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The King's Business Requires Haste.

We would take this opportunity to urge upon all the importance of making haste in the circulation of the petition remonstrating against the Sunday bills that are now before Congress, for the present session will be a short one, as it must close, by the fourth of March.

There will be only about six weeks at most after the receipt of this issue of your paper before our opportunities to present the petition against these present bills will be over, so it will require special haste to secure the signature to these petitions and to return them in sufficient time for us to send them in to the Legislature, if possible before the bills are acted upon.

The following was said in substance to one of our brethren the other day in a western state, "We will not sign your petition for this concerns only the District of Columbia, but when Congress does anything to interfere with our state laws then we will sign a petition." A good answer to such an argument will be found in the leaflet that accompanies the petition

blanks entitled "Sunday Bill Now Before Congress" under a subheading "A District Law an entering wedge." The facts are that the city of Washington is unlike all other cities in the U. S. in that it is not a self governing city, that is, Congress legislates for it.

With this thought in view it will readily be seen that every citizen in this country is directly concerned in any action the Government may take on a question of this character for the District of Columbia; for the National Legislators are representatives of the people from the respective states from which they come, and are pledged to carry out the will of the people in harmony with the Constitution of the U. S. Let it ever be remembered, therefore that when once Congress commits itself to Sunday legislation in the District of Columbia, it then would without doubt take its stand for a National Sunday law.

Those who circulate the petition should be careful to fill in the name of the place and state where it is circulated, in the blank space at the head of the petition and see that each person, signing, signs both petitions, the one addressed to the House and the one addressed to the Senate.

K. C. RUSSELL.

A Good Investment.

The Bible Training School is full of choice matter. The lessons on the book of Esther will continue through the winter, also the valuable Bible readings on the Sanctuary Service. Elder Loughborough's series of articles are full of interest to every one who loves the truth. There are articles from Sr. E. G. White, Elder J. N. Loughborough, and Elder S. N. Haskell, every month, together with many others.

Send 25¢ to the Bible Training School, South Lancaster, Mass., and it will visit your home every month the coming year.

An Important Publication Now Ready.

At a recent meeting of the popular ministers of Washington, D. C., it was decided that on Sunday, Jan. 1, sermons would be preached in all the churches on the Better Observance of the Lord's Day, and this especially in view of the fact that there is now before congress bills to enact Sunday laws for the District of Columbia.

In view of these things, the leading brethren in the city of Washington prepared an "open letter" which was published in the "Washington Post," the most prominent newspaper of the city. This has caused no little comment and the matter is being agitated throughout the city.

Requests have come from Conference Presidents and others in different parts of the field who have seen this article, to have it published in tract form. In consultation with Brethren Spicer, Russell, Thompson, Warren and others, The Review and Herald Publishing Assn. has decided to issue the matter in tract form at once and it is now in the hands of the printers. The price will be $\frac{1}{2}$ cent each; 40 cents per hundred; \$3.75 per thousand.

This tract, while short, is filled with scripture texts and strikes a direct blow at the theories generally advanced by advocates of the first day. After dealing with these, it cites proof of the change of the day, and closes with an appeal to abandon the counterfeit and all that attaches to it, and return to the true Sabbath of the Lord.

This tract ought to be circulated

by the thousands, especially at this time, when, should the congress of the United States enact Sunday laws, it will thereby establish a dangerous precedent for every state, city and minor corporation. Who will be the minute men at this time? Orders may be sent through the usual channels.

From The Field.

POTTERVILLE.

Sabbath, Jan. 7, was a good day for the Potterville church. Brothers Hansen and Sister Bentley were here from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and one spoke in the morning after Sabbath-school. We had lunch, after which another meeting was called, and two sisters were taken into church.

The Spirit of the Lord came in and all enjoyed its blessing. One of the speakers who was present said, "I would that you could go on taking in members and giving in testimonies until I had no time to speak," and it was so, for the testimonies were good and all were so willing to speak that our meeting closed without a sermon after all.

We hope that as our ministers go about they may meet with similar disappointments in other places.

H. D. LEWIS.

MONTEREY.

The Lord is working for His children here. Where there had some little differences existed, these have been mostly adjusted to the satisfaction of those concerned. One case in particular, one of our brethren who has been passing through some severe trials for about a year, and about whom some very unjust remarks have been made, has made hearty confession to such things as he felt had been wrong on his part, and has the assurance of a full and complete forgiveness on the part of the church, and a restoration to the same confidence and consideration that existed before this trial began.

The work that has been done among us by Elders W. M. Crothers and D. T. Bourdeau of late has been of a very beneficial and encouraging nature, and we shall be glad to receive their visits and counsels again.

There are some items which we draw from the treasurer's annual report which may be of interest to the readers of the "Herald." Only one more than half of the present membership have paid tithes through their own church. We know that there are some absent ones that pay tithes where they are, yet the tithes that have been paid at home have amounted to \$484.25.

Besides this there has passed through the treasurer's hands \$1.50, Weekly offerings, \$10.99, mid-summer offerings, \$8.87, for the work in the South, \$23.71, received in regular weekly collections for the Mission Board, \$21.24, Sabbath-school offerings for Missions, \$73.10, for church expenses, .50, for church poor fund, \$136.95, for church-school, \$56.13, Tract and Missionary fund, \$10.02, for Haskell Home, \$37.95, annual offering .81, for the educational fund, .50, for India, \$8.63, for the work in Washington, \$6.25, for camp-meeting expenses, \$1.00, for International Publishing Association, \$2.28, for Religious liberty, \$11.39, for Oakwood school making a total of \$877.87. The church expense and school funds have only been going through the treasurer's hands the last nine months of the year. Had it been for the entire year it would reach about \$1,000 that this church has paid in different ways for the support of the gospel. May the above provoke unto love and good works.

J. B. BUCK.

From an encouraging letter, recently received, regarding the "Object Lessons" work in Wisconsin, we quote the following: "The churches and members that have done their work faithfully have been made happier and stronger because of the experiences which they

have gained. Some have missed a great blessing by withholding themselves from this good work. There are many fields yet waiting for this book, and rich experiences may be gained by those who will go forth with courage and work for them.

"In some localities churches have been organized as the result of work introduced by the sale of 'Object Lessons.' One of our licentiates and his wife selected a new field, and proposed to begin work there by canvassing it thoroughly for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' They disposed of about fifty copies in the neighborhood, and then followed the interest with 'The Signs of the Times,' and this by giving Bible readings. After a time they called the people together, and held meetings with them, until a company of commandment-keepers was developed. Then followed the organization of a church. The brother who went there first writes, 'We now have a beautiful congregation here . . . Our church school is becoming established, and is proving a great blessing to the church. We have a good teacher, and a good work is being done.'

"Success in the 'Object Lessons' work is not confined to those who devote the whole or a large portion of their time to the effort. During the time of the principal 'Object Lessons' campaign, a brother living in one of our cities started out from his home at 11.00 a. m. one day, carrying with him twenty copies of 'Object Lessons' for sale. Although he had no orders to fill, and the territory where he was to work had but recently been canvassed for the book, he told his wife to wait about dinner until he had sold out his stock. He disposed of the entire lot for cash, and got home to eat his dinner at 5 p. m. Another time this brother sold eleven 'Object Lessons' in going from his home to the church, and did not spend much extra time on the way.

"Another brother, who has learned and accepted the whole truth since the sale of 'Object Lessons' began, has during the last two years endeavored, as far as possible, to devote one day in a week to the sale of our books. He has not been able to find time every week to do this, but he has sold nearly five hundred copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and has turned over all the money thus obtained to the tract society. He has also sold other of our books to persons who purchased 'Object Lessons' from him. The commission which he gets on all books and papers except 'Object Lessons' he donates to different interests connected with the third angel's message, which call for money. His sales on 'Object Lessons' have averaged fully ten copies a day for each day that he has given to this work. He has often sold as many as twenty copies a day. He writes about the excellent favor with which the books are received, and hundreds of missionary visits which he makes with individuals and families. The work he has done was not to get money for himself, but because he wished to help the Lord's cause, and also desired to save souls. The experience that the Lord gave him in selling 'Object Lessons' has made this brother strong for various lines of missionary and evangelistic work.

"WM. COVERT."

Educational.

The church school at Grand Ledge has closed for three months' vacation.

The school at Paw Paw has closed for the winter vacation. The teacher, Miss Campbell, writes that all the pupils have been converted.

The members of the church at Allendale are planning to build a new church school building this coming summer.

BAUER.

January 3rd we visited the church school at Bauer, which is taught by Sister VoWyla Aiken. The present enrolment of the school is fifteen. The school seems to be in a very prosperous condition, and the church is evidently being built up by maintaining the school. They have a neat little church school building 16x24 feet built beside the church.

W. E. VIDETO.

Sabbath-school Notes.

"The truly converted laborer in the Sabbath-school will not be moulded after the customs and practices of the world, but will stand in moral independence. He will set an example that will be consistent with his profession, coming out from the world and maintaining a separation from its spirit and fashions."

"If teachers would ever bear in mind that it is the Holy Spirit that must reveal to the soul glimpses of heavenly things, and that as they work in the spirit of Christ, this heavenly agent is impressing the mind with divine truth; if they would ever realize that angels are about them, that they are standing upon holy ground, much more efficient work would be done in the Sabbath-schools."

"Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of the Sabbath-schools as by the ministers in our pulpits, for all alike are engaged in the work of bringing souls to Christ. Each in his place is to work, as did Christ, in the spirit of love, for the erring and impenitent. This is what Christ would see in the Sabbath-school work."

"The Lord calls for young men and women to gird themselves for lifelong, earnest labor in the Sabbath-school work. Spasmodic efforts will not avail to accomplish

much good, or to make you successful laborers in the work of God. By patient continuance in well-doing, you are to become laborers together with God."

"Every teacher in the school should feel that he is a missionary for God. He must improve his moments and his ability to obtain a knowledge of the Word of God, that he may impart the same to his scholars. They need freshness of ideas, fresh, wise plans, life, tact, and a spirit in the work."

REVIEW AND HERALD.

The "Review" visits every family in the following named churches and companies:

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Battle Creek.

The following is the program of the Sabbath-school Convention held in the Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Jan. 14, 1905:

MORNING SESSION.

Opening Song - Congregation
Prayer
Anthem
Paper—Why the Need, and What the Purpose of a Convention - W. E. Videto
Paper—Have the Officers and Teachers Done Their Whole Duty to the School When They Have Faithfully Rendered Their Service on the Sabbath-day? A. G. Adams
Discussion led by J. W. Bachelor
Male Quartette
Paper—The Chief Aim of the Sabbath-school; Its Relation to Other Branches of the Message - Dr. J. F. Morse
Discussion led by Eld. G. C. Tenny
Song - Congregation
Benediction

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song - Congregation
Prayer
Mixed Quartette
Paper—How May the Sabbath school be Made More Effectual for the Conversion of Our Children and Youth?
Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden
Discussion led by I. Biglow
Ladies' Quartette
What the Sabbath-school Has Done for Me Whole School, led by Evert Busehel
Paper—Does the Present Organization Among the Young People of S. D. Adventists Meet Our Needs? - John Quinn
Collection
Song - Congregation
Benediction

News and Notes.

Brother W. H. Edwards spent last Tuesday at this office auditing the conference books.

Bro. J. A. Haughey passed away Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, Elder A. G. Haughey, Otsego, Mich.

There will be no paper next week. Our next issue will bear the date of Feb. 1, and will contain some of the proceedings of the

conference.

We wish to thank the secretaries who have been prompt in sending in their quarterly reports. There are several who have not reported as yet. Will they PLEASE do so at once?

Brother C. A. Prescott, who has been doing Bible work and canvassing in Muskegon during the past few months, died at the hospital in that city Jan. 10. The remains were taken to Bangor for burial.

Elder A. G. Haughey and his sister, Miss Margaret Haughey, left Monday morning for Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where they go to bury their father. The prayers of sympathizing friends go with them. They expect to return in time to attend conference.

"No one can stand upon a lofty height without danger. As the tempest that leaves unharmed the flowers of the valley up roots the tree upon the mountain top, so do fierce temptations that leave untouched the lowly in life assail those who stand in the world's high places of success and honor."

"It is right to love beauty and desire it; but God desires us to love and to seek first the highest beauty, —that which is imperishable. The choicest productions of human skill possess no beauty that can bear comparison with that beauty of character which in His sight is of great price."

Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau of Grand Rapids writing under date of January 11 says, "Our patients do not decrease at all, for as soon as one leaves for a warmer climate another one takes her place. We have worked up a club of thirty of the "Good Health" and a club of forty of the "Life and Health" in

the church. We had one of the best business meetings I ever attended Sunday evening, Jan. 7. The Spirit of the Lord was present."

Patient Continuance In Well-doing.

Eternal life is granted, by Him who will render to every man according to his deeds, to those only "who by patient CONTINUANCE in well-doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality." All the blessings of the gospel are for those who "CONTINUE in the faith." Hope may be deferred, but "in due season we shall reap, IF WE FAINT NOT." Jesus endured the cross, and we are exhorted to "consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Are there some who, because of a lack of this "patient continuance in well-doing," have not yet received the fulness of the blessings promised to those who would faithfully do their part in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons?"

J. S. WASHBURN,

Sec'y. Relief of Schools Com.

Give, if thou canst, in alms; if not afford,

Instead of that, a sweet and gentle word.

—Herrick.

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