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BE STRONG.

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle,—face it; 't is God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil (Who's to blame?);
And fold the hands and acquiesce,—O, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not,—fight on! To-morrow comes the song.
—Sunday School Times.

INTENTIONS DO NOT COUNT.

MANY people make the mistake of rating their good intentions as equivalent to actions, and so swell the credit side of their moral account. And, when they go still further, as they generally do, and dignify their idle wishes with the name of intentions, the harm done is serious. A wish is by no means a deed, and the good will can not be accepted in place of the deed if it is possible for the deed to be done.

The trouble with a multitude of the intentions on which people pride themselves, is that they are not intense enough. The mind has not set itself in earnest for the accomplishment of the thing in view; hence, little hindrances frustrate the infirm purpose. But this will not avail. It is one thing to be nobly indifferent as to results when most earnest efforts have been put forth to bring them to pass;

it is quite another thing to be ignobly indifferent when half-hearted endeavors have been made, and when no results appear, to cry out, "It is no use to make further effort." Many succeed because they never know defeat.

"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." Christian life is action,—not speculating, not debating, but doing.

"Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee;
God's own hand shall guide there."

L. F. STARR.

THE "MISSIONARY MAGAZINE."

Does this valuable journal pay its monthly visits to your fireside? If not, why not? Is it because you have allowed your subscription to expire? As you are seeking a closer walk with your God, does his Spirit reveal to you that you are not well informed concerning our missionaries and their work? Is your spirituality quickened by a knowledge of what they are doing to spread the truth to the uttermost parts of the earth? When your neighbor asks what S. D. Adventists are doing to warn others of the soon coming King, can you give him an intelligent answer? If you can not, lose no time in subscribing for the *Missionary Magazine*.

This year the paper will tell you in words and by well chosen illustrations the condition of things in other lands. It will contain better reports and more letters from our foreign laborers than heretofore, also articles on the sufferings and missionary labors of the Christian church. The Reading Circle studies will be more interesting. One of our leading pioneers has promised

to write a series of articles concerning the early days of our work, touching incidents connected with the lives of Elds. Joseph Bates and James White. These will be valuable. Do not fail to see this paper in your home every month. The price is only fifty cents a year.

And remember that the Missionary Map of the World is an excellent companion to the *Magazine*, and will make the perusal of this paper far more interesting and valuable. Price, 75 cents; with *Magazine*, \$1.15. Order of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

SPECIAL SERIES IN THE "YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR."

JANUARY 17, 1901, the *Youth's Instructor* will begin a series of articles from Bro. W. S. Sadler, dealing with experiences that have come under his observation in his work for young people. These articles strike at the root of things,—they do not begin and end with the condition of backsliding and sin; but they go back to the causes, and show how, in some cases, the cause has been removed, and its sad effect when allowed to remain. Pre-eminently, this is a missionary series, and the numbers containing it should be distributed by thousands. Young people everywhere should have the privilege of reading these articles. Our missionary societies will do well to order clubs of the paper for use by their young people. Remember the date, Jan. 17, 1901. The whole series of eleven articles, and six extra copies, will be sent to any address in the United States or Canada for only twenty-five cents. Usual discount in quantities. Order at once.

"THE refinement of character is its purification from selfishness."

FIELD REPORTS.

THE BOOK WORK.

I AM still hard at work holding meetings in various places in the interests of the special book work, and have much to encourage me in this work. At one place a busy man, who is a member of the M. E. church, had sold eight copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" to the pastor and members of his church. A brother had sold fourteen books in a short time. Another had been out thirteen hours and sold eight books. I am indeed thankful to have a part in this noble work. It may require a strong pull to dispose of all the books; but He who provided buyers for the oil (2 Kings 4), will also provide purchasers for this book. It must be done in faith. The word is: "As they handle this book, let them in the name of God, work in faith." I trust all our churches in this territory will work very faithfully now, as the holidays are over. We all will experience a great blessing. We had good meetings during the week of prayer. The readings were just excellent.

E. G. OLSEN.

AUDUBON.

THE church here has decided to take its allotted number of "Christ's Object Lessons," in all 156 books. A few of the members take the position that because they did not vote, they are not under obligation to work. I am glad the Lord does not force any one to work for him.

Last Sabbath we held our quarterly meeting. Most of the resident members responded to the roll call, although some were absent because of sickness. We had an enjoyable season together. The meetings during the week of prayer were a source of strength to us. One brother who has long been bound by Satan with the power of appetite for tobacco, has broken the chain, and is coming off victorious. We find a few interested ones who are studying the truth, and we hope they will soon unite with us.

My work with "Christ's Object Lessons" is really the first canvassing I have ever done. As I go from house to house and rap at the door, if I see the people hesitate to let me in, I introduce myself as the S. D. Adventist minister now living here. They then ask me in,—I have not failed to gain admittance yet. I then tell them I am around getting acquainted, and in doing

so am introducing this book (showing it to them). After I have shown them the book, whether or not I make a sale, I show *Good Health*, also the special number of the *Signs*. I find the people very friendly, and quite inquisitive in regard to our belief.

G. A. LARSON.

OXFORD MILLS.

DURING the week of prayer, and for a few days after, I was with the company at Oxford Mills, as I had a vacation from duties at school. It seemed good to visit them once more, and to know that through all they have been called upon to pass in the four years of their walk together, nothing but Christian love has been manifested. Death has called several of their number, and sickness has greatly hindered others, yet their courage is good. Nine public meetings were held, with an excellent attendance. The readings were held in the daytime. As this company had never been organized, it seemed right that this should be attended to; and an organization of eight members was effected. There are a few others whom we hope will soon unite with them.

All the members of the company and many others were visited, and a number of "Object Lessons" were sold. There is a good interest to hear the truth, and surely some of the seed is beginning to grow. May God keep this company true to the end.

B. E. FULLMER.

OTTUMWA.

THE work in Ottumwa is onward. Although the results of the fall camp-meeting were not what we had hoped for, we are sure that the Lord has power to overrule the mistakes of men, and cause his truth to shine forth in all its glory. Since the State meeting Bro. and Sister Adams have been called away most of the time to visit the different churches near here. Notwithstanding this, we have sold sixty-eight "Object Lessons," besides holding as many meetings as our time would permit. The week of prayer was refreshing to us. We felt to ask ourselves the questions, Am I ready to meet my Saviour? or am I numbered with the nineteen? All expressed a desire to make this new year, upon which we have now entered, one of usefulness in the service of the Master. Although we are few in number, the Lord meets with us from Sabbath to Sabbath.

Our Sabbath-school numbers nineteen. Many are interested who have not the courage to step out and face an unfriendly world with an unpopular belief. During the Volunteer revival, Bro. Adams, among the other ministers of the city, was invited to occupy the time one evening at the hall. After hearing him once, they asked him to return, which he did. He has now spoken for them four times, and is requested to take charge of their Sunday morning Bible study. As a result of this many are interested, and some are asking for Bible readings at their homes. We need your prayers.

Jan. 10. MAMIE L. BEAMAN,
102 Ward and Finley Ave.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

OSCEOLA.—The church met each day; and our elder, Bro. Thompson Lowery, was with us the first three days, and testified to the blessing of the Lord, which was encouraging to us. We all received of the spirit of the readings, and are anxious to practice their teachings. They were timely, and should stir us to action as never before; for our time in which to work is very short. May we all arise and gird on the armor anew, run with patience the whole race, and receive the overcomer's reward. We held our quarterly meeting Jan. 5. Bro. Lowery had charge of the services, and about thirty were present and participated in the sacred ordinances. Thus another quarter is in the past, and we have entered a new year. May all be faithful in the service of the Lord.

ELIZABETH REA, Clerk.

PARKERSBURG.—The week of prayer and quarterly meeting services were precious seasons to the church at Parkersburg. Meetings were held at the church in the country in the daytime, and at the home of one of the brethren in town in the evening. Elds. L. F. Trubey and Wm. Guthrie conducted the services at both places. The attendance was good; and as we sought the Lord he came very near, causing us to see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God. The Holy Ghost is shed abroad in our hearts, harmony prevails, and we have a desire to be engaged in the work. The cause of the Master moves onward at Parkersburg. Bro. Trubey has been holding meetings, selling "Christ's Object Lessons," and helping in the manual labor on the church

building. Bro. Guthrie is busy working on the church building, which is nearly completed. Sister Mary Buhalts has a club of *Signs*, which she has been taking to interested readers. To God be all the praise.

J. W. CROUSE.

SHARPSBURG.—This has been a precious season for our little company, and we shall ever look back to it with joy, knowing that it was the turning point in our lives. As we enter upon the duties of another year, it is the earnest desire of each one to have a closer walk with God and to have a part in the closing work. The Lord has greatly blessed us in sending his servants to show the all-important truths for this time. Bro. Moody came the 25th, and remained until the close of the week. Eld. E. G. Olsen was also present Wednesday evening. Our prayers go with them as they go from this place. We desire an interest in your prayers, that we may hold up Christ in our daily lives, and at last have a home with the faithful.

AMY E. COLVIN.

STRAHAN.

OUR school here opened December 8, which probably was later than any other in the State; but we trust it was not too late to receive any blessings which God may have in store for us. The school is held in the home of Bro. S. M. Knox, a room having been fitted up especially for the purpose. As many know, Bro. and Sister Knox have taken several orphan children to care for, and with them I consider it a great privilege to aid in educating and training these little ones for the Lord.

We have enjoyed our work, and God has blessed us greatly, for which we are indeed thankful. "Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield." Psa. 33:18-20. O, how good it is to be in the place where God can bless us. I never was of better courage; and as I see the day approaching when our Lord shall come and all the holy angels with him, I long to be ready, to have perfected a character that will stand in the test of the judgment. It is interesting to hear the testimonies of the children. All seem interested in the work, especially in the nature study. The week of prayer was one of rich blessing, and we hope to profit by the readings, and to be prepared to enjoy our eternal home.

NELLIE L. DAVIS.

OBITUARY.

NELSON.—Died at Exira, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1900, Joshua Matthew, infant son of Bro. and Sister C. F. Nelson, aged 2 months and three days.

Words of comfort based upon 1 Cor. 2:9 were spoken by Bro. G. A. Larson, who urged all to give themselves unreservedly to God, that each might meet his loved ones on the other side of the river. While it is hard to part with dear ones, yet "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," and but a very short time hence we shall meet again where sin, death, and sorrow are forever banished. Joshua was laid to rest in the Exira S. D. Adventist cemetery, by the side of his little sister, to await the trumpet sound which will burst the tomb.

A. C. NELSON.

LAW.—Died at Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 2, 1901, Anna Law, wife of S. D. Law, aged 36 years, 11 months, and 19 days.

For three or four years Sister Law suffered from physical infirmities which could not be healed by earthly physicians. Thirteen years ago she chose to cast her lot with those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and united with the S. D. Adventist church at Fontanelle. She leaves a husband and seven children, who miss a faithful companion and loving mother from the family circle. May the Great Shepherd guide these little lambs; and in the day of his coming may the family circle be reunited.

"Meet again when time is o'er,
Meet again to part no more;
How it cheers the drooping heart,
When from friends we're called to part!"

L. F. STARR.

BRALLIAR.—Died in Stuart, Iowa, Dec. 18, 1900, Mrs. Ada Conard-Bralliar, after a very brief illness.

The funeral was held at Richland, Iowa, where her husband's parents reside. A large number of relatives and friends met in expression of sympathy with the bereaved husband and two little girls of very tender age. Prof. Floyd Bralliar and wife were graduates of Walla Walla College, and engaged very successfully in church school work, first, in Provo, Utah. After two years in that place, they moved to this State; and at the time of Mrs. Bralliar's decease her husband was principal of the Stuart High School. They won the esteem of many during their brief acquaintance, and their presence and help were much appreciated by the small company of believers in that place. Sister Bralliar gave her heart to the Lord in early life, and enjoyed a good religious experience. The funeral discourse was by the writer, assisted by Eld. H. Nicola.

E. E. GARDNER.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

WRITTEN REVIEWS.

KNOWING that the Lord has told us to use in our Sabbath-school work methods used in the public schools to make truth plain and to impress it upon the mind, we had a written review at the close of last quarter. Our school here in Ottumwa is composed mostly of new Sabbath-keepers and those who have been isolated for some time. The older ones were asked to write papers, giving at least two points that were precious to them and that were their own. The children were assigned certain topics upon which to write. Some of these were: "The Plagues," "Crossing the Red Sea," "Giving the Law," and "The Golden Calf." Nearly every one was prepared, and seemed really to enjoy the work; and we believe God blessed and helped as they tried to present to the school the thoughts God had given them in the study of Galatians.

Just a few of the thoughts contained in some of the papers are quoted: "During our studies in Galatians I have learned a great deal about faith. Before we began this study I used to force myself to do things, because it was duty. But now I find that true faith in God works, and that it is God working." "I find joy in the promise that we who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham, because we are heirs with him." "One point that has helped me is to know that when we repent of our sins and accept the help of Christ, we can cast out the bond-servant and become heirs of the promise." "I see in the study of these lessons that in believing in God we are accounted righteous. If we have faith in Christ and go to him for all our help, we are truly children of Abraham." "One thing in these lessons that has helped me is the promptness, the willingness, and the anxiety of Paul to do the work of God. He did not confer with men. We should be more like Paul." "One point that has been a help to me is that he who is of the free woman is by promise, and has the promise of the new earth."

The children's papers were good, and showed that they, too, were receiving benefit from the lessons studied. We give our experience with the written review, trusting it will inspire some other school to give it a trial. May the Great Teacher help us to use every right means of hiding his word in our hearts.

J. L. A.

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 15, 1901.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS, by special request, met with the church at Atalissa last Sabbath and Sunday.

—BRO. ALVA HARRIS, of Newton, called at this Office last Tuesday, as he was passing through the city.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS, returning from Russell, will spend a short time at home in Des Moines, engaging in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in this vicinity.

—ORDERS for 6,900 copies of the Outlook *Signs* have been received at this Office. We hope to receive many orders for the new edition. This paper deserves a still larger circulation.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS attended the Sabbath-school convention at Osceola last Sabbath. She is visiting the Scandinavian churches in south-western Iowa this week in the interests of the Sabbath-school work.

—WITH deep sadness we record the death of Sister C. M. Peabody, at Ames, Wednesday evening, January 9. Eld. E. E. Gardner conducted the funeral services Friday at 10 A. M. A more extended notice will be given next week.

—ELD. L. F. TRUBEY writes from Parkersburg: "I am doing what I can in the work for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' I am sure the work is fast drawing to a close, and my highest ambition is to have a clear record in heaven."

—BRO. AND SISTER G. H. EYMER, of Red Oak, report twenty-two copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" sold in a few days. They expect to continue, at the same time scattering tracts and papers. They are very thankful for the privilege of assisting Bro. W. E. Frederick in his efforts to enlarge and establish the work in that place.

—IN renewing his subscription to the BULLETIN, with request to continue to send it to him at Portland, Oregon, Bro. H. J. Schnepfer says: "We can not get over the idea that we belong to Iowa, and the BULLETIN is always read with interest. I am holding meetings in a Swiss settlement. Three families have begun to keep the Sabbath, and others are interested. I am glad that Eld. Kunkel is with you. May the Lord bless his servant, and the work among the Germans in Iowa."

—We are hopefully awaiting the complete returns in response to the urgent appeals made during the week of prayer for offerings, from the different churches, companies, and isolated believers in this State. Some who gave what they could spare at the time the offerings were gathered, accompanied the gift with the statement, "More will follow this later on." This is an encouragement, in view of the very heavy obligations resting on the cause of God at this time. Address all these offerings to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—We again suggest the use of the Outlook *Signs* in connection with the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." We have a good supply of the second edition, just received from the Pacific Press. The date on these is changed to Dec. 5, and it is not made prominent. The matter will be up-to-date for some time. Price, 5 cents per copy; 25 or more copies, 4 cents each.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

Two more patients from the city came last week.

MR. N. HENRICH and mother, of Alton, are here for treatment.

SISTER R. HAYWOOD, of Russell, sent a beautiful bouquet of waxed flowers, to help brighten our parlors.

BRO. W. MARLIN was called home to Sioux City Monday, on account of the severe illness of his mother.

MRS. L. ADKINS returned to her home at Knoxville Sunday evening, having made encouraging improvement while here.

IMPORTANT.

We call attention to the request in issue of Jan. 1 that a special collection be taken for the endowed bed at our Iowa Sanitarium. This work is worthy, and is in need of immediate support. In all the churches and companies where a collection for this work was not taken up Sabbath, Jan. 5, this matter should receive consideration next Sabbath, Jan. 19. Shall we not all plan to make this contribution a liberal one?
IOWA CONF. COMMITTEE.

CALLS FOR MEETINGS.

We appreciate the calls for meetings from different places, and we hope soon to be able to occupy all these openings. But now that the good work of selling the new book for the

relief of our institutions is our specialty, we urge every brother and sister, every believer and friend of our work, to assist in accomplishing this work, that we may be ready for that which is to follow.
IOWA CONF. COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tithes received from Oct. 1 to December 30, 1900.

Adel.....	\$48.17	Ladoga.....	26.10
Afton.....	31.95	Libertyville.....	72.52
Algona.....	65.15	Lisbon.....	59.30
Atalissa.....	28.64	Macksburg.....	14.30
Atlantic.....	43.50	Marshalltown.....	113.93
Audubon.....	25.23	Massena.....	49.46
Albion.....	6.44	Milford.....	78.00
Alexander.....	41.44	Modale.....	90.27
Birmingham.....	9.00	Monroe.....	1.15
Benton.....	5.00	Mt. Pleasant.....	92.77
Bladensburg.....	17.80	Muscataine.....	46.85
Blencoe.....	61.75	Nanson.....	39.88
Bluff Creek.....	5.00	Nevada.....	163.43
Bonaparte.....	3.00	Olin.....	19.56
Boone.....	67.35	Osage.....	14.91
Beaman.....	47.37	Osceola.....	60.25
Burlington.....	88.14	Onawa.....	55.35
Castana.....	46.35	Parkersburg.....	127.29
Croton.....	1.84	Perry.....	8.11
Clinton.....	9.53	Pilot Mound.....	162.62
Coon Rapids.....	56.22	Pulaski.....	115.10
Council Bluffs.....	134.31	Providence.....	52.50
Clarinda.....	50.00	Red Oak.....	46.50
Cedar Rapids.....	18.00	Riverton.....	51.05
Davis City.....	70.23	Rathven.....	199.77
Davenport.....	55.82	Russell.....	17.33
Delmar.....	8.90	Radcliffe.....	5.50
Des Moines.....	128.11	Sandyville.....	68.47
Dubuque.....	55.67	Sheldon.....	14.70
Dunlap.....	24.17	Sharpsburg.....	46.79
Darbyville.....	70.10	St. Jounrey.....	48.05
Eddyville.....	38.14	Sioux City.....	76.53
Elk Horn.....	85.55	Smithland.....	90.40
Estherville.....	48.70	Storm Lake.....	40.31
Eureka.....	42.43	Sutherland.....	21.00
Exira.....	164.70	Traer.....	53.67
Fairfield.....	43.00	Twin Oaks.....	19.27
Fontanelle.....	51.05	Tyner.....	36.00
Glenwood.....	92.40	Urbana.....	8.38
Grant City.....	11.40	Village Creek.....	31.42
Grinnell.....	39.84	Vinton.....	4.07
Graettinger.....	436.30	Waukon.....	17.75
Harlan.....	37.50	West Grove.....	27.60
Hartley.....	196.90	Weston.....	22.55
Hawkeye.....	93.38	West Union.....	40.72
Harvard.....	2.90	Wilton.....	18.63
Iowa City.....	47.53	Winterset.....	85.61
Iowa Falls.....	13.56	Winthrop.....	18.64
Jacksonville.....	110.50	Woodburn.....	81.52
Kelley.....	18.00	Individual.....	259.18
Knoxville.....	33.60	Total.....	\$5,812.99

C. F. STEVENS, Treasurer.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A middle aged or elderly lady, who is neat and careful, to act as housekeeper. A good, steady home for the right person. Address E. Jones, Battle Creek, Iowa.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

SANDYVILLE, Jan. 19, 20, 1901.
Preaching Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday evenings. Friends of the cause within reach are invited to attend.
A. F. FERGUSON, Elder.