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THE BEST WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR.

MASTER, be thy constant presence
With us through the untired year!
And in company with Jesus,
Love shall banish every fear.

— Selected.

CANVASSING FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

THERE are, in the divine providence, particular periods when we must rise in response to the call of God, and make use of our means, our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul, and spirit, in fulfilling his requirements to the utmost of our ability. . . . The present is such a time as this. The cause of God is at stake. His institutions are in peril; and because of the terrible burden of debt under which they are struggling, the work is hindered on every side. Just now in our great necessity, God has made a way through the difficulty, and invites us to co-operate with him in accomplishing this purpose. It is his plan that the book "Christ's Object Lessons" be given for the relief of our schools, and he calls upon all who love the truth to do their part in placing this book before the world. In this he is testing his people and his institutions, to see if they will work together and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice. . . .

A decided work is to be done just now to accomplish God's plan. Just

now every stroke should tell for the Master in the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." God desires his people to be vitalized for work as they have never been before, both for their own good and for the upbuilding of his cause. The work he calls them to do he will make a blessing to them. . . . Their hearts will be more tender, their thoughts more spiritual, their service more Christlike; for ministering angels will be round about them. Those who do not feel the necessity of doing this work promptly, thoroughly, and earnestly, but who express unbelief and criticism, will lose the peace and joy that comes from carrying out the purposes of God. . . .

Let every church arouse and do the very utmost of their power. Let every family and every individual consecrate themselves to God, putting the leaven of evil out of their hearts, out of their homes, and out of the church. Let children act a part. Let all work together. Just now let not the opportunity be lost. Let us do our best at this time to render to God our 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 all make this an opportunity to place themselves where they will be sure to receive the answer to their prayers; for Christ says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." . . .

When there is a continual reliance upon God, a continual practice of self-denial, workers will not be easily repulsed; for they will remember that in every place there are souls for whom the Lord has need, and for whom the devil is seeking, that he may bind them up in his slavery of sin, of disregard for the law of God. The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers,

is the chief worker; the Holy Spirit working with them, makes impressions just where they are needed. . . .

My brethren, let us have faith in God; and after we have by sanctified energy and much prayer done all we can in this work for our schools, we shall see the glory of God. When the trial has been fully made, there will be a blessed result. In doing this a four-fold blessing will be realized,—a blessing to our schools, to the world, to the church, and to ourselves. While means will be gathered for the relief of the schools, we shall sow the seeds of truth in many souls who will receive it and be saved by it. The self-sacrificing efforts put forth by the members of our churches will prove a means of uniting them, that they may be sanctified, body, soul, and spirit, as vessels unto honor, prepared to receive the Holy Spirit which God will impart. Those who will seek to do God's will, laying out every talent to the best advantage, will become wise in working for the kingdom of God. They will learn lessons of the greatest consequence to them, and they will feel the highest happiness of a rational mind. Peace and grace and power of intellect will be given to them.

These are the results that will surely come if we fulfill the purpose of God. Then let us all be faithful in this work. Let us do our best in placing this book before the people. Let us carry forward this work without flinching, in the name of the Lord. Let his plan be vindicated; and when this work has been accomplished, God will indicate to us what to do next.

[Signed] Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

SATAN, the hinderer, may build a barrier about us, but he can never roof us in so that we can not look up.
—Sel.

THE IOWA CONFERENCE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

THE twentieth century has now begun, and we desire to know our exact standing at this time. Before the next General Conference convenes we shall be called upon for the statistics of our State work, and we wish to be able to give these correctly. How can this be done? We answer, By each State and church officer doing his work faithfully. A correct report of the standing of every S. D. A. church in the State of Iowa is desired, which will show the number of members, the increase or decrease during the past year, and the present name and address of each and all of the church officers.

In regard to membership: All who have been received as members by vote of the church should be reported till they are dismissed, either by death, or by vote of the church for apostasy or to join some other church. Some churches have reported only active, working members; but the clerk does not have the authority to rule members out of the church till the church as a body has taken action. This may not give some of our churches a very good rating, but it will show all the more the need of laboring for those churches. Let all go to work to help the delinquent members. Pray for them, visit or write them; in short, use all the means in your power to *save* them. And continue to work for them until you understand their present attitude; then you will be able to act intelligently when their cases come up for action by the church. This is home missionary work, and all who engage in it will receive a great blessing. If it becomes evident that the one whom we are seeking to reclaim, does not desire to be united with the body, showing that he is not of us, then let the church call a meeting and dismiss such an one by vote of the church. We expect absent members to report to the church, and this is very desirable. But should not the church report to the absent member encouraging him to be faithful, and show a real interest in his spiritual welfare? This will encourage the absent one to report, and thus result in mutual benefit.

We have on our records a number of churches with reported memberships ranging all the way from six to forty-five, which have not reported for several quarters, some for over two years, although we have written a number of times to the officers on our list. We

have learned incidentally that a number of these churches have been broken up by removals; and, in all probability, the officers have gone also. If any of the following churches have become disorganized from any cause, and there are still members living in or near these places, will they kindly report the matter as soon as possible? Alta, Benton, Belmond, Confidence, Forest City, Grant City, Lisbon, Milford, Pulaski, Radcliffe, Tyner, Unionville, Winthrop, Fostoria.

Shall we not have a correct report from every church in the Iowa Conference, so that we may have the standing of all at the beginning of the twentieth century?

C. F. STEVENS,

Sec. Iowa Conf.

"SMOTE THRICE, AND STAYED."

THE above words were used by the inspired writer in speaking of King Joash. 2 Kings 13:14-19. Paul tells us that these things were written for our learning. Then there is a lesson for us in this very interesting bit of sacred history.

We may not be able to understand all of the reasons why a thing should be done; but if God's prophet says for us to shoot, we may safely speed the arrow. If we are bidden to smite, it should be done without questioning. To King Joash it must have seemed little short of childish play to open a window eastward and shoot an arrow; but Israel's seer saw in that act of obedience "the arrow of the Lord's deliverance." It is possible to make a mistake by ceasing our efforts too soon. We can not suppose that the prophet was angry with Joash simply because he failed to smite "five or six times;" but he saw in the king's readiness to cease, the manifestation of a disposition that would follow him in all the walks of life.

God's prophet for to-day has brought us word that there is a specific duty now before the church. We have been bidden to "smite." Now what shall we do? Shall we smite three times, and stay? or shall we continue to smite until the seer shall say it is enough, or when the jubilee song of freedom can be sung? True, Christmas is past, and the people have spent their money for gifts; but probation is not yet past. The Spirit of God that went out before us to move the hearts of men to buy *before* the holidays, yet is promised to us. God is not dependent upon the proximity of the holiday

season, to prosper his work. Courage, brethren! Let us press the battle to the gates.

THOS. H. JEYS.

FROM THE SOUTH.

Dear BULLETIN Family: While the rain is pouring down, I will have a little visit with you. The Lord has verified his promise to us, that he will guide us. It was not *our* will to leave Wilmington; but the Lord made it very plain that it was *his* will, so we are happy to know that we are in the path of duty. After consulting with Elds. E. E. Gardner and J. O. Johnson, we were directed to this city. The Lord has said, "Let none feel that it is their bounden duty to remain in the Southern field after their health has testified that they can not do this safely." We have been in a malarial district during the past eight months, but we are so thankful for the blessed experiences we have had. Never were we called to leave a more prosperous field. Our readers were all bringing their friends to us, and some were asking about the Sabbath question before we had reached it. Pray that we may be permitted to enter that place again soon, or some one be sent in our stead, "that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." It was more of a struggle for us to leave Iowa, because of the hungry souls that were crying for help. The Lord willing, we will return in April. We expect to meet in the kingdom precious souls from that place.

We are comfortably situated in the center of Spartanburg, a city of about twelve thousand inhabitants. We can see the mountains twenty miles in the distance. The climate is mild; we have no need of wraps. There are plenty of flowers, green lawns, etc. The people here prepare for Christmas as our northern friends do for celebrating the Fourth of July,—fried chicken and lettuce for dinner, fire works at night.

We find a company of nine believers here. This is the only company in this State. They said that our coming was a direct answer to their prayers. We enjoyed being with them the last two days of the general meeting. When Eld. Allee met Sister Long, he said, "You look like you might have come from Barbadoes; you did not leave any too soon." We esteem it a great privilege to be with those of like precious faith during the week of prayer. All are faithful to come through the rain. What a solemn time in which we live!

What responsibility rests upon every one who professes to follow the meek and lowly Jesus. Our greatest desire is to be faithful stewards over that which the Lord has entrusted to our care. May the richest of Heaven's blessings be showered on the BULLETIN family, is our prayer.

MINNIE BEAMAN.

141 E. Main St., Spartanburg, S. C.

"GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY."

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Prov. 25:25. The people in Solomon's day were so eager to receive good news from a far country, that when it came it was like a refreshing draft to one who is thirsty. We find that the same is true in our experience. When brethren and sisters who have been associated with us in the Sabbath-school and church, whom we have learned to love as our own brothers and sisters in the flesh, are called of God to go to other lands to carry the glad news of the gospel, our prayers accompany them, and we look forward anxiously to the time when we shall receive a letter from them. When the long-looked-for letter comes, everything else is laid aside for the time, and our hearts throb with joy as we read of the work that God is doing through them. If we should receive two such letters from different countries, we would count ourselves highly favored. Then how fortunate we are to receive each month letters from our brethren in several different countries by the aid of our monthly letter-carrier, the *Missionary Magazine*, which we may have for only fifty cents per year, or less than the postage on the letters in one issue. Surely, every Seventh-day Adventist family should have the monthly visits of this bearer of "good news from a far country."

E. H. WILBUR.

We are told that the people and institutions of the Lord are being tested not only on selling "Christ's Object Lessons," but to see if they will work together and be of one mind in point of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Then the blessed thought is that if we do this, he will show us what to do next. What a privilege it will be to have a part in the song of jubilee which is soon to be sung.

A. A. ZIPF.

"NEXT to making complaints, there is nothing so unprofitable as listening to them."

OBITUARY.

KORGAN.—Died at his home near Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 10, 1900, of pneumonia, Julius Korgan, aged 18 years, 4 months, and 24 days.

Bro. Korgan attended Union College last year, and had intended, in company with his sister, to leave for school again the day on which he was buried. When he returned home last spring, he realized the need of a new life, and tried to live accordingly; but the enemy of souls caught away many precious seeds of truth from his heart, and for a time he lost his first love. I visited at their home in the fall, and after I had presented God's love for those out of the way, his heart was tendered and he signified his desire again to do the will of Jesus. He was sick but nine days, seven of which were spent in bed; and during the last two days he suffered greatly, an abscess forming on the throat. But his trust was in the Life-giver, and in patience he waited for the end; and as he fell asleep a smile rested on his face. Words of comfort were spoken by Prof. J. T. Boettcher, of Union College, and the writer.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING.

THE work of the canvasser should be considered a part of ministerial labor; and as such, the character of the canvasser and the *training necessary cannot differ materially from that required of the gospel minister*. Indeed, canvassing is personal teaching; and the experience of the early church shows that those upon whom the pentecostal showers fell, went from house to house, teaching about the risen Saviour.

When the work of canvassing is a heart work, and every house that is entered is entered because there is a soul hungering to bring the gospel to the inmates, then will the book in the canvasser's hand be the means of leading souls to the Fountain-head of light. No wonder, then, that we begin to realize that canvassers need a thorough training, and that the former short institutes through which we hurried these workers were belittling to their work. Training, in the light of Christian education, is not simply giving instruction in the art of meeting people, and requiring the student to memorize a canvass for some book.

The education needed is Christ in the soul, which makes us realize the fath-

erhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It is soul food the canvasser must dispense, and to feed others he must himself be fed. Men who desire to *devote their lives* to this branch of the gospel ministry should *now be in training*.

Paul, writing to the Corinthians of the work of each member of the church (1 Cor. 12) states plainly that the blessing comes to us only after we have found our individual work. If my place is in the canvassing work, then as a canvasser I shall receive the divine unction; and if I be found elsewhere when I should be canvassing, I have no reason to expect that refreshing. To my work, then, I must hasten.—*Training School Advocate*.

SPECIAL COURSE FOR CANVASSERS.

A NUMBER of our canvassers will improve the opportunity offered of a three-months' special course at Union College. Although this course begins Jan. 1, it is not too late for any others who may yet find it possible to attend. The expenses of those who attend with the view of engaging in the canvassing work next year will be made as low as possible. Rooms will be furnished free, and the tuition on two studies paid, also railroad fare paid to the field. Board can be obtained at the College Boarding Hall on the European plan. The students will be expected to furnish bedding. For further information write to W. L. Manfull, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

NEVER neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that he hears your prayers. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what he says. All backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules.—*Sel.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 21, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	10	2	\$ 2.00	
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Susan Haskell.....	43	\$42.00	\$23.25	6
Lewis Hilliard.....	43	96.75	3.00	
O. N. Conklin.....	4	3.90		
*Nelle Schoberg.....	3	3.00	1.25	3
Fred Scharff.....	7	7.00	16.70	
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				5
" " orders.....				2
Value of ".....			\$ 2.00	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 44.20	
Total value.....			\$ 46.20	
Value of deliveries.....			\$152.65	
*Per Susan Haskell.				

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—MAY Heaven's richest blessings make this truly a Happy New Year to all the BULLETIN family.

—"THE evil conditions within us give us more unhappiness than the evil conditions outside of us."

—MISS LOIS REED, who has been employed in nursing at State Center for several months, is visiting friends in Des Moines.

—BRO. BURTON CHURCH, in returning from his visit at home, brought his brother Charles, who will attend our church school.

—SISTER J. P. FREDRICKSEN and Miss Mary Johnson, of Ruthven, stopped at the Sanitarium Tuesday night in passing through the city.

—THE members of the Des Moines church were pleased to have Sister A. T. Squires, of Pella, meet with them during the week of prayer.

—SISTER ELLEN MORRISON, of Milo, came to Des Moines last week, to make arrangements for her son Everest, who accompanied her, to attend the church school here.

—DR. ANELIA ZIPF is in Des Moines again for a short stay. She reports an encouraging interest in sanitarium work and the subject of healthful living, at Cedar Rapids.

—BRO. LYMAN GRAHAM, now in the employ of the Review and Herald Office, is at home in Des Moines for a two weeks' vacation, after an absence of about two and one-half years.

—CLARENCE HOLLY, of O'Brien county, is visiting at the home of his parents, Bro. and Sister S. M. Holly, of this city. Sister Holly has just returned from a visit at the home of their son Frank in Marshalltown.

—THE week of prayer is now in the past. We trust that this has been a precious season to all our readers. As we individually and as churches unite more closely, and go forward with renewed consecration, shall not the beginning of the twentieth century truly mark a new era in our work? Reports, from the different churches and companies, of the meetings held, for publication in the BULLETIN, may be a means of added encouragement and strength.

—"LAW and its Enforcement" is the title of the December issue of the *Religious Liberty Library*. This pamphlet will help you because it, first of all, defines law by reference to the highest authorities. Then it exposes the fallacy of moral obligation to obey every civil enactment. And, perhaps most important of all, it shows exactly where the line must be drawn in order to preserve both the authority of the State and the rights of conscience. Order of this Office, at one cent per copy. Usual discount will be given on unbroken packages.

—A COPY of "Christ's Object Lessons" has been donated by friends and sent from this Office, to each of the State institutions, excepting those at Glenwood and Vinton. A copy of "Best Stories" was sent to the former as better adapted to the class of readers there. The *Christian Record*, our denominational paper for the blind, has been going to the asylum at Vinton. Those in charge of our State and county institutions as a rule express much gratitude for the literature received.

—PLEASE notice the directions given in the *Conference Bulletin* as to the disposition of the annual offerings. The collections taken in Iowa should all be sent to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. A notation showing the amount received from each church and company will be published in due time.

—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.

—"NEVER try to appear better to a friend, for one moment, than you can be to your family the year round."

—SISTER M. ROBINSON, of Winterset, is visiting at the home of her sister in this city.

—SISTER HEIVILIN, of Clarinda, is visiting relatives in Des Moines.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MISS CLARA BARBER entertained her mother over the Sabbath.

MISS W. A. CHANDLER, a teacher from Creston, is here for treatment.

MISS MINNIE LENZ went to Grant City last Thursday, in response to an urgent call for a nurse.

MISS MATTIE HOUSER is enjoying a well earned rest, for a few weeks, at home in Knoxville.

E. W. FREDRICKSON, son of Bro. C. Fredrickson, of Sioux City, is here for a few weeks' treatment.

BRO. CHAS. MURRAY, one of our faithful helpers, is visiting at the home of his son in Cedar Rapids.

MRS. IVA J. TURNER, of Moravia, is again numbered with the patients. She is enjoying much better health as the result of her stay here last summer, and hopes for a full recovery.

NOTICE.

THE north-western Iowa tent fund has been accepted by the Conference Committee, and the tent is assured. Some of the pledges have already been paid; but if others can be paid soon, the money can be used to good advantage. There is lacking about twenty dollars to make up the amount for a complete outfit. Are there not others who desire to aid on this fund? Send all money, plainly stating that it is for the north-western Iowa tent fund, to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. THOS. H. JEYS.

OUR ENDOWED BED.

WILL all those who are interested in the work of benevolence at our Iowa Sanitarium assist this work by a special donation at the earliest opportunity,—we would suggest Sabbath, Jan. 5,—the contribution to be forwarded the week following to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

There is urgent need of assistance just now, that the work at the Sanitarium in behalf of those deserving care and treatment be not greatly embarrassed. If for any reason this collection is not taken up Jan. 5, let it be attended to Sabbath, Jan. 19, if it is at all possible. We ask that Isa. 58:6-14 be read; and as we are the people to whom this admonition applies particularly, let the present opportunity be improved, and a liberal offering made for this important department of the Lord's work. IOWA CONF. COM.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A single man to work by the month on a farm during the season, beginning about April 1, 1901. Correspondence solicited. J. R. Bowles, Green Mountain, Iowa.