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### A GREAT BLESSING.

MANY of God's children wonder why they do not receive greater spiritual blessings when they need them so much in these last days. The difficulty lies in the fact that the blessing so much needed comes only on condition. We make much of the Sabbath; but it is not enough to only keep the Sabbath, even if it is kept in connection with the other nine commandments. There is a condition announced which we must comply with if we would receive the blessing. In Mal. 3:10 we read: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out such a blessing, that

there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Now I hear some one say: The tithing system is Jewish. But they surely have learned that from those who say that the Sabbath is only for the Jew. The Holy Scriptures teach us clearly that there are two orders of priesthoods, the Melchizedek and the Levitical. The former existed from the very beginning of the world's history to Moses, and the latter from Moses to Christ. In Heb. 7:17 we read: "But thou [Christ] art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek," and from this we understand that the Melchizedek order of priesthood existed again from Christ to the finishing of the gospel in this world. The tithing system originally belonged to the Melchizedek priesthood mentioned in Genesis 14, according to which Abraham paid tithes. We also live under this priesthood, and to be sure of the great blessing God has promised to His children we must pay a faithful tithe into the storehouse. But perhaps some one will say: But Christ did not say anything about paying tithes. Please read Matt. 22:17-21, where we learn that we are to "Render . . . unto Caesar the things [tribute included] which are Caesar's, and unto God the things [tithe included] that are God's."

The tenth of all belongs to God, and is not ours. It is holy unto Him, just as much as is the Sabbath, according to Lev. 27:30-32, and if we keep back things which are holy unto Him, we can never expect to receive any great blessing from Him. May the Lord help us to walk in the light of the Bible.

H. RORHOLM.

### WHAT SOME OF OUR CHURCH ELDERS SAY.

"I AM very glad for the important letter I received from you yesterday. I will never lay such a letter carelessly away. I believe in being on duty always, and that the matter of paying an honest tithe has been neglected too

much here in Iowa. I will be very glad to see a reformation in this, for it is a step which belongs to the forward movement. I am willing to cooperate with you in this matter and will do all I can to present this part of the truth."

"I am well pleased with the effort you are making to stir the brethren up to pay an honest tithe, for much depends upon this one thing. The more we invest in this cause, the more precious it becomes to us."

"Your letter on tithing is at hand. Perhaps there are not more than one-third of our members who pay tithe at all, and probably the most of them do not pay an honest tithe. I shall do what I can to present this before the members of our church."

"Your letter asking me to cooperate with you in trying to show our people the importance of paying a faithful tithe is just received. In reply I will say, the Lord being my helper, you can depend on me to do all I possibly can in this line. I am satisfied that the failure on the part of many of our people to pay a full tithe is one of the chief causes of coldness and indifference in the work of God. O, how much we all need spiritual discernment that we may realize the importance of this time."

"I have paid a faithful tithe for several years, ever since taking hold of this work, and all our children pay tithe. I am heartily in sympathy with this most stirring movement."

### A RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONVENTION.

THE general conference committee at its recent session recommended that Sabbath, February 25, be devoted to the interests of the religious liberty work, by holding conventions and taking up a special collection for the advancement of the cause of Christian liberty.

There will be a suggestive program prepared giving subjects upon which papers can be written for discussion at the convention. This it would seem



would be an opportune time, following so closely as it does the series of Sabbath-school lessons on this subject. There certainly should be a special effort made not only to enlighten others but our own people as well. Many who have embraced the truth during the last few years, since the lull has been prevailing among us on the question of religious liberty, have not been thoroughly instructed on this subject. All should be aroused to the importance of heeding the counsel of the Lord in giving the warning message to others before it shall be too late.

All are more or less familiar with the campaign that has been carried on so vigorously along religious liberty lines in Washington, and in fact throughout the whole country, during the last few months. This expense, together with that of starting the work anew, has drawn heavily upon the collection that was taken for this line of work nearly a year ago. It must be evident to all that a large amount of means will be required to push this work as it should be pushed in these closing days of the message. We hope all will do their best to make this collection a large one. Let conference and church officers begin at once to announce this special day that has been set apart for the religious liberty work, and study to make it a marked success. We hope all will watch for the suggestive program, which will appear in the *Review* of February 16.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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LISBON, PORTUGAL.

*Dear Friends:* We are feeling quite well at home in this needy field, as the language is becoming more familiar every day. We are short of literature on the subjects of Christ's soon coming and the signs of the times, but we have quite a number of tracts on the Sabbath question. We are praying for help in developing more literature. I have distributed 1,487 pages of tracts and about 50 *Arantos de Verdade* ("Herald of Truth"), our Portugese paper published in Brazil. There are several persons for whom we are especially working and praying. Since it was in this country and city that there was such a manifestation of the approaching time of the end, the great earthquake of 1755, we have prayed God to manifest the soon-coming of our Saviour by an out-pouring of His Spirit upon this people and the giving to us of precious souls. There is one reminder of the earthquake in an old

clock tower once a part of a royal palace, which was ruined at that time.

Some time ago when the king, Don Carlos, was in London, the British and Foreign Bible Society presented him with a magnificently bound Portugese Bible, which he received with very profuse thanks. The Protestants expect to make use of this fact in seeking to get the people to read the Bible.

We are progressing slowly in the language, and I can now translate a Portugese sermon fairly well. I attend four or five meetings a week, seeking to become acquainted with the people and handing out literature as I can. There is a slight tendency on the part of the people here to lean toward liberalism, as they are getting tired of Jesuitical rule. Not long ago, on the occasion of raising a memorial of the five hundredth anniversary of the giving of the dogma of the immaculate conception, the priests were hooted by the populace, but the populace was put to flight by the soldiers and a number were sworded.

We ask the prayers of Iowa in our behalf, as well as for this people who need light very much. We already need help in men and means and literature. I know that my home State will continue to take an ever more active part in the closing work of the gospel. Funds for the publication of more literature will be acceptable if sent through the regular channels.

C. E. RENTFRO.

Rua Dos Navegantes, 49-1.

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FIELD REPORTS.

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LUANA.

THE work at this place is still onward. We are enjoying much of the blessing of the Lord, and three precious souls have taken a firm stand for the commandments of God. Our congregations are small, but in every meeting there are those who appear really interested. Most of our work is done by talking and praying with the people at their homes. The dear Lord comes very near on many of these occasions and hearts are made tender. There are several for whom we are laboring, hoping and praying and believing. We desire the prayers of our brethren, that we may be kept in such a state of consecration that God can trust us with His blessing. The prayer of our own hearts is, Bless us that we may be a blessing.

J. W. CROUSE.

JOHN MANFEL.

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BEAMAN.

SOME time has passed since Beaman has reported through the BULLETIN. We are of good courage, and although our numbers have been greatly lessened by removals, yet the promise to the "two or three" is verified to us as we meet together and consecrate ourselves to God for service. Our little village was thoroughly canvassed with the special *Signs*, and it would do you good to hear those who engaged in this campaign relate the blessed experiences they had in carrying this precious "seed basket" to their neighbors. Each family has the *Signs*, and with one exception, the *Review* visits each member, which I am pleased to report. *Life and Health* has but lately begun to visit our home, but I can heartily recommend it to every BULLETIN reader. It is an excellent periodical to hand to your neighbors, for nearly everyone we meet is suffering from trouble occasioned by errors in diet. In a conversation with a gentleman recently, he said, "You people have the right principles on health and education." *Good Health* had been given him, and one article had caused a complete change in his diet, with the result that he was benefited. Thus we see that our health and temperance literature can be used as an entering wedge. With so many ways for working provided us, we find ourselves without excuse if we are idle.

HATTIE M. BOWLES.

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CLINTON.

THE missionary campaign has been pushed here in Clinton as much as has been possible with the cold weather and much sickness to contend with. The *Signs* has been quite largely circulated especially. The number of papers used by members is about twenty *Signs* and eight *Watchman*. Four families take health journals, and four take the *Review*. I am using the Swedish papers with good results, and we find the "Family Bible Teacher" a wonderful medium for giving the truth. It should be circulated as the autumn leaves. I find the *Signs*, too, occupying a position in the front ranks as a gospel preacher, and am using a club of ten in my visiting work and mailing list. I find people are eager for it. One lady who once refused me admittance to her house is now eager for the paper. She said to me two weeks ago: "The *Signs* is such a grand paper, so full of good things." I also find the *Watchman* a good medium for present-



ing the truth. By its help I have gained admittance to a home and am now holding Bible readings there with a good interest. I sent papers to three families at DeWitt and a week ago one of them called at the store and insisted on paying for his paper. He also wished me to call and take up the study of the truth with them. I am also using stereoptican views in giving the truth. One lady said, "You have opened my eyes", and another, "The pictures are a sermon in themselves."

May this grand campaign be pushed with vigor, and honest souls brought to the light of truth and made ready for the kingdom of God. C. R. SPENCER.

#### WATERLOO.

THE company here is small, at least nine of the members usually credited to us being located elsewhere. The church here sent for quite a number of the special *Signs*, which have been distributed, but from which we have no special report of results to make. I sent for fifty sets, which reached me very late for sale, but I have been using them acceptably as missionary literature. I think all the members have the *Review* or have access to it. Mrs. Clemens takes two copies of the *Southern Watchman* for missionary purposes.

Here, as at Sheldon, I found a very strong disposition to avoid all effort to introduce any conversation touching upon the message, and I have had to use various measures to become acquainted with the people and gain their confidence. The ministry here is quite popular with the congregations and has quite an influence over them. However, in spite of these things, I can thank the Lord that a few are interested in the truth and are making encouraging progress in the study of it. Time and faithful labor will win the confidence of thinking people and lead some of them to see the light. One man has said he feels that he must arrange his business so he may keep the Sabbath. I have of late been using the "Family Bible Teacher" quite freely, and feel that it is a good thing with which to labor. Some are taking a decided interest in the studies. I am cultivating the acquaintance of the ministers, and two of them have expressed interest in prophetic study and have promised to read "Thoughts on Daniel" and "Looking unto Jesus." I have been much disappointed in not receiving religious liberty literature to distribute prior to presenting the petitions, but I hope to receive it very soon. My courage is good, and I shall press the battle. Pray for the work here. J. C. CLEMENS.

#### OBITUARY.

ELLIS.—Died, at Stuart, Jan. 24, 1905, of tuberculosis. Mrs. Sarah R. Ellis, aged 59 years, 7 months, and 24 days.

God does not weigh success in human scales. The one who can meet the close of this life with the blessed assurance of a better one at the resurrection is indeed a success, and such a one was found in Sister Ellis. She left a son and two brothers as relatives to mourn her departure, but a large and sympathizing congregation at the funeral service gave evidence of the high esteem in which she was held. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

J. W. BEACH.

#### THE SANITARIUM.

CONDUCTED BY CARRIE WALLACE.

#### NOTES.

SISTER LIZZIE FIREBAUGH, of New Sharon, came last week to take a course of treatment.

WE now have a high grade thermometer which we can sell to our people at 75 cents; fancy metal case, with chain, 85 cents.

MRS. H. F. FISK, of Pella, who has been with us for a number of weeks, returned to her home last week fully restored to health.

MR. WM. HEALEY, of Little Rock, Arkansas, who was referred to our institution by his home physician, is now with us and expects to remain two or three months at least.

WE were pleased last week when the husband of a lady who has been a patient here for some time and who had undergone a very serious operation, said: "If you had given me a million dollars you could not have pleased me better than you have in the way you have treated my wife."

THERE is quite a spiritual interest among our patients. Some are attending the helpers' prayer meeting, the Sabbath-school, and the church services. We are truly glad for this interest, and trust that our institution may ever be one in which those who know not the Saviour may become acquainted with Him as well as being restored to their physical health.

#### THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

#### SELF-CONTROL.

LIFE will always be to a great extent, what we ourselves make it. The cheerful man makes a cheerful world, the gloomy man a gloomy one. We usually find but our own temperament reflected in the dispositions of those about us. If we are ourselves querulous, we shall find them so; if we are unforgiving and uncharitable to them, they will be the same to us. A person returning from an evening party not long ago, complained to a policeman on his beat that an ill-looking fellow was following him: it turned out to be only his own shadow! And such usually is human life to each of us; it is, for the most part, but the reflection of ourselves.

If we would be at peace with others, and insure their respect, we must have regard for their personality. Every man has his peculiarities of manner and character, as he has peculiarities of form and feature; and we must have forbearance in dealing with them, as we expect them to have forbearance in dealing with us. We may not be conscious of our peculiarities, yet they exist nevertheless. . . .

Many persons give themselves a great deal of fidget concerning what other people think of them and their peculiarities. Some are too much disposed to take the ill-natured side, and, judging by themselves, infer the worst. But it is very often the case that the uncharitableness of others, where it really exists, is but the reflection of our own want of charity and want of temper. It still oftener happens, that the worry we subject ourselves to has its source in our own imagination. And even if those about us think of us uncharitably, we shall not mend matters by exasperating ourselves against them. We may thereby only expose ourselves unnecessarily to their ill-nature or caprice. "The ill that comes out of our mouth," says George Herbert, "ofttimes falls into our bosom."

. . . It is better to be a little dull of apprehension where phrases seem to imply pique, and quick in perception when, on the contrary, they seem to imply kindly feeling. The real truth never fails ultimately to appear; and opposing parties, if wrong, are sooner convinced when replied to forbearingly, than when overwhelmed. All I mean to say is, that it is better to be blind to the results of partisanship, and quick to see good-will. One has more happiness in endeavoring to follow the things that make for peace.—*Samuel Smiles.*



## Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, FEB. 14, 1905.

—A FEW sets of the special *Signs* have been returned to us. Ten cents a set while they last.

—MISS GRACE MITCHELL, who has been teaching the church school at Sandyville, returned last week to her home at Lisbon.

—THE price of the Sanitarium Bakery nut butter mentioned two weeks ago is \$5.25 for the 50-lb cans, instead of as advertised then.

—A LETTER just received from Havana, Cuba, brings the best wishes of Bro. and Sister Isaiah E. Moore, formerly of Iowa, for the work in their "old home State."

—BRO. E. R. PALMER, who some time since was compelled to give up active work as general canvassing agent and to go to Arizona for his health, is now to connect with the Pacific Press at Mountain View, California.

—WANTED.—At once, a competent stenographer. Must be able to take dictation rapidly and a good penman. This is a good opportunity for the right person. Address, stating experience, Iowa Sanitarium, Des Moines, Iowa.

—BRO. S. B. KEPHART, who is canvassing for "Object Lessons" at Valley Junction, spent the Sabbath in Des Moines. He reports fair success in his work, although he meets many worldly people and many who are Catholics.

—MRS. C. A. WASHBURN and her daughter Mrs. Harry Weber, also Mr. Fred Weber, all of Des Moines, attended the funeral of Mrs. Dr. F. A. Washburn last week at Emerson. Dr. Washburn is now visiting in Des Moines, as are also Mr. and Mrs. John Weber, of Solon.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS, whose address since the establishment of a new post-office is Creston, Oklahoma, sends kindly greeting to Iowa friends. He says: "We are well as usual, but are having very cold weather for this country. We do not hear much from Iowa friends now, but should be pleased to see any who might come to this country in search of a home. We have many inconveniences here, but we are glad to be out of the city, and are not sorry we came here. May the Lord bless His work and workers throughout the harvest field."

—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.

—IN about a month practically a quarter of a million copies of the tract "An Appeal to Clergy" have been ordered, and it is gratifying to think of the good that will be done by this publication. Let the good work go on. If you are circulating this tract, keep it going; if not, send for a supply and begin. Price, 40 cents a hundred; \$3.75 a thousand.

—THE Sanitarium Bakery can now furnish flaked breakfast foods of its own manufacture, "Kornol" and "Wheato." Price, in bulk, 8 cents a pound in lots of five pounds or more; in packages, 15 cents, with a discount of 33½ per cent. if ordered in addition to a thirty-pound order for the regular health foods.

—A SISTER says: "I would n't have missed what I learned while selling the *Signs* for anything. I always had a feeling something like I imagine a drowning person has, whenever I thought of canvassing. But I determined to try to sell the *Signs*, and I know the Lord blessed me in trying."

—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.

—BRO. J. W. CROUSE can use copies of the *Signs* and *Watchman*, especially the special numbers; *Instructor*; *Little Friend*; "Family Bible Teacher"; and tracts. Send them postpaid to him at Luana, R. R. 2, care of C. W. Schroeder.

—IT has been decided to take up tent making in the manual training department of Iowa Industrial Academy, and a family tent was shipped from this office yesterday to be used as a pattern.

—THE publishers of the *Southern Watchman* have decided to omit the word "Southern" from the name of the paper, thus giving it the more general name of *Watchman*.

—THE State treasurer's report of tithes received during the quarter ending January 31 has been received and will appear next week. We are glad that the tithe receipts are improving, and we doubt not that those who faithfully return to the Lord His own will be abundantly blessed in so doing.

### LESSONS IN INDIAN BASKETRY.

READERS of the *Instructor* are enjoying a rare treat now in the lessons in Indian basketry by Mrs. Emma M. Long. Each lesson so fully describes and illustrates by photographs the articles to be made that anyone can make the baskets, mats, and other articles shown. The *Instructor* is published not only to entertain its readers, but also to furnish them helpful suggestions for the employment of their time.

You can not invest seventy five cents better than in a year's subscription for this paper. Send it to your son or daughter or some other young person in whom you are interested. Order of the Iowa Tract Society.

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, business notices not exceeding eight lines in length will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

WANTED.—Work on the farm. Address Milton Cross, 614 Locust St., Des Moines.

### APPOINTMENTS.

DES MOINES, Feb. 18, 1905.  
E. G. OLSEN.

### NEW OXFORD BIBLES.

WE are expecting a shipment of Oxford Bibles in a few days which will contain some of the best and most useful styles. If you wish any of the following numbers we can send them to you without delay as long as our stock lasts.

References, light, thin, and clearly printed.

No. 03258x French Morocco, divinity circuit, linen lined to edge, round corners, red under gold edges, \$1.80.

No. 03259x Same as above except leather lined, \$2.50.

No. 03264x Persian levant, same as above, but silk sewed, 3.25.

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No. 03265x Levant Morocco, same as above except calf lined to edge, \$4.25.

No. 03248x Seal skin, same as above, \$4.50.

No. 03458x French Morocco, divinity circuit, linen lined to edge, round corners, red under gold edges, \$2.75.

No. 03459x Same as above except leather lined to edge, \$3.25.

No. 01140 Seal grain cloth text Bible, round corners, red edges, 42 cents.

No. 01150 French Morocco text Bible, limp, round corners, red under gold edges, 70 cents.

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