



Workers' Bulletin.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE WORK.

I TRUST that all have carefully read the article by Sister White, "Canvassing for Christ's Object Lessons." There are expressions in this appeal which keep ringing in my ears, and which I wish to repeat; and I ask you to re-read the entire article. "In this God is testing his people and his institutions. . . . Just now every stroke should tell for the Master in the work of selling 'Christ's Object Lessons.'" "The present is an opportunity God's people can not afford to lose." "Let the very most be made of this the Lord's opportunity." "Let all work together; let not the opportunity be lost." "Every branch of God's work is worthy of diligence, but nothing could be more deserving than this work at this time." "Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole. . . . Let his plan be vindicated, and when this work has been accomplished, God will indicate to us what to do next."

To me these are very remarkable expressions, showing the importance of personal experience in the sale of this book. I am requested to appeal to every Conference worker, and to all in our State whose health and circumstances will at all permit: Let nothing ordinary hinder you from personal work five days in the week for "Christ's Object Lessons," till our number is sold. Calls for meetings

may seem urgent; but, brethren, we are doing a great work, and dare not cease our efforts until it is finished.

"When this work has been accomplished, God will indicate to us what to do next." Then shall not each one of us stay by this work to the finish, that to us he may indicate the work next to be done? Church work, Bible work, and interests in new fields are all important; "but nothing is more deserving than *this work at this time.*" As this is the work the Lord asks us to do *now*, I fear for any who have a burden for something else at this time. But if ministers and lay members all labor diligently, this work will be done, and we will be ready for that next work to follow.

E. E. GARDNER.

THE BOOK WORK.

"THERE are in the providence of God particular periods when we must rise in response to the call of God, and make use of our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul, and spirit, fulfilling to the utmost of our ability the requirements of God. Just now let not the opportunity be lost." "Just now."—these words are repeated many times in the Testimonies concerning the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." I fear we have not taken upon ourselves the burden of this work as the Lord intended we should. His servant says, "This is an opportunity which God's people can not 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." "There is to be a decided work done to accomplish God's plan."

I believe the superintendents of the different districts should keep in close touch with each Conference worker in

their districts. In this way they would be able to gather items which would be of interest, and they would also learn how the work is progressing. So I ask the workers in district number four, to report each week the number of books sold, and also any interesting experiences you may have had. I have been pleased to see the good reports which have appeared in the BULLETIN; and I hope that all our churches, companies, and isolated members, will push this work right along now while the people have time to read. Some are doing well. One sister, who is seventy-three years old, said, "I stayed at home and sold nine books." Another one, who was certain she could not sell a book, after considering the matter and praying over it, started out, and in just a few days sold seventeen books. A brother bought eight books, and started out to give them away; but he was offered the regular price for the book in his first attempt, and thus encouraged, he went ahead and sold all, and then came back for six more.

My address is 913 E. 13th St., Des Moines.
J. W. DORCAS.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LITERATURE.

HERE and there, one in a place, as bright lights breaking forth in the darkness of earth, there are souls accepting the truth as the result of reading papers received from some unknown friend. The publishers of the *Signs* frequently receive letters similar to the following one of recent date:—

GRAND JUNCTION, IOWA.

DEAR EDITOR:—

I have been a reader of the *Signs of the Times* only about a month, but never have I found a paper from which I derived so much good. Please send the *World's Outlook* to the following addresses. You will find stamps enclosed.

(Signed) Mrs. ———

This lady's name is not on the sub-

scription list of the *Signs*, so, evidently, some one is doing missionary work. It is possible, too, that this some one may never know in this life the good his paper is doing. This one instance, out of many, should be an incentive to us who do know of the good that this paper is doing, to "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." W. E. P.

FIELD REPORTS.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT DES MOINES.

WHILE I would gladly have accepted invitations to visit other places during the week of prayer, yet on account of the important interests centered at Des Moines and my responsibility as elder of the church, I felt a great burden to spend the week here. Although I have enjoyed the privilege of many such occasions, my experience this year was different in some respects from that of any previous year. Two services were held each day, one at 3 P. M. and one at 7:30 P. M., in order to make it more convenient for all; some attended both services. A deep and serious feeling seemed to prevail rather than enthusiasm. This was particularly manifest on the evening of the reading of the article by Dr. Kress. An opportunity having been given for testimonies, the large company present, who under ordinary circumstances would not have allowed any time to run to waste, sat as though they had nothing to say,—one speaking after an interval and then another. Finally one brother arose and said, "We all plead guilty, and pass our cases on to our Advocate," and sat down. The most peculiar part about this was that instead of resulting in discouragement, some said that this was the best meeting we had held. The remark was often heard, "I wonder how God could bear with me so long. My sins are so many." The article by Eld. Irwin made a deep impression, and seemed to bring in a spirit of courage and triumph on the part of many of our most earnest ones, all taking the golden rule as our standard. Of the many good things said in the reading by Eld. Haskell, which was read at our closing meeting, we especially marked the statement: "We do not call for an impulsive move; but we do call for a calm deliberation of the time in which we are living, and for a move toward the kingdom of God." We could only say, Amen. Although not all appar-

ently was accomplished that we had expected, we are full of hope, and look for great results to appear in the future, as we let God work through us to perform the doing.

The book work is receiving attention here, and nearly all are having a part in selling the oil. Even the children are enjoying a part in it. We hope that the week of prayer will mark the beginning of a new era in our State. J. W. ADAMS.

DISTRICT NO. SIX.

I HAVE enjoyed very much the special work to which God in his great love has called us. Thus far I have visited and held meetings in the interests of "Christ's Object Lessons" at Rochester, Atalissa, West Liberty, Fredonia, California City, California Junction, Twin Oaks, Washington, Brighton, Fairfield, Libertyville, Birmingham. There are organized churches at seven of the above named places, and isolated members only at the others. At each place, when the subject was set before our good brethren, a willingness to take hold of this work and help, was manifested. At one place, while we were trying to decide how many books to order, it was suggested that we postpone ordering for a few days. Then a brother, who is about seventy years of age, arose and said, "Last night when I went home I thought I could not do any thing; but since being at this meeting I have changed my mind. I think we had better decide now. I will take twelve books." This seemed to act as an inspiration, and we soon made up an order for fifty books, with only seven persons present. The brother mentioned sold six books the first day he was out. At another place a brother who is seventy-nine years old has sold ten books and ordered more. It surely is pleasing to the Lord to see how our people are taking hold of this work, which is his own plan to enable us to become of one mind, when all will be working and praying for one object; then we shall be as were the apostles on the day of pentecost, and will receive the latter rain, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. "He is now testing us." O, may none of us do as did Ananias and Sapphira,—professedly give all, but in heart keep back a part. So far in my work, only one Adventist family has refused to take hold of the work.

In my experience, instead of this work being a loss or a hindrance to that of the ministry, it is a great help.

"This movement I have suggested will result in reconciliation. It will unify the churches." "In union there is strength." The flock seem more willing to move when the shepherd says "Come," instead of "Go." I am thankful our great Shepherd has never said "Go," but rather "Come, and follow me." May God help the under shepherds ever to follow his example. E. H. ADAMS.

FROM AN ISOLATED FAMILY.

In a letter received from a blind brother and sister, who are isolated, are these words of encouragement: "We are certainly having a feast of good things this week. We feel like the Psalmist of old when he said, 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?' Some of our isolated members complain of being discouraged. Why, praise the Lord! we have no time for discouragements. We are always praying and planning how we can get out and put reading matter into the hands of the people. The Lord says, 'I will guide thee with mine eye.' We try in our weak way to be faithful in paying our tithe and in sending our missionary report. We do not hear from others often. This makes us feel sad, but not discouraged. Brethren and sisters, pray for us."

Are all whom the Lord has blessed with eyesight, and the privilege of meeting from Sabbath to Sabbath with those of like precious faith, "always praying and planning how they can get out and put reading matter into the hands of the people"? "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

AMES.—"Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Another week of prayer has been enjoyed by the children of the Lord in this small corner of his vineyard. The voice of the Lord was heard calling those who expect translation, to arise and move forward, shoulder to shoulder, and prove to the world the power of the Lord to unify and to bind together the hearts of men that he may be able to work through them for the redemption of the lost. The words of courage and admonition were much enjoyed by every member of our little company, and with praise and thanksgiving long strides were made Zionward. Many prayers were offered in

behalf of the cause, and an offering of \$31.15 was given to help sustain its honor and speed the words of redeeming truth to those who know not the peace of forgiveness through Christ.

C. M. PEABODY.

FONTANELLE.—Another week of prayer reminded us of how swiftly time is passing. On account of bad weather and the distance some of the brethren had to come, the attendance was small. But we have the promise of the Lord to the few who meet in his name. We know that he can bless us wherever we are, if we are striving to do his will. May we all live closer to the Lord in the future.

EVA E. LALONE.

SHELBY.—Our meetings were held in the evening, and nearly all attended. The Lord came very near, and we praise him for his presence. He is ready to bestow his blessing upon all who will receive it.

PETER JACOBSEN.

"DR. PHILLIP BROOKS used to say to his church: 'Preach or perish, teach or tarnish, evangelize or fossilize.'"

TRUTH may be held by a sect, but can never become sectarian.—*Sentinel*.

OBITUARY.

RIDER.—Died at Paton, Iowa, Dec. 5, 1900, at the home of her son G. F. Rider, Mrs. Lydia Rider, aged 82 years, 5 months, and 22 days.

The funeral services held from the M. E. church Dec. 7 were conducted by Eld. E. E. Gardner. He used as a text the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life" (Jno. 11:25), showing from the scriptures the necessity of a resurrection from the dead, that man might live again. The M. E. pastor, A. W. Harned, assisted in the service.

Mother's last words were, "I am trusting in Jesus." She was the last surviving member of a family of thirteen children, five of whom lived to be over eighty years of age. She was a firm believer in the soon coming of Christ, to take his children home.

GEO. F. RIDER.

ADAMS.—Died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Strode, in Garfield county, Oklahoma Territory, Dec. 15, 1900, of typhoid-pneumonia fever, Hazel, little daughter of D. C. and M. M. Adams, aged 1 year and 9 days.

Hazel was taken for burial to Enid, where her father, mother, and little sister were lying sick. The pastor of the Baptist church conducted funeral services, using as his text Matt. 19:14.

MRS. J. J. STRODE.

THE BOOK WORK.

ARE THERE NOT OTHERS?

THERE is yet time and opportunity for others to take the special course for canvassers at Union College. Are there not other young people in our State who wish to enter this line of work? This may mean a sacrifice of some of our plans, but shall we refuse the many calls for laborers to enter the ripening harvest fields? The way for those who have had no experience, to become workers, is to step into the first opening that presents itself, and learn the lessons that the Lord has for them. As soon as we have taken the first step, the Lord will show us the next to be taken. This is a matter of vital importance, and our acting will show how much we are willing to sacrifice that this truth may be brought to the attention of those who know nothing of the soon coming of our Saviour. Brethren and sisters, were not your hearts stirred by the earnest appeals made in the January number of the *Missionary Magazine* for laborers? But we can do nothing in a foreign field until we become workers at home. Shall we not make a start now? We ought to have a large class of earnest men and women to enter the canvassing field the coming season,—those who will consecrate their lives to the service of God, each day learning precious lessons of trust and confidence in the Lord, thus gaining a better preparation to answer the longing cry of sin-sick souls, "Lord, what shall I do to be saved?"

W. L. MANFULL.

NEARLY all of the canvassers will have a vacation during the remaining winter months. This explains the non-appearance of the report this week. We are glad to know that so many are preparing for better work next season. We ask those who continue the work in the field to send in weekly reports each week, as we need them for future reference, and we also expect to publish them in our "Book Work" department.

THE following from Iowa have joined the training class for canvassers at Union College: O. C. Markel, Louis Manfull, Carl Rasmussen, James McCullough, J. B. Myers, Susan and Mary Haskell, Cora Davis, Phebe Vosburg, and Daisy Olsen. Others are planning to go as soon as circumstances will permit, among them Carrie Wallace, of Ladoga, and Hortense Heivilin, of Clarinda.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

WRITE TO ABSENTEES.

Do you know that it would do absent scholars a great amount of good for you to write them a letter? If you doubt it, just try, and see. You know that, as a rule, children do not receive many letters, and when one does come, it is an event long to be remembered. If you are obliged to leave your class, write to them. Tell them they are remembered, even though you are having a holiday and have plenty to occupy your time and attention. Give them a short sketch of your journey, tell them how you spent the Sabbath, how you thought of your class, and send them some kind word so they will know you are their friend as well as their superintendent or teacher. If one in your class is absent, send him a letter. If it should be the "bad boy" or troublesome girl who has gone and whose absence almost gives you a feeling of relief, be sure to write. This may give you opportunity to speak the word you have so longed to say. Such letters may count as the weight which will carry the balance in the right direction. Write to your absent scholars.—*Sci.*

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

ARTHUR SHRAKE, SHARPSBURG: "Your letter with questions on Sabbath-school work was received, and the questions were used with profit to all. We began holding teachers' meetings at the beginning of this quarter, and I know the Lord has blessed in them wonderfully. To meet together and talk of our work each week is a source of strength. I am so glad that the Lord is with us when we make an effort to do his work. He is graciously rewarding our efforts in the Sabbath-school work. The faithful ones here are of good courage, and are growing in grace."

LILY M. JONES, DENMARK: "We have used the helps sent us, and they have really been a help. We looked up answers to many of the questions from the Bible. We enjoyed our convention. I am so glad we have a Sabbath-school, for it binds us as parents and children closer together. We enjoy more of the blessing of God each day."

"Don't talk about what you are going to do,—DO IT!"

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 8, 1901.

—GENERAL CONFERENCE, Battle Creek, Mich., April 2-23, 1901.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER spent last Sabbath with the Sandyville church.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS met with the church at Glenwood last Sabbath.

—BRO. O. CHAPMAN, of Runnells, was a caller at the Sanitarium last Thursday.

—MRS. ED SWAP, of Grinnell, was in the city last week, and called at the Sanitarium.

—BRO. Louis Kuester has returned to his work in the Bakery, after spending the holidays with his family at Arbor Hill.

—ELD. C. J. KUNKLE, who has recently come to our State to engage in the German work, has decided to locate at Massena.

—SISTER G. S. CHAMBERS, of this city, was called to Boone last week, on account of sickness in the family of her son, Hugh Chambers.

—MISS CHRISTINE FREDERICKSEN, of Ruthven, spent last Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines, on her way to Hagerman, New Mexico.

—REMEMBER that the annual offerings should be sent at once to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—MRS. ANGUS McDONALD and two daughters visited relatives in Des Moines last week, in passing through on their way from Grinnell to Winterset.

—AFTER a few days at home in Des Moines last week, Bro. J. W. Dorcas resumed the work for "Christ's Object Lessons" in his district. He spent last Sabbath at Ames.

—MISSES SUSAN AND MARY HASKELL, after a short visit at their home in Garwin, went last week to take the course for canvassers at Union College, stopping at the Sanitarium Monday night *en route*.

—ONE leading feature in the work for "Christ's Object Lessons" is the eagerness with which all, old and young, seek to have a part. One of the oldest members of the Des Moines church, a lady of over eighty years, engaged in a house-to-house canvass, selling her quota of six copies.

—FRIENDS of the Sanitarium Bakery will be pleased to learn of the success that is attending the work and of the satisfaction the foods are giving. Words of appreciation are constantly received, and the patronage is growing, as the following will show: During the first year the Bakery was in operation, which closed June 30, 1900, 679 shipments of foods were made to other points. Up to date the number is twelve hundred. Beside this, the business in the city has been good, including the Bakery sales room and orders from the wholesale and retail trade. Just at present two experienced bakers and two helpers are working over time in order to keep up with the work. We would be pleased to have you write for price lists and information. Address this Office.

—If you have not yet purchased a diary for 1901, why not get the one gotten out by our denominational publishing house? It has an elegant morocco binding, with gilt edges, vest pocket size. Besides the space allowed for diary, and blank pages for addresses and cash account, it contains statistics of value, and maps of all the States and territories and of the leading countries in the world. Price only 25 cents.

—THE first edition of two hundred thousand copies of the Outlook Signs is gone. The second edition has been prepared, and is going rapidly. On this the date, which is December 5, is not made prominent, which will largely remove the objection of its being a back number, and will assist in its sale. Send orders to this Office.

—WE have been holding three anonymous renewals for the BULLETIN for several weeks, two from Boone and one from Marshalltown. Have any of our subscribers at either of these places failed to receive due credit for renewals? If so, please let us know.

—"CHRIST'S Object Lessons" is the book we all need now to help us to get ready for Christ's glorious appearing." So writes an interested reader of this book. Will not this thought be a great incentive to us to engage earnestly in its sale?

—ALL contributions of clothing or money for the Des Moines Christian Help Band should now be sent to Mrs. Hattie Cleary, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—IT is a good rule never to do for the sake of gain what one wouldn't do for love or duty.—Edward Garrett.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

SISTER J. P. BAKER, of Audubon, came last Thursday.

CHRIS CHRISTOPHER, of Slater, is numbered among the patients.

BRO. PETER LINDAHL is here to receive the benefit of a short course of treatment.

BRO. J. PELMULDER, of the training class, is visiting the home folks at Grant City.

MRS. H. V. ADAMS has returned home, after a successful recovery from a severe surgical operation.

BRO. MERRICK VAUGHN, of Mt. Pleasant, was a welcome visitor last week, especially to his sister Kittie.

MRS. CORA CASE, of this city, has returned to her home, having made a rapid recovery from a successful operation.

THE new quilt sent by the ladies of the Council Bluffs church, also the one from Mrs. C. Hollenbeck, a dear old sister of Missouri Valley, were very acceptable.

IMPORTANT.

It is earnestly requested that all those to whom "Christ's Object Lessons" have been sent return the money for the books as fast as possible, as our College is in immediate need of it.

E. E. GARDNER.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, short business notices will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

WANTED.—A place to work in an American Adventist family. Age 22 years. Can do all kinds of farm work. Address Chris Rasmussen, Box 50, Jacksonville, Shelby Co., Iowa.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

ATLANTIC, Jan. 12, 1901.
E. G. OLSEN.

SANDYVILLE, Jan. 19, 20, 1901.
A. F. FERGUSON, *Elder*.

BURLINGTON, Jan. 12, 13, 1901.
Eld. H. Nicola will be present.
CARL JENSEN, *Elder*.

LISBON, Jan. 18-20, 1901.
Arrangements may be made to celebrate the ordinances Sabbath afternoon. I hope there will be a good attendance.
C. A. WASHBURN.

ATALISSA, Jan. 12, 1901.
The Lord willing, the ordinances will be celebrated, and the election of church officers, which was postponed, will be effected. We would be very glad to see, or hear from, every member. The first meeting will be held Friday night.
E. H. ADAMS.