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GOD'S THOUGHTS.

In ignorance I thought,
In silly fear, and foolishness, and dread,
God doth remember all the sins I wrought,
And doth forget how needy is my lot,
But lo, instead,
When I his message read,
I found it was my needs on which he
thought,
My sins that he, because of Christ, forgot.
— Selected.

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SCHOOLS.

Up to date 6,265 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" have been ordered sent to different parts of our State. This is the result of an earnest and united effort on the part of our Conference laborers, with the co-operation of many of our lay members. But while many of the societies have nobly pledged themselves to help lift the burden that rests upon our cause at this time, not all have yet responded. We believe that the action will be made unanimous as soon as all fully realize the situation as it is, and that the ten thousand copies for which Iowa has made herself responsible will all be taken. Please bear in mind the necessity of making returns for the property, amounting in all to \$7,831.25, which we now hold in trust for Union College. Remittances are now coming in; and with but one exception all of the societies from which we have heard, report that they expect to sell every book they have on hand.

"We are on trial before our Friend and Saviour as to whether we will relieve our schools or not. It is no ordinary crisis that confronts us. God is testing our loyalty to him, and to his name in the earth. In the judgment it will be seen that this was one of the great tests of character and true heart devotion."

HAVE COURAGE.

BEFORE I got to work personally for "Christ's Object Lessons," I learned that Satan would try one plan after another to hinder and keep us from working for the relief of the schools. First I purchased some books for another brother to sell, and thought that by so doing my responsibility would cease; but the burden did not leave me. Finally, I set a day to begin canvassing. When I arose in the morning, the snow was falling, and Satan immediately suggested that I had better not begin that day, for I would have to remove my overshoes at every door. But I got ready and went, working two hours and taking three orders. The second day I took six orders in one and one-half hours. All the people I met were pleasant and paid no attention to the snow.

My experience teaches me that we must not halt in our present work; but, laying aside the cares of this life, and asking the Lord for wisdom to help in placing this good book in the homes of the people, we must go out and work. The book *will* sell, and the Lord asks only that we take hold and do our duty "just now." *Now* does not mean next winter; so, brethren and sisters, let us all, like Caleb and Joshua, go out in the name of the God of Israel, who never lost a battle, and the giants and walls will all vanish. Then will the books be sold, the big

debt paid, the reproach rolled away, the song of jubilee sung; and, best of all, the Lord will soon come and take his waiting people home. Read 1 Chron. 29:1-20. T. E. MOORE.

FROM DENMARK.

FROM a private letter written Dec. 28, by Eld. P. A. Hansen to one of the workers here, we are glad to share the following with our readers:—

"We left New York Nov. 28, on board the largest ship that has ever yet crossed the ocean. Its length is 704 feet, or over 41 rods; and we left behind us every 24 hours about 563 miles. It took seven days to reach Liverpool, England. We went across England by rail, then took a smaller ship, landing in three days at Malino, Sweden. I located my family at Copenhagen, which is sixteen miles inland. It is a very fine city, and our depository is there. I have visited nearly all our churches, about thirteen in all, and in a couple of days will return to Copenhagen to meet Eld. O. A. Olsen on his way to America. I have visited the place where my childhood days were spent, but everything looked so different. I would not feel at home were it not that I find a few dear souls who have accepted the truths we all hold so dear. There is much to be done here; for we know the Lord has a people to be gathered out from the North. We need your prayers.

"May the Lord bless the churches in Iowa. We often remember you all before the throne of mercy. We have longed to hear from you, but as yet have not even met our dear friend the WORKERS' BULLETIN. We hope you will hasten it over here. If any of the loved ones over there feel impressed to write to us, they may address us at Margrathvej 5, Copenhagen, Denmark."

HEALTH HINTS.

Do not fail to take full, deep breaths of fresh air, out of doors, every day, as this not only aids digestion, but energizes the entire system, quickens the circulation, enlivens the appetite, and buoys up the spirits.

Bathe not less than twice a week. A brisk, cold sponge bath taken every morning is the best of tonics.

Cereals, fruits, and nuts form the ideal diet, and contain all the necessary elements of nutrition for the sustenance of the human system.

Avoid drinking at meal time; but do plenty of it between meals, as this gives the internal tissues and organs of the body a refreshing bath.

Take time to sleep, cease worrying, and have a conscience void of offense toward God; thus live the free, happy, and joyous life that our kind Creator intends for us to enjoy.

A. A. ZIPP.

FIELD REPORTS.

IN THE FIELD.

It was my privilege to attend the quarterly meeting held at Mt. Pleasant, Dec. 28-30. This church is one of the oldest and strongest in the State, having a membership of about one hundred and twenty. Mt. Pleasant has been the home of many of our leading ministers, among them, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, who for several years served the Iowa Conference as president previous to his election to the same position in the General Conference. Eld. Jacob Hare lived here, also Eld. I. J. Hankins, who is now in South Africa. Eld. C. A. Washburn and family now have their residence here. On account of an epidemic of bad colds, the attendance during the week of prayer and at the quarterly meeting was rather small. I remained the most of the following week, visiting the people at their homes. Meetings were also held at the church schoolhouse, in the north-eastern part of the city and about a mile from the church, in order to reach a new class of people, a number of whom were attentive hearers at each meeting. The Lord gave freedom in presenting the truth, and we have reason to believe that good will result. I was much pleased to find a good church school, with an enrollment of about thirty, conducted by Bro. Raymond. Would that all our Adventist children had as good educational privileges as these here.

I spent the following Sabbath and Sunday with a few members of the Burlington church, who were able to meet at their house of worship. During the week I visited at their homes some who live at a distance and were unable to attend the meetings. I also visited some of the members of the Mt. Pleasant church living at New London. Jan. 12 and 13 quarterly meeting services were conducted at Burlington. All of the meetings at this place were small, not more than one-third of the membership attending; yet when the report was read, it spoke well for the church, and gave a different impression from what might be gained from the attendance at the meetings. Their tithes for last quarter was \$98.60, and for the year, \$300.85; first-day offerings, \$29.05; annual offerings, \$11.00. The report of labor also spoke well for the activity of the members. Two were added to the church, a man and his wife. Eld. C. A. Washburn was with me the most of the time covered by this report. The sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" was talked up and encouraged everywhere we visited. We found this book in the homes of nearly every family; but unless it finds its way into thousands of homes outside our own people, a large number of the ten thousand we have taken will lay as heavily on our hands as ever the debts have on the colleges. Some are doing nobly in selling this good book. Now is the time for every one who expects to have any hand in this work to begin. May the good work go on till finished, and we shall know what next.

H. NICOLA.

DUBUQUE.

APRIL 30, 1899, an organization, with twenty-one members, one of whom is now numbered with the silent sleepers, was effected at Dubuque. We now have a membership of thirty-five, fifteen having been added during the past year. Two of our number, Sisters Martha Lenz and Maggie Young, are engaged in the Bible work; Sisters Minnie Lenz and Bessie Young are connected with the Iowa Sanitarium; and Sister Grace Richards, whose home is at Reeds, Minnesota, went the first of this week to Battle Creek, Michigan, to take the nurses' course. Surely the Lord has given the increase. All are anxious to have a part in the closing work. We held our quarterly meeting Sabbath, Jan. 5. There was deep heart searching, and the Lord came very near to bless. Bro. and Sister

Hawkins have labored faithfully, and as a result many precious souls have been gathered out; and others whom we hope will soon cast their lot with us, are studying the testing truths.

ORA L. HADLEY, *Clerk.*

ONAWA.

ELD. J. S. HART held meetings with the church at Onawa from Friday evening to Sunday evening, Jan. 11-13. On Sabbath the quarterly meeting services were held. Nearly all took part in the celebration of the ordinances. A good spirit was manifested, and all seemed to realize the presence of the Spirit and power of God. On Sunday a business meeting was held for the purpose of electing church officers for the ensuing year. This meeting was as spiritual and interesting as any that were held. After the election, Bro. Hart spoke in the interests of the church school work. This was appreciated by all. Two persons, a lady and her fourteen-year-old son, united with the church. We know that the Lord is pleased to have the youth and children go forward, taking this important step. All the meetings were well attended, and the Lord is blessing this church.

CORA E. FRENCH.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

ALGONA.—We held our meetings in the afternoon, and there was a good attendance, though not all the members were present at all the meetings. Bro. Lewis Johnson and wife, of Ruthven, were present to assist. Their presence was appreciated very much, as was also that of Bro. Olof Johnson and family, of Estherville. A good spirit was manifested. All expressed thankfulness to God for his manifold blessings, and an earnest desire to walk in closer communion with him. The quarterly services were held on the last Sabbath of the meetings, instead of the first Sabbath in the new quarter, so as to have Bro. Johnson with us on that occasion. We ask the prayers of God's people.

MRS. EDITH DAWSON, *Clerk.*

BLENCOE.—Our experience during these meetings was of altogether a different nature from anything we had ever before realized. Some who had been faithful in attending former meetings of this kind, felt that they did not care whether or not they attended them at all; and this feeling was so prominent that they did not want to attend. But in spite of this and other tempta-

tions of a similar nature, all came every day possible; and while there was no excitement of any kind, yet there was a decided victory for the Master. We are all of better courage than for some time, and expect by the help of the Lord to press on. Pray for us.

LYDIA E. MOORE.

OBITUARY.

PEABODY.—Died at Ames, Iowa, Jan. 9, 1901, of brain fever, May Peabody, wife of Clarence M. Peabody, aged thirty-three years.

The deceased was born at New Orleans, La. Part of her life previous to marriage was spent as a school teacher. She was a Bible student; and when her attention was directed by one of our Bible workers to new and precious truths, she searched and accepted. True to principle, she by her godly life was the means of drawing members of her own family, as well as others, to her Saviour. "We have learned to love her;" "She has been such a help to my child in the Sabbath-school;" "She has been a strength to our little company at Ames," were expressions heard, as the brethren and sisters gathered around for the last farewell. No one could enter the saddened home without feeling that one had been taken whose life had left behind a sacred influence. Her duties as a mother were faithfully performed, with the one aim of training her child to stand alone during the trying times ahead. Lessons daily were taught her pointing to Jesus as her only guide and pattern and source of strength. While a loved one has been removed from a family where all was love, we know that He in whom we have believed is able to keep that which has been committed unto him against that day. The blessed hope sustains and comforts, as we await the morning of the first resurrection.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 11, conducted by Eld. E. E. Gardner, who spoke words of consolation based upon Psa. 116:15.

ELLA ZUVER.

LUDLOW.—Died at Gilman, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1901, my sister, Mrs. Amanda M. Ludlow, of progressive paralysis, aged 77 years and 27 days.

She had been a member of the S. D. Adventist church for many years, and was a firm believer in the soon coming of Christ. She died in the hope of a part in the first resurrection.

MRS. J. H. SEAGER.

THE BOOK WORK.

IMPORTANCE OF THE CANVASSING WORK.

THE canvassing work, properly carried on, is missionary work of the highest order, and is as good and as successful a work as can be done in placing before the people the important truths for this time. . . . We can not too highly esteem this work; for were it not for the work of the canvasser, many would never hear the truth. The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. Papers and books containing the messages of truth are the Lord's means of thus keeping the truth continually before the minds of the people. These publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished through the ministry of the word alone. . . . Thus the faithful, consecrated canvasser will lay up treasure beside the throne of God.—*Review and Herald, Jan. 1, 1901.*

BRO. LEWIS HILLIARD writes: "As I was driving along the road the other day a man stopped me to hand me the money for an Outlook *Signs* sold him several weeks ago. In reply to my inquiry as to how he liked the paper, he said that he had read and re-read it, and that he thought it was a splendid paper. I am encouraged as I see the people becoming interested in the truth for this time. What a consolation it will be to see them saved from the plagues and kept during the time of trouble. Pray for me that I may continue faithful to the end."

ONE of the canvassers taking the special course for canvassers at Union College writes: "I am enjoying the school very much. A spirit of earnestness prevails. We are told that the angel of mercy is folding its wings nevermore to return. We who are here are so thankful that we may have a part in sounding the last message. Are there not others in our dear old State who will say, 'Here am I, O Lord, send me'?"

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JAN. 4, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	3		\$ 3.25	\$10.25

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Lewis Hilliard.....	9	\$14.75	\$ 4.25	4
J. F. Stenberg.....	37	33.25		
M. I. Pearce.....	34	36.00	35.75	

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	4
" " orders.....	3
Value of ".....	\$ 3.25
" " helps sold.....	\$ 50.25
Total value.....	\$ 53.50
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 84.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

OSCEOLA SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE Osceola and Woodburn Sabbath-schools united in holding a convention at Osceola, Sabbath, Jan. 12. It was a nice day, the roads were good, and about sixty were present. Several good papers were read and discussed; and as the truths for this time were presented, we all felt our need of greater activity. We desire that our schools shall be just as Christ would have them to be. Sister Jessie L. Adams was present, and gave instruction that was very beneficial to each one. The exercise by the children, "Our Chart," was rendered nicely. We also enjoyed some special music.

We feel amply repaid for the time spent in preparation, and praise the Lord for the success of the convention. All were encouraged to put forth greater efforts to bring our schools up to the required standard, and to become better, more humble workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

PAUL CURTIS, *Chairman.*

SIoux CITY CONVENTION.

FROM a private letter we quote: "We had a splendid convention. We did not have much time to prepare for it, but the Lord blessed the effort and everything passed off nicely. The children did nobly, both in singing and other exercises. The papers were very good, and for my part I should enjoy having another convention soon. All the praise belongs to the Lord. May his blessing be upon all the dear Sabbath-school workers."

GILMAN RANDLETT, of Osage, writes: "Though we are few, we are not forsaken. Each one is of good courage and has a bright hope. We know God's promises are to the faithful, even if they be few."

"FATHERS and mothers, make haste! Your children are to be objects of your solicitude. Principles are to be kept before your children that will exert a heavenly influence over life and character. By every means at your command you are to teach them that they are not to pattern after the worldly plan of education, but the truth must be impressed upon their hearts and minds."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 22, 1901.

—ELD. J. S. HART spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Blencoe church.

—BRO. A. H. WILBUR, of Sandyville, stopped over night at the Sanitarium while in the city last week.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS spent a day in Des Moines in going to, and also in returning from, South-western Iowa.

—ALL offerings for the Endowed Bed should be sent to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—MRS. HATTIE PARSONS left this city last week for Battle Creek, Michigan, expecting to take a course of treatment at the Sanitarium.

—A NEW canvass has been prepared for "Christ's Object Lessons," and the leaflet "Rolling Back the Reproach" has been enlarged. All who desire a supply of these may obtain them by addressing this Office.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER spent a few days last week with the church at Osceola. Accompanied by Bro. C. T. Adams he met with the Sandyville church in quarterly meeting services last Sabbath and Sunday.

—BRO. FRED JOHNSON made friends at the Sanitarium a call last week, on his way to his home at Kelley. After a short vacation he expects to return and finish the nurses' course at the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

—AN error occurred in Eld. E. G. Olsen's report in last week's BULLETIN. The statement that a man "who is a member of the M. E. church, had sold eight copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons,'" should have read eighteen copies.

—BRO. AND SISTER G. R. HAWKINS are canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons" in Clayton county, with headquarters at Millville. They write: "We expect to devote our time to this work until Iowa is clear, or at least until the Conference gives other orders."

—ALL donations to the material fund for "Christ's Object Lessons" should be addressed either to Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, or to the Treasurer of the General Conference, Battle Creek, Michigan, care of Review and Herald.

—ONE of the members of the Afton church, a busy housewife, reports fifteen orders for "Christ's Object Lessons" as the result of her first week's work. She has taken one township to canvass, and expects to spend all her spare time this winter in that way, also selling the Outlook Signs. Of her experience she writes: "I feel that the Lord has blessed me wonderfully. When we lift to the utmost of our ability, I am sure our efforts are not unnoticed by him. I have much to do in my own home, but am trying to work and plan in such a way as to have as much time as possible to work for those outside my home. O, how thankful I am that I have the opportunity of doing even a little."

—BRO. C. H. PARSONS, of this city, has recently been appointed to look after the interests of the International Religious Liberty Association in our State. His special work will be to note the progress of public sentiment in favor of Sunday legislation; and any items of interest, or information in regard to movements along this line, such as reports of meetings held in the interests of Sunday legislation, etc., will be appreciated by him. His address is Drawer 1101, Des Moines, Iowa.

—ONE of our Iowa boys, Bro. Isaiah Moore, formerly of Pulaski, has recently gone South, and writes from the office of the Southern Missionary Society as follows: "The work in this needy field is onward, and the Lord is greatly blessing. We kindly ask your prayers and efforts to assist in its advancement."

SANITARIUM NOTES.

Six new patients took rooms last week.

SISTER MINNIE LENZ, who for several weeks has been caring for two typhoid fever patients at Grant City, reports encouragingly.

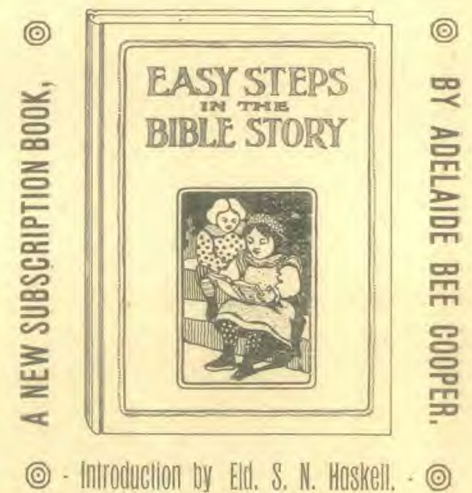
BRO. J. H. WIERTS, after his long and trying illness, has been making rapid improvement of late. The doctor reports for him a gain of twelve pounds the past week.

SISTER MARABE JONES, of this city, donated a nice new quilt last week. We also received two new quilts from another friend. A pair of fine birds, Australasian paroquets, were presented last week by a number of the workers and friends here; and are a source of pleasure and amusement to the patients.

IMPORTANT TO BUYERS.

THE Life Boat Supply Department, of Chicago, solicits your patronage. Their catalogue lists things most needed, and articles not listed will be purchased for you as cheap as is possible. By buying your goods of the Department, you will assist the mission work in Chicago financially, as a small margin is netted on each sale. Send a two-cent stamp to the Life Boat Supply Department, 1926 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., for their "General Merchandise Catalogue and Buyers' Guide."

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The early Bible stories never lose their beauty or charm. They bring a new inspiration to those advanced in years, and are read with eager delight by youth and children.

The book contains 100 pages, presentation card, frontispiece, table of contents, more than 150 pen drawings illustrating the text, also many full-page illustrations. Beautiful cover design.

Price, in cloth, 50 cts.; in paper, 25 cts.
Address this Office.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A place on a farm among S. D. Adventists for the coming season, by a young man of 23. I would like to begin work about March 1. Address Simon Olson, R. R. No. 2, Burlington, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

DENMARK, Jan. 23, 24, 1901.
Croton, " 25-27, "
Bonaparte, Jan. 28-Feb. 4, "

I will also be at Bloomfield and West Grove February 5, to remain as the interest may require. H. NICOLA.