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A RECENT TESTIMONY.

We are very glad to have the privilege of publishing the following extracts from a Testimony dated at St. Helena, California, October, 1900:—

"I can not at this time write much. I do not feel it my duty to write all that I could write in truth; for it would not be the best thing to do. I must wait and watch and pray. I feel that the Holy Spirit is working you who are on the other side of the Rocky Mountains. But I have not light now that I should visit Battle Creek; and I shall not do this without a plain 'Thus saith the Lord.' When God sees that the work he has given me will not be refused and rejected, and his instruction misstated and misappropriated, then I shall have a work to do in connection with those who will co-operate with me in the last great work before us.

"Calamities, earthquakes, floods, and disasters by land and sea, will increase. God is looking upon the world to-day as he looked upon it in Noah's time. He is sending his message to people to-day as he sent it in the days of Noah. There is in this age of the world a repetition of the wickedness of the world before the flood. Many helped Noah build the ark who did not believe the startling message, who did not cleanse themselves from all wrong principles, who did not overcome the temptation

to do and say things which were entirely contrary to the mind and will of God.

"Have faith in God. He gave me the idea of giving 'Christ's Object Lessons' for the relief of the schools. He is testing his people and institutions in this thing, to see if they will work together and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice. Carry forward this work without flinching, in the name of the Lord. Let God's plan be vindicated. Let his proposition be fully carried out and heartily endorsed as the means of uniting the members of the churches in self-sacrificing effort. Thus they will be sanctified, soul, body, and spirit, as vessels unto honor, to whom God can impart his Holy Spirit. By this means they will accomplish the work God designs to have done.

"Stir up every family, every church, to do to the very utmost of their power, every one consecrating himself to God, putting the leaven of evil out of his heart, out of the home, and out of the church. Let every family make the most of this the Lord's opportunity. Let self-denial and self-sacrifice be revealed. Let the teachers in the school do as others of God's servants are doing, cut down their wages. This self-sacrifice will be required of us all. Let all place themselves where they will be sure to receive the answer to their prayers. It is the cause of God which is at stake.

"The preciousness of life is to be appreciated because this life belongs to the Master. As long as we live we are ever to bear in mind that we are bought with a price. Christ made of himself a whole and complete sacrifice for us, to make it possible for us to receive the gift of everlasting life. 'Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your

body and in your spirit, which are God's.' We have enlisted under Christ's banner for life service, and great responsibilities and possibilities are within our reach. There are in the providence of God particular periods when we must arise in response to the call of God, and make use of our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul, and spirit, fulfilling to the utmost of our ability the requirements of God. Just now let not the opportunity be lost. Let all work together. Let children act a part. Let every member of the family do something. Educate, educate. This is an opportunity which God's people can not afford to lose. God calls. Do your best at this time to render to him your offering, to carry out his specified will; and thus make this an occasion for witnessing for him and his truth. In a world of darkness let your light shine forth. Let canvassers do their best in canvassing for the book 'Christ's Object Lessons.' Their work will serve a double purpose. They will place in the homes of the people a book containing most precious light, seed sown to bring to souls ready to perish. In receiving this seed into their hearts, their souls will be saved through belief of the truth. At the same time means will be gathered for the relief of the schools. Two-fold good will thus be accomplished in this work. Let it be done heartily as unto the Lord. Let all think soberly; for it is a solemn thing to live. Your life is not your own. You are kept by the power of God, and Jesus Christ desires to live his life in you, perfecting your character. He desires you to work to the utmost of your knowledge and power, to carry out the purpose for which he gave you life. Use every capability as his.

"My brethren, after you have done all

you can do in this work for the schools, by sanctified energy and much prayer, you will see the glory of God. When the trial has been fully made, there will come a blessed result. Those who have sought to do God's will, having laid out every talent to the best advantage, become wise in working for the kingdom of God. They learn lessons of the greatest consequence to them, and they will feel the highest happiness of the rational mind. This is the result that will surely come if you will fulfill the purpose of God. Peace and intelligence and grace will be given. It is the design of God that we should all glorify him, regarding his service as the chief end of our existence. The work that God calls you to do he will make a blessing to you. Your heart will be more tender, your thoughts more spiritual, your service more Christlike. 'If ye abide in me,' Jesus said, 'and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' In considering these things, my spirit rejoices in God.

"I could not sleep past two o'clock this morning. During the night season I was in council. I was pleading with some families to avail themselves of God's appointed means, and get away from the cities to save their children. Some were loitering, making no determined efforts. The angels of mercy hurried Lot and his wife and daughters by taking hold of their hands. Had Lot hastened as the Lord desired him to, his wife would not have become a pillar of salt. Lot had too much of a lingering spirit. Let us not be like him. The same voice that warned Lot to leave Sodom bids us, 'Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean.' Those who obey this warning will find a refuge. Let every man be wide awake for himself, and try to save his family. Let him gird himself for the work. God will reveal from point to point what to do next. Hear the voice of God through the Apostle Paul, 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.' Lot trod the plain with unwilling and tardy steps. He had so long associated with evil workers that he could not see his peril until his wife stood on the plain a pillar of salt forever.

"There is to be a decided work done to accomplish God's plan. Make every stroke tell for the Master in the work

of canvassing for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' God desires his people to be vitalized for work as they have never been before, for their good and for the upbuilding of his cause. Ministering angels will be round about the workers. Let our institutions make every effort to free themselves from debt. Let every family arouse. Let the ministers of our churches and the presidents of our conferences awaken. Then God will tell them what to do next. You will need to have patience with the tardy ones, who do not feel the necessity of doing anything promptly, thoroughly, earnestly. They have so much to say, so much unbelief to express, and so much criticizing, that they lose the peace and joy and happiness in the purposes of God before they can decide to move. We must become men and women of God's opportunity. I am so glad that so much harmonious action has been shown in striving to carry out this purpose of God, and to make the most of his providences."

A FAREWELL LETTER.

We are permitted to quote from a letter addressed to the Iowa Sanitarium Nurses' Class, by Eld. P. A. Hansen and family, after their arrival at Battle Creek, Michigan:—

"3 John 2. We were much pleased during our stay at the Sanitarium, to see the love and harmony existing. Our welcome, as well as the farewell wishes from the host and hostess and each of the dear nurses found in our dinner basket, will be treasured by us. At the Battle Creek Sanitarium we are receiving all the care and attention that could possibly be asked... We shall leave Monday evening for New York, and at 12 o'clock Wednesday, November 28, will go on board the largest vessel afloat, *The Oceanica*. We have committed ourselves to the care of the living God and Christ our Captain... As we go on our journey, which soon takes us thousands of miles away from the dear Iowa workers, you all have a place in our hearts. After many years of acquaintance with you, it is such a comfort to us to know that you are bearing us up in prayer. May the love of God and the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with you all, and with all the dear BULLETIN family."

"As the Son of Man, He gave us an example of obedience; as the Son of God, He gives us power to obey."

FIELD REPORTS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

FOLLOWING our important State meeting, I visited the churches at Council Bluffs and Weston. Bro. Dieffenbacher assisted in these meetings. The Lord came near to bless, and a willing spirit was manifested to assist in the work of God. In company with Brn. L. F. Starr and W. E. Frederick meetings were held at Fontanelle Sabbath and Sunday, November 22, 23. The Lord blessed in all our services. November 25 one meeting was held at Eureka. At this place, as well as in Fontanelle, the brethren and sisters showed a commendable willingness to help in the work of God. How good it is that we can trust in the mighty arm of God.

E. G. OLSEN.

PROVIDENCE, SHELBY, AND HARLAN.

I VISITED the Providence church November 20. After presenting the work for "Christ's Object Lessons," one brother promised to do all he could, although he is teaching school. There are also two more who will do something. One sister in Exira said she could not do anything, but after reading two chapters in the book she decided to try. The first day she was out about one hour, and sold one; the next day, in about an hour and a half, she sold two. I spent the next Sabbath and Sunday at Shelby. One good old brother said he thought that all I came for was money. On Sunday after the situation had been placed before them, this brother asked how many of the young people would sell books. All present, seven in all, responded. He then handed me the price of forty copies. At Harlan several promised to help in the good work.

G. A. LARSON.

MARSHALLTOWN.

THE Marshalltown church was visited Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 24, 25, by Brn. J. W. Dorcas and N. C. Bergersen, who are working among the churches in the interest of Sister White's new book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Five meetings were held, beginning Friday evening and closing Sunday evening. As the brethren presented the truth for this time, showing the importance of seeking the Lord as never before and of taking hold of the work just now, our hearts were made tender, and we felt that it would be a privilege to work for God.

On Sunday afternoon as the work for "Christ's Object Lessons" was brought before the church, the Spirit of God came in; and all who could, pledged themselves to help lift the burden of debt from our schools. Let us all pray for the success of this heaven-born enterprise, and *work*; "for the night cometh." We enjoyed the presence of these faithful servants of God, and hope to meet them where all labor receives its reward.

MATILDA NOGGLE, *Clerk.*

OBITUARY.

STONEBRAKER.—Died in the Soldier's Home hospital at Marshalltown, Iowa, Nov. 15, 1900, Mrs. Anna Stonebraker, aged 74 years.

Sister Stonebraker became a believer in present truth about three years ago, but affliction prevented her from meeting often with the believers. She and her husband had but entered the Home, hoping to receive physical help, when she died. The funeral took place in Iowa City, November 24, the Christian minister officiating.

B. E. FULLMER.

DAMON.—Clarence, the oldest son of Bro. J. W. Damon and wife, was instantly killed by lightning, September 7, 1900. Had he lived until January next he would have been 24 years old.

Clarence had preceded his father and mother several months to their new home in the State of Washington. He had won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was with a threshing crew, twenty-five miles from home, when the fatal bolt came. On account of rapid decomposition, he was brought to the burial place, three and one-half miles from home, and laid to rest by moonlight at 10 p. m., September 8. Sister Damon was so prostrated that she could not attend the burial services. I know the BULLETIN family will extend Christian sympathy to the bereaved ones.

C. W. SMOUSE.

Cox.—Died in Dewey County, Oklahoma Ty., Oct. 11, 1900, of typhoid fever, after an illness of seventeen days, Minnie Esther Cox, daughter of Robert E. and Anna M. Cox, late of Thayer, Iowa, aged 13 years, 8 months, and 2 days. Also at the same place Nov. 9, 1900, Sister Anna M. Cox, wife of Robert E. Cox, of typhoid fever, after an illness of nine days, aged 48 years, 5 months, and 23 days.

Minnie was a kind, obedient child, and had given her heart to the Lord. Sister Cox accepted present truth in Virginia about twenty-two years ago, under the labors of Eld. J. O. Corliss. She lived in Iowa for about fifteen years, removing to Oklahoma in February, 1900. She was a devoted wife and mother, and died in the firm hope of the soon coming of the Lord. The husband, five daughters, and three sons survive her. Both funeral services were conducted by Eld. J. A. Sommerville.

J. H. STAHL.

THE BOOK WORK.

"ALL THINGS."

THE following letter from Sister Susan Haskell is so full of the true spirit of consecration that we give all our workers the privilege of reading it:—

"I am thankful not only for this year's experience but for the experiences gained during every year that I have canvassed. It seems to me that those engaging in the canvassing work are, more than all others, tried on all points. We may have victories or failures. Satan is everywhere, going to and fro in the earth, and walking up and down in it. Job 1:7. But, praise be to God, the Lord is not very far from any of us. He has all strength, and if we wrestle and commune with him until the victory is complete and our wills are entirely submitted to him, he will make of us just what he would have us to be. Although we may have trials to meet which we do not understand, and the way may seem hedged up on all sides at times, we have the precious promise that the Lord will never leave nor forsake us. I can grasp a new meaning to the words, 'All things work together for good to them that love the Lord.' The more I study God's Word, the more I realize my unfitness for the work; but I have a deep longing to be nearer my heavenly Father and to rightly represent him in all things."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 23, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	8	4	\$ 4.00	
Cora M. Davis.....	7	1	1.00	\$.75
Susan Haskell.....	18	2	2.00	1.20

COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.

O. N. Conklin.....	21	2	\$ 2.25	\$2.05
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DANIEL AND REVELATION.

Edward Everett.....	6	2	\$ 4.50	\$.70
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BIBLE READINGS AND COMING KING.

O. C. Haughsted.....	5		\$16.00	\$1.40
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Fred Scharff.....	15	4	\$ 2.50	\$.50
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DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Fred Scharff.....	5	\$ 4.00		
Cora M. Davis.....	1	1.00		
Edward Everett.....	2	4.50		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	7
" " orders.....	20
Value of ".....	\$ 32.25
" " helps sold.....	\$.60
Total value.....	\$ 38.85
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 4.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE "SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER" CLUB.

I WISH to call the attention of our Sabbath-school officers and teachers to the necessity of renewing their *Sabbath-school Worker* clubs. The State club expires with the December number, and unless we renew at once we shall be very likely to miss a number. I know that not one of our primary teachers, especially, would want such a thing to occur. Surely no school can afford to be without the *Worker* even one month.

A recommendation was passed at the last annual session of the Sabbath-school Association to the effect that the *Worker* be furnished the officers and teachers of our schools on the same plan as formerly. I will state the plan for the benefit of those who may be new in this work. The club price of the *Worker* is thirty cents; but for a few years the State Association has been paying half of this price, thus making the cost to the school only fifteen cents per year. This is for a club going to one address, sufficient to supply officers and teachers only. All others wishing the *Worker* should pay the full price for it. And just at present it would be a great help to the Association if a large share of the schools could send in the full price, thirty cents per copy. Our funds have been considerably reduced by other expenditures, and we do not believe any one would have the Sabbath-school work suffer because of a lack of funds. By all means send in the half price with your first quarterly report, to meet this bill.

If you wish to make any change in the number of *Workers* taken, or in the address of them, please write A. Helen Wilcox, 1212 E. Des Moines St., Des Moines, at once. If she does not hear from you, the same club will be ordered for your school for another year, and a bill sent your secretary for the amount due. Give this matter your attention now, and thus save time and trouble later. Of course all our schools need the *Worker*. We need it in our teachers' meetings. Order at once

MRS. J. L. A.

"Don't forget that you must have Christ in the heart if you would reveal him to others."

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 4, 1900.

—ELD. L. F. STARR passed through this city Friday, on his way to Winterset.

—BRO. E. H. REED, of Fontanelle, is again assisting at the Hygienic Cafe in this city.

—MRS. E. B. EARLE has returned, after a visit at College View, to remain for a while longer with relatives in this city.

—MISS NELLIE KNAPP has gone to engage in Bible work at Memphis, Tenn. We know that the prayers of the Iowa workers will be with her in her new field.

—DR. J. H. KELLOGG gave two addresses while in this city. The first was to the brethren and sisters gathered for the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, while the general public were invited the following evening.

—ALL subscriptions for the *General Conference Bulletin* expire Dec. 31, 1900. The price for two years, including both the daily and quarterly issues, has been placed at 75 cents, while the daily *Bulletin* is 50 cents. Do not delay renewing your subscription.

—MISS ELLA ZUVER was called to Missouri Valley Sunday morning, on account of the death of her brother. The circumstances are especially sad, as he was killed in a railroad wreck, while performing his duties as engineer. The bereaved relatives have our deepest sympathy.

—ALL gifts to the material fund to assist in publishing "Christ's Object Lessons" should be sent either to the Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, Des Moines, or to the Treasurer of the General Conference Association, care of Review and Herald, Battle Creek, Michigan.

—THE last two Sunday evening missionary meetings of the Des Moines church were occupied in the consideration of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." We believe that it can truly be said that such a general interest has never been manifested by the members here in any other line of work. The majority, including the young people, expressed a determination to have a part in this important enterprise. The city has been districted, and the work will be entered upon in earnest this week.

—ONE sister writes concerning her first experience in the canvassing work: "This city is overrun with canvassers, but I have taken seven orders already. I can only go out for one or two hours, perhaps two or three times a week. There are lions in the way, but the Lord shall prevail. I am so glad to have a part in this work, and I find that it is a good way to get rid of self and pride. In the Lord there is strength and power." Shall we not all improve this opportunity while we may, and gain the same blessing this sister has received.

—MRS. H. G. WASHBURN writes that she sold fifty copies of the *Outlook Signs* in Waterloo in less than twenty-four hours. While the city is flooded with other literature, she is anxious to call the attention of reading people to the all-important truths for this time. She also wants more papers for the reading racks in depots there. She says, "Let them flow in." Address Mrs. H. G. Washburn, Waterloo, Iowa.

—THE first order for the special *Sentinel* of Dec. 6 came from the Blencoe society, and was for 1,000 copies. All orders for this special number should be sent in soon. Price \$1.00 per hundred; 1,000 copies, \$8.00.

—WE trust that all will carefully read the special Testimony published this week. It will doubtless be of the deepest interest, especially to the workers.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. J. W. BIGGS, of Winterset, came last week for treatment.

MRS. JOHN JOHNSON, of Ringsted, has brought her little crippled daughter Eva for treatment.

ELD. C. F. STEVENS writes quite encouragingly as to his wife's recovery. We are hoping for his return soon to the work here.

SEVERAL of the city physicians called while Dr. Kellogg was here last week, and expressed themselves as well pleased with our work.

AT present there are seven cases in the surgical ward. Among them are Mrs. H. V. Adams, of this city; Mrs. Ida Robinson, of Winterset; and Bro. J. C. Musselman and little boy, of Mt. Ayr. All are doing nicely.

DR. J. H. KELLOGG spent last Wednesday and Thursday at the Sanitarium. He made about thirty examinations, and gave attention to five surgical cases, performing seven operations.

Both patients and helpers received a new inspiration from his talks given in the parlor, and his visit will surely result in giving to our Sanitarium work a fresh impetus.

A GOOD BEGINNING FOR 1901

WILL be to commence the correspondence work connected with the Medical Missionary Training School. Lessons are sent weekly to students unable to go to one of our sanitariums. We shall organize a new class in January, and will be glad to hear at once from those interested. Send for descriptive circular giving full particulars. Address Correspondence Department, Medical Missionary Training School, Battle Creek, Mich.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

THE demands which are made upon the various departments of our work for help are beyond our resources. Cold weather is here, and we are in immediate need of help. We must temporarily provide food and shelter for the unfortunate women and homeless children who are constantly applying for help. Many of our departments are able to support themselves, but others are dependent on our friends for help. Your donation, small or great, will be gratefully received.

Send at once. Address,

CHICAGO MEDICAL MISSION,
1926 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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.

APPOINTMENTS.

DAVIS CITY, Dec. 28, 29, 1900.
E. E. GARDNER.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the churches as follows:—
Riverton, Dec. 8, 1900.
Glenwood, " 9, "
A full attendance is desired.
E. G. OLSEN.

WE expect to meet with the churches as follows:—
Grinnell, Dec. 15, 16, 1900.
Monroe, " 18, 19, "
First meeting at Grinnell, Friday evening; at Monroe, Tuesday evening.
J. W. DORCAS,
N. C. BERGERSON.