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A STATE RALLY.

March 1 to 10 has been appointed for a general rally for the sale of Christ's Object Lessons in Indiana. Who does not want to see this work done? Who will help to do it? Who will give the first ten days of March to this work? Next Sabbath every church is requested to devote the service to this question. A special reading will be sent you, to be read and studied together. Do not let anything take the place of this. It is the Lord's work, and we must not longer neglect it. Israel took forty years to make an eleven days' journey. If we keep on at past and present progress, we will take three years to perform a three weeks' work.

Is it asking too much to request every Sabbath-keeper in the State to devote the first ten days of March to this work? Let those of courage help the timid ones. But why should any be timid? The Lord has promised to go with us and to give us physical strength. Every man and woman should begin at once to plan for this ten days' rally. Let the children help, too. Every minister and worker should devote the full ten days to the work. Who will do it?

Select your territory and get your books; be ready Monday morning, March 2, for the most vigorous work, the *best* work, you ever did for the Master. Every one of us should seek for the spirit of a Caleb, for the promptness and courage of Gideon's three hundred, and if we all work together under the guidance of our Captain we shall have a glorious victory.

If you know an isolated brother or sister, send such an one this paper, provide the books and solicit help in this enterprise. Our success will depend on *every* one's doing *all* he can. Let no one ask to be excused. Let every one go through the ten days' rally, employing all the time, if possible, even though his sales may be few or none. Let farmers visit their neighbors, not allowing bad roads or stormy weather to keep them at home. We are all sick of dallying over this work. Shall we not every one arise and heed the Master's instruction, and so finish this work by the tenth of March? No one can afford to lose the spiritual blessing God has promised to every one who does his part in this work.

I am with you, brethren, for service.

I. J. HANKINS.

A TEACHER'S TESTIMONY.

This is what one of Indiana's church school teachers writes: "Oh, how I regret that my past life was not different! If I only could have been in a training school instead of the public school! I never realized the difference so much until I was brought face to face with my task. If it were not for the help I receive from God I would be able to do nothing."

A KINDLY LETTER.

The following letter has been received from Mr. Edward Maher, the Vice President and General Manager of the Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Railroad, which shows how men of the world will come to the help of those who are working in Christ's lines. This letter is especially cheering since it came without any solicitation at all on our part:

Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Railroad.
The Fruit Belt Line.

January 30, 1903.

Dear Mr. Magan:

Please accept this suggestion, in the spirit in which it comes, from the President. We learn that your students, one hundred strong, have gone out to attempt to secure funds with which to erect your buildings, and, of course, we know that you paid money to get them away from Berrien Springs.

The President thinks that, if you had requested it, we would have been glad to have furnished transportation, but since you did not do so, he asks me to place at your disposal, without any request from you whatever, requisition for transportation for these good people on any point on our lines, whether going for sheaves or coming back loaded.

Personally, this is in entire harmony with my thought.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD MAHER, V. P. & G. M.

P. S.—You are full of resources and other things, and the word is Forward.

—*Jubilee Campaign Bulletin.*

CHURCH OFFICERS, ATTENTION!

Church elders, deacons, clerks, treasurers, Sabbath School superintendents and librarians, you have accepted positions of responsibility. You should plan and work together for the spread of light and truth. When propositions are presented for the action of the church the elder should at once rally the entire membership and plan to carry the proposition into effect. We have just now a work on hand which requires such co-operation to insure success. It is the Object Lessons work. Every church elder should rally his forces, putting every available man, woman and child into the field. He should use every means possible to enlist the services of *all*, for the Lord has placed His blessing *in this work*; so the only way to receive this blessing is to have part *in the work*.

In many churches new officers have been elected. Now is an opportunity to show themselves *leaders* of the flock. The flock, or church, is called to do a special work, and its success will depend largely on its leaders—local elders. How many of the elders have been selling Object Lessons? How many are planning to lead their flocks in the ten days' rally, March 1 to 10? All who do this may expect success.

I. J. HANKINS.

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IMPORTANT TO CANVASSERS.

Bible Readings, Gilt, is out of print for the present. Do not take orders for that binding until further notice.

January tithe report should appear in our next issue.

Elder F. L. Moody has returned to his former field of labor in Iowa.

Clarence J. Boyd, of Muncie, Ind., has been engaged to take charge of the industrial work at the Academy.

Professors Sutherland and Magan spent a day in the city last week in the interest of Christ's Object Lessons.

Miss Mattie Bailey, of Greenfield, has several children in her school from families not of our faith. Others would be glad to attend if she had room for them.

An announcement of the future plans and work of the Industrial Academy is in course of preparation for free distribution. All wishing this announcement will send names and addresses to the Educational Secretary, 1311 Central Ave., Indianapolis.

The Industrial School continues through the summer until August. It is the intention to conduct the work in tents on the school grounds. Strong young men are wanted to help in industrial work. For further particulars see announcement.

WANTED—A strong young lady to take the nurse's course in Dr. McDougall's Sanitarium, Connerville, Ind.

WANTED—A man with a small family to work on farm. Must be experienced. S. D. A. preferred. Address at once
D. C. HORLACHER,
Frankfort, Ind., R. R. No. 3.

This issue is printed from linotype composition by Geo. M. Cornelius, 148 East Court street, Indianapolis. The linotype is a success on a hurry-up job.

FOUND—On the camp ground at Greenfield, a package of books: One "Coming King," two "Gospel Primers." Would be glad to find the owner. F. M. ROBERTS.

HELP FOR THE BOGGSTOWN SCHOOL.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Indiana:

I hope that you will not deem it out of place for me to say a few words to you through the Reporter in behalf of the school at Boggstown. I am reading your State paper, and notice from reports in it that the school building is not being pushed forward as fast as those who have it in charge would love to see it go. It seems from the reports that there is a lack of funds to meet expenses. I know that when the Conference was held at Franklin last fall the delegates instructed those having the work in charge not to go into debt, and I understand that instruction is being followed. This is all right from that standpoint, but when the instruction was given it was supposed that the people would furnish money right along, so that it would not be necessary to get in debt, neither to permit the work to stop. If there was a general enthusiasm in behalf of the school, it would certainly be an easy matter for our people in Indiana to complete the building. Probably the establishing of a school had been talked of so long before the work began that the people had concluded it would not be done at all. It is true that the school should have been established several years ago, but although it was not done then, it is much better to do it now than to let it become a burden to those who are trying to do it.

If the brethren and sisters in the Conference could understand what a great blessing the school would be to the cause in that State, I am sure they would not hesitate a moment about making their donations to the enterprise. In order to encourage you to look favorably upon this enterprise, and to give liberally of your means to meet the expense, I will make a few statements in regard to what our preparatory schools are doing in the States where they are established. The one now in operation at Cedar Lake, Mich., is doing a very excellent work this winter, having a larger patronage than ever before. The people in that part of the field are beginning to realize what a great blessing such a school is to the cause, and so are reaping the benefits of it. The one at Sheridan, Ill., is now doing an excellent work, and the people in the Conference where it is located are very much pleased with it. The attendance is much larger this winter than it has ever been before, and the success in all its working is excellent indeed.

Our school at Bethel, Wis., has a much larger attendance this winter than ever before. We began three years ago the 6th of last December, with less than forty students. Now we have more than 140 in daily attendance. It is really crowded with students. Besides this school, we have twenty-eight others in the State, and yet the attendance at our school at Bethel is increasing right along. Many of the students getting a start here are already working in the Lord's cause. They have gone into the work in North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and probably into other States of this Union, besides Argentine Republic, South America, and Honolulu, and now we have a whole building full of fine young people, with an excellent prospect for doing acceptable work in the Lord's cause.

The Lord has spoken through the Spirit of Prophecy

quite favorably of our work, and we know that He is blessing us in it. The immense value of this blessed work is far beyond the ability of the human mind to estimate. Its blessed fruits will reach into the world to come and abide through eternity.

My dear brethren and sisters, you cannot afford to allow the school at Boggstown to lack for means and your hearty co-operation. You should not only rally to its support with your funds, but with your prayers and your most earnest co-operation in every respect. You should send your sons and your daughters to receive the benefits that God wants them to have in that school, and I believe that when you have done this, and that school is full, you will look about for a place to establish a second one, until the mind of God is met in this matter. I know that the heart and soul of quite a number of the people in that Conference are burdened for this work, and I have not the least shade of doubt but what God wants this school established speedily, and made comfortable and complete.

I am, very truly, your brother in behalf of the Lord's work,
WM. COVERT.

GATHER IN THE CHILDREN.

Slowly but surely the branch Sabbath School work is coming to be regarded as effective missionary work. These branch schools can be conducted wherever a few children can be gathered together. The following extract from a letter shows what may be done by an isolated family:

"A year ago mother and I were talking to a neighbor lady about the training of children in spiritual things. We told her that we had our lessons every Sabbath, and invited her children to meet with us. The next Sabbath two bright boys, aged ten and twelve, came and studied with us. They said if we would have a Sunday School they would come every time, but they were needed to work on Saturdays. We thought it would be best to have them come when they could, although we would have much preferred having them come on Sabbath. They came four or five Sundays, and became so interested that we told them to bring others. They did some real missionary work, and so did we. All children love my mother, and she invited every one she could. The two boys and two others have come nearly every time since. Others have come as they could get a chance. Sometimes we have had as many as thirty at a time. Every one seems so interested when they come, but it is hard to keep the large number coming right along.

"The children all know that we keep the Sabbath, and we make every explanation of Christ's words and example, pointing to the commandments of God. Those who have come every time know about Christ's soon coming, and the judgment and resurrection. Each week a card with a Scripture text written on it is given to each child, and they are very much interested in learning the verses. They have learned nearly all of the Sermon on the Mount, besides many proverbs and other familiar texts. We always spend a full hour, and sometimes a little more. The children are always on time, sometimes coming an hour and a half before the time for the beginning."

Another sister living in a large city began last fall to hold a branch Sabbath School at her home on Sabbath afternoons. She invited the children of the neighborhood to attend. In a recent letter she says:

"Our regular attendance is about thirty, but when I can do a little visiting we have as high as seventy. Many of the children would not miss our school for anything. A number of the boys are ready to leave any play to come. I am getting acquainted with the parents and am selling some Object Lessons. This work is branching out into many openings for good missionary work. I use the *Little Friend* lessons in the school, and illustrate them as well as I can."

In one place there are four branch schools held regularly on Sabbath afternoon, besides the regular Sabbath School, held Sabbath morning. One of our ministers, in writing of this place, says:

"One great advantage of the branch work is the keeping of the young people busy in the Lord's work on Sabbath. It also helps to develop in them a spirit of work. It also opens the way for other lines of work. When people know we are doing what we can to help their children, they become more friendly, and some are asking questions upon themes which, if studied, will lead them into the truth."

Some of our workers in mission fields have found this plan a helpful one. Sister Minnie Hoffman, in Finland, writes of a branch school which she has been holding in Borga. In addition to the teaching of the Bible lesson to these children which she had gathered together, she told them of the people in other countries. These little Finnish children became so interested in the heathen in Africa that they obtained from their parents and friends a donation of \$9.80 for our African Mission.

Once more we desire to call the attention of the readers of this paper to the testimony which says: "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath School teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle." Does not the witness of those who are carrying on the branch Sabbath School work prove that God is ready now to fulfill His promise? Surely what these have done, many others could be doing.
MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

DEDICATION.

The new church in Connersville will be dedicated Sunday, March 8, in the afternoon. Other churches are cordially invited to be present.

The publishers have donated to the Industrial Academy one year's subscription of the Review, Instructor, Christian Advocate and Good Health, and Dr. Kellogg presented the school with four nicely bound volumes of his books. We acknowledge also a donation of canned and dried fruit and nuts from three members of Indianapolis Church.

The Indianapolis Church School has agreed to buy the shingles for the new school building at Boggstown. The children are now busily engaged in raising the money. The amount required is about \$100. The Muncie Church School has promised to pay for the large double front door.

AN INTERESTING CAMPAIGN.

Emanuel Missionary College has been holding a Jubilee Institute to prepare its students for the final work in selling Christ's Object Lessons. This Institute continued two weeks, closing January 22.

January 23 the College closed its doors, and sent forth its entire force to engage in the work. Ninety students are now in the field, and the Michigan Conference pays their traveling expenses.

The first company, numbering twenty-six, spent their first night at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, by invitation from Dr. Kellogg, and the next morning, in company with workers from the Sanitarium, proceeded to their destinations along the Grand Trunk Railway.

The same day forty-nine more students took the first train leaving Berrien Springs. Thirty of these went to Grand Rapids. Some of the Sanitarium helpers also joined this company. They are working in the hospitals and benevolent institutions of the city. In all, there are about thirty of the Sanitarium employes working with the students. All of these young people, both students and helpers, have volunteered their services for one month.

At Grand Rapids the brethren and sisters of the church have opened their homes for the entertainment of the canvassers.

The first Sabbath they had a grand meeting, when all met together and the students related their experiences. It was a noticeable fact that those who had sold no books were as joyful as those who had sold many.

Below are given a few brief extracts of the work accomplished thus far:

One hundred and three books were sold in Grand Rapids the first day.

"The car was crowded. I asked permission to occupy the seat with a gentleman. He was very conservative. The thought came to me that I should show him Christ's Object Lessons. I had only my marked copy with me. When I asked him if he would like one, he only looked out of the window. Finally he turned to me and said: 'You may send me one.' I could not ask him to trust me, a stranger, with the price of the book. I gave him my card, which contained my address and occupation, praying meantime. He looked at it, reached down into his pocket, and said, 'I will pay you now.' As he left the train, he clasped my hand firmly, and asked me to call on him in Chicago."

Anol Grundset.

"We have had our first day on the battlefield. I worked seven hours, but took no orders. Our courage is good. We hope to make a better report to-morrow."

Rachel Jones.

"We have had splendid experiences and are of good courage.

"Besides the books already reported by ———, one brother who drives a grocery wagon in the country took six orders. This makes seventeen for the first day's work."

Ruth Cook.

"Although we have sold only three books and taken six orders, many other souls have been made happy by our visits."

G. W. Lewis.

"All are of good courage. I am just starting out, even though it seems that I can find nothing but pine stumps."

Lorne Pengelly.

"One day's work is ended. I had a good time. Sold one Object Lessons and two Gospel Primers."

Frank Artress.

"I never felt happier in my life. I shall remain in the field the entire time, even though I do not sell any more books. I feel sure, however, that I shall sell more."

Stella Ingham.

"I do not know why I did not sell any books. I felt very happy all the time. I know that the Lord went with me, for I had some good talks with the people. Believing with all my heart that the battle is in our favor, I remain a courageous soldier."

Lillie Crouse.

"I met with the medical students of Chicago, Sabbath morning, and told them of the Object Lessons campaign. They caught the spirit of the work."

M. Bessie De Graw.

"Between Buchanan and Kalamazoo a pleasant-faced young lady entered the train, and, by invitation, sat with me. I soon found opportunity to show her Christ's Object Lessons. After she had looked it through carefully, she said: 'That is just the book I want. Every one should have that book. I will send you the names of some of my friends.'"

Mrs. E. M. Holser.

Brethren ——— and ——— report their arrival at Potterville and a kindly welcome from the brethren and sisters there, who have placed their horses and buggies at the disposal of the boys.

"God blessed us in beginning the work as we journeyed, and a number of copies of Christ's Object Lessons were sold to fellow-passengers by the way.

"One railroad man remarked: 'They are so different from the college boys and girls whom we generally meet.'"

B. E. Fullmer.

"On starting out this morning I had the names of several people to canvass. Not knowing the way, I stopped at two places to inquire, and sold a book at each place.

"I visited an infidel. He was as hard-hearted as any man I ever met. I read passages from the book, and told him of the love of Christ. On leaving, he said that I had done him good.

"I went into a saloon. I had never been in a saloon before, and I could feel my knees shaking. After a short canvass, I took an order from the proprietor."

Mrs. Holser.

"I had visits and prayer with the families, and I will have opportunity to hold Bible readings with them."

Elizabeth McHugh.

"A union meeting of all the Chicago churches was held Sunday, the 25th. There are about 600 members. After telling them of the work now being done by our students, they decided to sell their own quota and leave the students free to work elsewhere."

E. A. Sutherland.

Indiana has also put her hand to the final work. Shall we be as courageous and persevering as these students?

EVA MILLER HANKINS.

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READINGS FOR SABBATH, FEBRUARY 28.

GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND HAPPINESS IS THE RESULT OF OBEDIENCE.

[From an address by E. A. Sutherland at Indianapolis, February 12.]

Christians should be happy and Christ told His disciples how they might attain that state. It is not a haphazard road to travel, for happiness comes as a result of conformity to certain well-established laws.

As disciples and friends gathered about the wedding table in Cana of Galilee, the mother of Jesus spoke a word which inspiration has repeated to all generations. It is found in John ii:5, and reads, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." This is the keynote, and is emphasized by Christ himself in the words, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

God has been searching always for a people who will do what He tells them to do. Occasionally He has found such. Hezekiah, in his great reform, "did it (what the Lord commanded) with *all his heart*." And the record adds, "He 'prospered,' moreover, when he worked 'with all his heart.'" God prepared other people to work with him, and "THE THING WAS DONE SUDDENLY."

In the twelfth chapter of the Revelation we are told that the remnant church will be blessed with the guiding power of the Spirit of Prophecy. When the Lord, through the Spirit of Prophecy, says do a thing, it is the same to us as the command to the disciples, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Christians sometimes question the possibility of following to the letter the instruction which the Lord sends. You will remember that when the Lord told Sarah that she herself should have a son, she laughed and said such a thing would be impossible.

When Israel came to Kadesh-Barnea and were told to go up and take the promised land, they told the Lord that there were giants in the way and that the thing was utterly impossible. Looking at it from a human standpoint, the decision of these people was correct. But with God "all things are possible." It all depends, then, on whether we see as men or by faith, which is God's sight.

To-day the Spirit of Prophecy is telling us to sell "Christ's Object Lessons." This is a divine command. Obedience to it will bring divine approval. The sale of this book is God's means of putting truth before the people, and it is also God's means of bringing relief to our educational institutions. "Two-fold good will thus be accomplished in this work. Let it be done heartily as

unto the Lord." And God has so ordered that every individual may have a part in the work, and consequently a part in the blessing. Note the expressions:

- "Let *all* work together."
- "Let children act a part."
- "Let every member of the family do something."
- "Stir up every family, every church, to do the very utmost in their power."

To those who respond to the urgent appeal of the Spirit to work, God says, "Ministering angels will be round about them." Angels will go before the canvasser to prepare hearts to receive him and the book he carries. He has also said that when this work is finished, He will show His people what to do next, and that the glory of the Lord will then appear.

These are promises as clear and distinct as those made to Israel on the borders of the promised land. We may relate ourselves to these as did the ten spies to those in former days, or we may be as Caleb and Joshua. They stood by faith alone, and so must we. They could, by faith alone, see the possibility of accomplishing what God said should be done. So it is with us to-day. We may say, as did Mary: "Behold the hand-maid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy word." Or we may act as did the Jews living in those same days, who rejected the Lord and saw in the Christ nothing but a human being.

"Lot had too much of a LINGERING spirit. Let us not be like him." Let us believe that God gave the plan, and that He wishes to work through each one of us individually.

Remember that the object of this whole plan is to induce our people to take up a despised work. The Lord has long been saying that the scattering of literature is a good work. We say by word and by action that it is not a good work. God says *all* can canvass. We say, "All cannot canvass; some have that ability, but I am different."

The only way for us to do is to place ourselves on that side of the question which the Lord takes, and say, with Him: "It is a good work. It is the work for me." This despised work will be exalted. It is God's method of reaching the people where they are. Moreover, while this is being done, God is providing for the education of more workers by making it possible to open more schools, each of which will send forth an army of missionaries. It is surely the beginning of the end. In response to the divine call to sell "Christ's Object Lessons" we are helping forward a movement by which the world may hear the Gospel. And when the Gospel is preached to the nations of earth, then shall the end come.

- Shall we delay it?
- Shall we do what He says?
- Shall we unlock the door to eternal happiness?

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A CALL TO ALL OUR PEOPLE.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

The time has come when the Lord would have all the powers of His people brought into exercise to relieve the situation of our schools.

We shall call upon the people to help to the utmost of their ability just now. We shall call upon them to do a work which will be pleasing to God in purchasing the book. We shall ask that every available means be used to help to circulate this book.

The schools must be helped. Let all lift harmoniously and help as much as they possibly can. Great blessings will come to those who will take hold of this matter just now. *Let no discouragement be offered by our ministers, as though it were not a proper thing to do.* They should take hold of this work. If they do it aright, cheerfully, hopefully, they will find it a very great blessing. The Lord does not force any man to work, but to those who will place themselves decidedly on His side He will give a willing mind.

Have faith in God. He gave me the idea of giving "Christ's Object Lessons" for the relief of the schools. He is testing His people and institutions in this thing, to see if they will work together and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice. Carry forward this work without flinching, in the name of the Lord. Let God's plan be vindicated. Let His proposition be fully carried out and heartily indorsed as the means of uniting the members of the churches in self-sacrificing effort. Thus they will be sanctified, soul, body and spirit, as vessels unto honor, to whom God can impart His Holy Spirit. By this means they will accomplish the work God designs to have done.

Stir up every family, every church, to do the very utmost of their power, every one consecrating himself to God, putting the leaven of evil out of his heart, out of the home and out of the church. Let every family make the most of this, the Lord's opportunity. Let all work together. Let children act a part. Let every member of the family do something. Educate, educate. This is an opportunity which God's people cannot afford to lose. God calls. Do your best at this time to render to Him your offering, to carry out His specified will, and thus make this an occasion for witnessing for Him and His truth. In a world of darkness let your light shine forth.

Let canvassers do their best in canvassing for the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Their work will serve a double purpose. They will place in the homes of the people a book containing most precious light, seed sown to bring truth to souls ready to perish. In receiving this seed into their hearts, they will save their souls through belief of the truth. At the same time means will be gathered for the relief of the schools. Two-fold good will thus be accomplished in this work. Let it be done heartily as unto the Lord.

There is to be a decided work done to accomplish God's plan. Make every stroke tell for the Master in the work of canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons." God desires His people to be vitalized for work as they have never been before, for their good and for the upbuilding of His cause. Ministering angels will be round about the workers.

Let our institutions make every effort to free themselves from debt. Let every family arouse. Let the ministers of our churches and the presidents of our conferences awaken. Then He will tell you what to do next.

You will need to have patience with the tardy ones, who do not feel the necessity of doing anything promptly, thoroughly, earnestly. They have so much to say, so much unbelief to express, and so much criticising, that they lose the peace and joy and happiness in the purposes of God before they can decide to move. We must become men and women of God's opportunity. I am so glad that so much harmonious action has been shown in striving to carry out this purpose of God, and to make the most of His providences.

The plan was presented to me by the Lord as one that would be an all-round blessing. It was a plan by which leaders and people would be enabled to act a part and receive a blessing. Scene after scene was presented to me in which ministers were being aroused to act their part. Church members became interested, and whole families took part in the work. Angels of God united with the workers, opening doors for the canvassers to enter and tell the people of the work they were trying to do in selling "Object Lessons."

I saw that the book found ready sale. It was bought by thousands not of our faith, and some, after seeing the value of the matter it contained, bought several copies for distribution among their friends.

The workers gave their time, receiving nothing so far as money is concerned, but receiving a reward of infinitely greater value.

Individual action brought a consciousness of well-doing. Those who engaged in the work improved in health of body and health of mind. They gained an experience that made their hearts glad in the Lord. They had no time to speak needless words. Their one thought was, "The book must be sold, for the debt must be lifted from the schools." It seemed as if in every place prayer could be heard, and faith in the work constantly increased. A happy enthusiasm filled the hearts of the workers.

I was made very happy by the result of the plan, and those who engaged in selling the book were happy. They helped one another to make the work a success.

I saw that in selling "Object Lessons" our people were learning how to handle larger books. They were being prepared to enter the canvassing field. The earnestness with which they took hold of the work showed that they

appreciated the opportunity of learning how to canvass. Prejudice was removed. In becoming acquainted with the people the workers gained a valuable experience; and as they were thus sinking fresh shafts, their example helped the church to see that all around them there was work to do. There were those in the church who needed the experience to be gained in telling others of the truth; and as they went forth to this work, their talents were greatly increased. The Savior went before them, and the blessing of the Lord became His people's strength. The pulpit became a place of power.

I saw that the sale of "Object Lessons" opened the way for the establishment of missions. In the church there was a revival of the missionary spirit. An earnest desire to learn how to work for the Lord was shown. Small companies gathered for prayer and Bible study. All moved forward with harmonious action. Believers went to places where the people have no opportunity to hear the Word of God, and gathered the children for Sabbath School. Efforts were made to help isolated families. Plans were laid for these families to meet with other families for Bible study. Thus the way was opened for light to shine forth from the Word of God.

Many of the servants of Christ, although constantly reminded, seem to forget that they are stewards of their Lord's goods. I have been shown that many of them have become rusty from inaction. The Lord, in His providence, has now given them something to do, and has thus opened the way for them to help others to become acquainted with the special truths for this time. He has given them a work to do that will bring a great and grand result. In getting out of the easy chair of self-satisfaction, and going forth to give the light of truth to their fellow-men, they will learn an excellent lesson. By selling "Object Lessons" they are doing a two-fold work—helping to lift the debt from our schools, and at the same time giving the precious light of truth to those who need it.

I hope that no one who can engage in this work will excuse himself, and so lose the blessing that there is in it. This work is the means that the Lord has ordained for uniting the hearts of His people to one another by the same link that unites them to Himself. "We are laborers together with God." These words seem so appropriate to the work now being done.

There are many, many souls that the Lord Jesus desires to save, and He asks for our co-operation in this work. These souls cost Him an infinite price. Let the question come home to us, "Are we willing to be workers together with God? Are we willing to go to those outside the faith and plant in their hearts the seeds of truth?"

The work now being done with "Object Lessons" is a good beginning of the work the Lord desires to see carried forward by His people, because it calls for sacrifices and gifts, and because it enables all to act a part. It is a work in which old and young can engage. The Lord's plan has provided a way for all to do something. The more you do of this work, the less weary and the less perplexed you will be. As you go forth to sell the book the Lord has declared should be sold, you will realize that to you is spoken the benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you."

The work of selling "Object Lessons" is to accomplish double and triple good in different lines. Those who purchase the book feel that they are doing something to advance a worthy cause. The work is done with an earnestness that appeals to their hearts. It is a lesson to them, and although they are not of our faith, they appreciate the effort that is being made. They are impressed with the earnestness of the workers. They realize that what they are doing is commended by the Lord, who blesses every good work. Light shines into their hearts. To many, the conviction of the Spirit will come through the seed sown by this unselfish work for the Master. The saving of precious souls will be the result of the work done in canvassing for "Object Lessons."

The Lord comes very near the workers, and angels go before them. My brethren and sisters, never forget in whose company you are. See by faith an angelic host around you. Believe that the Lord Jesus is by your side, that His glory enfolds you, that He is pouring upon you the refreshing showers of His grace. Speak and act to the glory of God. Say, "In thought, word and deed I will be a blessing to those I meet. I will let light shine forth." Enter into conversation with the people. Become familiar with their experience, and, from the book you are selling, read passages that will help them. Take with you into their homes the sunshine of heaven. Outside of the truth, there is little enough of this sunshine now in the world.

As you seek to become acquainted with those who have no knowledge of the truth, as you strive to speak words in season, remember that you are God's helping hand, and that He will teach you to speak words which will cause light to shine into darkened minds. Doors will open for the work of soul-saving. Many who enter Christ's service at the eleventh hour will labor with great earnestness for Him. They will appreciate the wonderful truths of the Word of God, and will bring these truths into the daily life.

Let the workers remember that their spirit and their actions have a great influence on the minds of those they meet. Let them feel their dependence on God. It is only when we place ourselves in His hands, to be worked by His Spirit, that He can use us in breaking the power of the enemy over souls. Let them remember, too, that to those with whom they become acquainted in this work they are to speak of the love of the Savior, who, though He was rich, yet for our sake became poor that we might be rich.

REPORTS FROM THE JUBILEE CAMPAIGN.

"All through Wednesday's steady downpour most of the soldiers kept their shot and powder dry. The total orders for Tuesday and Wednesday were 87."

—*Detroit Regiment.*

"Everything is pointing toward the completion of the work here. I expect the quota to go out this week sure."

—*B. E. Fulmer, Detroit.*

"Our company disposed of 12 books to-day. There are only four more to be sold before Alma can sing the jubilee song."

—*Edna Bellows.*

"The church school has closed, and many of the pupils are out in the work. The territory for nine miles will be canvassed."

—*M. G. Lansten.*

"The children and youth of the church have taken hold of the work, and orders have been taken to more than dispose of the quota for the church."

—C. E. Edvardson.

The church school teacher at Lansing closes her work during a part of each day, and, with her little flock, devotes considerable time to Jubilee Campaign work.

"Olivet is a Congregationalist college town. We canvassed the ministers and teachers, and were given permission to canvass the students in both the boys' hall and the ladies' dormitory. Thirty-eight books in all were sold."

—C. J. Buhalts and Wife.

"My work was mostly among professional people, and often I could get a donation where I could not sell a book. One young man, a lawyer, tried to confuse me with unimportant Bible questions, but God gave me tact to answer him, and he gave me two dollars and an order for a book."

—Ada Marshall.

"I always said that I would rather do a big washing than canvass, but I have changed my mind. * * * One woman bought a book, and then returned it so I might sell it again. Another woman said she was on the same train with two of the students who were out in this campaign. She heard a part of their conversation, which pleased her. She was glad I called, and gave me her order. Altogether, I sold nine books to-day."

—Marie Buhalts.

Brother J. M. Pratt canvassed ten days and never took an order. His courage was higher at the close of that time than when he began; but the tide has turned, and now he is having good success.

"The ice seems to have broken for me at last. I sometimes think that the Lord has been testing me, for I certainly worked hard and prayed earnestly. Speaking frankly, it was a very hard strain for me to canvass day after day and not sell any books, but I am so glad I did not prove myself a deserter."

—Arthur Phillrick.

"I have not been near a postoffice for three days, so could not report. I have sold 36 'Object Lessons,' I have canvassed in the country, and the water is so deep I have had to wade."

—Lorne Pengelly.

"Wednesday we tramped all day in the wet. * * * We are of good courage, although we have not been selling books by the hundreds."

—Benjamin Beddoe.

A letter was mailed to all the students of the Jubilee Campaign, asking every one to remain in the field until the 25th. All are expected to be brave and to give the request a hearty response.

February 11.—"Nineteen days have rolled away since the Army of the Jubilee took the field. They have been days of precious experiences, rich blessings and fulfilled promises on the part of our Father above.

"Up to date not a single dispatch has been received at headquarters breathing discouragement or desertion. Every soldier, whether material success has attended his efforts or not, has reported himself of good courage and determined to remain at the front until the campaign is ended; and although not every one has had great material success, every one has had *real success*, for real success consists in doing *without question what God bids us to do, and in doing it at the time he wants it done.*"

—P. T. Magan.

AN APPEAL TO THE MINISTERS AND OTHER FRIENDS OF THE BERRIEN SPRINGS SCHOOL.

"There are times when things do not look as bright and cheerful as we could wish, because difficulties stand in the way of rapid advancement; but we hope, my brethren and sisters, that you all will be encouraged to take a thorough interest in the establishment of the school at Berrien Springs, and aid it by the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and in other ways. Let the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' be taken hold of interestedly in our large cities and in the smaller settlements. Brethren, wake up. The good hand of the Lord has been

with our people in the selection of a good place to locate the school. This place corresponds to the representations given me as to where the school should be located. It is away from the cities, and there is an abundance of land for agricultural purposes, and room so that houses will not need to build one close to another. There is plenty of ground where students shall be educated to educate the land. 'Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building.'

"We would have all to understand when canvassing for 'Christ's Object Lessons' that they are doing a work that is essential to be done for the school which should now be going up. The Lord will help each one who will pray and work, and work and pray. The light which I have tried to present before our people is that we must arouse ourselves from sleep, and feel an interest in the school that is to be built up at Berrien Springs. Do not let this matter of erecting suitable buildings fade away from your interest. It is for this purpose that the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' should now be vigorously carried forward."

E. G. W.

A FINISHED WORK.

We have written to the church elders asking them to co-operate in a ten days' rally to finish the Object Lessons work in Indiana. The first ten days in March is the time specified. If two thousand Sabbath-keepers shall devote ten days wholly to this work we may look upon a *finished* work. Is this asking too much? The Lord Himself has planned this enterprise to be a blessing to His people. The report of the Berrien Springs students has shown it to be such, as many others also can testify. Who does not want this blessing? It comes only by *doing*.

A careful study of the above extracts from the spirit of prophesy will inspire willing hearts to action. Encouragement is given us in this instruction. The Lord calls *every one*, because he has *in this work* a blessing for every one. Many have been putting it off because they have dreaded to undertake it, but all the while their conscience has been accusing them.

Now, brethren and sisters, whatever may have been our experience in the past, shall we not all unite in a general rally March 1 to 10, and finish the work? Our Industrial School and our Church schools will close at least part of the time; the office will devote as much time as possible to the work; every minister and Bible-worker and canvasser we hope will put in *full time*; and we earnestly request every man, woman and child in our State to devote the first ten days in March to this work. If we could see its importance as the Lord has shown it to us, (and why do we not?), I am sure every one would lay aside personal interests for this little period and devote his energies to completing this work.

We have no criticism for past failures, but only words of encouragement for the future. The Lord will show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are right with Him.

While these articles are being studied let our prayers ascend together, and let our hearts beat in unison for a finished work.

Let no one breathe discouragement. The Lord has placed within our reach a great blessing. Shall we not lay hold on it and finish the erection of buildings at Berrien Springs, and so be prepared to train our young people to be missionaries for God? Brethren, this grand work is possible; and with it come personal blessings which no one can afford to lose. I am with you for service. Let every church rally its entire membership to this work March 1 to 10. Church elders, show yourselves competent leaders in this movement. Conference workers, let us occupy the front rank for the full ten days. Isolated Sabbath-keepers, join the campaign where you are, and let us all put in the *best ten days' work we ever did for the Master*. If we do, we may join in the song of jubilee; for the work will be finished.

I. J. HANKINS.