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WHAT WE NEED.

"We need — each and all — to be needed,
To feel we have something to give
Towards soothing the moan of earth's hunger;
And we know that then only we live,
When we feed one another as we have been fed
From the Hand that gives body and spirit their
bread."
—Lucy Larcom.

OUR CITY MISSIONS.

WE have been working several of our large cities in Iowa now for three years past by what is termed our city missions. Perhaps many have noticed that after about one year we have discontinued the use of the mission buildings, and changed the character of the work. The reason has been that after working the territory over we have not found those of stability who would accept of the truth, and so form a center around which to work. This has been a matter of great perplexity to us, and we have been led to question the advisability of putting in so much labor and means, working almost entirely for the lower classes. Many accept of the truth, but, with few exceptions, they soon go back. They are not firm.

The Lord has recently sent us light upon this matter by the Testimonies of his Spirit, stating that we should first work for the higher classes; then after a company of responsible persons has been formed, associate them with the worker, and work for the less fortunate class. Then when these ac-

cept of the truth there will be a fold in which they may be cared for and build up a character that can stand.

With this change in view, we have thought seriously of leaving for the present our slum mission buildings, and taking other apartments. The workers can go out from house to house, and present the truth to families that can be depended upon to bring stability and character to the work. This will not in any case stop the work for the poor and unfortunate, but a *greater* effort than in the past will be made for the classes that have had greater advantages. We are now following the work in Clinton, Charles City, and some other places, by a quiet house-to-house work, from a respectable part of the city. And, if in accordance with the light which the Lord has given, we can find rooms in a more reputable part of Sioux City, we will for the present give up the mission building there, and push with greater zeal than ever the house-to-house work and cottage meetings. The workers there have of late turned their attention more to this outside work, and they find that the harvest is truly ripe.

We ask all to pray for those who take up this work. If the Lord impresses any to send in donations, it will be a blessing, as we can push the work forward only as fast as we can sustain workers. God has told us that in work of this kind many who accept of truth will in turn donate for the carrying of the truth still farther, and so the work once started will not ravel out and go down. We must have the guidance of the Lord in seeking for the honest among the multitudes in our large cities. CLARENCE SANTEE.

"NATURE works with him who works for mankind."

IN BATTLE CREEK.

I HAVE been called to spend a few days in Battle Creek, and think that a few items may be of interest to the readers of the BULLETIN. One of the first of which I will speak I know will not be joyful to any; yet as it points us to a danger that is becoming more common as the perils of our time thicken around us, it may be well to mention it. A man who was at College View some time in the past, claiming that the Lord had placed him in the church as its prophet, and who became so troublesome that he had to be taken from the church, has found his way here, and is clamoring for notice, with denunciations of wrath against any who oppose his claims. A man in Kansas City made about the same claims a few weeks ago; but he became involved in a quarrel on the street and went to jail. These "false prophets" and "false Christs" are going to multiply, not alone on the outside, but *among us*. We are warned of them. They are going to make their claims with such an appearance of devotion, unselfish love, and consecration, that "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. The "elect" are not in danger from some out-breaking claimant, but from one that will appear like an "angel of light." 2 Cor. 11:14, 15. It is time to stand on the solid Rock.

Friday evening, the 23rd, Bro. Johnson, from the New York harbor, gave us an interesting account of his ship-work. He has our missionary boat, and carries reading to the different ships which come and go. His boat is thirty feet long and nine and one-half feet broad, and has a mast thirty feet high with one sail. It also has a six-horse gasoline engine. His wife runs the boat and engine, while he

carries the reading upon the ships. Sister Johnson is known in New York harbor as the "Lady Captain." Efforts have been made by representatives of religious bodies, to shut him out, but the Lord has kept the way open, and the officers of the piers gave him a place free for the mooring of his boat. God bless the dear workers who have scattered to the different points and places of the earth, to carry the last message of life.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

DOUBTLESS most of the readers of the BULLETIN are not aware of the fact that the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School has a correspondence department connected with it, and sends out weekly lessons to a class of students who are not able to leave their home and other duties in order to take a regular course at one of our Sanitariums.

This work has been carried on now about one year, with very encouraging results. We expect to organize a new class in April, and would like to hear at once from those who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity. The tuition fee is \$3.00, which barely covers the actual cost of sending out the lessons and correcting the answers sent in by the students. The books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. This gives an excellent opportunity for any one who desires to become intelligent in regard to caring for the sick.

A descriptive circular, giving full particulars of the course, will be furnished on application. Address Correspondence Department, Medical Missionary Training School, Battle Creek, Mich.

THE HOLY GHOST VS. HYPNOTISM.

"WHEREFORE by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:20. With the hope of saving some precious soul from the deceptions of the enemy, I present a few points of comparison on the above named powers.

1. The Holy Ghost convicts of sin and reproves the sinner. John 16:8. Hypnotism makes no mention of sin.

2. The Holy Ghost gives God all the honor and glory. With hypnotism man gets the glory.

3. The power of the Holy Ghost is given freely to all (Luke 11:13; John 15:8), and can not be bought. Acts 8:18-20. Notice that Peter says that

it is the gift of God. The power of hypnotism is bought and sold often for the paltry sum of thirty cents, the same number of pieces for which Judas sold our Lord and Saviour.

4. Where the Holy Ghost is manifested in a congregation the people do not laugh and applaud the subjects as they do in hypnotism. Acts 2:37. "Fear came on every soul."

5. The Holy Spirit is not an agent to accomplish evil, while hypnotism is used by many for this very purpose.

6. The power of the Holy Ghost uses the person, while the person uses the power that comes through hypnotism.

7. The Holy Ghost leaves the mind and will free as God intended, while it is impossible to hypnotize a person unless control of his mind and will is gained.

8. The power of hypnotism can be obtained of man; "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things." John 14:26.

WM. H. COX.

"WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US."

Report for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

No. of societies reporting.....	100
" " members reporting.....	808
" " letters written.....	692
" " letters received.....	504
" " Bible readings held.....	503
" " subscriptions for periodicals.....	467
" " periodicals distributed.....	22,819
" " pp. reading matter distributed.....	207,256
" " missionary visits made.....	2,307
" " hours spent in Christian Help work.....	6,702
" " articles of clothing supplied.....	983
" " persons supplied with food.....	645
" " " belonging to Reading Circle.....	483
" " personal reports.....	21

It is very interesting to compare this report with the preceding one. The following is the increase in the different items as reported: Periodical subscriptions, 201; periodicals distributed, 740; pages reading matter distributed, 40,653; hours spent in Christian help work, 3,481 (more than doubled); articles of clothing given away, 474; persons supplied with food, 175. Sixty-one more persons reported. These figures prove that our people have not been idle, but rather that they have felt the blessedness of being "workers together with God." Who can tell how far these rays of light will penetrate into the surrounding gloom, or how many souls may see these rays and be guided by them? We have this increase to report regardless of the fact that a number of our societies failed to report this quarter. We are

especially thankful that so many sent in faithful, though small, reports. If they had withheld them because they seemed so small and insignificant, we could not have given you these facts. May we not hear from every one whom God has impressed to give a paper, a tract, or food, or clothing, to some poor soul, in his name? It is yours to sow the seed, but "God giveth the increase." If a faithful report is made, some one who now feels that he has no talent to labor for souls, may be encouraged to do likewise. Shall we not heed the admonition of the wise man to "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it"?

DELLA WALLACE,

Corresponding Secretary.

OBITUARY.

SWEAT.—Died at Stronghurst, Ill., March 19, 1900. Mrs. Keziah M. Sweat, aged 79 years, 4 months, and 8 days.

Mother became a Christian at an early age, and remained a faithful follower of the Master till death. She accepted the doctrines held by S. D. Adventists under the preaching of Brn. Bliss and Andrews at Princeville, Illinois, and joined the church thirty years ago. She was a devoted mother. Of eight children seven are living, and all but one were present at the funeral. She was a patient sufferer, and remained conscious to the last moment. By request she was laid by the side of her last husband in the Platville cemetery, Taylor Co., Iowa. J. J. WELTON.

FORTUNE.—Brother William Fortune, of Davis City, Iowa, died March 4, 1900, aged 69 years, 11 months, and 1 day.

He was a beloved member of good standing in the S. D. Adventist church in Davis City. Although his illness continued for over a year, he was patient through it all. He leaves an aged companion, two sons, and one daughter, who feel their affliction keenly, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. As no Adventist minister was present, the writer was requested to conduct the funeral services. John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Job 14:14; and John 5:25-29 were the scriptures read. P. KIRK, Elder.

WARE.—Died in New London, Iowa, March 14, 1900. Leah Ware, wife of Charles H. Ware, aged 45 years, 10 months, and 17 days.

Sister Ware was a devoted child of God, and a patient sufferer during her last illness. She embraced the truth as taught by our people, at Grand

Island, Neb., in 1893. Her membership was transferred to the church at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the next year. She was a faithful and consistent member to the day of her death. She fell asleep with a bright hope. Her husband is cheered by the same hope, confident, if faithful, of meeting her again never more to part. The funeral service, conducted by the writer, was held in the Christian church. The large number attending the funeral showed the respect of the neighbors and friends for this sister. Text, Prov. 14:32. WILLIS M. ADAMS.

THE BOOK WORK.

WAITING FOR THE WORD.

"OVER and over the cry is heard,
'Come, and bring us the saving word.'
Over and over the message rings,
From the loving lips of the King of kings,
'Go and tell them,' 'tis my command,
Go and tell them in every land.'
And while one soul of the sons of men
Waits for the word from the lips or pen,
We who have heard it must tell it again."

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

MUCH has been spoken and written concerning success in the work of God. What is true concerning success in one branch is equally true of every department.

The canvassing work to-day is regarded, not by the people of God only but by Satan himself, as a most valuable means of reaching the people with the truth for this time. The enemy of all righteousness is awake to the fact that the circulation of the literature bearing the "signet of the Eternal," is a detriment to his cause. "Truth and error are both in the field, striving for the mastery. The champions of truth will have a fierce conflict." Now then, my brother, my sister, how shall we be able to cope with this enemy? Is it not by accepting and making every principle of right a part of ourselves?

We have reached the time in our experience in the work parallel to that of Joshua as he entered the land of Canaan. There were giants in the land. They knew all about Israel. "And Joshua, the son of Nun, sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land." Josh. 2:1. These men were recognized as soon as they entered the land. Verse 2. Rahab said to the spies, "All the inhabitants of the land faint because of you." Verse 9.

There are giants in the land to-day, and in order to be able successfully to

meet these opponents, we must become men and women who have a daily Christian experience in the things of God, and rightly value the responsibility resting upon us. It was thus that Joshua was prepared for the great work that God gave him to do. "Observe," God said, "to do according to all that is written therein...., and thou shalt have good success." Josh. 1:8.

One great secret of success in life is to make ready for opportunity, so that when new responsibilities come to us, we may be able to accept them, and perform the duties they bring, *without abusing the confidence placed in us.* "God longs to work through those to whom he has given capabilities for great things." Just to the extent that we fail in gaining the preparation that it is our privilege to secure, just to that extent will we fail in accomplishing the work God desires us to do. "Personal labor must be put forth, that souls may be rescued from the snare of the enemy. Then let us work in all earnestness and faith, and we shall reap a blessed harvest."

H. B. TILDEN.

ELD. JOHN HOFFMAN writes from Finland, Europe, March 6: "We have just closed our canvassers' school here. Bro. Sherrig was with us fifteen days. The canvassers have left for their fields of labor. There are only eleven of them, but by God's help and blessing these few workers can do much good. What is needed here, as well as everywhere, is the Spirit of God in our work. The power of Satan is manifest, but the Lord is rich in power."

BRO. LEWIS HILLIARD writes: "The Lord has been blessing me as I again take up the work. One lady bought five books, and encouraged me in my efforts to get this good reading into the homes of the people. One Catholic family did not at first want to buy any books; but before I left they purchased \$2.00 worth, and gave me my dinner, wishing me success."

BRO. PETER JACOBSEN, of Shelby, has recently returned from Union College, and is attending the canvassers' school during the closing week.

"You may not be gifted with genius, but an ordinary man becomes extraordinary when the Spirit of Jesus Christ dwells in him and speaks through him."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

ONAWA CONVENTION.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL convention was held at Onawa, representing four schools,—Blencòe, Smithland, Castana, and Onawa. Papers were read on "Methods of Inciting Lesson Study," "Week-Day Work for the Sabbath-school," and "Co-operation of Sabbath-school and Church Officers." The suggestions presented in the papers were freely discussed, and it seems that the responsibilities of the Sabbath-school will be better appreciated by those attending. An interesting feature of our convention was the part acted by the children. Selections from the Psalms had been memorized, and were repeated in class; a song concluded this exercise. A number of visiting friends attended the afternoon service, representing the Sunday-school work in other churches. All seemed pleased, especially with the work for and by the children. One benefit, more easily felt than described, results from the efforts of those most interested and active in this important branch of the Master's work. Some do not feel that they can contribute anything to the efficiency of the Sabbath-school; but by meeting with workers from other schools who are really active, they are encouraged to greater activity. Elds. Hart and Gardner were present, and assisted in the work, giving counsel from experience in Sabbath-school work.

We are encouraged to act our part in convention work, believing that the effort put forth is fully repaid by added interest. The *Sabbath School Worker*, and the circular letters from the State Association, have encouraged and benefited us a great deal in planning the work for the school.

CARRIE ELMER.

"If any one thinks he is capable of teaching in the Sabbath-school or in the day school the science of education, he needs first to learn the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, that he may teach this, the highest of all sciences."

"REALIZE every moment that you must have the presence of the Holy Spirit; for it can do a work that you can not do of yourself."

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—"POSITION does not determine character."

—MRS. M. C. MANTZ, of Keota, visited in Des Moines over Sabbath.

—BRO. HENRY JOHNSON is holding meetings in the Christian church at Colo, Story County.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS will remain in College View, Neb., for a time, having been appointed chaplain of the Sanitarium there.

—MR. AND MRS. OTIS KITTLE returned to Des Moines last week from Battle Creek, Mich., having spent the winter there in College.

—MR. AND MRS. L. M. SCHOBERG, of Adel, visited in Des Moines last week. Their daughter, Miss Nellie, is in attendance at the canvassers' school.

—WE still have on hand a few copies of the special number of *Good Health*. The excellent reading it contains is still fresh and timely. Price, 5 cents per copy.

—MRS. BERTHA GOSNELL wishes us to make a special request for her for reports from the absent members of the Cedar Rapids church, asking that they address her at 531 Eighth St., W. Cedar Rapids.

—A COMMUNICATION received from Eld. D. P. Gaede last week stated that he and his family, accompanied by D. Walde and son from Chicago, were on their way to New York, expecting to sail from there March 24 at 11 A. M. His future address is Grindelberg 15 a, Hamburg, Germany.

—THE new book entitled, "Health—How to Find It When It's Lost, How to Keep It When It's Found," by B. F. Richards, is a development of the principles of cause and effect. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." It contains 224 pages, bound in cloth. Price \$1.00. Address orders to this Office.

—ONE of our missionary secretaries, a busy housewife, found time to visit a neighboring town to sell the *Life Boat*. She reports \$6.15 sales, as the result of "twelve hours hard walking." Although very tired, she says she was "correspondingly happy, and the Lord was very near." Are there not others who wish to receive the blessing to be obtained in this way?

—BRO. A. W. BUNNELL, formerly of Missouri Valley, Iowa, now of Rifley, Payne Co., Oklahoma, sends a communication to the Iowa brethren and sisters. Lack of space forbids the publication of his description of the country and people. Many have few educational advantages, and the use of tobacco is quite universal, especially "snuff dipping." They need to be taught, and Bro. Bunnell asks the assistance of those who feel able to donate reading matter. Clean papers or tracts for distribution there may be addressed to Isaac Jentis, Chandler, Oklahoma Ty. Bro. Bunnell closes by saying that his faith in the third angel's message has not abated. He would like to hear from Bro. Jeys concerning the old Logan church.

—WE take the liberty of quoting from a personal letter written by Eld. J. M. Willoughby, from Salt Lake City, Utah: "We often think of our Iowa friends, and wish we could see them all again. This, perhaps, will never occur in this world, but we shall expect to see them in the earth made new. We enjoy reading the reports of the workers, and as soon as I find time I will write a few lines for the BULLETIN. The work in Utah is growing, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances under which it is placed. To the Lord we give all the praise."

—SISTER HENRY's tract for the W. C. T. U., the report of the religious liberty discussion in the W. C. T. U. convention, together with other matter bearing upon the same subject, has been reduced to about one-half its former size. This will greatly reduce the expense of circulating this important matter, besides making the tract more readable. It now contains only thirty pages, and the price has been reduced to 2 cents. Usual discount in lots of one hundred or more.

—ABOUT April 1 a subscription edition of "Good Form and Christian Etiquette" will be issued in better bindings, which will contain a fine portrait of the author, Mrs. S. M. I. Henry. The paper binding will sell for 25 cents; vellum cloth, with gilt edges all around, 50 cents. The first edition sells at 15 and 25 cents, and orders will be filled until April 1 at these prices.

—WE have in stock a good supply of Lesson Pamphlets for the coming quarter.

—"THE false man is more untrue to himself than to any one else."

—"MAKING HOME PEACEFUL" is no longer furnished in the paper binding, but in cloth only at 50 cents.

—THE quarterly meeting services for the Des Moines church will be held next Sabbath, March 31. This appointment is made a week before the usual time in order that the members of the canvassers' school may participate in the ordinances before leaving for their fields of labor.

—No. 4, of the *Religious Liberty Library*, entitled, "The Present Crisis and Our Duty," is now ready. This is a thirty-six page tract, showing in the briefest manner possible that the United States is in prophecy. It brings the subject right down to date. Its tone is candid, considerate, and convincing. It is present truth and ought to have a large circulation. Price, 2½ cents. Usual discount on quantities of one hundred or more.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. CAROLINE CLAWSON, of Story City, accompanied by Miss Jennie Lindahl, came last week for treatment.

BRO. JOHN TERWILLIGER, of Pleasantville, brought his niece Mrs. Sarah Hickman to the Sanitarium, Sunday, for treatment.

BRO. DENNIS HURLEY returned to Knoxville, last Wednesday, after a stay of several weeks, much improved in health. He with his wife will go to their home at What Cheer this week.

APPOINTMENTS.

EMERSON,	March 30 to Apr. 3,	1900.
Red Oak,	April 6-9,	"
Clarinda,	" 13-16,	"
Sharps,	" 20-24,	"
	J. S. HART.	

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

WEST UNION, March 31, 1900.

The services will be held at Albany. All members are requested to report, in person or by letter. It is expected that Bro. C. J. Buhalts will be with us at that time.

MRS. LIBBIE EARLE, Clerk.

DAVIS CITY, April 7, 1900.

All members are requested to report, either in person or by letter. Dear brethren and sisters, let us not forget or neglect these important meetings; for the time will soon come when these opportunities will be things of the past.

P. KIRK, Elder.