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STRENGTH AND COURAGE FOR THE WORK.

"Be strong, and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6. These words were spoken by Moses to Joshua and to all Israel as they stood upon the very borders of the promised land. The wilderness journey, with its varied experiences, was behind them; and Canaan, the land of their inheritance, with all its beauty, was before them. They had already made important conquests. God had worked in their behalf and crowned their efforts with victory. But just now they were to enter upon a campaign which meant more to them than any former experi-

ence. The great and walled cities with their brazen gates which spoke defiance, the great and strong nations, the sons of Anak, the report of whose stature had caused terror in the congregation years before,—all these must be met and conquered, that the land of Canaan should become the possession of God's people. Under such circumstances Moses spoke these words of inspiration and cheer to the people of God.

In looking over the field of battle and considering what is before the people of God now, it appears that our position is very similar to that of Israel then. In the providence of God we have been called to an important and extensive work. Our commission is summed up in these words: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." For about fifty years the message has been proclaimed, and now it is taking on large dimensions, all countries of the world having been entered except three, the Philippine Islands, Madagascar, and Greece. If we had not like Israel of old given away to doubt and measured God's power by human possibilities, we should have seen the completion of the whole thing before this. But we can not mourn over the past, and the time has now come for decided advance moves in all our churches. We have played with sin long enough. Many of our churches are carrying on their books those who violate the plain commands of God. Many do not pay any tithe at all, while some are content to pay only occasionally. The Sabbath is not recognized as God's holy day as it should be. Aggressive activity must characterize every worker, and that means every S. D. Adventist. The gospel commission must be carried out to the letter. This conference should put many missionaries in the needy, destitute fields abroad. May we be up and doing the bidding of our great General and soon see the triumph of this work.

L. F. STARR.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TITHE.

5. SHOULD tithe be sent to any field to help build churches or schoolhouses?

ANSWER.—The Bible is a book of principles. God said to ancient Israel, "Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." This was to be the most sacred and most holy place on earth. Did the children of Israel use their tithe in building the tabernacle?—No; the Lord said: "Bring me an offering [not the tithe]: . . . gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and ram's skins dyed red," etc. They brought much more than enough for the service and the work, for "they gave with a willing heart." There was no misappropriation of the tithe. All of God's loyal and true servants will recognize the Bible principle, and hence will not make a wrong use of the tithe. The tithe was dedicated to one purpose, and that was the support of God's ministers. The temple built by Solomon was not erected with misappropriated tithe, but the people offered willingly. See 1 Chron. 29:1-9. No tithe was used in the work, and indeed there is not an instance in all the Bible where the tithe was used for such a purpose. Neither is there any Bible record of individuals sending tithe to places other than where the Lord designated. What right would the writer have to take another's money and use it where he pleased? Likewise, the tithe is the Lord's, not ours, and so let us send it through the delegated channels of conference work.

6. Should the tithe be used to help the poor?

ANS.—It is true that we always have the poor with us, and they should be helped. Nevertheless, one-tenth of man's income belongs to God and the support of His servants. He has devoted it to them, but men rob Him and consume the tithe upon themselves or give it away for some other object, putting it to some other use than that for which God designed it. He says, "Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel." Num.

18:21. From the Bible principle I do not see how we can use the tithe to help the poor. It is a denial of this principle to do so. L. F. STARR.

FINISHED, GLORIFIED.

On the eve of His crucifixion, Jesus said, "I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." Jesus accomplished a perfect work. In so doing He glorified His Father. Only in finishing His work shall we glorify our heavenly Father, and be ourselves glorified in the day when the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their heavenly Father. To run well for a season, and then to fail of reaching the end of the race, is to lose all for which for a time we have toiled.

When will the work which the Lord has given us to do be finished? I refer now to the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." All that has been written is to-day a living, present appeal just as truly as when it was written. The following testimony was dated Aug. 9, 1903:—

"My brethren and sisters, why is so little being done to sell 'Christ's Object Lessons'? Have you become weary in well-doing? Have all the families in your neighborhood been supplied with the book that is so full of helpful lessons, both for parents and for children? Are there not some who did not buy a copy last year who would buy one now? Why should we not go steadily forward with this work, until millions of homes are supplied with 'Object Lessons' and our schools are free from debt?

"Success has attended the effort made in the past to sell 'Object Lessons,' because God's people have worked in co-operation with heavenly agencies; and success will attend the effort put forth in the future. If our people will still carry forward the work, as they patiently press on in this work, the Lord Jesus and His angels will open the way before them. All will receive grace for grace, as they give what they can, in time and influence, to the circulation of 'Object Lessons.'"

You will note that this work is to go steadily forward until our schools are freed from debt. That work has not yet been accomplished in full, although we are thankful that there is one school in the denomination that has never gone into debt. But even when all our schools are free, can we then say that the work is finished? Please read the

following, written May 18, 1903:—

"The plan for the circulation of 'Object Lessons' is not of human devising; it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to our schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set His approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of His people. Shall we mar His plan?—No, no. Until our Lord shall come, and our present system of school work shall be ended by our entering the higher school, 'Christ's Object Lessons' is to stand as a gift to our educational institutions."

Note that this work is to continue until the Lord shall come. A double, yes, a triple blessing will result from this work, as there is need of Christian education, and this work of education must continue until the great commencement day when we shall see our great Teacher face to face, and have the joy of His visible presence. Till then this blessed work is to continue.

Will not everyone who has had an experience improve the opportunity to go forward earnestly with this work during the present season? and will not everyone who has never sold "Christ's Object Lessons" immediately take the step that brings the blessing which infallibly follows obedience? Will not all those who are engaged in this work send brief statements of their experiences to me at once?

J. S. WASHBURN.

Takoma Park Sta., Washington, D. C.

BUSINESS METHODS.—NO. 4.

THERE will be found in the librarian's record books several blank pages for "Account with the State Depository." The bills from the State Society should be carefully entered on the credit side of the account. When cash is paid on account it should be entered on the debit side. If an order for goods is accompanied by the right amount of cash, no bill will be received from the office, and in this case the cash sent should be entered on the cash account only and not on the depository account. Carefully examine your bills when received. If there is any error, report it at once that it may be corrected. On our quarterly statements we give each bill, and these statements should be carefully compared with the bills received by the secretary. Any error or difference in your account and the statement received should be reported immediately.

Now we wish to speak of lost packages. We have had reported to us a

number of instances in which second-class mail had not been received, and even when sent the second time, the same complaint has come to us. The mistake has not been on our part, neither has there been a mistake on the part of the one ordering, but we have a suggestion to offer which may be of benefit. When any second-class mail is ordered, such as periodicals or quarterlies, make special enquiry of the postmaster in regard to it. In small offices, second class mail is sometimes overlooked, and if the postmaster is reminded that certain parcels are expected, delays in receiving them may be avoided. If you fail to receive them, ask the postmaster to trace them. We recently received a letter from a sister who ordered the *Life Boat* two years ago. Although the paper was properly ordered, she received only one copy. Had the failure to receive the paper been reported to us at once, we could have written the publishers at that time and the missing numbers been sent. Always remember that a mistake is much easier corrected when first made than at any time later.

All checks or money orders for the State Society should be made payable to the Iowa Tract Society and not to any individual. The reason is obvious. The individual to whom payment is made may be away from the office and so can not endorse it. If postage stamps are sent, please see that they are folded in such a way that they will not tear or stick together. It is not safe to enclose silver or even bills in a letter, so please do not send cash in this way. Stamps in good condition are acceptable for small payments.

IOWA TRACT SOCIETY.

CANTON, CHINA

[THE following report from China was written as a personal letter to Dr. Emma Perrine, of the Iowa Sanitarium, but as it will be interesting to the readers of the BULLETIN, we are permitted to publish it.—Ed.]

Dear Doctor: We have been looking for a letter from you for a long time. I received my diploma two or three weeks ago. It is very neat. Many thanks to you all. We look back upon the days spent at the Iowa Sanitarium as among the most pleasant and profitable of our lives.

We have now been in China more than two years. You know how I longed to come, and now we are just as anxious to stay. In the little time that we have to wait before the Master

comes we shall be much happier in a needy field like China than we could possibly be in a country that has had so many privileges as America has had. We had hoped you would be with us ere this, but we shall be glad to see you when you do come.

Since coming to China I have been able to do but little in the medical line. There is great need of that work here, but when I came I found that a large number (about four hundred dollars' worth) of our best books had been ordered from England, with the expectation that we would sell them. As there was no one else to take up this work, we stepped into the opening providence and for more than a year and a half sold books in connection with our language study. Truly, the Lord blessed this work to the good of our own souls as well as to the good of those who bought the books.

In July we returned to Canton, not to do printing (you know I am a printer), not to do nursing, not to canvass, but to teach school and preach in Chinese. We don't know what the Lord will indicate for us to do next, but we rest in His promise: "The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way." Ps. 25:9. We have two Chinese preachers helping us now, who have had several years' training in the Presbyterian Chinese medical college. One of them was a teacher in that school. He is giving some good lectures on physiology to our school each day. His sermons at night are also excellent. Eld. J. N. Anderson can now preach quite well in Chinese. Pray for the work here
E. H. WILBUR.

FIELD REPORTS.

LUANA.

In company with Bro. and Sister John Manual, I began meetings in a schoolhouse seven miles north of Luana, January 18. Owing to sickness in every home, cold weather, and bad roads, our congregations have been small, there never being more than forty present, but God has been with us and the truth is making an impression upon hearts. One man has told us he intended to obey the truth, while others say the seventh day is the Sabbath. Each day as we visit from house to house and tell the people of God's great love and His willingness to forgive sins and to strengthen us to obey His holy law, tears of penitence flow

down their cheeks. We have been made to feel our weakness as never before, but we rejoice to know our God has promised that His strength shall be made perfect in weakness. Therefore, day by day, we reconsecrate ourselves to the Master to be led, guided, and controlled by His Holy Spirit, that the precious truth may not be marred in our hands. Brethren, pray for us.
J. W. CROUSE.

BURT.

SINCE my last report to the BULLETIN many are probably wondering how the work is prospering at Burt. The meetings which I began in the schoolhouse three miles north of Burt were continued about six weeks. Eld. E. E. Gardner came just before Christmas to assist me. Our interest there was good. Although the weather was sometimes cold and stormy, the attendance was the very best, and the building was filled beyond its seating capacity. We are now holding Sabbath-school with the regular Sabbath services and two meetings on Sunday, morning and evening. The prospects for our Sabbath-school are very good. Last Sabbath the attendance was thirty-one. Thus far, none have taken a definite stand for the truth, although a number have expressed their firm belief in the truths that have been presented, and we entertain hope that some will yet accept. I do not know of one who has not been favorably impressed with the meetings. One man who had never attended religious meetings has taken considerable interest in the truth, and his family has expressed a readiness to take hold, but is waiting for him. I could mention a dozen similar cases. But let it suffice to say that the outlook is anything but discouraging.

To-night I begin meetings west of town, about six miles from where we have been working, in a German, but English-speaking, neighborhood. I have visited some of the homes, and believe the prospect is not a discouraging one. Eld. Gardner will also begin meetings about six miles east of town. Since my last report one lady who lives seven miles east of Burt has taken her stand for the truth, as a result of attending the tent meetings last fall and some visits that were made her.

I trust the readers of the BULLETIN will pray for our work at Burt, that we may be able to raise up a standard for the third angel's message. Surely, the time for work is getting very short, and "the work that centuries might have done must crowd the hour of setting sun."
ARCHER V. COTTON.

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The opening exercises should not require more than fifteen or twenty minutes. The review should be a real re-view of the previous Sabbath's lesson. The one reviewing should make thorough preparation for the work, and the questions should be such as will bring out clearly the most important points and especially practical lessons to be learned. What we need most is that which will help us meet everyday duties and opportunities of life in a way that will glorify our Creator and Redeemer. Fifteen or twenty minutes should be time enough for the review, while not less than twenty-five minutes should be devoted to class recitations, and then it will be necessary for the teacher to make a most careful study of the present lessons if all the leading thoughts are covered in the allotted time.

Our Sabbath-schools should be "Bible training classes." The members should be so thoroughly drilled in the Scriptures that they will be ready to give a reason of their hope at any time. Simply reading the verses during class recitation will not give us lasting knowledge. The school lessons longest remembered are those over which we studied longest and hardest, while those skimmed lightly over are soon forgotten.

THE Bible teaches both by precept and example that we should study the past for light and understanding in meeting the present difficulties. Human nature is the same. God changeth not. The devil is the same old Satan, only his intense hatred to Christ, and his long experience has made him more artful and sly, so his success is greater in the destruction of souls. The great apostle to the Gentiles declares, that "Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." This embraces both practical teaching and the history of God's dealing. When assaulted by Satan as no other being ever was, the Saviour's sure defense was behind "It is written."—S. N. Haskell.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 31, 1905.

—MISS JEANNETTE HARDIMAN, matron and instructor in language at Iowa Industrial Academy, spent Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines.

—ELD. H. RORHOLM, director of District No. 2, is now holding a series of meetings in a Presbyterian church in Denmark township, Emmet county.

—THE Iowa Industrial Academy board meets at Stuart, Thursday and Friday of this week to select a faculty for the school for next year and to lay plans for the school and farm work.

—JUDGING from a request for change of address we conclude that Bro. J. M. Cartwright, formerly of Pilot Mound, but recently of Boulder, Colorado, has moved to Mountain View, California.

—OF the 118 missionary societies in Iowa 51 have sent in their reports for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1904. The Iowa Tract Society would be glad to receive the remaining 67 reports within the next few days.

—THE February number of *Life and Health* is now out, and, as usual, is full of interesting and profitable reading. If you are not already a subscriber, send in your subscription at once. Price, 50 cents a year.

—WE have just received a supply of the pamphlet "Is Sunday the True Sabbath? Reply to Gamble," by A. T. Jones. This is a neat pamphlet, and if placed in the homes of your friends and neighbors may be the means of interesting them in the truth.

—MRS. ADA M. TEAS, for some time of Traer, visited last week with her sister Miss Bernice McComas, of the Sanitarium. From here she went to Chariton to visit friends, after which she will go to Clinton, Missouri, where she expects to make her home.

—ORDER some of the new religious liberty leaflets, which are now ready. "Principles too Little Understood," No. 1, "Sunday Laws," No. 2, and "Logic of Sunday Legislation," No. 3, each 38 cents a hundred; "The Civil Sabbath," No. 4, 55 cents a hundred. Send in your order at once, and see that these leaflets are "scattered like the leaves of autumn" during the next few weeks.

WANTED, A PRINTER.--ADDRESS, STATING EXPERIENCE, IOWA TRACT SOCIETY.

—SOME time since the *Union College Messenger* was excluded from the mails, on the ground that it was published primarily in the interests of Union College. In its stead, the *Educational Messenger* has now appeared, and will be devoted to the interests of education in general, including the work of home, Sabbath-, church, intermediate, and training schools, and the young people's work. It is desired that the *Messenger* shall go to every home in this union conference. Send in your subscription at once and get the first number containing the "Home Improvement Courses." Price, 50 cents a year.

—ELD. L. F. STARR spent the Sabbath in Des Moines. He occupied the time at our eleven o'clock service, reading the letter on the subject of the tithe and considering the matter further. Some who had not been paying a faithful tithe were led to see their need of reform in the matter, while all we believe saw more clearly the importance of the subject.

—ALL the conference workers should be prompt in sending in their reports if they wish them audited at the coming meeting of the conference committee. The committee will meet next Sunday, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, as Eld. L. F. Starr has to attend a meeting of the Union College board which is to be held next week.

—Two or three minor, yet very apparent, mistakes which crept into the BULLETIN last week only serve to show how human effort at best is very deficient. Two or more persons always read the proofs, and yet mistakes creep in, to the entertainment of some and the chagrin of the one who must assume all responsibility for the errors.

—"HERALDS of His Coming," "The Gospel Message for To-day," "Waymarks to the Holy City," "Who Changed the Sabbath?" and "The Family Bible Teacher" are especially good for use in missionary work at this time, also the new envelope series of the religious liberty leaflet.

—FROM a recent letter from Eld. Wm. Guthrie, of Nova Scotia, we quote: "We are having hard winter weather here just now. The snow is about three feet deep. The message is onward in this field, and we are bending all our energies toward its advancement."

—MRS. CLARA PETERSON, of Route 1, Sloan, desires copies of our periodicals for use in a reading rack. Send post-paid.

—A NEW book, "The Conflict Between Capital and Labor," by Eld. E. T. Russell, of College View, Nebraska, is just off the press. It has 168 pages, with numerous illustrations, and undoubtedly would prove very helpful in understanding this very complex question; but we confess that we can not anticipate any sale for the book at the price quoted the Iowa Tract Society, \$1.50, when other books of equal size sell at from 50 to 75 cents.

HOME IMPROVEMENT COURSES.

It has been said that a man is known by the books he reads. Few of us realize perhaps the tremendous influence upon our lives of the literature we read. Especially is this influence great upon the lives of our youth. Care should therefore be exercised in the selection of reading for our young people.

"Lead the young people to see how much there is to learn and to do; how precious are the days of youth as a preparation for the life work. Help them to see what treasures there are in the Word of God, in the book of nature, and in the records of holy lives." —*Education*, p. 248.

The young people's department of the Central Union conference has arranged two reading courses, known as the "Home Improvement Courses," which will begin February 15. The work is done in your own home, and a certificate is given to those who satisfactorily complete either course. The books to be taken up are volumes of intense interest. Let all who are interested in self-culture and good reading write at once to the writer at College View, Nebraska, and you will receive full information in regard to these courses.

M. E. KERN.

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