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FATHER, TAKE MY HAND.

A little bed stands close to mine—
I reach it with extended arm—
And there the clust'ring curls entwine
A golden head, secure from harm.

And when my darling goes to rest,
But ere she seeks the dreamer's land,
Upon my hand her fingers pressed,
Their tiny tips within my hand.

Then, sweetly, as the melting strain
Of music from a spirit band,
Or soft dripping of the rain,
She lisps, "Please, papa, take my hand."

"It's dark, papa, I tan not do
To sleep alone!" Though angels stand
To guard her bed 'gainst ev'ry foe
Still baby lisps, "Please take my hand."

And even I, in time to come,
When greets my gaze the portal grand
Of that far-off eternal home,
May ask, "O Father, take my hand!"

When 'round about the billows roll
And beat upon the farther strand,
While dark'ning tempests veil my soul,
E'en I may ask, "O Father, take my
hand!" —Speed Mosby.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

God keeps a school for his children here on earth, and one of the best teachers is Disappointment. My friend, when you and I reach our Father's house, we shall look back and see that the sharp-voiced, rough-visaged teacher, Disappointment, was one of the best guides to train us for it. He gave us hard lessons; he often used the rod; he often led us into thorny paths; he sometimes stripped off a load of luxuries, but that only made us travel the freer and the faster, on our heavenward way.

He sometimes led us down into the valley of the death shadow, but never did the promises read so sweetly as when spelled out by the eye of faith in that very valley. Nowhere did he lead us so often, or teach us such sacred lessons, as at the cross of Christ. Dear old rough-handed teacher! We will build a monument to thee yet, and crown it with garlands, and inscribe on it: "Blessed be the memory of Disappointment."—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

MORE BLESSED.

"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. The world's principle is that it is the most blessed thing in the world to receive, and to keep that which we have. The principles of heaven are the opposite of the principles of the world, for the Ruler of heaven works on exactly the opposite principles from that of the ruler of this world.

It is a wonderful thing that this saying, though not recorded in the gospels by any of the evangelists, was thought worthy of record by Luke from the words of the Apostle Paul. This was the moving principle of the life of Jesus; also of the life of the Apostle Paul, who followed Jesus. It will be the moving principle of every one who is a Christian. We receive but to give, and the greatest joy in this world is to give. The greatest blessing comes in giving.

My dear brother, do you know that one reason why your spiritual experience is not clear and bright may be that you do not give as is your privilege? What a blessing would come to many who read this article, if they were to give until it be-

came a real sacrifice. Some one during the week of prayer just past may have had his heart drawn out in longing for the blessing of God. It may be you are closing the channel to God's blessing by not giving what God has given you.

There are many calls, but a blessing is in every one for those who give, and not only give, but sacrifice to give. Some one who reads this article could easily give one thousand dollars and more to the one hundred and fifty thousand dollar fund, and it would be a great blessing and joy to him. Others could give, by a little effort, one-half that amount; and there are many who could give one hundred dollars. My brother, my sister, you know whether you can do this and that you will in return receive a greater blessing than should some one make a present of that amount to you.

Many who read this article could give fifty dollars, and but very few who read would find it difficult to give ten, or at least five. O if every Seventh-day Adventist believed that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive, the mere statement of the need and the opportunity would bring in with one call all that is needed. Will you be among the more blessed?

J. S. Washburn.

"A rolling stone can go but one way."

FIELD REPORTS.

AMES.

According to appointment, I met with the Ames church, Sabbath, December 20. I was very glad to hear that they had been having a good season during the week of prayer, and to see all that could be present out at meeting. We were together more than three hours, but it did not seem very long, because the Spirit of God was very near. The good Lord gave freedom in presenting his Word, and it was gladly received. After the sermon, Bro. C. M. Peabody was ordained elder of the church, and Bro. Frank Arnett, deacon. Following this, we had the Lord's supper. Many of God's rich blessings have been bestowed upon the Ames church during the last quarter, and there is light ahead for them if they continue as they have begun to seek the Lord.

N. C. Bergersen.

EXIRA, ELK HORN, AND JACKSONVILLE.

Eld. L. H. Christian and the writer went to Exira, December 7, to hold some meetings. We had from one to three meetings each day at these places, and I believe much good was done, which I hope and pray will be lasting. Good congregations were present at all of the services. Eld. Christian preached four evenings in the schoolhouse in the town of Elk Horn, where he held a short tent meeting two years ago. He also worked hard for the members of the church and the young people.

Something was done for the Danish people, and more than three hundred dollars was given to the work among the Danish people. At Exira, Bro. P. A. Hansen was ordained elder of the church, to especially work among the young people. Let the youth, and the older ones, follow the example of Christ in finding at dawn and twilight a quiet season for communion with their Father in heaven, and throughout the day let us lift up our hearts to him. The Lord says: "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand; . . . fear not, I will help thee."

We closed our meetings December 29.

N. C. Bergersen.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Blencoe.—We all decided that this was, by all means, the best week of prayer service ever held at this place. From the first, a good spirit was manifest; and as the week passed by, the meetings increased in interest. A good congregation was present the last day. Bro. Arthur McClintock read the reading, and Bro. N. L. McClintock closed with devotional exercises. Many were moved to tears; confessions were made, and it seemed that the Holy Spirit held sway, for which we all are thankful. May the lessons of the day never be forgotten; and may we all go on from glory to glory, until we become like our great Pattern. The donations, which were for both the annual offerings and the hundred-and-fifty-thousand-dollar fund, were a little more than forty dollars, with more promised. Lydia E. Moore.

Marshalltown.—We had one of the best seasons we ever enjoyed. Our leader, Bro. J. O. Beard, could not be with us through the week, because of his teaching school, but the Lord gave freedom in our meetings. Wrongs were made right to some extent, and God came near by his Holy Spirit to a degree corresponding to the work of confession. May the good work go on. Our offering, \$33.10, in cash and pledges, was the largest we have ever received.

Grinnell.—Our week of prayer was a great blessing to all. The Lord surely blessed the Grinnell church. As a result of our two weeks' meetings, I am holding readings with one family that is interested.

So far, they have accepted everything they have heard. E. Swap.

UTE.

The church dedication at Ute took place according to announcement, December 21-23. Thus another memorial has been erected over which is flying the banner, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Meetings were begun Friday evening, December 21, with a good attendance of our people and also quite a number of the citizens of Ute. All the services were conducted in the English language, thus giving the residents of the place a chance to hear something about our peculiar doctrines, as when the tent was here it was located in the country. On Sabbath, several services were held, and the Lord blessed us in an especial manner. Sunday, the dedicatory sermon was preached by Eld. L. F. Starr to a large and intelligent audience of our own people and many others. The Word preached was appreciated, and we trust much good was accomplished during the meetings. Evening services were also held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday by the writer, and the attendance of the citizens then was also very encouraging. It seems that now is the time when services should be held, as there seems to be no prejudice; instead, there seems to be a spirit of inquiry among some of the best people.

The building was dedicated free of debt. It is a beautiful little structure; and we believe that if our good brethren and sisters there are faithful in letting their light shine, there will be a bright future for them. May the Lord bless his people at Ute, that they may be faithful stewards of the manifold grace of Christ. Eld. N. C. Bergersen, who with Bro. P. E. Brotherson conducted the tent effort two years ago, was present and rendered assistance in the services. C. C. Jensen.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

About two years ago, Eld. N. C. Bergersen and Bro. P. E. Brotherson pitched their tent near Ute and held meetings for some weeks in the Scandinavian tongue. There were in that vicinity seven or eight Sabbath-keepers. From the first they had a fair interest. With those who were already obeying the truth and the additions since, we now have a church membership of thirty-five. The school-house where they met for worship became inadequate to accommodate them, and it was finally proposed that they build a neat little chapel, to which all agreed and heartily went to work to build the house. This meant hard work and some sacrifice on the part of the little company, but the citizens and friends became interested in the undertaking and assisted them in many ways. I was personally very much pleased, in company with Elds. N. C. Bergersen and C. C. Jensen, to

attend the dedicatory service and to hear the report of the building committee. Everything was handled in a business-like manner, and the building is a credit to the place, and the church is one of the most loyal to all the principles of our faith I know of anywhere. The members are constantly laboring for others, and almost every quarterly meeting new ones join their ranks. I wish all our churches would follow their example. It is a pleasure to visit churches that are awake and that feel a burden for lost souls, and will occasionally bring one to the fold. The brethren are anxious to do a great deal of missionary work this winter. Hence they asked Bro. R. J. Bryant, our State missionary secretary, to hold a few days' missionary drill with them that they might do more efficient work among their neighbors and friends. If all our churches would follow this plan we should see much more accomplished. May God prosper the work at Ute and prosper us all, and help us to sense the time in which we live. L. F. Starr.

OBITUARY.

Beamer.—Died, Monday evening, Dec. 10, 1906, Eugene Beamer, aged 27 years, 4 months, and 10 days.

Most of his life was spent near Eddyville, his home; but about two years ago his health failed and he went to Greeley, Colorado. However, it only continued to fail, and he at last fell asleep. He left to mourn his death the parents, Bro. and Sister B. B. Beamer, of Eddyville, one brother, and one sister. His youngest brother died last July. He was an industrious, hard-working young man, with a large circle of friends who mourn his death. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, from Heb. 9:28, to a very large and attentive congregation. E. Swap.

Larson.—Died, Dec. 6, 1906, John W. Larson, aged 28 years and 27 days.

Bro. Larson was born in Sweden, and lost his life in the burning of the Lund Hotel at New Hampton. Although making no profession at the time of his death, he ever expressed faith in and love for the third angel's message. He had been a very successful teacher in the public schools, but at the time of his death was traveling for a wholesale music house. He was of an unusually genial nature, and was loved by all who knew him. A father, four brothers, and three sisters deeply mourn the loss that is shared by the community. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, from Rom. 5:1,2 and Jno. 10:10.

J. C. Clemens.

Peterson.—Died, Nov. 27, 1906, at his home near Forest City, as the result of an accident, Bent Peterson, in the 69th year of his age.

Bro. Peterson had been to the city with his horse and buggy, and when ready to go

home the reins became entangled, and in the trouble he was run over and died five days later. Bro. Peterson was born in Sweden, where he lived for twenty-five years. He came to this country in 1870, and settled in Winnebago county, Iowa, where he afterward lived. He accepted the truths of the third angel's message more than thirty years ago, under the labors of Eld. J. F. Hanson, and was an active member of the church until his death. He often held meetings and explained the truth to others. A wife, one daughter, and five sons, besides a host of friends, mourn his death, but not without hope. It will not be long until the Life-giver will come to take his faithful children home; then shall the graves give up their dead, and we shall reach that land where pain and death will never come. Remarks were made by the writer, at the home, to a sympathizing congregation.

E. G. Olsen.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSERS' NOTICE.

Plans are now completed for a good institute at Nevada, and we trust that all those who are expecting to attend will come in time for the first day of the school, January 4. Send me a card, stating what train you expect to arrive on, and we will try to have some one meet you. Bring plenty of bedding, including straw ticks, if you can; but if you cannot bring any bedding, come anyway.

We shall be glad to have any of our people to attend; but we cannot board and lodge any who will not enter the canvassing work and remain in the field at least three months after the school. We earnestly desire this school to be a success, and we ask all our brethren and sisters in the State to remember us at the throne of grace.

"Laborers wanted. The ripening grain

Waits to welcome the reapers' cry.

The Lord of harvest calls again.

Who among us shall first reply,

'Who is wanted, Lord,—is it I?'

The Master calls, but the servants wait.

Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky:

Will none seize the sickle before, too late,

Winds of winter come sweeping by?

'Who is delaying, Lord,—is it I?'

R. J. Bryant.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

THE MORNING WATCH.

At the recent council of the secretaries of the young people's work considerable time was spent in studying how to deepen the spiritual life of our young people. It is power that we need, dear young people, power over sin, and power in working for others. There are three things in the

Christian life that we need to do daily. We need to "Search the Scriptures," for food, to "Pray without ceasing," for breath, and to "Go work to-day in my vineyard," for exercise.

"Lord teach us to pray." When we have learned truly how to pray, we have learned how to live. Our success in Christian living and working for others depends upon this. A Christian is like a diver going down into the deep sea. He is in a world where conditions so press down upon him that he must have life from above. "Take heed," says the Master, "lest haply your hearts be overcharged." "Watch and pray."

"The Morning Watch" is the first hour or half hour of the day spent in communion with God, a time when we are alone with him before we go forth to meet the world and its temptations. There is system in it, a definite plan. "Take time to be holy." The most important matter, our communion with God, should not be left to be crowded out by circumstances. As an aid to our young people in taking up this morning watch, the Central Union has printed a prayer cycle giving a definite line of Bible study for each day during the year 1907, and suggestions for definite objects of prayer. Let all the Christian young people in Iowa send at once to Bro. F. J. Wilbur, at Clarinda, and procure without cost a copy of this beautiful calendar and prayer cycle. Then, by all means, use it. It will bring a blessing. M. E. Kern.

"One little star will sometimes illumine the whole heavens for a soul that is dependent."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

The Sabbath-school is our pioneer organization. We have Sabbath-schools before we have churches. It is a work that touches our nearest and dearest interests; it should reach every home and every member of the home. Its influence extends into all lands, and to the islands of the seas. Unquestionably, the Sabbath-school is one of the leading factors in molding, establishing, building up, and making permanent and sure our denominational work. No other public service affords to those of all ages so excellent an opportunity for a study of the things of God.

There are now 3,257 Sabbath-schools reporting through the regular channels to the General Conference Sabbath-school Department. These have an enrolled membership of 74,885. Of these, 3,255 are Home Department members. Thus the Home Department membership alone equals the membership of some of our large conferences.

The Sabbath-school work is reported to our department from every country where our work has a foothold. We have 941 schools outside the United States, with a membership of 21,715. The schools throughout the world study our regular Sabbath-school lessons. The far-away fields use them three months after we study them here. They are translated into many languages. Some of the workers in the islands and in the darker portions of the earth translate and use our primary lessons for the adult natives as well as for the children.

The "Sabbath School Worker" has a liberal circulation in all English-speaking countries, and the subscription list is steadily growing.

Speaking of the field as a whole, we certainly can praise God most heartily for the manifest evidence that our Sabbath-school workers everywhere are setting a higher standard to be reached. Through their faithful efforts week after week, the truth of God is being taught with power, little children are learning to love the Saviour, the youth are being bound to this message with bands stronger than iron, and the hearts of the fathers and mothers in Israel strengthened, encouraged, established.

Our Sabbath-schools in all lands are feeling the blessed inspiration of a real burden for souls in "the regions beyond." They are being mightily moved by a revival of the missionary spirit that takes in the whole world. From 1887 to 1905, \$446,714.55 was given by our Sabbath-schools to carry the gospel to the world. Steadily the proportion of the Sabbath-school contributions given to missions is increasing; steadily the amount of contributions used for expenses is decreasing. This does not mean that our schools are gradually being deprived of necessary supplies, for these are being purchased without using the Sabbath-school donations. The schools outside the United States, as a rule, give more largely to missions than we do. In Australia the proportion used for expenses is very small. Throughout the large German Union it is the established custom from which there is no deviation that the Sabbath-school offering goes to missions. That territory includes poverty-stricken Russia.

We have evidence that the missionary spirit is deepening in the home land. Only last week I was privileged to receive a report from Vermont showing that in that conference, for the quarter ending September 30, every one of the nineteen schools gave every penny of the contributions to missions. I think this is the first time that all the schools in any conference in this country have reached this standard. And this year, 1906, we are confident, will witness the consummation of our hopes, "a thousand dollars a week to missions from our Sabbath-schools." We give thanks tonight for this victory which our faith claims.—Sabbath School Worker.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 1, 1907.

—"Better a blush in the face than a blot to the hear."

—"Those who profess most do not always fulfill best."

—The various quarterly report blanks are being sent out this week. Let all the officers remember to send their reports in at once.

—The "Pacific Union Recorder" reports that Eld. E. H. Adams has been quite sick, but is recovering. With the "Recorder," Iowa friends will hope that he may soon be able to return to his work in the ministry.

—The Bulletin comes out a day late this week, owing to the printers' not working on legal holidays. Last week we were able to get it printed late Monday afternoon, but owing to other work, we could not this week.

—Bro. S. B. Kephart wishes to ask again for late clean copies of our periodicals for use in missionary work. He could use a hundred or a hundred and fifty copies each week. Send postpaid to his address at 1420 11th St. W., Cedar Rapids.

—Miss Mary Wilbur, who for a short time has been doing some good work in the canvassing field, has been in Des Moines a few days attending the young people's convention. From here she goes to Nevada to attend the canvassers' institute.

—Eld. N. C. Bergersen goes to-night to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to attend a council of our Danish-Norwegian brethren. This is their first council in eight or nine years, and it is expected that definite steps will be taken for the advancement of the work along various lines. The council will continue about ten days.

—A very profitable time was enjoyed here in Des Moines during the young people's convention which closed Sunday evening. Eld. Luther Warren, of Chicago, and Bro. C. L. Benson, assistant secretary of the young people's work in the Central Union, were in attendance and assisted in the work. Bro. Warren conducted the evening services while here, and spoke at the regular Sabbath meeting. He delivered most solemn, heart-searching messages, which were appreciated and responded to by the people. Besides representatives from the societies and churches throughout the State, Elds. L. F. Starr and N. C. Bergersen, Bro. F. J. Wilbur, Bro. and Sister J. F. Piper, and Sister Margaret Young, of the conference workers, were present and took part in the work of the convention. We believe that we voice the sentiment of all when we say that the convention was productive of much good.

—Sister Jessie V. Bosworth, of Hickory, North Carolina, congratulates the Bulletin on its new appearance. Coming as it does from one of the former editors of the Bulletin, the good word is especially appreciated.

—Our mottoes are going nicely, and it has been found necessary to order again. As soon as they arrive, we will try to give a list of them, with prices.

BEWARE OF PRIDE.

Are you going to walk in the street? Take care how you dress. What is that on your head? What does that gaudy ribbon and those ornaments on your dress say to every one that meets you? It makes the impression that you wish to be thought pretty. Take care! You might as well write on your clothes, "No truth in religion." It says, "Give me dress, give me flattery, and I am happy." The world understands this testimony as you walk the streets. You are living epistles, known and read of all men.

If you show pride, levity, bad temper, and the like, it is tearing open the wounds of the Saviour. How Christ might weep to see professors of religion going about hanging up His cause in contempt at the corners of streets!

Only let the "women adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with brodered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works"—only let them act consistently, and their conduct will tell on the world, heaven will rejoice, and hell groan at their influence.

But, O, let them display vanity, try to be pretty, bow down to the goddess of fashion, fill their ears with ornaments and their fingers with rings; let them put feathers in their hats, and clasps on their arms, lace themselves up until they can hardly breathe; let them put on their "round tires," and walk "mancing as they go," and their influence is reversed. Heaven puts on the robe of mourning, and hell may hold a jubilee.—Chas. G. Finney.

THE NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL INSTITUTE.

The Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute is prepared to give ten men students and five women students an opportunity to earn all of their regular school expenses while taking a course of instruction in preparing for missionary work. This offer is made with the special object of encouraging men and women to obtain a preparation to enter the southern field as missionaries. There are many who are being impressed at the present time by the Spirit of God to come to this needy field to work. Some of these are not prepared to bear all of the expenses necessary in

taking the required training, and this offer will make it possible for such persons to enter the school. There are many opportunities just now to establish small, self-supporting, industrial schools, where the message can be taught in the most effectual manner. Those who expect to enter this field and desire some training before entering upon their regular work, are invited to correspond with the undersigned at Madison, Tennessee.

The winter term opens Jan. 16, 1907.

E. A. Sutherland.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

Notice.—We have a few Buff Orpington cockerals left, which we will sell at \$1.50 each; also some fine White Rocks from Fishel eggs, at the same price. Stuart Industrial Academy. 26-29

Wanted.—At once, a man to help take care of stock this winter, and work on a farm next summer. State wages by the month or year, age, and experience in first letter. L. A. Adams, R. F. D. No. 3, Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Notice.—Any young person who would like to attend Iowa Industrial Academy at Stuart, but can not from lack of means, can learn how to easily obtain a year's board and tuition by writing to W. H. Cox, Stuart, Iowa. Enclose a stamp for reply.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Fontanelle, Jan. 5, 6, 1907.
All absent members are requested to report.
Carrie Armstrong, Clerk.

Sioux City, Jan. 5, 6, 1907.
All absent members are requested to report in person or by letter.

Mrs. E. M. Frederickson, Clerk.
Morning Side, Sioux City.

Algona, Jan. 5, 6, 1907.
The ordinances will be celebrated. I desire to see all the brethren and sisters from Whittemore, Wesley, and Burt. Come praying for special light and blessing at this meeting.
J. C. Clemens.

THE Sanitarium Bakery.

The Iowa Sanitarium Bakery carries a full line of cereal and other Health Foods, also a good Cooking Oil. The Iowa Sanitarium Bakery is not a private concern; it is a denominational institution, run by the Iowa Conference, and in harmony with the general work. We solicit your correspondence as to prices and discounts.

IOWA SANITARIUM BAKERY, DES MOINES.