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Evangelical.

An Unbounded Gospel.

The gospel is by no means narrow, exclusive and partial. It is the most expanded system of religion in the world. Its benevolence is as wide as the human race and as far reaching as eternity. The gospel of Christ presents the only system of religion that will save man from sin. It was preached in promise to Eve and afterward to Abraham. It is in these words: "In thee and in thy seed shall all nations be blessed." The same expansive benevolence is set forth in the following: "The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Expressive of the same expanded benevolence, showing that the gospel of Christ is for all mankind, we find the following from the angel when Jesus was born: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

The same impartial benevolence is expressed in the great gospel

commission showing that the gospel of Christ or religion of Christ is for all mankind. "Go forth and teach all nations." "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Referring to the promise made to Abraham, Peter says: "The promise is to you, and to your children and to all them that are afar off." Afterward when Peter came to the house of Cornelius and by a miracle was brought to see the importance of all this, he was led to exclaim, "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

The Real Pope.

The religious world has wondered at the election of Cardinal Sarto to the Papacy, but if the statements made by the Rev. Alex. Robertson, D. D., in the "Christian" are well founded, the mystery is over. Writing from Venice, of which city cardinal Sarto was patriarch, he says:—

"Leo XIII. and he (Sarto) are one in this, that both have a master, and that is the Jesuit General. Only there is this difference, Leo XIII., rebelled against the Jesuits, until, as they said in Rome, he was tamed, and that was soon after his elevation. Sarto, Pope Pius X., will not need to be tamed, for he is a born Jesuit; his confessor is Father Ignazlo Salgari, a well-known Jesuit, and a professor here in Venice. His courteous manner with friend and foe, his quiet, persevering method of working, his not too scrupulous use of means to procure his objects, have made him a very successful propagandist of the Papal Church. He will be a dangerous Pope, just because of his con-

ciliatory Jesuitical ways, and because he will prove himself a fitting instrument in the hands of the Black Pope, who is the real Pope."

If these things be true, Pius X may be trusted to make the most of the favorable situation created by his predecessor, on whose death nearly all Protestant world broke out in glowing enmity. The deadly wound of the beast is healing fast, and it may be the fortune of Pius X to realize the ambition of the Papacy, and the fulfillment of the Prophecy. At his coronation these words were spoken:—

"Receive the tiara adorned with three crowns, and take knowledge that thou art the father of kings and princes, the ruler of the whole world, and vicar upon the earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

And the Scripture says:—

"All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8.

While the Papacy ascribes honour and glory to Jesus Christ, the pope claims it all as his vicar. But whether the vicar owes his election to the Black Pope or not, he certainly does not receive his appointment as vicar from Jesus Christ.—Present Truth.

"The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money-making, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut."

Educational.

Cedar Lake Academy.

The meeting of the Academy Board held at Cedar Lake March 1st took up some very important matters relative to the Academy. Brethren Videto, Wolcott, Brink, Butler and Lamson were present.

The Principal reported the affairs of the school in excellent condition financially and otherwise. The potato crop is being sold at 70 and 75 cts. a bushel. The bean crop is also bringing good money. This money, however, must be used to pay the expenses of the school this summer, and cannot be used in improvements.

The vote of the conference at Charlotte to complete the raising of the \$1,000.00 fund was considered, and the school will need every cent of \$500.00 to put it in the best possible condition for next year's school. The barn must be painted this spring, and fruit trees and supplies of like nature have been purchased and must be paid for this spring. It was voted to begin again the raising of hens and to provide some suitable place for them, the quarters at present being altogether too small for a large number of hens.

The present term closes the 29th of March, and the spring term will open the following week. The Board voted to arrange so that students could pay at least one half their expenses by work. This is certainly a most excellent proposition for any young man or woman who desires to get an education and work for a large part of the expense.

Since Prof. Crawford resigned and went to Berrien Springs, his classes have been taken by the Principal and Miss Mary Lamson, making extra heavy work for both of these teachers. They thought, however, they could carry on the work until the close of the term, and then other arrangements could be made as necessary.

Quite a number of the present

students are arranging to remain during the spring term.

What Effort For Self-Improvement?

I have already told you something about the Missionary Training School of Correspondence. In response to what appeared in the "West Michigan Herald" several weeks ago, I received a number of most interesting letters from young people throughout the conference. I find there are many who are very anxious to become workers for the Lord. Why should not every young person in the conference be willing to put forth an effort. Think of this. The city of Chicago has twenty-two night schools in operation, and there is not a week but the Board of Education is appealed to to establish still others.

"Every night ten thousand men, women, boys and girls, after completing a hard day's labor, sit down at desks in public school buildings for two hours and eagerly make use of every moment of that time to secure the knowledge which circumstances prevent them from getting in the day time."

Picture these twenty-two schools and these ten thousand students, some of them girls and boys fourteen or fifteen years of age, some of them gray-haired men. Where are the Christian young people who are willing to put forth one-half as much effort to become workers for Christ? Where are the homes in which fathers and mothers will spend the evenings in study with the children and the young people?

Every home should be a night school. It is true your day may be spent in taxing labor and evening may find you weary. It is easy for you to go to bed. Have you a mission in the world? Will education make you a better worker for the Lord? Then be willing as a Christian to put forth as much effort as the hard-working men and women in Chicago are willing to put forth for an ordinary, common education.

Our homes may not be in need of the same subjects as the Chicago

workers crave, but they are no less in need of some other subjects. The Bible is almost a lost book. It should be brought from the shelf and studied. Let me tell you that if you are going to be a power in the world, you must begin to study. If you cannot enter school, study it at home. The Missionary Training School of Correspondence offers a course in Bible which you cannot get in any other way. If I were in your place, I would send for sample lessons and begin the work at once.

M. BESSIE DEGRAW,
Berrien Springs, Mich.

Our Duty to Our Schools.

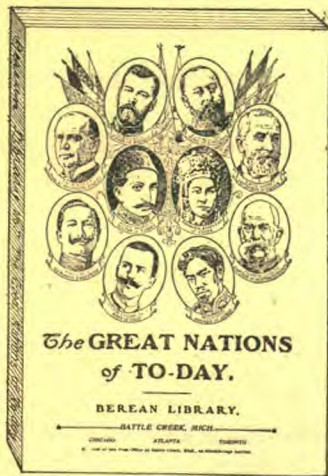
My brethren and sisters, why is so little being done to sell "Christ's Object Lessons?" Have you become weary in well-doing? Have all the families in your neighborhood been supplied with the book that is so full of helpful lessons both for parents and for children? Are there not some who did not buy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

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

More than we expected at the beginning has been accomplished by the sale of this book. But we found that the debts on our schools were larger than we at first supposed, and more than this, important changes have been brought in, which make the work of our schools more arduous and the demand for means more urgent.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

Publication.



New Edition of The Great Nations of To-Day.

BY ALONZO T. JONES.

A book of great importance at the present time, containing a presentation of the great nations in their rise, relations, career, and their destiny, in connection with a clear and concise treatise on the Seven Trumpets, The Three Woes, The Third Angel's Message, The Three-fold Message, Babylon, The Beast of Revelations 13, its image in all its phases and workings, The Commandments, The Hour of the Judgment Come, and the Setting up of the Everlasting Kingdom of God.

President Roosevelt's portrait has been substituted for that of McKinley's on the front cover, which brings it up to date in the representation of the heads of nations.

It is the largest pamphlet printed for the small PRICE OF TWENTY-FIVE CENTS, retail, and it is one that will sell early at this time when the whole world is especially interested in the solution of the Eastern question. IT HAS THE MESSAGE FOR THIS TIME. Forty per cent discount to agents. Order of West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

Vol. 8 of the Testimonies is expected to be out early in this month, so place your orders at once and receive the book at the earliest date. Price, cloth, 75c, limp leather, \$1.25.

News From the Field.

Rothbury.

Friday, February 26, I left home for the Shelby church, but on my way stopped at Rothbury, some nine miles south, expecting to take the train for Shelby in the evening. While at Rothbury I learned that they were not holding meetings or Sabbath school as they had torn down the old church and were replacing it with a new one. So I stayed, there being a dozen Sabbath keepers here, and have been holding meetings during the week as the weather would permit. The outside interest seems to be growing and our courage in the Lord is good. I think this is as needy a field as any in the conference. The churches have been very much neglected. I feel so inefficient for the work before me, but God will give grace and strength. Pray for the work in District V.

W. C. HEBNER.

Grand Rapids.

We are preparing to make a strong effort in this city. A large hall has been secured on Fifth Avenue, through the intercession of a gentleman whose parents were Adventists; and through his efforts we secured the hall at one-half the usual price. I feel sure the Lord prompted him, for he asked me many questions in regard to the progress of the message, and listened very intently to the information I gave him. He said he should always believe we had the truth, and assured me that he would attend the meetings on such evenings as he could leave his office. On leaving he gave me a very cordial invitation to come again as he said he wanted to talk with me further on the subject of the "Times in which we are now living."

The meetings will begin next Sunday evening, March 13. The appointment is being extensively advertised, and the brethren in the church are volunteering to distribute printed matter, and many of

them have pledged themselves to do all in their power to assist in this effort and make it a success with God's help. W. H. Heckman has charge of the choir and expects to have two quartets, male and female. Our Bible workers, Misses McHugh, DeYoung and Kamstra, have pledged their services, and this means valuable assistance, for they are hard workers and know the value of souls.

The principle speakers will be D. T. Bourdeau, W. H. Heckman and the writer. Dr. P. S. Bourdeau will assist with the health and temperance work.

The way seems to open before us and everything is favorable for a successful campaign; but if success crowns our efforts it will be because the God of Israel leads, and the Holy Spirit gives power to the message. "Of ourselves we can do nothing." Brethren pray that we may "receive power from on high" that will enable us to give an invitation to the people of this city that will "Compel them to come in."

W. D. PARKHURST, Pastor.

Guadalajara, Mexico.

We have now been in Mexico a year, and find the climate enjoyable at all seasons. As we learn more of the people and their customs we know better how to work and are having good experiences. I have put out thousands of pages of our literature in tracts on various subjects. Our little paper, "The Message of the Third Angel," is a welcome visitor in many homes. "The La Salud" our health journal, is doing a good work in teaching people how to live, also advertising the Sanitarium and Mission throughout the Republic.

The State penitentiary is located here with about two thousand convicts that need our attention. We have had permission to enter with our literature a number of times, with good result I trust. I hope to visit there every two weeks.

They call me "Amar Hombre" (good man.)

Mrs. Erckenbeck is having a good experience in teaching English to two boys in a lawyer's family. The parents take part in the study and seem very much interested in our belief. Three others are also in the class.

I am teaching five to read English in their homes. Three of them will average with any American child of their age.

What the results from our labors will be we will leave with the Lord. We still give the Macedonian cry.

M. V. ERCKENBECK.

News and Notes.

—Last Sabbath Elder M. B. Miller preached the funeral sermon of Claude Potter of Eaton, Michigan, who died of appendicitis.

—D. E. Cole, elder of the Mendon church, has just recovered from a successful operation at the sanitarium and returned to his home last Monday.

—Elder A. J. Brunson has rendered valuable assistance in the work of the Battle Creek Church Training School, giving some much appreciated instruction in the Bible class.

—Elder A. G. Haughey accompanied by M. N. Campbell and Hattie E. Allee spent a very profitable day with the school at Cedar Lake last Thursday. The students seem happy in their work and a spirit of harmony reigns throughout the school.

—Elder Fred Brink and W. E. Videto recently held several meetings in a school house nine miles south of Big Rapids. They are now engaged in a series of meetings near Fremont. They write:—"Our courage is good and much strengthened as we see evidences of our Lord's soon coming, and His willingness to work for His people."

—At the recent council held in

Omaha, Neb., the Religious Liberty Department head-quarters were located in Washinton, D. C., and W. A. Colcord was appointed Secretary. It is the purpose of this department to arrange for aggressive educational work as early as possible.

—Jacob Hofstra has recently entered upon aggressive work among the Hollanders who are located principally in the northern part of the West Michigan Conference. Two persons have been converted and many more are interested and under deep conviction. At present he is in Grand Rapids and says he is welcomed as a teacher of truth in many homes.

—The attention of the Conference Committee was recently called to the affairs of the Battle Creek Mission, in which it was stated to the committee that the mission had been discontinued, and the property sold, with the exception of the new tent 24x36, which the Conference had assisted in purchasing. Inasmuch as this tent was in fair condition, and the fly having not been used, it was thought best that the Conference purchase the tent for the sum of \$75.00.

—Miss Nina Case, formerly a church school teacher, who has recently had extensive experience in the sale of the "Life Boat," visited Berrien Springs Sabbath and Sunday, March 5th and 6th, and gave several talks to the students on her experience in using some small paper as an introduction card to get into the homes of the people. As a result many look at the canvassing work from an entirely different standpoint, feeling that it would be a pleasure rather than the disagreeable work that many have been apt to consider it.

—The training of our workers for God should be, not in the lap of luxury, but in hardships and privations. These, endured with cheerful hearts, because seen to be a part of the Lord's scheme of education, make soldiers who will be

able to bear the hardships in the field. Emanuel Missionary College has grown up under the hands of her sons, and facilities are meager yet in almost every part of its work. Our bedrooms are not palaces; many of our young men and women have slept under the bare rafters through all the winter. On the coldest days wood had to be cut to supply our stoves, and sometimes even our furnaces. Water from the well has to be carried to the kitchen, a half dozen rods up the hill. Because we have no Gibeonites, our young men have the burden of hewing the wood, and our young ladies have formed a brigade to carry the water. It is better exercise, they testify, when carried on with due regard to the rules of physical culture, than any amount of dumb-bell motions in a heated gymnasium.

—"THE SEVEN CHURCHES" and "THE SEVEN SEALS" are subjects which will be studied in the second quarter's Sabbath-school lessons for 1904. To help in this study, also for general circulation, the Pacific Press Pub. Co. has issued a pamphlet on these two lines of prophecy, Seven Churches covering chapters 2 and 3 of the Revelation, and the Seven Seals from chapter 5:1 to 8:1 inclusive, including the seal of God. Order when you order Sabbath-school lessons. Price, by mail, post-paid, 10 cents.

—OUR SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS for the second quarter of the year will be upon the book of Revelation, but not an exhaustive or a thorough study of the book. They pass it over too rapidly for that. But with these lessons for helps there is no reason why individuals should not make a more or less thorough study of the book as we progress. The Sabbath-School Lesson Quarterly will be a little late on account of delay in the reception of copy, but it will be out as early as possible. Send in your order early and the same will receive attention as soon as the pamphlets arrive at our office.