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THE LOST WORLD RESTORED.

It was a sad day when this world fell into the hands of Satan; but it was a glad day when the Son of God appeared on earth as the world's Redeemer. The first advent of Christ was an event of so great importance that even the angels of God came from heaven and sang beautiful songs of praise to Him. They said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." See Luke 2:8-14. The second advent will be a still greater event. The world was lost by covetousness, by our foreparents taking that which did not belong to them: it is to be won back to God and given to the children of Adam by benevolence, or by gifts upon which we have no claim. The gospel plan was begun with a

great gift for the lost race of man,— "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Think of the unselfish, sacrificing life of the Saviour! Then can anyone expect to be with the Lord forever in the Eden home, and be all the time taking in or receiving gifts and never giving out for the upbuilding of the cause of God, the benefiting of poor, lost humanity? God has reserved one day in every week, the seventh, to be devoted to His service, and to be a benefit and a blessing to man and beast. He also has reserved one-tenth of "all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year." Deut. 14:22. And He claims a "tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:32, 33. Yes, He asks us to do this to advance His cause in the earth, and says we have robbed Him "in tithes and offerings." Then the Lord would have us make offerings to Him besides keeping the Sabbath and paying tithes. Not only would He have us do this, but He would have us do still more. "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

C. A. WASHBURN.

RETRENCHMENT.

My brethren and sisters, do you plead for retrenchment in evangelical work?—Read the closing verses of Matthew's gospel, which contains the seal of the worker's commission: "Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you al-

way even unto the end of the world."

This commission can not be fulfilled unless workers are educated and sent forth and sustained. God's people are to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. So long as there are souls to save, their interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating. If we expect to feel in our lives the moisture and dew of heaven, we must improve every opportunity to strengthen every line of work that will extend the knowledge of God in our world. "Neither pray I for these alone," Christ said, "but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." The truth for this time must be carried to those who have never heard it. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can do the work waiting for them in their own neighborhood. All can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missionary work. All can be partakers of the divine nature.

There are schools and meeting houses to be built, and sanitariums to be established. There are new fields to be entered, and we must have your help. Shall we ignore the commission given us, and thus forfeit the promise accompanying the commission? Shall the people of God become careless and indifferent, and refuse to lay by of their means for the advancement of His work? Can they do this without severing their connection with Him? They may think thus to economize; but it is a fearful economy that places them where they are separated from Christ.

Let God's people pay a faithful tithe, and let them also, from parents to children, lay aside for the Lord the money that is so often spent for self-gratification. Practice self-denial in the home, and then, when calls for help are made, you will have something to give. Let those who are poor give what they can. However small the offering may be, the Lord will recognize the self-sacrifice and will bless the giver.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

DISTINGUISHED MEN WHO ONCE WERE
CANVASSERS.

WE often meet people who seem to think that the canvassing work is not good enough for them. Parents sometimes say that the canvassing work is a grand work, and then deny it by their actions and by encouraging their sons and their daughters to enter almost any other line of work. Some of the greatest men this country ever produced attribute a large degree of their success to the time spent in canvassing for some good book.

Geo. Washington sold "Bydell's American Savage," and in and around Alexandria, Virginia, sold more than two hundred copies. Jay Gould, Mark Twain, and Longfellow all sold books as agents. Daniel Webster paid his second term tuition at Dartmouth by acting as local agent for DeTacquivelle's "America." Bret Harte was a book agent in the fall of 1849 and the spring of 1850. Gen. Grant, subsequent to his resignation from the army and before his venture on the Dent farm, took part of the territory of a general agent to sell Irving's "Columbus." Rutherford B. Hayes in his younger days canvassed for the well known book, "Baxter's Saint's Rest." Blaine and Bismark, two of the world's greatest statesmen, were canvassers. When the latter attended the University of Heidelberg he spent one entire vacation in canvassing for "Blumenback's Hand-book"; and it may be said that Mr. Blaine began life as a canvasser, taking orders for a work entitled, "The Life of Henry Clay." Bonaparte took the agency for a work entitled, "The History of the Revolution"; and in the Palace of the Louvre may be seen today, under a glass case, the little canvassing outfit of the great emperor and within it the long list of names which he secured. James A. Garfield helped to pay his way through William's College by selling books.

The lives and success of these great men, as well as many who are now connected with our work, make us proud of our company. Not only is the canvassing work glorified by such men, but they may well thank it for a large measure of their success. This is a noble work, and a noble work will make noble men and women. It is no wonder that Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage said he always felt like lifting his hat to the solicitor for good books, for they were doing more good than he could ever hope to do. R. J. BRYANT.

IMPORTANCE OF THE CANVASSING
WORK.

I HAVE been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. Let us be thankful to our heavenly Father for the interest that our brethren and sisters have taken in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." By the sale of this book great good has been accomplished; and this work should be continued. The effort to circulate "Object Lessons" has demonstrated what can be done in the canvassing field. This effort is a never-to-be-forgotten lesson of how to canvass in the prayerful, trustful way that brings success.

Our larger books could be sold if our canvassers would take up this work earnestly, filled with the realization that these books contain precious instruction that God has entrusted to us that we may give it to the world.

My brethren and sisters, will you not make an effort to circulate these books, and will you not bring into this effort the enthusiasm that you brought into the effort to sell "Object Lessons"? In selling "Object Lessons" many have learned how to handle the larger books. They have gained an experience that has prepared them to enter the canvassing field.

Sister White is not the originator of the thoughts expressed in the books bearing her name. These books contain the instruction that during her life time God has graciously given her to give to the world. From their pages light is to shine into the hearts of men and women, leading them to the Saviour. It is our work to scatter these books throughout the world. There is in them truth that to the receiver is a savor of life unto life. They are silent witnesses for God. In the past they have been the means in His hands of convicting and converting many souls.

Many have read them with eager expectation, and by reading have been led to see the efficacy of Christ's atonement and to trust in its power. Many have been led to commit the keeping of their souls to their Creator, waiting and hoping for the coming of their Saviour to take His loved ones to their eternal home. In the future these books are to make the gospel plain to many others, revealing to them the way of salvation.

The Lord has sent His people much instruction, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a

little. Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light. O, how much good might be accomplished if the books containing this light were read with a determination to carry out the principles they contain. There would be a thousand-fold greater vigilance, a thousand-fold more self-denial and resolute effort. And many more would now be rejoicing in the light of present truth.

The end of all things is at hand. The men of the world are rushing on to their ruin. Their schemes, their confederacies, are many. New devices will continually be brought in to make of no effect the counsel of God. Men are heaping up treasures of gold and silver to be consumed in the fires of the last day. The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and the byways.—Mrs. E. G. White.

SHOULD YOU HAVE A CHURCH SCHOOL?

Now is the time to begin planning for your next year's church school. Even the decision whether or not to have a school is often postponed until it is nearly time for the school to begin. This important question should be decided early, and a board chosen and plans made so the success of the school may be assured. When left till the last, difficulties often arise which sometimes prevent having a school. This was the situation in at least one place last fall, when if the application for a teacher had been made earlier the difficulty would not have arisen.

The earlier the plans are made, the better the chances for securing a teacher adapted to the situation. Some schools are very easy to govern, while others will tax the ability of the best disciplinarians. Some schools need a teacher for the primary grades, while others have only the higher grades. Occasionally, too, there is need of a teacher who can do some special work. All these conditions need to be taken into consideration in the choice of a teacher, and there should be time to consider them.

If there are five or more children in your church who could attend church school, will the elder or some one interested please inform me at once?

Please give the number of children within reach, and information about the support of the school.

J. O. BEARD,

1632 Maple St., Des Moines.

"THE work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us, and made secondary to worldly interests."

FIELD REPORTS.

NEW VIRGINIA.

MARCH 8 I began meetings in a school-house ten miles east of New Virginia. From the first the house has been comfortably filled and several times some have had to stand. The hearers give the best attention of any meeting I have ever been connected with, and I never saw so many take references. My earnest desire and prayer to God is that I may be able to lead them on step by step until they shall be established in present truth.

J. F. PIPER.

NEW HAMPTON.

We are holding a series of meetings in the new church building, the first since its completion last fall. We are pleased at finding some interest, and are furnishing some seventy homes daily with the subjects studied as presented in the "Family Bible Teacher." In this way we find some who can not attend the meetings but who are deeply interested in Bible study. We hope before going to another field to find such as may be interested in the great message of truth for this generation. Our church school, which opened September 5, has done good work.

This is a rich farming district. Garden marketing and employment in various lines offer good inducements. Any of our brethren desiring church and church school privileges might do well to correspond with us relative to locating near by.

E. E. GARDNER,
J. M. MOORE.

LUANA.

In our work here at Luana we have preached 41 sermons, held 18 Bible readings, made 40 missionary visits, given away 2,337 pages of tracts and loaned 1,698 pages, and given away 64 periodicals and 4 sets of "Family Bible Teacher." Eight persons, five adults and three children, have commenced the observance of the Sabbath, while others are interested but have not yet

decided whether to obey God or man. Bro. J. W. Crouse has left, but we expect to continue for a season, following up the interest and further instructing those who have taken their stand for the truth.

So far, everything presented has been cheerfully accepted by them and they have expressed a determination to go every step of the way. The Lord has blessed greatly in our efforts here, but we desire the prayers of the brethren that He will continue to bless and give strength and wisdom, that we may be enabled to so instruct these babes in Christ that they may grow to the full stature of men and women in Christ. JOHN AND EDITH MANUEL.

OBITUARY.

SAMPLE.—Died, at Marathon, Feb. 4, 1905, of a complication of diseases, Mrs. L. J. Sample, aged 60 years, 5 months, and 13 days.

Sister Sample leaves an aged mother, her husband, a daughter, two sisters, and one brother to mourn. She was an intense sufferer and conscious to the last, but the rapture of her heart was expressed in words of gratitude to the blessed Master for the rays of light He had caused to shine upon her pathway. Through the efforts of Bro. Wm. J. Johnson and the writer, Sister Sample and her husband, with three other faithful souls, accepted this grand old truth and united with the Sioux Rapids church about one year ago. Her last words were words of hope and cheer. As the words of admonition and warning came from those fast closing lips, it reminded one of the faith of good old Abraham. She said to her husband: "Pa, I know we have found the truth, and I want you to promise me that you will never give up the Sabbath or your love for the third angel's message; and I know we shall meet in the kingdom when the Lord shall be revealed to reward His people." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13-16 to a large concourse of friends and neighbors at the home.

C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH.

"SCIENCE has never shown that life can be produced from lifelessness. Spontaneous generation is a chimera. Life only can produce life. Hence the soul that is 'dead in trespasses and sin' can only be made alive by the coming in of the life of God. The Christian is a new creation, a 'new man in Christ Jesus.' There can be no true life in him until Christ dwells in his heart, the hope of glory."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

"THE Sabbath school affords to parents and children a precious opportunity for the study of God's Word. But in order to gain that benefit which they should gain in the Sabbath-school, both parents and children should devote time to the study of the lessons, seeking to obtain a thorough knowledge of the facts presented, and also of the spiritual truths which these facts are designed to teach."

"In some schools, I am sorry to say, the custom prevails of reading the lesson from the lesson sheet. This should not be. It need not be, if the time that is often needlessly and even sinfully employed were given to the study of the Scriptures. . . . There is no reason why Sabbath-school lessons should be less perfectly learned by teachers and pupils than are the lessons of the day school. They should be better learned, as they treat of subjects infinitely more important. A neglect here is displeasing to God."

"Observe system in the study of the Scriptures in your families. Neglect anything of a temporal nature, dispense with all unnecessary sewing and with needless provision for the table, but be sure the soul is fed with the Bread of Life. It is impossible to estimate the good results of one hour or even a half hour each day devoted in a cheerful, social manner to the Word of God."

"Let it be seen that you consider it more important to obtain a knowledge of God's Word than to secure the gains or pleasures of the world."

FROM A SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENT.

"OUR school has vowed to double our donations. The most of us have the *Worker*, and the *Instructor* is among us. Our company is coming up on all the phases of the work. We send in all our donations, and buy our supplies with our own money. A lady and her two daughters have been added to our membership lately, and more are very much interested. We are all workers here—no idlers are allowed. I have started in to canvass our little city and have met with good success. We are anxious for our Lord's return, and are doing what we can to help finish the work. We had the best Sabbath-school and meeting last week that I ever attended. Everyone, even the children, was full of God's rich Spirit."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MAR. 21, 1905.

—STATE camp-meeting, June 8-18.

—“Is Sunday the True Sabbath? Reply to Gamble,” by Eld. A. T. Jones. Price, 10 cents.

—ELD. J. O. BEARD was called to Nevada Sabbath evening to conduct the funeral service on Sunday of Mrs. Mary E. Chapman.

—MISS PEARL WEIRICH, who for some time has been staying with Miss Elva Green, of this city, left on Sunday morning for California.

—BRO. E. H. WILBUR, of Canton, China, requests a letter from the Des Moines church, as they expect to organize a church soon at Canton.

—BRO. ED SWAP, of North English, came to Des Moines last week, bringing a patient to the Sanitarium for treatment. Fortunately for Bro. Swap, he came in time to receive treatment himself for a threatened attack of fever, and now is improving.

—MISS LETTIE REED, of Bloomfield, came to Des Moines last Friday to take the position of stenographer at the Sanitarium, which place has been vacant since Miss Carrie Wallace left a short time since to spend the summer with her parents at Ladoga.

—FROM the *Review* of last week we learn that Bro. and Sister Paul Curtis have left Washington, D. C., for Calgary, in the Canadian North-west, while a card from Bro. G. H. Skinner informs us that he and Sister Skinner will be located at 94 Marin Ave., St. Henry, Montreal, P. Q., Canada.

—As suggested in the report from New Hampton, Eld. and Mrs. E. E. Gardner expect to leave Iowa in the near future. Some months since they were asked to connect with the school to be established in the Maritime conference, and accepted the call, but wished nothing said about it at that time.

—THE suggestive date for the State camp-meeting, June 8-18, will seem a little late, so accustomed are we to an earlier date, but with the general conference in session May 11-30, it would be impractical to try to arrange for our meeting any earlier. We trust that this date may meet the mind of our people, and that all will begin at once to make definite preparations to attend.

—ONE of our young workers, preparing for the two months' campaign with “Object Lessons,” sends the following order to the Tract Society: “According to your faith, so be it unto you.” Send me 100 “Object Lessons,” 50 “Making Home Happy,” and 50 “Best Stories.”

—It should be remembered that the first Sabbath in April is the time for the next semi-annual collection for the Orphan's Home at Battle Creek, Michigan, and efforts should be made to make the collection a very large one.

—A NOTE from Union College says: “Our work is progressing nicely. Some left school at the close of the winter term. Quite a number have gone out into the canvassing field, and others will go soon.”

—FROM the *West Michigan Herald* we learn that Eld. A. T. Jones has gone to Washington, D. C., to labor for several weeks in the interests of the religious liberty work.

—MRS. A. BAKER, of Polk City, requests copies of the *Watchman*, *Signs*, and *Life Boat*, also tracts, for use in a reading rack.

—“WE have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world.”

—THE new quarter is almost here, but many have not yet ordered their lesson pamphlets.

NOTICE.

As mentioned last week, a canvasser's institute will be held at Sioux Rapids, beginning April 6 and continuing two weeks. We desire very much that a goodly number shall attend this school and prepare to enter this important branch of the Lord's work. The church there is planning to board and lodge all who may attend at \$1.25 a week, which certainly is very reasonable. If convenient, it might be well to bring some bedding. If those who expect to attend will write Bro. L. S. Scott, stating when they will arrive, some one will meet them at the train.

IOWA TRACT SOCIETY.

UNION COLLEGE CAMPUS.

GOD is a lover of the beautiful. He desires that the grounds about His institutions shall be attractive. Sister White, during her recent visit to College View, spoke of the beautiful situation of our institutions and commended the idea of planting flowers and making the premises neat and attractive.

We are making some improvements

along these lines, as our time and means will permit. We desire this spring to set out considerable shrubbery, and we think our brethren throughout the field can help us. We should like donations of hardy vines, hardy climbing roses, trees of drooping habits, tamarix, snowball, spirea, lilac, hydrangea, ever-blooming roses, and any other plant that is hardy and would be of value in beautifying our campus. Such donations would be much appreciated. Address M. E. Kern, College View, Nebraska.

APPOINTMENTS.

DES MOINES, Mar. 25, 1905.
E. G. OLSEN.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

DES MOINES, April 1, 1905.
J. O. BEARD.

SIoux CITY, April 1, 2, 1905.

All absent members are requested to report, either in person or by letter.

MRS. E. M. FREDERICKSON, *Clerk*.
Morningside Side, Sioux City.

MT. PLEASANT, March 25, 26, 1905.

The ordinances will be celebrated Sabbath afternoon. Will absent members please report, either in person or by letter, and send their tithe to the church treasurer, C. W. Smouse?

C. A. WASHBURN.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—Work on a farm by the month. Reference given and required. Address W. A. Will, Nevada.

: BIBLES. :

WE have just received a variety of Oxford Bibles ranging from a 50-cent child's text Bible to Teachers' reference Bibles with or without helps and worth up to \$7.50. If you contemplate purchasing a Bible before camp-meeting, send us a careful description of what you want and we will quote you our prices.

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