.

"LIKE THE LEAVES OF AUTUMN."

In front of our house stand two large oak trees. This morning as I swept from the front steps the leaves that had accumulated during the night, I could not help thinking of the words of Sister White, "like the leaves of autumn." The leaves were everywhere, here and there, one in a place, while in the corners and out-of-the-way places there were hundreds piled up together. I tried to sweep them off; but as I swept, the leaves continued to fall, and finally

I gave it up. But I could not forget the lesson,—the simile is so striking. While in some instances a single tract may be sufficient to lead the honest in heart to the truth, often it will require a piling up of our tracts and periodicals to accomplish the work. And, as some of the leaves lay around all winter in the fence corners and sheltered places, so these papers may lay on some shelf or stand for months, and then be taken up and read and believed to the saving of the entire household. Some may be swept up and burned, but let the scattering be as the leaves of autumn; where one is destroyed, drop two. As the fall rains loosen the stems that keep the leaves from falling, O may the latter rain so dampen and loosen our love of money, which is the stem that holds our books and papers on the shelves, that we shall give, and give until we feel it, that the good work may go on and not a home be left without at least some of our good books. Then the whole earth will be lighted with the glory of the third angel's message, the Lord will come in the clouds of heaven, and we shall ever after be with the Lord.

MRS. L. W. BEARDSLEY.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 16, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	14	1	\$ 1.00	\$1.50
Cora M. Davis.....	13	2	2.00	2.00
Christine Henriksen.....	20	8	8.00	
Susan Haskell.....	17	2	2.00	
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	25	4	\$ 4.25	\$9.00
COMING KING AND PERIL OF REPUBLIC.				
J. F. Stenberg.....	30	12	\$11.25	\$3.00
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	17	2	\$ 2.00	\$.50
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	22	5	\$ 8.50	\$3.55
DANIEL AND REVELATION AND HOME HAND BOOK.				
Edward Everett.....	6	2	\$ 7.00	\$.75
MISCELLANEOUS.				
E. E. Gordon.....	37	7	\$ 2.20	
DELIVERIES.				
Books. Value. Helps. Lost.				
Edward Everett.....	1	\$ 2.50		
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75		
Fred Scharff.....	6	6.00		1.
Susan Haskell.....	2	2.00		
O. N. Conklin.....	2	2.00		
Cora M. Davis.....	1	1.00		
Phebe Vosburg.....	2	2.00		
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				10
" " orders.....				45
Value of ".....			\$ 48.20	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 20.30	
Total value.....			\$ 68.50	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 17.25	

"FORGIVENESS of sin is the first step; freedom from it, the final one."

MRS. J. L. A.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE WINNING TEACHER.

1. His manner must be earnest. If we would have the children believe what we say, we must speak as if we believed it ourselves. Levity will have no place in our hearts; yet we will not be gloomy. Religion should be a joy to the teacher, and he should thus recommend it to his class.

2. His teaching must be interesting. He has the most interesting book in all the world to go to for subjects; let him not spoil the lessons. Both subject and manner must be interesting. The teaching should be illustrative.

3. He must be simple. Few teachers are sufficiently so. His words should be familiar ones; his lessons should be great truths in simple words. His subject must be studied.

4. He should be systematic. Let him lead his class step by step. Let each lesson have some connection with the one that preceded it.

5. He should be truthful. He should never for the sake of embellishing his lesson, depart from truth.

6. He must be observant, watching the effect his lesson is producing, noticing fatigue and listlessness, detecting inattention and mischief, and then bringing all his powers to remedy the evil, not so much by way of reproving the children as by attention to his manner of teaching.

But a winning teacher must do more than teach. He should visit the children during the week at their homes, and acquaint himself with their parents, endeavoring to awaken them to a true sense of their responsibility as parents. Whenever he sees his pupils, he should greet them with a smile. They should feel that the teacher is their friend. This is no overdrawn character, but one that has been exemplified in real life. If we do not possess the traits mentioned, we must endeavor to acquire them. We must pray and seek for personal holiness; study the best models of teaching; give ourselves thoroughly to the work, and we shall be successful. The great model to be studied is that one presented in the gospel; the distinctive features of Christ's methods can not be too closely followed by those who teach in his name.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, NOV. 27, 1900.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER met with the church at Ames last Sabbath.

—DR. M. M. MARTINSON spent a few hours at the Sanitarium last Thursday.

—BRO. WM. JOHNSON stopped at the Sanitarium last Wednesday night, on his way to Adel.

—BRO. P. W. ATKINSON, a former Iowa canvasser, has entered the Medical Missionary Training Class in Chicago.

—ELD. H. NICOLA has returned from his visit to Battle Creek, Michigan, and met with the church at Lisbon last Sabbath.

—SENSE shines with double luster when it is set in humility. An able and yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.—*Penn.*

—ELD. J. S. HART met with the church at Sioux City last Sabbath and Sunday, instead of at Smithland as announced last week.

—ELD. R. M. KILGORE was called to the bedside of his father, Bro. John L. Kilgore, who is lying very low at his home in Washington, Iowa.

—WE receive many words of commendation for the *Outlook Signs*. One sister wrote last week: "I have read every article, and think each one is worth the price of the paper. Pray for us as we go forth to sell them."

—HOW many copies of the special *Sentinel* of Dec. 6 will you circulate? The movement now on foot to secure the Sunday closing of the Pan-American Exposition is another opportunity of presenting to our friends and neighbors the meaning of enforced Sunday observance. This paper can tell them all about it better than we can. Send orders soon, to this Office. One cent per copy.

—A SUPPLY of canvasses, also of the leaflets "Rolling Back the Reproach," came Sunday; and we immediately forwarded as many as we could to each of the workers, sending a double quantity to the superintendents of the different districts. We were disappointed in not getting these in time to mail last week, but hope the delay has not greatly hindered the work for "Christ's Object Lessons." The Review Office write that the new edition is now ready, so those who have ordered books may look for them soon.

—MISS INA HIBBS, formerly of Woodbury Co., Iowa, writes from Bolivar, Missouri: "I have been away from Iowa since March, and am now teaching a church school at the home of Bro. Herbert Miller, who lives two and one-half miles from town. Only a few children live near enough to attend, but we are boarding six boys who come from a distance. We have tried to follow the instruction of the Lord in combining industrial work with our studies. The school begins at 8 A. M. and closes at 3 P. M., with an intermission of one and one-half hours, thus giving time for farm work. The children have helped gather in the apples, potatoes, peanuts, etc. The outdoor work will soon be done; but we expect to provide work for pleasant days, and also some kind of employment for stormy weather. I hope to hear from other church schools through the columns of the BULLETIN."

—THERE are very many good people who are sincere in their opposition to religious legislation in general, but who nevertheless favor what they regard as the "Civil Sabbath" simply because they are misled as to the true nature of Sunday laws. "The Civil Sabbath" is the subject of *Religious Liberty Library* No. 12, bearing date of Nov. 15, 1900, and which is now ready. If you do not thoroughly understand this subject yourself so that you can make it plain to others, you ought to read this tract. And if you do understand it, you doubtless have neighbors who do not, and you ought to supply them with the tract. It has sixteen pages, and the price is one cent. Usual discount on orders of one hundred or more.

—WOULD some one esteem it a privilege to send the *Missionary Magazine* to a worthy brother and sister? This old couple have been taking the journal and highly prize its monthly visits, but find their circumstances will not permit them to renew for another year. The subscription money, 50 cents, may be sent to this Office.

—ONE of our workers writes: "I received the *Outlook Signs* all right, and in one hour sold ten copies. I believe this paper will be a ready seller."

SANITARIUM NOTES.

THE new operating table has arrived.

BRO. J. C. MUSSELMAN, of Mt. Ayr, is here under treatment, awaiting consultation with Dr. J. H. Kellogg when he comes this week.

THROUGH the continued kindness of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Keck, of Washington, Iowa, the Sanitarium is kept supplied with beautiful cut flowers. These, with the new aquarium, add much to the cheerfulness of the parlors.

MRS. J. H. UNDERHILL, of Knoxville, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, came Sunday for a surgical operation, in charge of one of the city physicians, who leaves her in our care.

DR. J. D. HARE having severed his connection with the Iowa Sanitarium, the responsibilities of the medical department of the institution now rest upon Dr. J. D. Shively.

THE Sanitarium Board have decided that the duties of the clerk may be performed by the business manager and the matron, thus economizing in the matter of expense.

MRS. ROSE FLINT, of Eagle Grove, having made a rapid and successful recovery from a surgical operation, returned to her home last week.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR SALE.—A desirable residence in Grant City, Iowa. House is a two-story brick 24 ft. x 26 ft., with summer kitchen attached, and coal house, new barn 20 ft. x 28 ft. and 12 ft. posts. Lot 7 rods x 5 rods, with fruit trees and evergreens. A bargain. Mrs. M. E. Wiseman, Grant City, Iowa.

DOCTOR MARY FREDERICK,
Des Moines,

Office, 510 Walnut St. IOWA.

APPOINTMENTS.

STORM LAKE, Dec. 1-3, 1900;
J. S. HART.

NOTHING preventing, I will meet with the churches as follows:—

Olin, Dec. 1, 2, 1900.
Oxford Mills, " 3, 4, "
N. M. JØRGENSEN.

PROVIDENCE permitting, I will meet with the churches as follows:—

Afton, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 1900.
Creston, Dec. 4, 5, "
A full attendance is requested.
F. L. MOODY.

TRAER, Dec. 1, 2, 1900.
Cedar Falls, " 4, 5, "
Waverly, " 8, 9, "

The first meeting at Waverly will be held Friday evening.

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