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A QUESTION OF INTEREST.

A FEW days since I was asked the question, "Does the Bible in Exodus 30:14, 15, teach that a man can pay money for the redemption of his soul?" The verses read, "Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the Lord. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls."

There is an important lesson of equality taught in these verses. Every person when coming to present himself before the Lord, had to bring the half of a shekel. It was to teach the relative value of each soul, whether rich or poor. That was one time in each year when every man in Israel was reminded that he was, when facing the judgment of God, worth just the same as every other man, no more, no less. The rich could put in no more, and the poor beggar must be provided with the half shekel that he could drop in with that of the man who possessed his thousands. The rich man could at other times cast in of his abundance, and the poor widow could cast in her two mites; but when presenting the soul for atonement, every man must bring the same. It leveled all.

If we would only learn the lesson in

this the *real* day of atonement to which all others looked forward, how differently would we labor. It would not be all for the slums, neither alone for the well-to-do, but equally for all. The Lord may value your soul above the value of created worlds, but you are to value it as the little piece, and equal only to all others around you. Then these verses do not teach that we can pay for the redemption of our souls, but they do teach the preparation necessary for the redemption of the soul.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

FROM FINLAND.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Iowa: We are glad to hear from you each week through the BULLETIN. Sometimes as we read the familiar names of the workers, we almost fancy that we see their faces and hear them talk. We have been sad to see that Sister Stevens has been sick so much lately. The last time we saw her was in 1898, at the Des Moines camp-meeting. At that time she appeared well and strong.

This evil world is rushing onward, bringing trouble and sorrow to all. The people are by their sins preparing the curse for themselves, and also trouble for God's people. We know by these things that this is not our home. In this land the last vestige of liberty seems to be, slowly but surely, dying out; so one nation is not far behind another in the work of making an image to the beast. Troublous times are all around us; but the people do not seem to realize that this shows that the end is near, and that Jesus soon will come to save his people. We have meetings in a large parlor here, and on Sunday afternoons have a good attendance; during the week the attendance is not so good, but some seem to be interested. We have a

young lady staying with us who interprets for us twice a week. This city has a population of about six thousand souls, of which one-fourth are Finnish and the remainder Swedish-speaking. A few Finnish young people come to almost every meeting, and seem to be interested. Our prayer is that some of these may take their stand for the truth.

The book work goes well this year. Up to this time the canvassers have reported orders for thirty-five thousand Finnish marks, or about six thousand dollars. Of course all of these have not yet been delivered, but we fully hope that before the New Year that amount will be realized. At an average of about three marks a book, that means eleven thousand books. We are now working with the first volume of "Great Controversy." We bind it in two volumes, and sell them for five marks apiece, or the whole book in one volume for eight marks.

We are of good courage and enjoy reasonably good health. We send greeting to all our friends in Iowa.

JOHN AND MINNIE HOFFMAN,
Borga, Finland, Nov. 19, 1900.

HOW IT WORKS.

A SISTER from Iowa writes that when the advertisements for the *World's Outlook Signs* commenced to appear she thought they could do very little to circulate this number of the *Signs* in her neighborhood. When they thought of how few they were in number, and considered where the money was coming from with which to do the work, they felt as though it would be an absolute impossibility to do much. But at a meeting the matter was considered, and some of the most enthusiastic set them to considering whether or not they would be able to

take one hundred of the papers. When they counted up the number subscribed for, instead of taking one hundred they took four hundred; and they are now busily engaged in circulating them, and they hope to be able to circulate even more of them.

This shows what may be done when we set about the work, and exercise faith in what the Master may do through us. Are there not many other places where the brethren and sisters have thought they were too few or too poor to do very much for this important number; and may not these brethren by asking the Lord for wisdom and strength and help, find that they can accomplish a great deal in the way of circulating the Outlook *Signs*, even in the face of all difficulties? One way is to allow a difficulty to confront and drive us into despair of doing anything at all. Another way is, when the difficulty confronts us, to rise up in the strength of God and go forward; and thus the difficulty becomes a help, stirring us up to call upon the Lord for more strength and wisdom than we could possibly get or use under ordinary circumstances. Thus may we see that difficulties are not necessarily unsurmountable hindrances, but that they may in reality be made helps to carry the work along. A. O. TAIT.

“WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US.”

Report for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1900:—

No. of societies reporting	91
“ “ members reporting	638
“ “ isolated reporting	27
“ “ letters written	542
“ “ letters received	358
“ “ Bible readings held	600
“ “ subscriptions for periodicals	202
“ “ periodicals distributed	24,011
“ “ pp. reading matter distributed	308,072
“ “ missionary visits made	1,618
“ “ hours spent in Christian Help work	2,479
“ “ articles of clothing supplied	541
“ “ persons supplied with food	1,635

In comparing this report with that of last quarter, we find that there is a decided decrease in the number reporting; but that there is an increase in every line of work reported is indeed encouraging. What a grand report it might have been had all reported faithfully “what God hath wrought” by them. One of the interesting features of this report is the fact that out of the twenty-seven isolated members reporting eleven have reached, and many of them have passed, their allotted threescore years and ten. A number of them reported several hours spent in Christian help work, in caring for the sick and desti-

tute. Each one expresses courage and trust in the Lord, and sends words of encouragement, with assurances of prayers offered in behalf of the laborers, for strength and wisdom to labor to the glory of God.

How it strengthens the hearts of the workers to receive these words of encouragement and cheer from those who have been long in the way, and who now catch glimpses of the heavenly city only a little in the future.

DELLA WALLACE, *Cor. Sec.*

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP.

BRO. C. W. SMOUSE, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the originator of the Smouse Missionary Enterprise, which in a short time has given over \$1,550.00 in cash to the Southern field, by request now offers to give the profits on fifty packages of his wall pockets, which will amount to one hundred dollars, to the Iowa Sanitarium. Now we wish to hear from fifty of the BULLETIN readers who will give their time *at once* to sell the fifty packages. There will be two dollars profit on each package. Your name and the amount will appear in the BULLETIN in due time. All we ask is a little of your time to go out just now and sell the goods. The packages will be sent to you free of all charges. Many go out and sell the package in a few hours.

Write Bro. Smouse quickly, referring to this notice, and give both your post office and express-office address.

J. W. ADAMS.

FIELD REPORTS.

DUBUQUE.

I SPENT Sabbath, November 23, with the church at Dubuque, at which time three united with the church, as a result of readings held by myself and wife. Two were baptized, and several others will soon take this important step. The interest is increasing, and seeds of truth sown in the past are now bringing forth fruit to the glory of God. One of those just uniting with the church is the wife of a prominent business man. She has shown the courage of a Daniel in accepting this message in the face of the fiercest opposition by her large circle of friends. However, her husband's sympathies are with her in the step she has taken. She is a lady of exceptional ability, and her life will be a blessing to the cause in this place. Another lady who unit-

ed with the church the same day has kept the Sabbath for a time, and has been one of our most faithful helpers in church work. The other new member is the daughter of one of the charter members of our company, and is a promising girl, one whose heart is in the message. We rejoice as those for whom we have labored and prayed, one after another, yield to the tender wooings of the Spirit of God. If each one of the BULLETIN family having watched with interest the work in this dark corner of Iowa, could step in some Sabbath during a social meeting and hear the testimonies of thanksgiving that the message has been sent to them, you would surely be led to rejoice that by faithfully paying the tithe you may have a part in this work. Sister Margaret Young is holding Bible readings, with a good interest, also assisting in church work. We are so glad the Lord sent Sister Eva Morton here to conduct work along sanitarium lines. Her exemplary life and her work have been a great blessing, not only to the church but to many not of our faith. Of the three most prominent W. C. T. U. workers in the city two have embraced the truth through Bible readings. We expect to spend some time with the church during the holidays.

We are working in Millville at present with a good interest. We have succeeded fairly well in our efforts in behalf of “Christ's Object Lessons,” and will do all we can until the debt is lifted. Remember us in your prayers.

G. R. HAWKINS.

ALBATON.

WE have been having school in our home this fall. I am well pleased with the success we have had, and would encourage all who can, to have home schools in preference to sending their children away to attend a church school. Our school closed Friday, November 30; and the teacher and my two older daughters are now preparing to enter Union College at the beginning of the winter term.

We have tried to hold teachers' meetings, as suggested by our State Sabbath-school Association, but have not had much success. Our company is small; we have only two teachers; and we live so far apart that, now as cold weather is setting in, it is hard for us to meet regularly. We believe, though, that teachers' meetings are a good thing, and will be a great help to schools which can hold them.

JOHN PETERSON.

OBITUARY.

HADLEY.—Died in Dubuque, Iowa, Nov. 14, 1900, of catarrhal pneumonia. Elva Estalera, daughter of Milton and Ora Hadley, aged six months and 5 days.

In the brief time she was permitted to remain with the fond parents, little Estalera learned when dressed for bed to fold her own hands, and quietly wait for the evening prayer. As a flower budding in spring and cut down by the frosts of autumn, so was she. But we know that when the Lifegiver comes, bringing our loved ones, we shall see Estalera again. Funeral services, from the text, "Of such is the kingdom of God," were conducted in the Baptist church by G. R. Hawkins.

EMMA HAWKINS.

THE BOOK WORK.

INSTRUCTION FOR OUR CANVASSERS.

It was decided by the Conference Committee at their last meeting that the Iowa canvassers should receive their instruction this year at Union College, spending three months there. The advantages to be obtained there are superior in almost every way to a home school. A systematic plan of study can be followed, and each student can enter the grade best adapted to his needs, under trained teachers.

It is practically impossible for those who have had no training, to continue in the canvassing work, because of the powerful influences of prejudice and education, which are daily growing more and more pronounced. Secret societies are being formed to educate the people, and to inform them of our work. Shall we not plan for a more systematic training for our canvassers, and to give them every advantage we can? We would not for a moment discourage those who are beginners in this work; but, rather, would encourage all, both old and young, to advance as fast as possible in getting a better preparation for the Master's service. This is in harmony with the following Testimony:—

"The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others. None can know how or when they may be called to labor or to speak for God. Our Heavenly Father alone sees what he can make of men. There are before us possibilities which our feeble faith does not discern. Our minds should be so trained that if necessary

we can present the truths of his word before the highest earthly authorities in such a way as to glorify his name. *We should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God.*"

We hope to get responses from men and women of ability and means, those who can enter the work to stay. Brethren and sisters, the times are alive with peculiar developments. If we can not enter this work ourselves, can we not assist others who can? There may be earnest young people who have a burden to devote their lives to this work, but who have not the means needed in order to secure a preparation. Who is willing to help such? It is now work and life; or idleness, stagnation and death.

The car fare of those attending the school will be paid to the field, also the tuition for two studies, and the Conference will furnish rooms. Thus the expense of the students will be limited to the railroad fare there, their board, and tuition for one study. They will also be expected to furnish bedding and towels and all toilet articles. Of course some little extra expense must be taken into account. A few reference books should be taken. Board can be obtained at the College on the European plan, each one paying for what he orders.

We earnestly hope that all who can, will avail themselves of this opportunity. All who attend should be there by January 1 to remain till April 1. All who contemplate going should write to me at once, addressing me at 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

W. L. MANFULL.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 30, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	9			\$.50
Cora M. Davis.....	12	3	\$ 3.00	.75
COMING KING AND PERIL OF REPUBLIC.				
*J. F. Stenberg.....	39	17	\$12.50	\$3.90
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	16	2	\$ 2.00	\$1.65
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	29	7	\$13.00	\$6.20
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Schaff.....	20	3	\$ 3.00	\$3.00
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Carrie Wallace.....	13	\$12.75	\$7.50	
Susan Haskell.....	7	6.85	3.85	1
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75		
J. F. Stenberg.....	2	3.00		1
O. N. Conklin.....	2	2.00		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	8
" " orders.....	32
Value of ".....	\$ 33.50
" " helps sold.....	\$ 27.35
Total value.....	\$ 60.85
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 25.35

*Two weeks.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER.

FROM a personal letter we quote a few sentences for the encouragement of those who are members of small Sabbath-schools: "Our school is composed of just our own family, which consists of parents and two children. Part of the time a third child meets with us. We have lived isolated from others of like faith for nearly a quarter of a century; but we have kept up our school for many years, and we expect to keep it up as long as there are enough of us together. You may be sure that Satan has not let us carry on our school unmolested, but our courage is good. We have no aim other than to be among those who have their robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb."

If God can give this family such a precious experience in faithfully holding up the truth in their vicinity, will he not as willingly bless other families who do the same? We do trust that each family school will be faithful till the time of reward. No school is too small to be recognized by the heavenly watchers. Keep up the small schools, and let us hear from each one.

MRS. J. L. A.

AFTON SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

WE held our convention October 28. On account of rain we were unable to hold a forenoon session. In the afternoon the rain ceased, and quite a number were in attendance. Two papers were read and thoroughly discussed: "House to House Work in the Interest of the Sabbath-school" and "Books, Papers, Their Influence on the Minds of the Readers." Those appointed to read papers on "How to Interest the Boys in the Sabbath-school Work" and "The Bible Used in the Class,—Advantages and Disadvantages," were not present, so the discussion was carried on without the reading of these.

MAMIE BEAMAN, Sec.

THOMAS WATSON says: "The Bible is a rock of diamonds; a chain of pearls; the sword of the Spirit; a chart by which Christianity sails to eternity; the map by which to daily walk; the sundial by which to set one's life; and the balance in which to weigh our actions."

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—BRO. PETER LINDAHL spent Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL was in the city last week, going from here to spend the Sabbath at Sandyville.

—BRO. LOUIS MANFULL stopped at the Sanitarium Sunday night, in passing through on his way to Union College.

—BRO. T. S. JACKSON and family left this city Monday, returning to their old home at Hawleyville, Page county.

—MISS EMMA BEACH left Des Moines last week for Castana, to accept a position as teacher in the family of Sister Fannie Neff.

—BRO. WM. JENKINS, of Knoxville, having employment in this city, now meets with us in Sabbath-school and church service.

—BRN. L. M. SCHOBURG, W. A. McKibben, and John McKibben, of Adel, visited the Sanitarium while in the city last Monday and Tuesday.

—ELD. L. F. STARR, returning from Winterset, reports an enthusiastic interest in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Two hundred and sixty copies have been ordered by that church as a beginning.

—MISS LENA MICHELSON, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, went from Boone to Grant City recently, to organize and conduct a church school. Our State now has nine church schools, and two or three family schools, where Christian education is provided the children.

—THE Sanitarium Bakery has on hand a small supply of broken crackers, which will be sold at five cents per pound. Among these will be found fruit crackers and the different grades of graham and oatmeal. These are in no wise inferior goods except that in handling they have been broken. Send in a trial order.

—BRO. ANGUS McDONALD found relief from his intense sufferings, last Thursday, in death. He and Sister McDonald, with their two daughters, had been visiting at the home of his parents at Montezuma, for several months, and it was there that he died. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. A more extended notice will be given later.

—THE special *Sentinel* of Dec. 6 is at hand, and more than meets our expectations. The following partial prospectus will give some idea of the value of this number: Description of grounds of Pan-American Exposition, with numerous cuts; "Why We Oppose Sunday Closing;" other articles treating on the nature of Sunday laws; representative petitions and how they are obtained; "Sunday Laws and the Working-man;" and articles showing what the Sabbath really is. This number is profusely illustrated, and very attractive in appearance. Now is the opportune time to get these questions, which are daily growing in importance, before the people. Terms: 100 copies, \$1.00; 1,000 copies, \$8.00. Order through this Office.

—SISTER S. J. WENTWORTH writes from Battle Creek, Michigan: "I am very pleasantly situated here with my son. My health is improving, and I find many opportunities to work for the Master. I pray that God may bless in the work in Iowa, and may the whole denomination arise to the work now placed before us. The church here is divided into sixteen districts. If each one takes hold and sells six books, what a harvest will come from such a sowing."

—THE Readings for the Week of Prayer have been mailed to all the church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents in our State, and also to the isolated Sabbath-keepers as far as we have their addresses. We have a supply on hand at this Office in English, Danish, Swedish, and German. Please let us know if extra copies are desired.

—ELD. J. H. MOURISON spent Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines, as he was passing through from College View, Neb., to Minnesota. His discourse at our Sabbath forenoon service was replete with instruction on practical Christian living, as drawn from the text in 1 John 2:6.

—"EASY Steps in the Bible Story," by Miss Adelaide Bee Cooper, editor of the *Youth's Instructor*, is one of the finest books for children yet published. The early Bible stories are told in such a way as to make lasting impressions on the minds of the children. Orders filled at this Office.

—SINCE the week of prayer begins Sabbath, December 22, the helps usually furnished for the fourth Sabbath will not be sent out this month.

—"MAKING Home Peaceful" is now out of print, and will not be re-published.

—WE would like to hear from all who are canvassing for "Best Stories from the Best Book" immediately, so that we may know how to plan for orders for Christmas delivery. If you wish us to get your books to you in time, please comply with this request.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MISS ELSIE FULTON, of Bladensburg, is here for treatment.

BRO. J. WHITE, of Star, is taking treatment here while in the city.

BRO. AND SISTER J. C. BARCUS had the pleasure of entertaining their uncle, J. N. Hartraugh, of Crawford, Neb., last week.

BRN. JOHN E. SIEMSEN, of Audubon, and P. C. Nelson, of Menlo, came for consultation last Thursday, with the view of taking home treatment.

WE acknowledge a very acceptable donation by Bro. and Sister J. C. Musselman,—six pairs of lace curtains for the parlor and reception room, also a portiere for the library and parlor.

BRO. S. A. HILL writes that his health is much improved. After going home from the Sanitarium he changed his manner of living somewhat, with good results. This agrees with frequent testimonies from those who have visited our sanitariums. The seeds of healthful living sometimes germinate slowly, but the harvest is sure.

"TEACHERS' CONFERENCE BULLETIN."

WE are requested to announce that the "Teachers' Conference Bulletin," embodying the principles set forth in the Summer Institute for church school teachers held at Battle Creek, Michigan, last July, is now ready, and can be had by all who desire it, at fifty cents per copy. It has 228 pages, and is bound in paper. Order of this Office or of the Review and Herald.

APPOINTMENTS.

GOD willing, we will meet with the Davenport church Sabbath and Sunday, December 15, 16, meetings to begin Friday evening. We will also be at Le Claire, Monday, the 17th, and Tuesday, too, if it seems best.

H. NICOLA,
N. M. JORGENSEN.

THE Lord willing, I will be in Eureka, Sabbath, December 15, and at Massena, the 16th, at 11 A. M.

E. G. OLSEN.