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The Widow's Two Mites.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." Mark 12:41-44.

A mite was the twentieth part of a Roman penny, which was fifteen cents. This poor widow woman had in her possession but two pieces of money of the very lowest denomination. All her possessions on earth amounted to but one and one-half cents. The rich cast in of their abundance. Note that the rich made large offerings. "Many that were rich cast in much." This

poor widow held in her hands two small coins, each worth three fourths of a cent. Both of these she cast into the treasury, and her gift was more than all the generous gifts of the many that were rich.

The Lord measures our liberality to-day as then. In the books of heaven the credit record shows, not the amount which we give, but the willing heart that gives all. In the ledgers of heaven how small will appear the thousands given by the wealthy in comparison with the small offerings of those who make a real sacrifice to give.

How many Seventh-day Adventists have ever given the two mites? Many times, when donations are sent to the treasury, the giver says, "I send you the widow's mite." But note this: the scripture tells us nothing whatever about the widow's mite. It speaks of the widow's two mites. She did not, as many would do to-day, divide her small hoard, giving one to the Lord, and keeping one for herself in her dire need. She gave both mites. So, my brother, my sister, if you have given only the widow's mite, the question comes at once to you, What have you done with the other one? I trust those who read this article will remember, if you have given but one, you have not followed the example of the widow. The widow's gift was both, all, everything, without reserve. If the widow's two mites were given by every Seventh-day Adventist, the Washington building fund would be completed to-day, the mission treasury would be overflowing, the Lord's work would be finished, and all the faithful would be gathered into our wealthy Father's house of many mansions. It is probable that one reason why this scripture is always apparently misquoted is that those who give

the widow's mite have kept the other one, and it would not be true to say, "I send you the widow's two mites." Remember, not ONE, but TWO.

My dear brethren and sisters, how little we realize this spirit of absolute surrender of ALL to God, and of trust in him to supply all our needs. Gifts have several times been accompanied with this phrase, "I send you the widow's MIGHT." This manner of spelling the word, though unconsciously perhaps, indicates the real meaning of the text quoted at the beginning of this article. He gave all for us. Our all, even our two mites, all that we have, was given us, and is his. Jesus did not regard this poor woman as being unwise and improvident, but has held her before his church in all the ages since he was upon earth as the true example of right giving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He who gives all receives all.

J. S. WASHBURN.

NOTICE.

Spring Council Meeting.

Notice is especially given to all the ministers of the West Michigan Conference, that a spring council meeting is to be held in the Adventist church in Grand Rapids, June 3 to 5. We desire the attendance of all the ministers of the conference, as we wish to complete our plans for the summer's work with the tents and also to arrange for the camp-meeting. It will be necessary to decide upon the time and place of the camp-meeting as well as lay plans for it. The delegates to the General Conference will be prepared to give reports of the work that is being done now at this session of the General Conference. Altogether this will be a very interesting council.

We trust that no one will absent himself from this meeting.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President
West Michigan Conference.

Personal Experiences in the Sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

It has been proven to my mind beyond a doubt that "Christ's Object Lessons" is an extremely easy book to sell. While engaged in the sale of this book in the town of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, I placed many books in the homes of the people by simply leaving the book in the homes for their examination. I provided a neat paper cover for the book and had printed on the outside the name of the book, and explained the meaning of the title and the mission of the book, giving price, etc., saying that it would be left two days for examination. I found that to hand the people the book with one of the covers on it and give them an opportunity to look it over at their own pleasure was all that was necessary in many cases to sell the book.

I have in mind several cases in which the sale of one book in that way was the means of effecting other sales. The very first book I sold in Waynesboro was sold in that way. When I called for the book the lady handed me the money instead of the book. I said to her, "Now Mrs. Shank, if you can say a good word for this book to your neighbors or your friends when they come to see you, it will be much appreciated." She did say a good word for it and the outcome was I made two extra sales as a result of this sale, and did not need to make any canvass or explanation of the book to do it. Another place I left a copy of the book (with the cover) with a well-known physician of the town, and when I called for the book he likewise gave me the money and kept the book. I said to him, "Now, Doctor, if you can say a good word for the book to those who come to your office, it will be casting your influence on the right side and may do a great deal of good." He did say a good word for it and on Thanksgiving day a friend of his spent the day with him and his attention was directed to "Christ's Object Lessons."

He took a great liking to the book. He went to his home and said to his wife, "When the agent comes around with the book 'Christ's Object Lessons' I want you to give him an order for it." When I came to the particular house where Mr. Frick lived, his wife came to the door. She was indisposed to give me a hearing. I said to her "I presume you have heard of the book 'Christ's Object Lessons.'" She replied by saying that her husband requested her to give an order for some such book, but was not quite sure of the name, and upon her invitation I called the evening of the same day, and of course had no trouble in disposing of the book to her husband.

Since closing my work in Waynesboro, I have frequently sold copies of the book to ministers by simply leaving it for their examination. Any one who will not allow their prejudice to rule them, will fall in love with "Christ's Object Lessons." Why not give the book a chance to gain a reputation for itself? It will do it if it is placed in the hands of the people. Who will have a part in this good work? Who desires to gain an experience in this good work, that will leave real pleasant memories in the line of their Christian experience? I expect soon to send some letters for publication from those in Eastern Pennsylvania who have had some real good experiences in this good work.

Yours in the blessed work,

FRANK F. FRY.

Report of Canvassing Work to May 13, 1905.

	Hours	Orders	Value
Desire of Ages			
Ella Porter	24	6	\$22 00
Daniel and Revelation			
Frank Brown		2	6 75
Bible Readings			
Frank Brown	112	11	29 25
J. M. Wilbur	10	11	31 00
D. M. Smith	15	3	7 00
Totals	161	33	\$96 00

M. N. CAMPBELL,
Field Secretary.

Financial.

Haskell Home Donations, January 1 to May 15, 1905.

Allegan	\$ 5 13
Allendale	1 03
Bauer	2 50
Belding	5 12
Benton Harbor	4 27
Brookfield	3 25
Burlington	5 16
Bushnell	2 65
Carlton Center	2 45
Carson City	3 36
Cedar Lake	2 29
Charlotte	4 65
Coldwater	1 06
Decatur	1 00
Dimondale	2 37
Douglas	2 23
Eaton Rapids	2 90
Edmore	2 40
Fremont	4 90
Frost	95
Glenwood	1 99
Gowen	1 00
Grand Ledge	4 25
Grandville	3 63
Greenville	11 77
Hartford	50
Hastings	1 76
Hesperia	3 01
Holton	2 40
Howard City	1 25
Individuals	2 00
Kellogg	1 26
Lowell	3 50
Maple Grove	4 20
Mecosta	47
Mendon	5 00
Monterey	6 25
Mt. Pleasant	1 64
Muskegon	1 03
Nunica	1 56
Otsego	3 49
Portland	7 23
Pullman	75
Quincy	3 17
Sand Lake	1 79
Shelby	3 27
Trufant	2 37
Vermontville	2 40
West Leroy	78
Wright	16 73

\$160 12

Partial Medical Report for April.

Examinations,	-	19
Bible Readings,	-	18
Prescriptions,	-	267
Medical Calls,	-	27
Consultations,	-	285
Letters Written,	-	48
Treatments,	-	491

PATIENCE S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

From the Field.

FROST.

I met with the Frost church Sabbath, April 25. The members of this church are all young in Christian experience. I am personally acquainted with all of them and have known some for many years, so I was especially glad to meet with them, and we had an enjoyable season of worship together. The Spirit of the Lord was present and made our hearts glad in Him, as was witnessed by the social service. Everyone present took an active part and acknowledged strength and a blessing received. This kind of a meeting encourages my heart.

A. L. EVANS.

SOUTH MONTEREY.

It is now about three months since we held our first children's meeting. We have decided to have one the third Sabbath of each month, and accordingly have now had three. The first one was introduced with the question. "If we should unexpectedly meet ourselves, would we know ourselves?" It was then illustrated how utterly unable we would be to recognize ourselves by supposing we should find a box or a basket by the wayside and on opening it find it filled with human thoughts,—our thoughts. (A box was then opened before the children with childish thoughts written on irregular pieces of cardboard, showing how crooked our thoughts are.) Then again, suppose a messenger from heaven should lead us into a large picture gallery and we were told that all the pictures were of our sins, how we would want to run away and hide!

It was impressed on their minds how much we need the Saviour now to blot out these sins.

The next meeting was on the subject of talking with God, how we may hear His voice, and the importance of prayer; also the angels' interest in each one of God's children. Sister Lampman introduced her subject by use of the blackboard, drawing a spider's web. As the spider lures the fly into his web and binds it there, so Satan ensnares the youth and children. She also illustrated the two roads.

I believe everyone who has attended these meetings will testify to the fact that they have been profitable occasions. Not only the children, but the older ones as well have felt that their souls were watered by these drops from the Fountain of Life. Let us remember the charge given to Peter by the Saviour, "Feed my lambs."

HETTIE L. OLSEN.

Thirty Thousand Souls.

The work in Kalamazoo this year needs lots of hard work, much prayer, and plenty of tracts. I am a great believer in good tracts, and my purpose in writing is that all who have a burden for the work here may help us with tracts. We want at least 30,000 tracts to send to the homes of this busy city. These people are rushing on to their destruction, not heeding the third angel's message. The Bible plainly states the awful fate that awaits those who disobey, and in view of these awful scenes, we can well say with Paul: "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

We solicit the prayers of our brethren everywhere as we open up our tent meetings. Satan was on the ground to resist by refusing us a place to pitch our tent. One very rich as well as influential man said to me, "We don't want you people because you don't favor our Sunday." Of course we don't. Why should we favor their Sunday? The court of Kalamazoo is sitting to-day to try a case of Sunday Sab-

bath desecration, the offense being that of baseball playing. Now is the time to strike a blow in a substantial way. We want the following tracts: "Who Changed the Sabbath?" "Elihu and the Sabbath," "Is Sunday the Sabbath?" "The Sufferings of Christ," "The Way to Christ," "Are you a Protestant?" etc. We shall look for lots of tracts. We promise to scatter them faithfully. We plead with the Lord for the increase.

Yours for work,

C. A. HANSEN,

J. DRURY REAVIS,

J. R. JOHNSON.

Obituary.

While tender hearts and loving hands
Surround the sufferer's bed,
And gently soothe her dying hours,
The silent tear is shed.

But peacefully the message came
In the stillness of the night;
No struggle shook her slender frame,
The Christian's hope was bright.

Blessed are the dead who in the Lord
Their precious lives lay down;
She trusted in His holy word,
And now awaits her crown.

FRANCISCO—Fell asleep in Jesus at the home of her daughter in Berrien Springs, Mich., April 3, 1905, Sister Isabella M. Francisco, aged 71 years, 8 months, and 9 days. Sister Francisco was a devout, faithful Christian woman and bore her great suffering with patience and self-possession. Some days before her end came she seemed apprized of the fact that it was drawing near. Her children, though some distance away, were sent for and they all came and were by her bedside when she passed away. About an hour before her death she requested prayer that her end might be a peaceful and quiet one, and as we arose from our knees we could see the hand of God in granting our request, for she soon passed away as calm and serene as a May morning. To those who believe in Jesus, He makes death only a sleep, a peaceful and holy rest, the awakening from

which will be the beginning of a new and blessed life.

The remains were taken to Allegan, where words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Cor. 15:26, after which she was laid to rest beside her companion in the Allegan cemetery to await the glorious resurrection morning. She leaves three daughters, two sons, and one sister to mourn their loss.

R. C. HORTON.

A Letter.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

It is some time since I have written a letter to the HERALD, and I thought a word from South Carolina might be of interest.

The dear Lord is blessing our efforts here with some fruit, and it encourages us to see a few taking hold of the truth for these times.

When Brethren Webster and Carey and their families moved to different parts of the state for spring and summer work and little Marguerite and I were left here alone, we felt rather lonely at first, but the Lord helped us, and we have so much to do and so many calls for Bible study, literature, and to help the sick and unfortunate, that we do not have time to be lonesome.

Since moving to 927 Oak street, the neighbors on learning of my work are asking me to conduct a Sunday meeting for them at 5 p. m. at our little house, as there is no church in the immediate neighborhood. So I am planning to have meetings for them beginning Sunday the 21st and speak of the near coming of our glorious King. Pray that hearts may be touched and led to prepare to meet the Lord.

Two sisters who with their children have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath gave their testimony for the first time in meeting yesterday (Sunday), and it cheered me greatly. Their husbands are convinced, but have not had faith to step out and trust all to God. One of them said in the same meeting that he felt that he

was insulting the Lord; he could not pray any more with confidence or a clear conscience while living in disobedience. So I trust he may soon take his stand, whatever the cost; and he will have to lose his position when he does.

Wednesday evenings I have a very interesting study with two young colored Methodist ministers and their wives. The men are attending college here (this is a city of colleges for both races) while their wives are working daily, in every way they can, to help their husbands through school. Each of the ministers has three churches from four to five miles out in the country.

They take notes of every study and both of them told me last week that they were giving the studies to their people each Sunday. So the warning message of the Lord's coming and the doom of the wicked is going to six colored congregations. To God be all the praise! I am praying that when the Sabbath truth comes to them they may receive it as readily.

These ministers and many others are very anxious for books on the truth, but cannot afford to buy our large publications. They gave me their subscriptions to the "Bible Training School." If any of the brethren or sisters who read this have two copies of some of our large books as, "Great Controversy," "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," or any old books on the truth, any paper bound books or pamphlets, they would be gratefully received and used to the best advantage in the work. Thus you will be using your talent instead of hiding it away on a shelf, and you cannot tell how many precious souls may be helped into the truth by your gift of a book.

With prayer for the rich blessing of God on my brethren and sisters, and hoping to hear from some of you soon, I am,

Your sister in the Southern field,

ELIZABETH McHUGH,
927 Oak St., Columbia, S. C.

News and Notes.

The tent-meetings conducted by Elder C. A. Hansen at Kalamazoo began Monday.

We notice that the reports of the Medical Department show an increase in the work each month.

All ministers should not fail to read the notice of the Spring Council Meeting to be held in Grand Rapids June 3 to 5.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Butler, the Academy exercises, which were to be held Thursday evening, were postponed until the evening of the 20th.

The net gain in Sabbath-keepers in the European field during the first nine months of 1904 was 1050. Most of the increase was in the German Union Conference.

Those attending General Conference write that their time is quite fully taken up by meetings from 5:30 a. m. until 9:30 p. m.; that an excellent spirit is present, and the foreign workers give good reports.

In Raratongo the interest among the natives is greater than it has been for some time. Brother Piper writes that the new church building, 20x40 feet, is well filled at each service. The native children in Sister Gooding's school are making excellent progress in all lines of work.

The managers of the Hinsdale Sanitarium are pleased to announce that their new building is practically completed, well furnished throughout, thoroughly equipped with the latest medical appliances, and that they are now ready to receive patients. A descriptive catalogue will be sent on application to the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Ill.

"Our time belongs to God...Of no talent he has given will he require a more strict account than of our time."