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BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

OUR churches are often appealed to for gifts and offerings to aid missionary enterprises in the home field, and to sustain the foreign missionary work. Let us not become impatient because we are often asked to give a portion of the means entrusted to us for the up-building of the cause. Just now the work in Washington demands our immediate consideration. Recent developments in Washington show that the removal of the General Conference offices to that city was a right move, and a move made none too soon. As soon as the sum asked for the work in Washington is made up, other important cities must receive consideration. Our churches have shown much liberality, but they have not done all that they are able to

do. Some have carried very heavy burdens, but there are others that are not willing to deny self. I appeal to every family of believers in our land to consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving, pledging themselves to advance the Lord's work by every means within their power. Let the older ones repress the desire to gratify self, and let the children be taught to save their pennies for the Lord. Let parents take up the cross of self-sacrifice, which lies so plainly in the pathway to holiness. Let the young men and young women who are tempted to expend means to gratify self say, No; I will not rob the cause of God by spending money for that which is useless.

Let the students in our schools and the children in our Sabbath-schools be diligently trained in liberality. Short, interesting articles should be prepared for their study, articles that will arouse in them a desire to give to the cause of God. The habit of liberality should grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. They should early be taught to lay by their pennies, so that they will have something to give when God's servants make a call for help. Let them be taught that they can be the helping hand of the Lord by adding their gifts to the means placed in the treasury. The work to be done in our world should be kept before them, and they should be encouraged and helped to prepare themselves for active service. Let them be dedicated to God's service while the dew of youth is yet upon them.

Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity?—Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality.

Those whose hearts are knit together with the heart of Christ will be glad to do what they can to help the cause of God. They will say, I will do my best; whatever others may do, my duty is clear. They will rejoice in the continual expansion and advancement that means larger and more frequently-given offerings. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

PLEASANT THOUGHTS

AMONG the pleasant things in the world are pleasant thoughts; and the one great object in life is to enjoy as many as possible of them. But the Bible tells us the best method for obtaining pleasant thoughts, which is the choice of righteousness, of that wisdom "whose ways are ways of pleasantness." Life has the same wise rules now that it had in Solomon's day, and no new philosophy can improve upon the Proverbs after all. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"; and the statement that "the thought of foolishness is sin" is just as true as it ever was. Then how necessary it is that every child of God curb his thoughts.

"What we ought not to do, we ought not even think of doing," wrote an old heathen moralist; yet many indulge themselves in thoughts of things they know to be wrong. Nothing weakens the character more than such indulgences, and so we should pray, "Try me, and know my thoughts," if we would gain moral health.

Our own special little fight against bad temper or laziness or selfishness, or whatever it may be, perhaps may not be very interesting to anybody else. But the great world-battle between good and evil is really being fought out in the endless series of tiny, individual skirmishes, and so it is important that we fail not in any particular. Every victory in the perpetual warfare between good and evil helps toward the final triumph, while every time we are defeated we delay the advance movement. Our individual fight counts, and that fact should inspire us to be brave. "Patient continuance in

well doing" is always possible through difficult problems and perplexities.

One of the most serious situations confronts the people of God, and is outlined in the following words from Volume 8, pp. 83, 84: "Many become absorbed in looking and listening for evil. They forget what a great sin they are committing. They forget that the words they speak can never be unsaid, and that by their suspicions they are sowing seeds that will spring up to bear a harvest of evil. How great this harvest is no one will know until the last great day. . . .

"The thoughtless, unkind words that are spoken grow with every repetition. One and another adds a word, until the false report assumes large proportions. Great injustice is done. By their unrighteous suspicions and unrighteous judgments, the tale-bearers hurt their own experience and sow the seeds of discord in the church. If they could see things as God sees them, they would change their attitude. They would realize how they have neglected the work He has given them to do as they have found fault with their brethren and sisters.

"The time spent in criticizing the motives and works of Christ's servants might better be spent in prayer. Often if those who find fault knew the truth in regard to those with whom they find fault, they would have an altogether different opinion of them. How much better it would be if, instead of criticizing and condemning others, everyone would say: I must work out my own salvation. If I co-operate with Him who desires to save my soul, I must watch myself diligently. I must cut away every evil from my life. I must become a new creature in Christ. I must overcome every fault. Then, instead of weakening those who are striving against evil, I can strengthen them by encouraging words."

L. F. STARR.

IMPORTANCE OF THE CANVASSING WORK.

CANVASSER-EVANGELISTS are needed to hunt and fish for souls. Canvassers can reach a class that can be reached in no other way. From family to family they carry the message of truth. Thus they come into close touch with the people, and find many opportunities to speak of the Saviour. Let them sing and pray with those who become interested in the truths they present. Let them speak in families the Word of Life. They may expect success; for

canvassers who go forth in the Spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly angels.

Let no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing. For anyone to be saved in indolence and inactivity is an utter impossibility. Think of what Christ accomplished during His earthly ministry. How earnest, how untiring, were His efforts! He allowed nothing to turn Him aside from the work given Him. Are we following in His footsteps? He gave up all to carry out God's plan of mercy for the fallen race. In the fulfillment of the purpose of heaven He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. He who had had no communion with sin, who had known nothing of it, came to this world, and took upon His sinless soul the guilt of sinful man, that sinners might stand justified before God. He grappled with temptation, overcoming in our behalf. The Son of God, pure and unsullied, bore the penalty of transgression, and received the stroke of death that brought deliverance to the race.

It was Christ's joy to help those in need of help, to rescue the perishing, to seek the lost, to lift up the bowed down, to heal the sick, to speak words of sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing and the distressed. The more fully we are imbued with His Spirit, the more earnestly we shall work for those around us, and the more we do for others, the greater will be our love for the work, and the greater our delight in following the Master. Our hearts will be filled with the love of God, and with earnestness and convincing power we shall speak of the crucified Saviour.

As our people engage in earnest work for the Master, murmuring and complaints will cease. Many will be aroused from the despondency that is ruining them body and soul. As they work for others, they will have much that is helpful to speak of when they assemble to worship God. The testimonies that they bear will not be dark and gloomy, but full of joy and courage. Instead of thinking and talking about the faults of their brethren and sisters, and about their own trials, they will think and talk of the love of Christ, and will strive earnestly to become more efficient workers for Him.

My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to answer for the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The

vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it? Will you not do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should be sown broadcast through the world? Will you not place them in the homes of as many as possible? Think of how great a work can be done if a large number of believers will unite in an effort to place before the people, by the circulation of these books, the light that the Lord has committed to us to be given them.

Put your hearts into this work, and the blessing of God will be with you. Go forth in faith, as you go praying that God will prepare hearts to receive the truth. Be pleasant and courteous. Show by a consistent course that you are true Christians. Walk and work in the light of heaven, and your path will be as the path of the just, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Under the divine guidance go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will be with you.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

TO THE OLD WORKERS.

ONE of our old-time canvassers said to-day that he was now entering the work because he knew the Lord was calling for the old workers to come back, and because he wanted a part in the closing work. Indeed, the Lord is earnestly and tenderly pleading for the old workers to come back. Some, like the prodigal son, have left home and the work of God, and are now engaged in the world, feeding swine, as it were. May God help all such to return now while it is yet day. "To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Our canvasser's institute is progressing nicely. A more earnest and studious class, I never met. From time to time we have examination papers written on the studies taken up, in which the progress of each student is shown very clearly and very satisfactorily. About twelve will go from the school to the field of labor. We trust that the readers of the BULLETIN will remember these dear brethren and sisters at the throne of grace. A man stepped up to me a few days ago and placed a sum of money in my hand, saying it was to help the canvasser at the post of duty. He could not go himself, but his heart was in the work

enough to help some one else who could go,—and we are sure the blessing of God will rest upon him for the part he has taken, also that our heavenly Father is just as willing to bless others who will do likewise.

The work is onward, dear friends, and we ask you to pray for us that God's blessing may continue to be with His workers in the front of the battle.

R. J. BRYANT.

SUPPORT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

THERE are several ways by which a church school may be supported. First is the plan of paying a tuition fee,—and, whatever other plan may be combined with it, there are good reasons why this plan should always be used. The second way is that of donations from the friends of education. This plan, combined with tuition fees, is the one that has been used thus far almost wholly. A third plan, but really only a special form of the second, is that of the farmers setting apart a portion of ground to be carefully cultivated and the proceeds used for the school. Those who work for wages can donate their wages for a certain length of time, or lay aside so much each week.

In places where there are people who can be reached, the pupils, and others who are interested, can sell the papers *Bible Training School* and *Life Boat* and small books. This plan is worthy of more consideration than it has received. In this way, with a little energetic work, pupils could pay nearly or quite all of their tuition.

The ideal plan, however, is the paying of a second tithe, a part of which could be used in support of the school. The Lord required ancient Israel to set apart a second tithe, Deut. 14:22, 23, and once in three years still a third tithe was directed. Vs. 28, 29. Those who think they can not pay the first tithe, that which is sacred to the Lord, would feel sure that to pay so much would beggar them. On the contrary, the Lord promised that if His people were faithful in what He commanded, they should be rich and should lend to many nations, but should not borrow. Deut. 28:1-13. If there are children in your church that should go to church school, begin to plan at once and have a good school for the coming year.

J. O. BEARD.

"THE Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false."

OBITUARY.

LINDSTROM.—John Lindstrom died at his home at Village Creek, Feb. 7, 1905.

Telling us not to weep, Father went sweetly to sleep in Jesus, without a struggle and with scarcely a pain, to await the coming of the Life-giver. Our hearts are sad, but our hope is in the resurrection. Eld. Swedberg, our beloved pastor here, and Rev. Oberg, of the Baptist church, conducted the service, the former speaking in Swedish and the latter in English.

MRS. W. D. KINNEY.

BOWMAN.—Died, at Leon, Mar. 10, 1905, Mrs. Dale Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sylvester, formerly of Davis City, but now of Colorado, aged 31 years, 1 month, and 6 days.

Sister Bowman's last illness dated from February 4. Everything that medical skill and kind hands could do was done, but to no avail. As a last resort, an operation was performed by Dr. Ruth, of Keokuk; but the shock was too great, and she passed quietly and peacefully away the following morning. From childhood Sister Bowman was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Davis City, and she died in hope of a part in the first resurrection. MRS. JULIA NORMAN.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

MISSIONARY GARDENS.

ARE you making garden? If you are, while making your own do not forget to make a garden for the Lord. If each one of our Sabbath-school families could do this what an increase there would be in the harvest donations. If each of the members in the State could thus add twenty-five cents to the donations, our missionary fund would be increased eight hundred and thirty dollars. There are many who might have a missionary garden that would bring in several dollars, and these gardens would make up for those who can have no gardens. We have been told that our families should be educated to plan to save and give to help carry this message to all the earth. Let each child have a little corner to work for the Lord, and encourage him in caring for it and then help him to dispose of the produce, that he may have something of his own to give at the harvest ingathering service. See that the proceeds are sacredly kept for the work to which they are dedicated.

Let us have missionary gardens in every school, and then all through the beautiful summer days let us do our part faithfully and pray that the Lord of the harvest may water the seed sown that it may bring forth abundantly.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORTS.

It is time again for Sabbath-school report blanks to be filled out and sent to the State secretary. This is an important part of the Sabbath-school secretary's work, and should be carefully and promptly attended to. Every question should be answered, and the membership items carefully balanced, as also the financial account. The State records and reports can not be satisfactory without correct, complete reports from the local schools. Then, why not have them? Then, too, why not make them out so carefully that there shall be no question, and, consequently, no delay? If, however, there is anything about the report that you do not understand, feel perfectly free to write to the State secretary in regard to it. Any questions will be gladly answered. Let every Sabbath-school secretary in the State make out a prompt and accurate report. Remember the marginal reading of Jer. 48:10.

WHAT about the *Sabbath School Worker*?—Are you having the benefit of it in your school? You can not afford to do without it, for it is carefully prepared and if it is as carefully read it can not fail to increase the interest in the Sabbath-school work. The suggestions, instruction, and general articles should help us to make the school what the Lord has said it should be, a training school for missionaries, a means of improving and enlarging the church, and one of the greatest and most effectual means of saving souls. In this important work we need all the help we can possibly find. Then do not leave out the *Worker*. If you do not have it, send in an order at once to the Iowa Tract Society.

"THE Bible is the only Book which shows us what we are,—not only our needs, but our possibilities. Too many men are content to live in the valley, or to roam about among the foothills, who might be climbing upon the peaks of the higher Christian experience."

"SHALL Christ's great sacrifice be in vain? Shall the earth be entirely controlled by Satanic agencies?"

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MAR. 28, 1905.

—BRO. L. E. KOON, Central Union conference auditor, is in Des Moines auditing the conference books.

—THE Sanitarium Bakery has on hand a limited quantity of broken crackers. Price, 5 cents a pound.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS left Des Moines last week to visit several of the churches in the northern part of the State.

—THE Pacific Press of Kansas City, for some time of 18 W. 5th St., has found new quarters and is now located at 1109 E. 12th St.

—ELD. E. G. OLSEN spent the Sabbath in Des Moines, according to appointment, and conducted two services which were largely attended.

—In some strange way Hampton and New Hampton got mixed last week, and Eld. E. E. Gardner and Bro. J. M. Moore were located at the wrong place, New Hampton. All concerned should remember that they are at Hampton.

—WITH the time for garden making right upon us, we trust that none will overlook the call in the Sabbath-school column for missionary gardens. Many who do not feel able to give just now to the advancement of the cause can by missionary gardening give something later.

—WE wish again to call attention to the fact that the report of the general conference will be published in the *Review*. The coming conference will probably be the most important one held by our people, and so all should have the report. But do not stop with the report of the conference; subscribe for a year. Subscription, \$1.50 a year.

—THROUGH the kindness of some of the workers at Washington, we have had the pleasure of reading direct from Washington papers of the adoption by the clergymen of that city of the report recommending religious instruction in the public schools. It is very evident that public opinion is divided on the subject, and that many people are in favor of numerous measures that tend toward religious intolerance; and, therefore, even the most conservative must see clearly that the move to Washington was made not a bit too soon to place us in an advantageous position for holding in check some of the fast-rising tendencies toward evil.

—WE trust that as we take up the study of another series of Sabbath-school lessons all our people will determine resolutely to get all there is in the lessons. With our business here in the world that of giving the message, the new lessons will constitute a golden opportunity for brightening up ourselves on its different phases, that we may the more clearly teach it to others. If you have not yet ordered your pamphlet, do so at once.

—BRO. PAUL CURTIS and wife, laborers from the Iowa conference who have been assisting in the work at Washington for a time, spent last Monday in the city on their way to Calgary, North-west Territory, Canada, where they have been recommended to labor under the direction of the Northern Union conference. The Iowa conference will continue their support in their new field.—*Minnesota Worker*.

—THE Sanitarium furnished a number of items for publication this week which are crowded out by the large number of important articles that we are receiving.

—BRO. L. E. EDGERTON, one of our successful canvassers a few years ago, has decided to again enter the work, and is now attending the institute.

—MR. SIMON J. PINES, of Woodward, can use clean copies of tracts in missionary work. Send postpaid.

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

—STATE camp-meeting, June 8-18.

BOIL IT DOWN.

THE Editor rises to thank his contributors for their valuable productions, and to request them to boil down their thoughts. Do not try to tell all you know at once. Give it to us in installments, and let each be complete by itself. Life is short, our paper is too small for serials, and the Editor has a few things he wants to say himself.—*Educational Messenger*.

OUR NUT BUTTER.

A PROMINENT Chautauqua lecturer writes us as follows: "My family felt that it never tasted real peanut butter until it sampled yours. A number of my friends here in New York City and Brooklyn are anxious to have the pleasure of using the 'real stuff.' Please send by express fifty pounds. Your work is so incomparably better than anything else I can find, that I am de-

lighted to pass it on to others."

Price, 50-lb can, \$5.50; 10-lb can, \$1.40; 1-lb can, 25 cents, with a discount of 33½ per cent. when sent in addition to a 30-lb order for the regular health foods. IOWA SANITARIUM BAKERY.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR RENT.—A five room house, with good out-buildings and garden plot, also 20 acres of farm land, ¼ mile from church school house; some fruit, nice location. I want to rent to some one with a family to go to church school. Will allow renter to work out the rent. Write at once to H. F. Lamb, Blencoe, Iowa.

WANTED.—At once, by a Seventh-day Adventist family of three adults, a middle-aged woman to help do housework on a farm three miles from church. Some time will be allowed for missionary work. An experienced girl would be acceptable. Permanent home to the right person. Reference given and required. Address Mrs. Rose Beamer, R. 2, Eddyville.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

DES MOINES,	April 1, 1905.
	J. O. BEARD.
DAVENPORT,	April 1, 2, 1905.
All members are requested to attend or report.	
	S. H. NOEL, <i>Elder</i> .
DUMFRIES,	April 1, 2, 1905.
I would like to have a good attendance.	
	J. H. KRAFT.
COUNCIL BLUFFS,	April 8, 9, 1905.
All absent members are requested to report by letter.	
	JOS. FERRON, <i>Elder</i> .
SIoux CITY,	April 1, 2, 1905.
All absent members are requested to report, either in person or by letter.	
MRS. E. M. FREDERICKSON, <i>Clerk</i> .	
<i>Morningside Side, Sioux City.</i>	

: 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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