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### A WISH FOR YOU.

MAY every soul that touches thine,  
Be it the slightest contact, get therefrom some  
good.  
Some little grace, one kindly thought,  
One aspiration yet unmet, one bit of courage  
For the darkening sky, one gleam of faith  
To brave the thickening fogs of life,  
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gather-  
ing mists.  
To make this life worth while,  
And heaven a surer heritage.

— Selected.

### A LAST APPEAL.

At the time of the reading of this article you will be well along in the Week of Prayer, and I trust will have had a large measure of God's Spirit and blessing. But before you make your offering, I ask that you will note carefully this final appeal. In order to meet the demands upon us at the present time, our annual offerings should be three times as large as on any former occasion, because there are three objects before us at this time, either of which should receive an amount equal to, or greater than, our last annual offering.

First, and foremost of all objects in this offering, is means sufficient for the proper maintenance and enlargement of our work in foreign fields. The reason and need for this is found in the universal character of our commission. Every nation, kindred, tongue, and people must know of the message before the Lord can come. The Spirit of

the Lord has gone out before us, and as a result, the Macedonian cry is heard from every quarter. Our time in which to do the work assigned us is very short, so what we do must be done quickly.

Second, means sufficient to enable the General Conference to meet the obligations they have assumed in behalf of the Christiana publishing house. The honor of the cause of God, not only in Scandinavia but throughout the world, is at stake in this transaction; and hence we *must* meet the obligation promptly.

Third, means with which to assist the Skodsborg Sanitarium over a time of crisis. This is the only institution in all Scandinavia that is teaching the true principles of health reform and rational treatment of disease, which is a very essential part of the general reform inaugurated and promulgated by the third angel's message. The work of this institution is rapidly coming into prominence, and is exerting a very salutary influence in behalf of the truth in that field. Very little aid has been given this enterprise by the denomination at large, the work having been started and carried hitherto almost entirely by local aid and effort. A generous gift now upon our part would place the institution upon a more solid financial basis, and enable it by God's blessing to handle its own affairs and accomplish the work God has given it to do.

The means we have in our possession, which we call our own, are only held in trust for the Lord; and he is testing each one of us personally through the objects and opportunities now before us, and expects each one to be a faithful steward in giving back to him in willing offerings that which is his own. A failure to come up to the help of the Lord at this time will mean the loss of many souls, besides placing

our own in jeopardy. Who can afford to take the chances, by being indifferent to the appeals now made?

Each donor is expected to exercise his right when making his donation to express in a clear way the particular one of the foregoing objects he wishes especially to aid by his offering. A careful note of the preferences expressed should be made by the librarian, or the one appointed to have charge of the offering in each church, and forwarded with the offering to the treasurer for the guidance of those having the disbursement of the fund in hand.

May the Lord at this time give his people a spirit of liberal giving, and bless both the givers and gifts, is my prayer.

GEO. A. IRWIN.

### THE JAIL AND POORHOUSE WORK.

"Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." Luke 14:21. The maimed, halt, and blind spoken of in this text do not mean those who have been literally deprived of some member of their body. Taken in a spiritual sense, it must refer to those classes of individuals who are unable to care for themselves, or who by some wanton act have compelled their fellowmen to "cut them off" as dangerous to society.

Two years ago, the first appeal was made for funds to provide literature on the third angel's message for these classes in Iowa. A hearty response came from the local societies, and clubs of the *Signs*, *Life Boat*, and *Instructor*, sufficiently large to supply each county jail and poorhouse and the State institutions, were taken. As a result, we received the names of forty interested readers. Near the close of the year



another call was made, our brethren and sisters again responding with the means to pay for the papers. An increasing interest has been manifested in the papers and in the study of the Word, a number of the sheriffs and overseers becoming interested. We have received several requests from inmates of the poorhouses and jails for Bibles.

Brethren, shall we refuse the Word of Life to those who ask us for it? God has many precious jewels among these people; and the message comes to us that "Any region that is left in darkness testifies of our unfaithfulness." Not one among us would like to see this good work abandoned; but there is no way to carry it forward except by donations from its friends. Remember that pennies, nickles, and dimes are always acceptable to God if given with a willing mind.

The following extracts will give you some idea as to how the papers are received:—

I thank you for sending the papers to us unfortunates. I read the *Life Boat* and the two other papers, and by reading the *Life Boat* I have taken the pledge not to drink any more. I would like to have some correspondence with you. Please send me a Bible; I have no money to buy one.—An inmate Allamakee Co. Poor Farm.

The papers have come regularly, and are read with much pleasure, perhaps by our own family more than the inmates, as they are mostly foolish or partially insane....I thank you for your kindness.—Buena Vista Co. Poor Farm.

In regard to your papers: They have come regularly, have pleased many, and changed a few. Christian correspondence would be quite an encouragement to them. Below find names.—Clayton Co. Poor Farm.

The inmates are very thankful to you for sending the papers, and would like to have you continue them. They are quite a consolation to them. Space will not allow me to give the names of those interested. They are all well pleased with them.—Monroe Co. Poor Farm.

Your papers are the only religious papers the inmates get, and a few county papers. I think your papers are welcome visitors to the poor.—Sioux Co. Poor Farm.

In regard to the inmates who read your papers, their names are as follows: (gives three names). These three look for the papers every time they come. There are others that read them all, but are not so anxious for them. The most of our inmates are foreigners.—Woodbury Co. Poor Farm.

At Mr. K—'s request, I answer your letter. The papers have come regularly, and we have been pleased to receive them. I think them an encouragement to try to live a Christian life. If you feel inclined, you might open correspondence with (gives two names) and myself, as we are all interested readers of your papers. May God bless and prosper you all in your good work. Your sister in Christ.—An inmate of Jefferson Co. Poor Farm.

Some read them and some do not. Some are very glad to get them. I think that they have a good influence on all who do read them. Those most interested in them are gone. I know not where. No one can tell where or when bread cast upon the waters will be found: The majority in jail rather read novels and smoke cigar-

ettes and play cards than read good reading. Those in for the first time are the ones who choose the good reading as a rule.—Davis Co. Jail.

The papers are doing some good among those here, I think, for they get them and read them over several times.—Hancock Co. Jail.

The prisoners are quite interested in them. Of course we only keep prisoners for a short time; then they go and others take their places. I think that as a rule they are benefited by your papers. They are always glad to get them, and read them.—Jones Co. Jail.

In regard to the papers we have been receiving regularly, will say, we are glad to receive them. I always spread them around in different places so they are always read. I wish you well in all your work.—Osceola Co. Jail.

The papers have come regularly. I am unable to say anything in regard to the influence of the same, owing to the frequent changes of the inmates, but think that they do good. Some are glad to receive them, but not all; for many, as you well know, are hardened in crime, hence some ignore literature of this class. On the whole, I think the interest sufficient to justify the continuance of them another year, and would suggest that you do this.—Poweshlek Co. Jail.

The boys look forward to the day they are due, with pleasure and anxiety. They have come regularly, and I think some have been influenced by them to do better.—Pottawattamie Co. Jail.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### THE BOOK WORK AMONG THE CHURCHES.

It has now been about five weeks since we started out in the interest of "Christ's Object Lessons." During this time we have been at the following named places visiting churches, companies, and isolated ones: Ames, Story City, Nevada, Marshalltown, Gilman, Tama, Beaman, Traer, Grundy Center, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Waverly, Grinnell, Montezuma, Brooklyn, Monroe. The brethren and sisters have shown a willingness to enter heartily into this work, and several hundred copies of the book were taken as a commencement; and we trust several hundred more will be ordered when they become thoroughly organized and started in the work. Some have commenced canvassing and have had good success. One sister canvassed two afternoons, and took eleven orders for the book, besides thirteen orders for "Best Stories from the Best Book." She writes: "I never enjoyed doing anything as I do selling 'Object Lessons.' I feel sure it is the Lord's work." One brother canvassed six hours, and took nine orders. Thus we see that the Lord's promise is verified: "God will make the movement for the help of our schools a success if it is made in a free, willing spirit as to the Lord."

Personally, we have enjoyed much

of the blessing of the Lord in this work; and have had some blessed experiences. Our hearts have been made tender, and we have been drawn closer to our dear brethren and sisters, as we have witnessed their willingness and determination to place themselves on the Lord's side and move on with the body. We verily believe the Lord is preparing his people for a greater work and for his soon coming. When our churches are all reconciled and unified and all moving forward in one solid front, the Lord's work in the earth will soon be accomplished and he will come and take his faithful children home.

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

### SOUTH-WESTERN IOWA.

SINCE reporting last, I have held meetings with almost all the churches in south-western Iowa. At nearly every place the brethren and sisters entered heartily into the work, and voted to take their allotted number of "Christ's Object Lessons." The Lord comes very near to those who yield fully to him. "Those who will place themselves decidedly on his side, he will give a willing mind." "He will bless the one who works out the spirit which He works in." I know this work can not be done by our efforts. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." If we all take hold of this work, helping "to the utmost of our ability... by sanctified energy and much prayer, we shall see the glory of God." "Ministering angels will be round about the workers." "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched-out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." Jer. 32:17. I am so thankful to have a part in this glorious work, and I know the Lord is able to keep his word.

E. G. OLSEN.

### THE BOOK WORK.

I HAVE just delivered thirty-three copies of "Christ's Object Lessons." The people seemed glad to get them. One man who has read the book says, "It's worth its weight in silver." I am convinced that now is the time to push this work. "Great blessings will come to those who take hold of this matter just now. Let no discouragement be offered by our ministers, as though it were not a proper thing to do. They should take hold of this work. If they do it aright, cheerfully, hopefully, they will find it a very great



“blessing.” I have found this to be true.

“God will make the movement for the help of our schools a success, if it is made in a free, willing spirit, as to the Lord.” God desires to bless his people and make them a blessing. If all engage in this great work just now, soon “the jubilee song of freedom” will “be sung throughout our borders.” Times are good, and the people are now willing to buy our literature. But who knows how soon hard times will return, or, as in Canada already, the people everywhere may be warned against our books. Let every one awake to our opportunity just now. Each individual who does his part will surely be richly repaid; but unless we move as a united people, a great blessing will be withheld, and the loyal may be held in bondage by the unfaithful. Jer. 43:5-7.

P. PARK ADAMS.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

DR. AMELIA ZIFF has been with us a few days, and we have enjoyed her work very much. Our Christian Help Band is already doing active work. Last Sunday witnessed a decided victory for our little church here. The Lord came near, and blessed beyond our highest anticipation, for which we praise his name. Bro. N. M. Jorgensen was with us two evenings, and encouraged the work.

MRS. M. L. FIELD.

OBITUARY.

EIDEMILLER.—Died Nov. 23, 1900, at Middletown, Iowa, Mrs. Margaret Eidemiller, aged nearly 77 years.

Sister Eidemiller accepted present truth when Bro. Martin Stueckrath labored in that vicinity about seven years ago. For two years she has been a member of the Burlington church. Her health began to fail early in the fall, and it seemed that she was impressed that her life soon would be ended. She found much comfort in reading the Scriptures, and about the last words to her children were: “Be faithful to the Lord, and remain by his truth, and all will be well.” We laid her away to rest until the Lifegiver shall call, and the dead hear his voice and come forth. She leaves an aged husband and children to mourn. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at her daughter’s home at Middletown, in the presence of many friends.

CARL JENSEN.

THE BOOK WORK.

ENCOURAGING.

ABOUT a year a half since, a man who was traveling through Kadina, stopped to spend Sunday at a boarding house, where he saw a copy of “Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation.” He began to read it, and became so interested that he was unwilling to leave it, and so paid a week’s board to stay and finish reading it through. At this time he was a Roman Catholic; but as he read, the Spirit of the Lord carried the truth home to his heart, and after giving the matter a careful study, he decided to “obey God rather than man.” He at once began to observe the Sabbath of the Lord, and to work for the salvation of others.—*Australian Union Conference Record.*

MISSSES PHEBE VOSBURG and Cora Davis went last week to enter Union College. Misses Susan and Mary Haskell are planning to take the special instruction for canvassers, which begins the first of January.

BRO. O. N. CONKLIN writes: “There is nothing like canvassing a territory thoroughly. In my territory, which is about twelve miles long and nine miles wide, every home has some of our reading matter. When spring opens I will try to enter territory farther north and work it as fast as possible.”

DAY by day man has his blessings from God. Day by day man has his work for God to do. God gives to-day no strength for to-morrow’s needs. Why should man worry to-day over to-morrow’s duties, or dangers, or lack? Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof—and the good.—*Sel.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 14, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	13	2	\$ 2.00	\$ .15
OBJECT LESSONS.				
H. F. Lamb.....	10	3	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.00
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Fred Scharff.....	26	3	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.05
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Phebe Vosburg.....	34	\$34.00	\$23.00	0
Cora M. Davis.....	14	14.00	7.25	2
H. F. Lamb.....	3	3.00		
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				5
“ “ orders.....				8
Value of “.....			\$ 7.60	
“ “ helps sold.....			\$ 3.20	
Total value.....			\$ 10.80	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 51.00	

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

RE-ORGANIZING A SABBATH-SCHOOL.

SHOULD the membership be carried from one quarter to another the same as from one Sabbath to another, or do you consider the school re-organized every quarter? Please tell just how you would proceed on the first Sabbath of the quarter. Should a new list be made in the record books every quarter?

According to the present arrangement, officers are elected each quarter, and the school is virtually re-organized. The close of the quarter affords a good opportunity for making changes in classes, divisions, etc., and we can not see how anything can be gained by carrying the membership from one quarter to another. Not that the names of all the members are to be dropped from the records, by any means, but the attendance and scholarship are not to be taken until they do attend.

The following plan has been adopted by many schools: During the week just previous to the first Sabbath of a new quarter, the officers and teachers meet together and decide just what changes they wish to make in the school. Then the secretary copies the names in the class record books (or, what is better still, on single sheets ruled just like the class record books). The names of all who were members of the school the last Sabbath in the quarter are copied in the books or on the slips. Then the teachers are instructed not to take the record of any scholar until he attends the school; but just as soon as he does attend, his record is taken and he becomes a member of the school. In this way the record is kept clean. If slips have been used, the record can be kept on these for two or three Sabbaths, and then the names of those scholars who have attended transferred to the class record books, thus keeping the books in better shape. But simply having the name of a person enrolled on the class record does not constitute him a member of the school.

By having all the names copied that were enrolled the previous quarter, it enables us to keep the scholars in mind and to visit them if they do not attend. And on the other hand, by not taking their record or counting them as members of the school until they attend, we keep our record books clean, and the standing of the scholars and school is not lowered.—*Sabbath School Worker.*



## Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, DEC. 25, 1900.

—You can still get extra copies of the Readings for the Week of Prayer if you desire them.

—SEND all annual offerings at once to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—WE regret to learn that on account of ill health Prof. P. T. Magan has been obliged to postpone his visit to Iowa.

—ELD. C. J. KUNKEL was joined by his family here last Monday. They will soon be temporarily located at Anita.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER left this city last Thursday for Mt. Pleasant, and to fill other appointments in south-eastern Iowa.

—ALL non-resident members of the Des Moines S. D. Adventist church are requested to send their addresses, also all reports and letters of business, to the clerk, Mrs. Eva Graham, 1436 Clark St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—A POSTAL card of the 18th from Sister Mollie Long is written from Spartanburg, South Carolina. There were no particulars only that she and Sister Minnie Beaman are there to remain until April, and that they are regaining health and strength. The BULLETIN family have the promise of another letter soon.

—BRN. J. W. DORCAS and N. C. BERGERSen, having made a tour of the churches and companies in their district, returned to Des Moines last week, Bro. Bergersen going on from here to Story City. They have planned to revisit the different places, to encourage and assist in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Nevada is first on their list, meetings having been held there last Sabbath and Sunday.

—A SISTER in writing for a canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons" says: "I have been laid up for two weeks with trouble in my back, but I would like to be preparing to work when I get able. I want to sell as many books as possible. My heart is in this work. God's work is *my* work. Anything to spread the truth and hasten the glad day of Christ's coming. I took one order while buying a pair of overshoes; but I would like to study the instructions before going out to canvass."

—A FEW lines from a recent letter by Bro. Z. Sherrig will be of interest to all: "I am well and happy in God. Have just returned from an eight weeks' trip in the northern part of Norway. The Lord is blessing us. We expect to have a school here at Bergen, Norway, beginning December 23. I look forward to it with joy and also anxiety, knowing that we have reached a time when we must come nearer to God if we succeed. I also expect to hold a school in Finland, and now a call comes for me to take the canvassing work in Denmark... May God help us to be faithful to the end. Please do remember me to all my good friends. Tell them Bro. Sherrig is bound for the heavenly Canaan."

—HEARTY responses are coming in from the local societies in reply to the appeal for donations for the jail and poorhouse work. The apportionment for each society is \$2.60; but it will be necessary for our isolated members to assist in order that enough may be raised to send the papers to the State institutions as well as to all the county jails and poorhouses for another year. Please send in your donations immediately, as the clubs expire with the year.

—THIS is what Eld. and Mrs. S. N. Haskell say of the new "Bible Reader" No. 1: "Mothers will find it a valuable help in the home. It will prove a blessing in the school room. It gives a vocabulary which, when mastered by the child, will enable him to read the Bible at an early age, and fill his mind with Bible truth." Price 35 cents. In stock at this Office.

—DONATIONS for Christian Help work are desired immediately by the members of the Des Moines church. Both clothing and money, for the present, may be sent to the address of Mrs. Eva Graham, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—DR. W. L. GARDNER and wife and Sister Ruth Hicks have decided to open the sanitarium work in Montana, and have finely equipped rooms at 615 W. Park St., Butte.—*Montana Bivouac.*

—WILL those to whom we sent names for Christian correspondence last year, please report as to what responses they have received?

—WE would like the names and addresses of the officers of all the young peoples' societies now organized in the State.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS spent Sabbath with the church at Russell.

### NOTICE.

LET every minister, ordained or licensed, who is devoting his entire time to the work, call on his nearest ticket agent for application blanks for clergy permits, fill them out according to the instructions, and forward to Mr. Eben MacLeod, 626 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois, just as soon as possible. Care should be taken to comply with all the printed conditions on the blanks. Any one needing endorsement which he can not well obtain where he is from want of acquaintance, may send his application to me, with one dollar enclosed, and I will forward it to the proper place.  
E. E. GARDNER.

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A home among Sabbath-keepers for a girl twelve years of age. She is a very promising child, and wants to be where she can keep the Sabbath. For further particulars, address W. A. Lunt, Clearfield, Taylor county, Iowa.

FOR SALE.—About six acres of land, with dwelling house, barn, and well, a nice little apple orchard, also some plum trees and small fruit. Located in the edge of Ruthven, Iowa, near church and church school. Address J. Anderson, Ruthven, Iowa.

### APPOINTMENTS.

BLOOMFIELD,	Dec. 27, 1900.
Darbyville,	" 29, "
	E. E. GARDNER,

THE Lord willing, I will be in	
Eureka,	Dec. 29, 1900.
Atlantic,	" 30, "
	E. G. OLSEN.

STORM LAKE,	Dec. 27-30, 1900.
Smithland,	Jan. 3-6, 1901.
Onawa,	" 11-13, "

Quarterly meeting will be held if desired. We hope to see all out to the meetings.  
J. S. HART.

By invitation from Eld. C. A. Washburn I will attend the quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 28-30, 1900. I will hold meetings at Burlington beginning Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, 1901, to continue as the interest may demand. As my work for a time will be with the churches and lonely S. D. Adventists in the south-eastern part of the State, I would be glad to hear from any who desire to have me visit them. Address me at an early date at Burlington, Iowa, General Delivery.  
H. NICOLA.