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THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH.

A VERY good evidence of our love to God, is our love for the truth of God. And a good proof of our sincere love for the truth, is a cheerful obedience to the truth. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." 1 Jno. 5:3. The last clause of the above text has not a little significance in this question. The outward act of obedience may be to the world a proof of our Christianity; but the outward and inward obedience is the proof which the Lord requires of us. In 2 Thess. 2:10, 11, a class of people are referred to who were given over to "strong delusion," "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." These people might have held the truth in theory, but they did not receive the love of it. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." Verse 11. The expression "and for this cause" shows that the class of people referred to knew the truth, but did not love the truth and would not obey it, "but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Righteousness is keeping God's commandments. Deut. 6:25; Luke 1:5, 6. Then unrighteousness is disobedience to God's commandments. The class of people referred to took pleasure in breaking God's law, and were so de-

ceived that they thought they were doing God's will. This blindness had come upon them "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." We see that one may be trusting in the externals, *i. e.*, the outward services of religion, and be lost at last, as the Jews were at the time of Christ's first advent to this earth; for the outward forms of Christianity will profit us nothing, unless they aid us in obtaining the *real heart work*, or in other words, true conversion to God, so that we can say, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day." Psa. 119:97. And again: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" Psa. 42:1, 2.

One very important thing is to acknowledge the truth; but a much more important thing is to receive the love of the truth. Brethren, we must not be content until we receive the spirit of the message. The progressive message of truth for the last days is represented by an angel flying. Rev. 14:6-9. The messengers spake with a "loud voice." See verses 7, 9. The message demands attention. It will be heard. Brethren, can we receive this message and keep still or stand idle? Shall we refuse to help speed onward the last call of mercy to the world, by personal effort and with our means? Shall we not in every way that lies within our power, aid in the progress of the work? If "the love of Christ constraineth" us (2 Cor. 5:14), as it did the Apostle Paul, we shall not be so particular about our choice; but we shall be ready to help in *any* branch of the work, wherever and whenever we can,—in ministerial labor, health and temperance work, missionary work, canvassing work, in the Sabbath-school,

in the church school,—anything to advance the cause of God in the earth.

The call at the present time is for all to make a united effort in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" for the relief of our schools. This is evidently a move in the right direction, and the work for the present time; but it seems to us that we have only made a beginning in that direction. We believe that our people in Iowa are willing to do their part in this work; and we hope that with system and order this may be easily and fully accomplished, and that "the love of the truth" may be the motive power in all our work for the cause of God.

C. A. WASHBURN.

EXPERIENCES IN THE BOOK WORK.

SURELY this is the Lord's plan, and by it much precious gospel seed can, and will, be sown. The Lord says of the workers: "They will place in the homes of the people a book containing most precious light. At the same time means will be gathered for the relief of the schools. Twofold good will thus be accomplished in this work."

I am thankful for a part in this work. Last Monday, Jan. 21, I was expecting to work in town; but as I was starting out I was impressed to go into the country to visit a family who were interested in the truth. They lived two miles out. The roads were muddy, the wind raw, and altogether it was not a very desirable walk. On reaching the home I found that the man was in town and not likely to return before night. However, he came back before dinner. After dinner, having sold them a book, I spoke of returning to town; but they seemed very anxious for me to remain all night, the man saying he would hitch up after a while and take me to some of his neighbors. We went to two places, one a Catholic

family, and each family took a book. The next forenoon I sold two more on the way back to town,—in all five books as the result of my trip.

Another incident: I was asked to go to church with a family with whom I was stopping over night. After meeting was over a minister said, "I am curious to know your business." I was glad to tell him, and made an appointment with him for 8:30 o'clock the next morning, when I had the privilege of showing him and his wife the book. "Well," said his wife, "I must have that book for Harold." He hesitated for a moment, then got the money. "You are going to get it for him, are you?" she said. "I am getting this book for myself," was his reply. In four days I sold nine books and took orders for four more. The week before I worked two days without selling a book, and the third day sold six. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

E. H. ADAMS.

PARKERSBURG.

It has been some time since you have heard from me, but I am glad to say the Lord has blessed me during the silence. I came to this place about Sept. 20, to assist Eld. L. F. Trubey in revival work after the camp-meeting. For a time we held meetings in the Congregational church; but just when we were the most anxious to be undisturbed, they seemed to want the church about one-half the time. After bearing this for a while, it was decided to build a new church where we would have control. The result is that we now have a nice new place of worship. The time for dedicating this new church has been fixed for Feb. 9, 10, 1901. We expect some other laborers to be present, and we hope for much of the Spirit of God. The brethren are of good courage, and we hope that the sacrifices made in building will prove to be a blessing; and that with the dedicatory services and the revival to follow, a new era of usefulness will dawn upon the Parkersburg church. There is much to be done here, and all, we trust, are seeking to have a special fitting up for future work. May the Lord look in mercy on us all and fit us for better service. Pray for the work here.

WM. GUTHRIE.

SIoux CITY.

THE Lord is blessing us very much in the work in this city. Many copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" have been sold, and we hope to sell more. We are very thankful for the box of clothing sent by the Exira church. May the Lord bless those who remember the poor. They shall be rewarded. Matt. 25:34-40. Are there not others who would esteem it a privilege thus to minister to the wants of the poor of this city? If so, address the writer. Please prepay freight.

HENRY RORHOLM.

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DISTRICT NO. ONE.

THOSE who have read faithfully the stirring testimonies that have come to us the past few months, certainly feel that God is calling for men and women of opportunity to do his work just now. Some have said that they could do nothing, but later have started out by faith, and God has wonderfully blessed their efforts; and those who have thus done something feel enthusiastic and desire to do more. One sister hesitated in taking up the work, but now says she would like to canvass all the spring and summer. She has had good success. I find that those who have sold their six books desire to sell more. The work is moving slowly but steadily in this district. Let us make a heroic effort during February to get rid of all the books before spring work is begun.

A sister sold a gentleman "His Glorious Appearing," and he became so interested that when I canvassed him for "Christ's Object Lessons," he took it saying, "Adventists have the best books in the world." Papers, pamphlets, and tracts, may be sold or given away in the work for "Christ's Object Lessons," and thus the societies will get rid of old supplies. May we do all we can, and then see the glory of God.

L. F. STARR.

SOUTH-WESTERN IOWA.

ON Jan. 21 the church in Atlantic had the privilege of a visit from Bro. L. F. Starr and C. A. Hansen, and their earnest words were a source of encouragement to all. Bro. Starr and I then visited the churches at Massena and Eureka. Some good work has been done in selling "Christ's Object Lessons," especially so at Eureka. The friends are determined to do what they can for this book. While there

we also called on some of our isolated members. Bro. Starr then went to Creston and Afton, and I came on to Sharpsburg, where I held three meetings. This church has been much discouraged; but we trust that brighter days are before it. Some of the members had severed themselves from God, and it was thought necessary to take action in regard to them. May the Lord help each one to "take heed lest he fall." The church in Ladoga has done well in selling "Christ's Object Lessons," although sickness has hindered some. I also held one meeting at Bedford and one at Hawleyville. Some books have been sold at the latter place, and we expect this church will sell all they ordered. I now go to Clarinda and Riverton. I realize the truth of the words that "great blessings will come to those who take hold of this matter just now." May God help us all to awake to greater activity and earnestness than ever before. E. G. OLSEN.

CASTANA.

I CAME here Dec. 7, to take charge of a family school in the home of Sister Fannie Neff. There are six children, from five to fourteen years of age, who learn quickly and remember well. Quite a number of others wanted to attend, but we were crowded already for time and room. We have singing, sewing, organ instruction, shorthand, drawing, etc., besides the regular school and Bible studies. It keeps us all busy. There are ten in the family. We study the Sabbath-school lessons in the morning, and the children ask and answer questions freely. We have worship in the schoolroom at 9 o'clock, followed by the regular school work, with dinner at 1 o'clock, and an afternoon session from 2 to 4 o'clock.

This is my first experience in teaching a family school. I hope to improve as fast as possible, and shall be glad of suggestions from others who have had experience in this line of work. I am superintendent of the Sabbath-school of twenty members, and teacher of the junior class. We have meeting every Sabbath after Sabbath-school, which opens at 11 A. M. We held meetings every day during the week of prayer at 3 P. M., closing the school at 1 o'clock that week.

Eld. J. S. Hart favored us with a short visit last week, and held one meeting. Most of the resident members and several others from outside were present, although the weather was disagreeable and the night dark.

Quite a number of books have been sold. We held our quarterly meeting Jan. 5. Most of the members reported in person or by letter. Quite a number paid tithes. Those who fail in this requirement soon lose their love for the truth, just as certainly as one who fails to pay his rent becomes discouraged with farming. Let us bring all the tithes into the storehouse in faith that the Lord will pour out a blessing upon us. I enjoy the work here because I believe the Lord sent me here, and is blessing me in my efforts. Pray for the work in Castana and for me.

EMMA L. BEACH.

ALBATON.

THE BULLETIN is like a dear letter to me, and I enjoy reading it so much; but I feel that I must not be selfish, and so will attempt to answer occasionally. The little Albaton company are not the least bit discouraged. And why should we be when the Lord is with us? Of course we have our trials, and Satan tempts us greatly; but how good it is to know that we can carry all our troubles to the Saviour, who is always ready to hear. The week of prayer brought a great blessing to us, although on account of bad weather we could not meet together. We have a barrel of clothing nearly ready to send to Chicago. How pressing are the calls for workers now. May God bless the canvassing work. We can not all leave our homes; but we may encourage those who can, not only by our prayers but by our means. Surely, the end of all things is at hand. May we all be faithful till Jesus comes.

MRS. MAE DROWN.

OBITUARY.

MILLER.—Died at Brighton, Iowa, Jan. 12, 1901, Mrs. Anderson Miller, aged 68 years, 9 months, and 11 days.

Alva Cinda Stout was born in Illinois, but with her parents removed to Iowa in 1840. On Aug. 4, 1857, she was united in marriage to S. A. Miller. In 1867 she accepted present truth under the labor of Eld. M. E. Cornell, and united with the Brighton church. Thus for thirty-three years she has been a faithful follower of the Master; and with the love of God in her heart, she was enabled to bear up cheerfully under the fatal attack of cancer. She leaves her aged companion, three brothers, and two adopted daughters, one of whom is in present truth. The funeral was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isaiah Frazier. Services were conducted by the writer. Heb. 9:27, 28 and Rev. 20:14 were used as a basis of remarks.

STEMPLE WHITE.

THE BOOK WORK.

PERSEVERANCE CONQUERS.

GENIUS, that power which dazzles mortal eyes,
Is oft, but perseverance in disguise.
Continuous effort, of itself, implies,
In spite of countless falls, the power to rise,
'Twill failure and success the point's so fine,
Men sometimes know not when they touch the line.

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There is no failure save in giving up,
No real fall as long as one still tries,
For seeming setbacks made the strong man wise.

There's no defeat, in truth, save from within;
Unless your beaten there, you're bound to win.
—Selected.

THE CANVASSERS AT UNION COLLEGE.

FROM a personal letter written from College View, Nebraska, by Sister Susan Haskell, we quote as follows:—

"We have been very busy since coming here, and can hardly realize that nearly a month has gone by. I feared before coming that where there were so many all together we would not realize the spiritual blessings in so large a measure as in the past at our school in Des Moines; but I find that it makes no difference where we are if the Lord is with us. I can only praise him for this privilege of preparing to better represent Christ to the world. The Lord is touching the hearts of many of the young people. What a power they would be in the cause of God if all were truly converted. Bro. O. E. Cummings has charge of the canvassers' class. Nearly all are studying "Daniel and the Revelation." We also study "Desire of Ages," "Heralds of the Morning," and "Gospel Workers." I have received many valuable lessons from the instruction given. The canvassers meet together Sabbath evenings for prayer and testimony meetings. The Lord comes very near, as is manifest by the earnest testimonies, so full of consecration and a determination to do right. If each one will only keep a strong hold on the arm of the Lord, a grand work will surely be done this summer."

CANVASSERS need self-culture and polished manners, not the affected and artificial manners of the world, but the agreeable manners that are the natural result of kindness of heart and a desire to copy the example of Christ. They should cultivate thoughtful, care-taking habits,—habits of industry and discretion,—and should seek to honor God by making of themselves all that it is possible for them to become.—*Gospel Workers.*

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

ALL MY CLASS.

ALL my class! not one forgotten,
When before the throne I kneel;
I would share his loving burden
That my Saviour's heart doth feel.

All my class! If one be missing
In the glorious gathering day,
How shall I account to Jesus?
What shall I with weeping say?

Daily would I walk before them
Sinless in God's holy sight,
Pleading till his Spirit draw them,
Every one to life and light.

—F. E. Belden.

EARNESTNESS IN SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

How often, as we view the scenes of the judgment, we are reminded of our unfaithfulness in the work of the Lord. This is just as true of Sabbath-school work as any other branch of the great cause. The Scripture saith, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully." (Margin, negligently.) How many at the final reckoning day will look back at neglected opportunities and in them see the cause of their destruction. But it will be too late to repent in that day. When the Lord by his Spirit says, "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson with your children," every Sabbath-keeping family in our ranks should do this, and would not there be a wonderful revival among us then? Think of the possibilities in such a work. How the active minds of the children would catch the beautiful truths of the lessons thus studied. How they would catch the inspiration from heaven in such a study. How ready they would be to do missionary work for the Master, who was himself the greatest missionary. And, would there then be so many unconverted children among us?

Dear brethren and sisters, shall we not begin to live out these truths in our everyday lives, and "set apart a little time each day" for this study, that our families may be what the Lord planned they should? When we thus try to do the will of the Lord, it will be a joy to meet him in that great day.

E. G. OLSEN.

A LITTLE child on first seeing some young chickens drink, said, "Aunty, do look at the dear little chickens, how they do. They just stoop down to get a drink, and then look up to heaven and thank God for it."

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—ELD. C. F. STEVENS met with the Knoxville church last Sabbath.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS went last Friday to spend a few days with the Grant City church.

—MISS EMMA BEAMAN, of this city, has been ill for a few days. Bro. C. T. Adams is taking her place in the church school room.

—A NEW text book for our church schools has just been issued, a mental arithmetic, by Prof. E. A. Sutherland. See advertisement in *Review* giving full description. Price 65 cents. Send orders to this Office.

—HAVING served as President of the Colorado Conference since the removal of Eld. J. M. Rees to the Missouri Conference, Eld. G. F. Watson was asked at their late State Conference to continue his services for the coming year.

—THE appointment of Bro. O. E. Cummings as general canvassing agent for District No. 4, has been announced. Bro. Cummings is well known by many as a former Iowa canvasser. We bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of the Iowa workers.

—SISTER FANNIE FENTON, of Udell, in ordering a supply of *Outlook Signs* to use in connection with her work for "Christ's Object Lessons," has this to say of this number: "Surely this is the best missionary paper ever published. I wish everybody could have a copy of it. But as wishing is not doing, I must order some to distribute."

—FROM a late mailing list of the *Signs of the Times* we discover that some of our churches are taking no club of the paper, and to some of them not a single copy of the *Signs* is going. We know it would benefit every household to have the paper come as a regular weekly visitor, to be read by the family and then handed to some one else, and we hope to see a club of *Signs* taken by every church. One of our most prominent workers in the missionary line has said: "I do not know of anything that will do as much toward keeping the missionary spirit alive as using the *Signs*." Brethren, think about it, talk about it, and do something about it. Ask us for price lists. Send all orders to this Office.

—"RELIGIOUS Liberty: What is It? Why is It? How should it be Used?" is the title of *Religious Liberty Library* No. 14, now ready. This, the first number of the Quarterly, is one of the very best religious liberty tracts yet issued. It is a 24-page tract with two full-page illustrations, and is a masterly presentation of the subject. To know what religious liberty is, why it is, and how to use it, is to understand the obligations we are under both to God and to our fellow men. And to understand how to use this liberty is to know how to glorify God by serving our fellow men. This is a tract that you need not hesitate to hand to your neighbor. It will not excite prejudice, for it breathes only the spirit of Christ. You can get four copies for six cents. The usual discounts will be given on unbroken packages. Order of this Office.

—THERE are two books that are especially helpful to every student who wishes to combine the study of history with the Bible record. "Empires of the Bible" covers the time from the flood to the Babylonian captivity, and "Great Empires of Prophecy," from Babylon to the fall of Rome. The first contains twenty-one maps, and the second twenty-two maps, especially prepared by the author, Eld. A. T. Jones, tracing out the course of the different empires. Every minister, every Bible worker, and every church school teacher should have these. Prices: "Empires of the Bible," \$1.50; "Great Empires of Prophecy," \$2.00. Usual trade book discount to workers.

—A SISTER in remitting for "Christ's Object Lessons," says: "Our company took hold of the work of selling the book in united effort; and we will try not only to sell our quota, but to keep working until the debt is paid and we can shout the victory over self, or the flesh, which has so persistently clashed against canvassing or any public effort to sell any of our literature."

—MISS ANNA WILSON, who graduated in the nurses' course at Battle Creek two years ago, and has since been working in Nebraska and Iowa, is now at Bowling Green, Ky., engaged in medical missionary work.—*Tennessee River Watchman*.

—MANY good testimonies are coming in from those who are having a part in the work for the relief of our schools. Shall we not hear from others?

—THE address of Carl Bauer is desired at this Office.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

"HONOR Due to God" and "Will a Man Rob God?" are both valuable text books on the subject of tithing, and will be especially helpful in the study of our Sabbath-school lessons on the book of Malachi. These lessons begin the first of March. During February both these publications will be sent postpaid for 12 cents. Regular retail price 10 cents each. Order *now*.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

DURING the spring term of twelve weeks, beginning March 7, Union College will conduct an institute especially for church school teachers. All questions pertaining to church school work will be thoroughly considered. Classes will be formed in child study, methods of teaching, special Bible study, instruction in primary and kindergarten methods, hydrotheraphy, and hygienic cooking. This will be by far the most important gathering of our teachers ever held in Union College district; and our teachers and those who are planning to teach church schools during the coming year, are earnestly requested to be present; in fact, none can afford to miss this important gathering of teachers.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR SALE.—A good farm of eighty acres, 3½ miles from Bedford, Mich., and 4½ miles from Battle Creek. Good improvements and plenty of fruit. Will sell at a bargain. Address H. J. Iden, Bedford, Mich.

WANTED.—Employment on a farm with Sabbath-keepers for a young man and his wife, either working by the month or to take charge of the farm. References given. Address at once Max Trummer, Windom, Minn., care of Gustave Meilicke.

APPOINTMENTS.

God willing, I will meet with the churches as follows:—

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| Delmar, | Feb. 7, 8, 1901, |
| Olin, | " 9-11, " |
| Vinton, | " 12, 13, " |
| Urbana, | " 15-17, " |
| Winthrop, | " 19, 20, " |

N. M. JØRGENSEN.

DEDICATION.

THE dedicatory service of the new church building at Parkersburg will be held Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 9, 10. The dedicatory sermon will be preached on Sunday at 11 a. m. We expect help from abroad, and visiting brethren and sisters will be made welcome.

L. F. TRUBEY,
WM. GUTHRIE.