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HOW SHALL WE DO?

It is hoped that all our people are planning to make the most of the coming Week of Prayer, now close at hand. This appointment comes to us at a season when people are given up to serving and pleasing themselves as at no other time in the year. We live in the time likened to the days of Noah, when people are eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, and this seems to reach its height at the holiday season. The appointment of a week of prayer at this particular time is in close keeping with the words of Christ in Luke 21:34-36: "Take heed to yourselves. . . . Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." It is a close and careful work to be in the world yet not of the world. But just this relation every true hearted disciple chooses to sustain to earth's cares and pleasures.

I quote from Sister White's letter: "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 his proposition be fully carried out and heartily en-

dorsed as the means of uniting the members of the church 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. . . . Let every family make the most of this the Lord's opportunity."

Now some of us, I am sure, have felt to complain that we had no opportunity to do work for the Lord. Here is the opportunity. And because it is so different from what we had expected, are some of us going to turn away as did Naaman the Syrian, because the remedy was so simple? I know, as well as I understand my own likes and dislikes, that some have a natural dread of undertaking to sell a book. Is that feeling a sufficient reason for neglecting this call? One brother who felt thus made the attempt, and in one day took nine orders for the book. Another in seven hours took seven orders. And a sister, leaving her household duties, went to her neighbors with this book, and in half a day sold ten. I do not feel that all can do that, nor that I can; yet these were of our number here in Iowa, and not in Conference employ, but with special advantages for soliciting the people. I believe that the Lord is in the work to help us do what he will do by others if we refuse. I like the suggestion that we carry this book work right forward during the Week of Prayer, holding the readings in the evening and in the daytime Sabbaths and Sunday. Where it seems best to hold all the meetings in the day, can not some time, even then, be devoted daily by each one to selling the book? Then as we seek the Lord and pray for his Holy Spirit, we are doing the work he bids us do, and can claim his promise.

Then also our annual offerings appeal to us for sacrifice and self-denial, that the work of God be unfettered and his cause honored before the eyes of all the world. Shall we not individually plan to do more than we have yet done for the sacred cause we profess to love and sustain. Quoting from a recent appeal: "I saw workmen building humble houses of worship. Those newly come to the faith were helping with willing hands, and those who had means were assisting with their means. . . . and the tithe was increasing to carry forward the work." To be one of the actors in this scene will mean earnest, faithful work on the part of each one of us, yet it is certainly our privilege. Let us ask in sincerity, "What, Lord, wilt thou have me to do?" "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13. E. E. GARDNER.

THE HYGIENIC CAFE, DES MOINES.

We now have a good patronage at our Cafe from the most cultured people in the city. Bankers, judges, lawyers, merchants, etc., daily sit at our tables. Traveling men say, "This is just what I have been looking for. Why haven't you such a place in all large cities?" Our work has passed its infancy, and is now looked upon by the citizens of Des Moines as a necessity. Many bear testimony to the benefits derived from this health reform idea. Our work now makes busy fingers for nine persons. This includes the handling of the health foods, which we deliver with our nice delivery wagon to any part of the city, and ship to any part of the State. Our business is on a good financial basis, and we should like to know if some of our good brethren and sisters would not like to step in here, that we may go and introduce this work

in some untried field. Other cities are pleading for a "Pure Food Cafe." Shall we not heed their call? We would be glad to correspond with any one in regard to the work here.

MR. AND MRS. F. W. PATTERSON.

TO ABSENT MEMBERS OF THE SMITHLAND CHURCH.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: As the time for our quarterly meeting is nearing, we take this method of writing to you, so that you may know that we remember you all. I had intended to write a personal letter to each absent member; but as I am still suffering from a broken arm, it is difficult for me to use the pen. We pray that the blessing of the Lord may be with the lonely ones, who do not have the privilege of the Sabbath-school and church services. We hope to have a report from each one at our quarterly meeting. It does us much good to hear from you, and it is a source of strength to you to testify in this way to the goodness of God. I write in behalf of the church.

HELEN J. ADAMS, *Clerk.*

FIELD REPORTS.

OSCEOLA.

Our school opened Oct. 29. On account of rainy weather, only seven scholars were present; but as soon as the weather settled, the attendance began to increase, and now we have fourteen students. Our school building is in the south-eastern part of town. We have no near neighbors, and have not been molested in any way as yet. There is a nice grassy play ground in front of the schoolhouse in the street, which is seldom traveled. God has blessed us many times. His blessings never cease; he is always on the giving hand. It does my heart good to hear the testimonies of the students expressing the desire to get nearer Jesus, that they may learn of the One who alone gives true wisdom. May the prayers of God's people ascend to the throne of grace in behalf of the school in this place. Brethren, we need your prayers. Satan has come down with great power, and will do all he can to hinder this branch of God's work. But there is victory ahead; and while the angels are holding the four winds, let us be working for souls as though each day were our last. We can not afford to go back now. We

can almost see inside the kingdom. Let us gird on the whole armor of God, and be found using every weapon that our Captain has provided, that we may accomplish the most good while we are permitted to work at all. The Spirit of God is moving men and women to read our literature, that they may decide either for or against the truth. The sifting time is already upon us, and who shall be able to stand?

Bro. A. J. Iden came here from the State meeting in the interest of the *Good Health and Signs*. The Lord has abundantly blessed his efforts in sales; but we may never know all the results until the day when Jesus comes to make up his jewels. We have held several meetings in the church, also, since the State meeting. Bro. Iden spoke ten times, and Bro. Chas. W. Heald and myself each three times. Bro. C. W. Neal has labored some for "Christ's Object Lessons." As a result, some of the members who were discouraged have taken a firm stand for the truth. Some have established the long neglected family altar. God has come very near and blessed in our Sabbath meetings especially. We have organized a Reading Circle class, and a weekly prayer meeting is held. May God's blessing continue to be ours to enjoy.

PAUL CURTIS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SINCE the State meeting I have visited the following places in the interest of the work for "Christ's Object Lessons:" Blencoe, Onawa, Smithland, Sioux City, Cherokee, Quimby, Storm Lake, and Sioux Rapids. Bru. Jeys and McClintock assisted in the work at some of these places. We tried in the fear of God to set before our people the real object of *all* engaging in the work of visiting their neighbors and selling the book. They all were willing to take hold and help in selling the book to pay the great debt on our schools. Sioux City ordered fifty books, besides quite a number which they had on hand; Smithland, eighty-five; Castana, twenty; Blencoe had over fifty on hand. Others are doing what they can. At Sioux Rapids I found a few lonely Sabbath keepers, some in a discouraged condition. I have been laboring with them for about two weeks, holding meetings from house to house and visiting. Last Sabbath we organized a Sabbath-school of about twenty members. There is some outside interest in our work; and by

the help of one man, a member of the Congregational church, we secured a good room for meetings and Sabbath-school this winter. It seems that the way is opening for the truth to be established in this place. We trust that all will take hold with renewed courage to do the Lord's work for our time.

J. S. HART.

IOWA CITY AND MT. PLEASANT.

SINCE my last report to the BULLETIN, I have met with the Iowa City and Mt. Pleasant churches in quarterly meeting services. At Iowa City three were baptized, and united with the church. This little church seems to be united in present truth. This is a large city, and was in an early day the capital of the State. The old capitol building is still standing, and seems to be in good repair. We would be glad to see a strong effort made in this city with Bible workers and ministers.

At Mt. Pleasant, three united with the church, two by letter and one by vote. This church has about one hundred and twenty members. However, some who are non-resident are rather slow about reporting to the church. We would be much pleased if they would reform in this matter. The church school at this place is prospering, with Bro. Frank Raymond in charge and thirty students in attendance.

C. A. WASHBURN.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

I FIND Cedar Rapids a prolific field for work. People seem to be ready for something, they know not what, to transpire; and as we come in personal contact with them, many voluntarily open their hearts to us, strangers though we be. I wish some active missionary might be stationed here for the purpose of making house-to-house visitations, talking, reading, and praying with the people.

The church here is very appreciative of any effort made in their behalf. We have had a number of precious occasions together. A Christian Help Band has been organized recently. It is already proving a source of great blessing to the church; for as they plan and work for the unfortunate, their hearts become stirred to a greater zeal in the Lord's service. Thanksgiving day was used as an occasion for giving instruction in hygienic cooking. The sisters brought material; and in a short time a good dinner was ready, without the use of grease, baking pow-

der, or any other harmful ingredient. After the close of the usual prayer meeting, all felt that a pleasant and profitable day had been spent.

The citizens of the place are much pleased at the prospects of having treatment rooms established in their city. The coming week will be spent in furthering plans in this direction.

AMELIA ZIPF.

OBITUARY.

McDONALD.—Died, at Montezuma, Iowa, Dec. 6, 1900, of cancer of the liver. Angus McDonald, aged 57 years, 2 months, and 18 days.

Bro. McDonald was born in Goderick, Ontario. Twelve years of his life were spent as a sailor on Lake Michigan. In early life he was interrogated by the Spirit of God, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" In 1885 he yielded to the pleadings of the Holy Spirit and enlisted in the service of God. Through reading the Word of God he saw that Sunday was not a holy day, and took up the observance of the Bible Sabbath, believing that the Lord requires obedience to all of the holy ten. He was a member of the S. D. Adventist church at Winterset, where his presence will be missed by all. His fidelity to the truth, his faithfulness in the prayer meeting and all church duties, is a record that many in the church ought to make if they would be saved in the kingdom. Last summer he began to decline in health, and went to Dr. R. H. Habenicht for medical assistance, but it was found that the dread disease would soon end his life. Though his suffering was well-nigh unbearable, it is said of him, "He was so patient." He prayed that he might be permitted to rest from earth's sufferings, saying his sleep would be short, as Jesus would soon come. Blessed hope!

"Jesus, my Saviour, shall come from on high,—
Sweet is the promise as the weary years fly;
O, I shall see him descending the sky,
Coming for me."

L. F. STARR.

HENDERSON.—Died, at Missouri Valley, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1900, Harry Herman, son of Bro. and Sister E. F. Henderson, of congestion of the lungs, aged 17 months.

Bro. and Sister Henderson united with us during our tent effort here last summer. While their hearts are sorrowful, they rejoice in the hope of seeing him again on the resurrection morn. Funeral services were held in the Christian church, conducted by the writer.

HENRY JOHNSON.

THE BOOK WORK.

SUCCESS.

"SUCCESS in any line of work,
Comes never in a trice.
It is a steady, upward climb,—
Success means sacrifice."

PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES.

I WILL mention one encouraging experience I had recently in the book work. It was my first canvass one morning. After showing my book to the man of the house, who seemed very much interested as he looked it through with me, he asked when I could bring him one. When I told him, about the middle of December, he said that was too long to wait, and that he wanted the book right away. He said he had his corn all gathered and had time to read. I said, "All right; I have a book with me you can have." He was glad to get it, and I was glad to be the means of getting the light of truth into another home; thus two hearts were made to rejoice.

So, fellow workers, we see that now is the time to push the work as never before. Now, while the long winter evenings are before us, let us furnish the people with these good books to read. Let us get them to studying the prophecies which are now fulfilling before our eyes,—now while the day lasts; for the night cometh when no man can work. The Testimonies tell us that the time is coming when it will be more difficult than now to do this work.

LEWIS HILLIARD.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 7, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	23	1	\$ 1.00	\$1.75
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	22	2	\$ 2.00	\$1.35
DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
Edward Everett.....	7	2	\$ 3.25	\$1.75
MISCELLANEOUS.				
H. F. Lamb.....	37	28	\$90.45	
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
E. E. Gordon.....	19	\$ 8.50	\$.60	
Mary L. Haskell.....	36	62.25	6.30	3
Cora M. Davis.....	11	11.00	7.25	2
Edward Everett.....	1	1.00		
Fred Scharff.....	1	1.00		
H. F. Lamb.....		62.25		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	8
" " orders.....	33
Value of ".....	\$ 95.70
" " helps sold.....	\$ 19.00
Total value.....	\$115.70
Value of deliveries.....	\$176.00

"God links himself to us that he may loose us from our sins."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

QUESTIONS.

As the time for the election of Sabbath-school officers for another six months is near, and as many questions pertaining to this work will arise, I clip the following questions and answers from the *Sabbath School Worker*, so that all may have the benefit of the answers:—

"When should the Nominating Committee be appointed? and when should they report in a school where some live four or five miles in the country?"

"It should be appointed the next to the last Sabbath of the term of office, and it should report the last Sabbath of the term; and the officers should be elected the same day, and take charge of the school on the first Sabbath of the term during which they are to serve."

"How many of the members of the school should be allowed to vote? Is there any rule recommended? Should not all from the senior members down to the intermediate classes have a right to say 'yes' or 'no' on their ballot, and no more?"

"If the voting in our Sabbath-schools was limited by the strict rule of propriety and correct principles, only church members would vote, and small children would be excluded. In our practice we have accorded the privilege of voting in our Sabbath-schools to all members of the school, the idea having prevailed, no doubt, that the church members would be so largely in the majority that no harm would come from the influence or votes of non-church members and children. The idea of unbelievers and small children exerting a controlling influence in the selection of officers in our Sabbath-schools would probably not be advocated or proposed, because it would be so manifestly improper. Those who vote may write 'yes' or 'no' on their ballot, or they may write the entire list of officers, making such changes in the list as they desire to make. This is the privilege of all who vote, although usually the persons who are nominated are elected, because the school believes that the Committee on Nominations has carefully considered the question, and has made the wisest selections for the interests of the school."

ALL the sophistry of Satan is bound up in the one word "wait."—Mrs. E. G. White.

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—WEEK of Prayer, Dec. 22-29, 1900.

—FROM Grinnell Eld. L. F. Starr went to Bladensburg to hold meetings.

—MRS. W. E. PERRIN is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carpenter, near Bloomfield.

—MRS. WM. GUTHRIE and children stopped at the Sanitarium Wednesday night in passing through the city.

—ELD. J. C. KUNKLE, of Ullen, Minnesota, has come to labor in our State in the interests of the German work.

—It has been arranged for Eld. H. Nicola to labor at Burlington and vicinity, for the upbuilding and strengthening of the work there.

—BRO. J. FREDERICK, of this city, has been in Dubuque for several weeks, engaged in his line of work, that of a millwright, and expects to go from there to Ft. Dodge.

—We still have on hand a supply of the Readings for the Week of Prayer in the English, German, Swedish, and Danish languages. Let us know if you desire extra copies.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS, President of the State Sabbath-school Association, spent a couple of days in Des Moines last week, conferring with the Secretary of the Association.

—VERY valuable information is given in the "Teachers' Conference Bulletin," helpful to all church school teachers, and others interested in this important branch of our work. Price, 50 cents. Address this Office.

—ALL donations to the material fund for "Christ's Object Lessons" should be addressed either to Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, or to the Treasurer of the General Conference, Battle Creek, Michigan, care of Review and Herald.

—WILL those having copies of the Mid-Summer *Good Health* make special effort to get these into the hands of proper parties at 5 cents each, one-half price, and thus assist in making payment for the supply ordered for our State, also advertising our Iowa Sanitarium. Where this is impracticable, please notify us at once stating how many you have, and we will send instruction what to do for us in the matter.

—BEGINNING with the issue of January, 1901, the *Life Boat* will contain a series of articles on intemperance and drug habits, taken up under the following headings: Causes of Intemperance, Mental, Moral, and Physical Effects of Intemperance, Periodical Inebriety, Cure of Intemperance, Tobacco Habit, How Drug Habits are Contracted. These are subjects with which all our people should be familiar, as the use of alcohol, morphine, opium, and cocaine is greatly on the increase. These articles will deal with both the scientific and spiritual aspects of the subject, giving special attention to the physical and spiritual treatment of the unfortunate victims of drug habits. The subscription price of the *Life Boat* is but twenty-five cents a year. Order it now.

—MRS. MAE DROWN, of Sloan, Iowa, makes a request for reading matter for the depot rack in her town. She is anxious to keep it well filled, but finds her resources inadequate to the demand. Many are seen reading the papers placed there; and one gentleman in particular is mentioned who takes some out every Sunday morning, returning them when read. Send any extra papers you have to her prepaid. A club of the *Signs or Sentinel* to be mailed regularly each week would be acceptable.

—BRO. S. O. JAMES, now of Terril, Iowa, says that the Lord is greatly blessing in the work there for "Christ's Object Lessons." He says: "I am carefully and prayerfully reading the book, and have never found richer food for my soul. Every paragraph is a delicious crumb.... It can not be spoken of too highly nor appreciated too deeply."

—MRS. ELLEN POWELSON, of Batavia, Iowa, writes: "I fill the rack every week. It is always empty, and people are beginning to make inquiries. Please ask the brethren and sisters to send me some papers. Old and young alike read them with interest." We hope those who can, will respond to this request.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. L. R. DIXON, of Rockwell City, is with us again.

BRO. BURTON CHURCH is enjoying a well deserved rest at his home in Harvard.

BRO. L. ADKINS and four children, of Knoxville, came to visit Sister Adkins Sunday.

BRO. J. C. MUSSELMAN left last week for Chicago, to connect with the Medical Mission at 1926 Wabash Ave. His wife was with him here, and she with their little son will join him there.

OUR work here, as it comes to the attention of the people of the city, seems to be growing steadily in favor. Six new outside patients applied for treatment last week.

FAVORABLE reports still come as to Sister C. F. Stevens' conditions. Bro. C. W. Larson has been acting as business manager during the absence of Eld. Stevens.

SISTER J. C. BARCUS went to Stuart last week, in response to a call for a nurse, coming from the principal of the public schools.

BRO. ISAAC WILBUR, of Knoxville, was a guest Sunday, accompanying Bro. Adkins.

MISS DAISY WELSH is spending a short vacation at Missouri Valley.

NOTICE.

LET each Conference worker not personally addressed by the Committee, render all the assistance he can to the church or company near him, in carrying out the recommendations for the Week of Prayer. The work for "Christ's Object Lessons," the reading for each day, and the annual offerings, warrant us in seeking the Lord together with our brethren, that we may be clear in doing our whole duty in view of the present demands of the cause of God. E. E. GARDNER,
For the Conf. Com.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—House work among Sabbath-keepers. Address Miss Eda Markley, Wadena, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

OXFORD MILLS, Dec. 22, 23, 1900.
B. E. FULLMER.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 22, 23, 1900.
Fairfield, " 24, "
Birmingham, " 26, "
Bloomfield, " 27, "
Darbyville, " 29, "
Prof. P. T. Magan is expected at these places also. E. E. GARDNER.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 28-30, 1900.
The first meeting will be held on the evening of the first date, at 7 o'clock.
C. A. WASHBURN.